

UPDATE



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Term 4!

I will be on leave for the first two weeks of this term and Mr Cowley will be acting Principal in my absence.

On Monday in the first week of the school holidays, I attended a meeting of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta school and system leaders to discuss the challenges presented by the recent budget cuts to education in NSW. The key messages at the meeting were:

- A commitment to continue to provide quality Catholic education for every child.
- A commitment to welcoming every family who comes to our school.
- A commitment to supporting families to ensure no child is denied a Catholic education due to financial difficulties. Fee relief will continue to be available.

Children are at the heart of our work and we are committed to their learning at St Joseph's.

Should you have any questions about funding of our schools, please visit our diocesan website at www.parra.catholic.edu.au

*Yours sincerely
Fran Jackson
Principal*

Catholic High School Orientation Day— Friday, 16 November 2012

Please be advised that children enrolled into Year 7 at Xavier College, Caroline Chisholm College, McCarthy Catholic College or St Dominic's College for 2013 are required to attend an Orientation Day on **Friday, 16 November** being held at the College they will be attending in 2013.

Money Sent to School With Your Child

In order for money to be safely/correctly forwarded to the school office, please send money in an envelope or plastic bag with your child's name, class, amount enclosed, and what the money is for, marked clearly on the envelope.



KEY DATES

- Mon, 15/10 9:00am Assembly—All Welcome!
- Fri, 19/10 Fun Food Day
- Mon, 22/10 9:00am Assembly—All Welcome!
- Tues, 23/10 Basketball— Year 3-6
- Thurs, 25/10 Book Fair Commences
- Fri, 26/10 Grandparents Day commences 12:00 noon.
- Book Fair
- Mon, 29/10 9:00am Assembly—All Welcome!
- Wed, 31/10 Book Fair Finishes
- Mon, 5/11 9:00am Assembly—All Welcome!
- Christmas collection commences. Donations being accepted for two (2) weeks.
- Wed, 7/11 Stage 2 Excursion
- Thurs, 8/11 Opening and Blessing at 10:00am. All Welcome!
- Fri, 9/11 Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Mon, 12/11 9:00am Assembly—All Welcome!

Opening and Blessing

The opening and blessing of the new building and renovations is being held on **Thursday, 8 November 2012**. For catering purposes, please contact the school on 4732 3999 if you will be attending the ceremony.

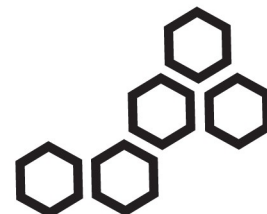
Grandparents Day

Friday, 26 October. All grandparents and parents are invited to attend. The activities commence at 12:00 noon. Gates will be opened at 11:45am. If special parking provisions are required, please contact the school office. Hope to see you there!

Now Enrolling for Kindergarten 2013

Please contact the school office for enrolment forms and information.

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Religious Education News

October: Month of the Rosary

In the Church calendar the month of October is when particular attention is given to praying the Rosary. It was in the year 1214 that the Church developed the Rosary in its present form. It was given to the Church by St. Dominic, who, as tradition teaches had received it from the Blessed Virgin as a means of converting the Albigensians. St Dominic continued to use the Rosary each time he prepared a sermon and its use spread to the general congregation over time. October also includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7). For many Catholics praying the Rosary is a form of extra-liturgical devotion that remains very relevant in their faith lives.

The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary either privately or with a family or prayer group. Some helpful websites that introduce the prayers and meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary are <http://www.cptryon.org/prayer/child/rosary/how.html> and <http://www.how-to-pray-the-rosary-everyday.com/rosary-guide.html>

Advent

Advent commences on December 2nd and although Advent falls at the end of the year it actually begins the new Church year. Therefore, preparing for Christmas is only a part of what we do during Advent. Advent gives us a twofold view; it looks back to the first coming of Christ at Bethlehem, and it looks to the future when Christ will come again. In the interval between these two events we find meaning for our life as a Christian. Advent is our time to become more involved, more caught up in the meaning and the possibilities of life as a Christian. Our Christmas Pageant on December 18th will bring the time of advent to a close for our students, with the final Sunday of Advent being December 23rd. Further details about the Christmas Pageant will be forwarded in the coming newsletters.

Wednesday Mass

This Wednesday (tomorrow) the students from Year 5 will be attending the first Parish Mass for this term at 9:30am. Next week Year 6 will be attending Mass and then in Week Three of term Kindergarten will be attending Mass. All parents are welcome to share in the celebration of the Eucharist with these students.

Grandparents Liturgy

This year's Grandparent's Day falls on Sunday, 28th October but we will be holding our Grandparent's Celebration on Friday, October 26th. **It's a perfect day to get together and celebrate grandparents** and the valuable, unique role they play in our society through the care, love and guidance they offer their children and grandchildren. Our liturgy will commence at midday. More information to follow in the coming week.

*Moreno Faccin
Religious Education Co-ordinator*



St Joseph's Kingswood Youth Group (SKY)

Every Wednesday (except during school holidays). From 3:00 to 5:00pm for 12 to 17 year olds. Games, talks, social nights, Youth Ministry—UTURN. Enquiries to Maria Loveridge at the Parish Office

St Joseph's Catholic Church Kingswood—Mass Times

Cnr Joseph Street & Richmond Road, Kingswood
(Phone 4721 4080)

Sunday Masses:

Saturday—Polish Mass, 4.00pm; Vigil, 6.00pm
Sunday—8.30am & 10.00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday—8.00am,
Wednesday (Children's Mass)—9.30am

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