

UPDATE



Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of our school year, we look back on a year filled with achievements, and forward to a year in which we strive to further develop the service we provide to our students and their families. I would like to thank the families of St Josephs' for their support and encouragement as well as being "critical friends" in our shared work of education. My special thanks to Maryanne Wilson, Parent Association President, for bringing parents together in working to provide opportunities for building community through fundraising and having fun. Thank you to everyone who has assisted Maryanne this year. Your fellowship makes a difference!

Thank You

Thank you to the dedicated staff who have continued their own professional learning to provide great learning to their students. Thank you to staff who have given of their own time for overnight excursions, evening performances, weekend school promotions, after school training and many other 'extras' that provide opportunities for students to develop their talents and interests.

Thank you to Father Mathew and Father Joe for supporting us with the celebration of Mass and leading our liturgies. Regardless of their heavy workload in Penrith parish, they made time for us and cared for us. It is anticipated that Bishop Anthony will appoint a new parish priest to Kingswood in January.

Farewell

The end of the year brings farewells. Farewell to families and staff moving on to new places, challenges and journeys. Farewell to Mr Carr who has taken up an appointment at Sacred Heart, Pymble; to Mrs Daniels, Mrs Kay and Mrs Purtell whose contracts finish at the end of this year; and to Mr Keary, who has taken up an appointment at St Bernadette's, Lalor Park. Thank you to each of you for the dedication you have shown to the students in your care and your contribution to our school community. May God bless you as you continue your journey in education.

Congratulations to Mrs Vacarri and her husband Joe, on the birth of a son, Rocco, last Saturday. Both mother and baby are well. Dad hasn't stopped smiling! Lucky baby! May God bless them and keep them in his care as they grow in the joy of being family.

Dance-a-Thon

Our Dance-a-thon total is \$4,917.05 We need another \$82.95 to reach the target of \$5,000.00 for Mr Tim to colour his hair **PINK!** We have four more days to collect! Prizes will be awarded next week at the Term Award Assembly, 9.00am Tuesday.

Used Uniform Sale!

Donate surplus uniform items and help kick off the first fundraising event of 2013. Please send uniform items in this week. The Sale is to be held from 9:00am until 12:00 midday on Monday, 21 January 2013 (last week of the school holidays).

May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you and your family.

*Have a safe and happy holiday,
Fran Jackson, Principal*



KEY DATES

- Wed, 12/12 No Children's Mass.
- Fri, 14/12 12:00—End of Year / Year 6 Farewell Liturgy and Presentation
- 1:15—Luncheon for Year 6 parents/carers, students and guests in the Basil Rosen Building (MPA)
- 6:30pm—Year 6 student dinner
- Monday, 17/12 Swimming Carnival at Ripples for Years K – 5
- Fun Day at Homebush Aquatic Centre for Year 6
- Tuesday, 18/12 Term Award Assembly 9.00am
- Meet 2013 teacher 10.30am
- Christmas pageant 6.00pm
- Wednesday, 19/12 Talent Quest 9.00am. **Mufti—no school uniform!**
- **Last day 2012 for students**
- Thursday & Friday, 20 & 21/12 Pupil Free Days—Teachers only
- Joey's open for Vacation Care

School Resumes in 2013

- Mon, 21/1 Uniform Sale from 9:00-12:00
- Wed, 30/1 Years 1-6
- Thur, 31/1 Kindergarten

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Sign our petition to stop the NSW school funding cuts



www.parra.catholic.edu.au/schoolfunding

Learning without limits



2013 Term Dates

Term 1 Commences for Years 1-6 Wednesday, 30 January
Commences for Kindergarten Thursday, 31 January
Concludes Friday, 12 April

Term 2 Commences Monday, 29 April
Concludes Friday, 28 June

Term 3 Commences Monday, 15 July
Concludes Friday, 20 September

Term 4 Commences Tuesday, 8 October
Concludes Friday, 20 December

** Please note that we are yet to determine the Pupil Free Days for 2013, so there will be additional non-school days for 2013.*

Swimming Carnival

A reminder to parents that the School Swimming Carnival is next Monday, 17 December. Students will be departing for Ripples at 9:15am and return at approximately 2:35pm.

If you have not already done so, you are required to pay \$10.00 before the day.

Children should wear the sport uniform and bring the following to the carnival:

- ⇒ Bag
- ⇒ Drinks
- ⇒ Morning tea and lunch
- ⇒ Towels
- ⇒ School hat
- ⇒ Sunscreen

A reminder that canteen facilities are only available to parents.

Swimming Carnival Helpers

We are in need of more parent helpers for the Swimming Carnival on Monday. **If we don't get more helpers, we may need to reformulate the Carnival, which would be unfortunate.** If you are able to help in the pool on the day, please contact the school ASAP. Advice will be sent home on Friday regarding whether the Carnival needs to be reformulated.

Mufti-Day

Wednesday, 19 December. Children are able to wear casual clothes. Please ensure that students wear closed in shoes and no crop-tops.

Students Not Returning in 2013

A reminder that if your child(ren) will not be returning to St Joseph's in 2013, you are required, by the Department of Education, to fill in an Exit Form. Please contact the school office by this Friday if you need an Exit Form.

**Joey's Before & After
School Care tel 4732 5771**

Students Leaders 2013

Nominations and selection for the Year 6 Student Leadership Team will be held in the first week of Term 1, 2013. Year 5 students are working on a mini-unit of Servant Leadership in preparation for the "presenting themselves for election".

All Year 6 students are eligible to stand for the position of Student Leader. Students are encouraged to plan and prepare their speech over the holidays in preparation for the selection process in Week 1, Term 1, 2013.

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

Christmas Mass and Reconciliation

Friday, 21 December
..... 6:00pm to 8:00pm—Individual Reconciliation

Monday, 24 December
..... (this Mass is a Pageant held outside—weather permitting) 6:00pm
..... 9:00pm

Tuesday, 25 December 9:00am
..... Polish Mass at 10:30am

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.



The St Joseph's Staff would like to wish our students, parents and the community of St Joseph's a very joyous and safe Christmas and New Year!