

# UPDATE



Dear Parents/Carers

A thank you supper was held last Monday for our parent helpers in appreciation for the support given throughout 2012. Thank you to all for your generous donation of time and energy!

**Dance-a-thon**—A big thank you to staff, students and parents for last Friday's Dance-A-Thon - What a day!!! It was a sensational event, full of fun, laughter and dancing. All the students had a great day and showed some extraordinary talent. The day was not only about dancing and having a great time, we are also hoping to raise \$5, 000 to buy new ipads for each grade.

We have had some very generous donations so far and we are looking forward to finding out the total amount we have been able to raise.

Hopefully each grade can have a new ipad to commence the school year in 2013!

**Swim School**—Swim school commenced on Monday, 26 November. The children are enjoying this great opportunity and are definitely looking forward to the next week and a half!

**Kindergarten 2013** -A reminder to parents of Kinder 2013 students that Story-Time will take place on Thursday, 29 November and 6 December from 2:30pm to 2:50pm. Come along and enjoy the tales ...

*Kind regards  
Fran Jackson  
Principal*

## Swimming Carnival

Notes have gone home for the Swimming Carnival being held on Monday, 17 December. Please note that the \$10.00 Swimming Carnival fee is a separate fee to the swim school fee. The Carnival is being run independently to the swim school and so incurs an additional \$10.00 fee.



## KEY DATES

Wed, 28/11	Kindergarten 2013 Orientation from 10-11am
Thur, 29/11	Kindergarten 2013 Orientation from 10-11am
	10:30am Christmas Choir at Nursing Home
Mon, 3/12	Swim School Continues
Friday, 7/12	Swim School Concludes
Mon, 10/12	9:00am Assembly
Tue, 11/12	School Reports Sent Home
Wed, 12/12	9:30am Children's Mass. All Welcome!
Fri, 14/12	11:30—End of Year / Year 6 Farewell Liturgy and Presentation
	12:45—Luncheon for Year 6 parents/carers, students and guests in MPA
	6:30pm—Year 6 student dinner
Mon, 17/12	School Swimming Carnival
	Year 6 Fun Day
Tues, 18/12	9:00am Term Award Assembly. All Welcome!
	10:30am—Meet the 2013 Teacher
	6:00pm—Christmas pageant. All Welcome!
Wed, 19/12	11:20 to 1:30—Talent Quest
	<b>Last Day of the 2012 school year</b>

## Education Funding Cuts

Proud to be educating 26%  
of all school aged children in  
western Sydney

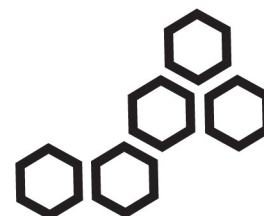
## Website to stop NSW funding cuts to education

The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta has launched a new campaign website to respond to the NSW Government's decision to cut \$1.7 billion in school education funding and cap the level of funding to non-government schools over the next four years. The website provides resources including sample letters to MPs, slogans for school signs and newsletter items to raise awareness of this issue. Concerned parents, staff and parishioners can also sign an online petition to lobby the NSW Government to overturn the decision. To let your voice be heard visit: [www.parra.catholic.edu.au/schoolfunding](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/schoolfunding)

## Now Enrolling for Kindergarten 2013

Please contact the school office for enrolment forms and information.

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## School Fees

All school fees including swim school, should be finalised by now, unless you are on an approved payment arrangement.

Our financial rollover is taking place in Week 10, so we would ask that you finalise any outstanding accounts by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

The chasing up of accounts is both time consuming and costly for the school, so again we would like to thank the majority of families who have finalised their school fees account for 2012. If you are experiencing any difficulty in finalising your fees account, please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999.

## Students Not Returning in 2013

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.

### Year 2 Students With Bus Passes

Students who have current bus passes and who are going into Year 3 in 2013 need to re-apply for free bus travel.

Students who have bus passes and who are entering Year 3 are NOT automatically given new passes for next year. Year 3 students must live no closer than 2.3 kilometers by the most direct practicable walking route to the nearest point of physical entry to the school, or reside more than 1.6 kilometers (radial distance) from the school. If you did not receive a letter and new application form last week, please contact the school office by Friday, 30 November 2012.

## Healthy Eating Message

### The Parents Jury

The Parents Jury is a web-based network of parents who are trying to improve the food and physical activity environments for children in Australia. The Parents Jury is currently advocating for junk food free advertising during children's TV programs and confectionery free supermarket checkouts. Members receive regular emails with links to current articles and are encouraged to add their opinions on issues that can affect families nutrition and activity levels. To find out more go to [www.parentsjury.org.au](http://www.parentsjury.org.au)

## Join Our Christmas Family Night

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm – 8pm

Join us for a free night of fun, making Christmas Decorations, Happy and Holly Xmas Show, Jumping Castle & a visit from Santa. Light refreshments provided.

Bunnings North Penrith, 2166 Castlereagh Road, PENRITH.

Phone: 4720-2000

Bookings essential – for more information or to book speak to a team member in-store.



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**St Clair Leisure Centre - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4pm to 6pm**

**BOOK NOW! PLACES ARE LIMITED!**

To register your family or for more information

**Call: 1800 780 900**

Visit: [au.mendcentral.org](http://au.mendcentral.org)

## 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

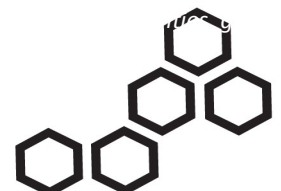
Wednesday (Children's Mass)—9.30am

## 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.

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

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