



Dear parents,

Welcome to Term 3! Our landscaping project has been completed and looks amazing. The artificial grass and gardens provide students with an attractive and relaxing environment. We now have a space to play volleyball, football and soccer, safely. Thank you to all who supported our fit-a-thon to raise money for this playground improvement.

We are still waiting on the fencing behind Yrs 5 and 6 classrooms, but have been assured it will be erected within the next two weeks. In the meantime, we have the temporary safety fences in place.

There is still a lot of maintenance required on our existing gardens. We have scheduled a working bee for Saturday 20th August, to make a start. If we take it a bit at a time, we can do it. More details closer to the day.

On Wednesday 7th September at 9am, we will hold a "plaque unveiling" ceremony with David Bradbury, MP, to acknowledge the federal government BER funding of our new and refurbished buildings. Our official opening and blessing will be early 2012.

WYD 2011 is being held in Madrid and to support the young pilgrims from our diocese to attend, we will hold a gold coin "Favourite jacket / jumper / hoodie" day on Friday 5th August. Please support this event as it is a wonderful opportunity for youth to attend this international Catholic gathering. We have invited some pilgrims from St Dominic's and Xavier to speak to our students over the coming weeks.

Following discussions with students, staff and the Parent Association, students will be wearing their sports uniform twice a week: on their regular sports day and Fridays. A number of classes do additional sports or other activities on Fridays. So beginning this Friday.....students wear their sports uniform.

We look forward to working together with you in providing our students with great learning opportunities in a safe, comfortable environment.

*Regards,
Fran Jackson
Principal*



KEY DATES

- 25 Jul Assembly at 8:50am. All Welcome!
- 25 Jul Positive Parenting Programme at 1:00pm
- 26 Jul Royce Simmons Football - Stage 2
- 27 Jul Children's Mass - Year 3 at 9:00am
- 29 Jul Fun Food Day
- 29 Jul Parent Association Committee Meeting at 2:00pm
- 1 Aug Assembly at 8:50am. All Welcome!
- 1 Aug Positive Parenting Programme at 1:00pm
- 3 Aug Children's Mass - Year 4 at 9:00am
- 4 Aug NAIDOC Children's Day
- 5 Aug Gold Coin Day for WYD - wear your favourite jacket/jumper/hoodie to school
- 8 Aug Assembly at 8:50am. All Welcome!
- 10 Aug Children's Mass - 6ET/KTB at 9:00am
- 10 Aug Year 6 Farewell Meeting at 7:00pm
- 10 Aug Parent Association Meeting

Fit-a-thon Update

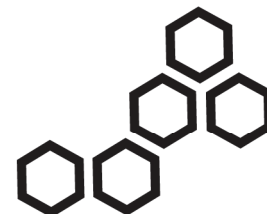
We raised \$4728.75 from the Fit-a-thon. Thank you to all students, parents, and staff for your contributions!

Supervision at School

A reminder to parents that morning supervision at school commences at 8:20am and school commences at 8:50am. At afternoon dismissal, children remaining at walkers at 3:15pm will be taken to Kiss 'n Ride. Children remaining at Kiss 'n Ride after 3:30pm will be taken to the Office, at which time parents will be contacted. Afternoon supervision concludes at 3:30pm. Children should not be at school before or after these times.

Reminder to Parents

Parents are reminded that, if entering the school grounds to attend assembly, classroom activities, etc, they are required to sign in at the office on arrival, and sign out on departure.



Religious Education

A warm welcome back to all our students, parents and staff for Term 3. Over the holidays, five children from our school, Luke Riik, Zac Mitchell, Catalina Lecaros and Sundance Fuller received the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time with Peter Lumtin receiving both the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) and Eucharist. We pray for these students that, through the support of their families, that they continue to grow in knowledge, understanding and faith in Christ. St Joseph's Parish continues with the sacramental program this term. Sessions will continue after the 10am Sunday Mass, with the celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist on the 24th and 25th of September. We pray for the children from our parish over this time that God's grace fill them.

During Term 3 the children in Year 4 will be preparing for the Parramatta Diocesan Religious Literacy Assessment. This assessment is held in two parts. Part B, the practical component, is held this term. Part A, the on-line test, held early in Term 4. The Religious Literacy Assessment provides our school and diocese valuable information for the further and on-going development of the Religious Education Curriculum. Catholic schools exist not only to provide quality education but equally important to provide a catholic education.

Coming up in Term 3 are several feast days, some of which will be celebrated within the school. July 26th, is the feast day of Sts Anne and Joachim, parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus. August 6th is the feast day of the Transfiguration of Jesus. On this occasion we recall how Jesus along with the disciples Peter, James and John went to the top of a mountain where *'his[Jesus] face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light'* and God spoke with the disciples saying *'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.'* Although challenging at times, God's message to the disciples was also meant for us. August 8th is the Feast Day of Saint Mary of the cross MacKillop, founder of the St Joseph's Order and patroness of Australia. Mary MacKillop listened to the voice of God by going it alone under very difficult circumstances to educate children who would never have been able to receive an education otherwise. The canonisation of Mary MacKillop last year had been a long awaited event. As a school founded on the principles of that order, we acknowledge the great contribution made by Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph to the catholic education of children across Australia. August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption, the day we commemorate Mary, Christ's Mother, being taken into heaven. Although we do not know much about the death of Joseph, we do know that Mary was assumed into heaven bodily as well as spiritually.

Everyone is welcome to attend the parish Mass which is celebrated each Wednesday in the term at 9am except for next week and Sept 7th.

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Religious Education Co-ordinator

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A weekend for married couples. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!

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THE BLUE MOUNTAINS CREATIVE ARTS CENTRE INC

Corner Hare and Moore Streets, Glenbrook

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ENROLMENT DAY: Saturday 31st July 10:00AM TO 2:00PM at Glenbrook

Hall next to cinema.

TERM 3, 2011 starts Monday 1st August (8 weeks)

St Joseph's Catholic Church Kingswood—Mass Times

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

Parish Priest: Fr Paul Hopper C.S.Sp

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)—9.00am

Eucharist Adoration Before all Masses

Communion Services Friday—8.25am

Sacrament of Penance Saturday after morning Mass

Anointing of the Sick every 1st Saturday—8.25am Mass

Baptism by appointment. Contact the Presbytery



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