

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

30th April 2014

DIARY DATES

Monday 5 May

9.00am Assembly
Yr 5

Tuesday 6 May

Diocesan Cross
Country, Eastern
Creek

Wednesday 7 May

Apple Store 2JS
10.30am to 12.00pm

Thursday 8 May

Mothers' Day Stall

Friday 9 May

9.00am
Mothers' Day
Liturgy and
Morning Tea

Sunday 11 May

Mothers' Day

Monday 12 May

9am Assembly
Yr 3

Apple Store 2AA
10.30am to 12.00pm

Tuesday 13 May

NAPLAN, Yrs 3 & 5

Wednesday 14 May

NAPLAN, Yrs 3 & 5

Thursday 15 May

NAPLAN, Yrs 3 & 5

Friday 16 May

Apple Store 4CM
10.30am to 12.00pm

Sunday 18 May

First Communion
Meeting after 10am
Mass

Thursday 29 May

World of Maths
Roadshow –
Primary

Friday 30 May

World of Maths
Roadshow
Infants

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Term 2! I trust you had a blessed and enjoyable time with your families over Easter, celebrating the joy of the Risen Lord.

My time in Russia was an amazing experience. Having come through the Soviet time when churches were closed and centuries of religious practise was banned, the Russian Orthodox Church, the official Church of Russia, is now flourishing and the people flock to the restored churches for worship and prayer. Both young and old, "duck into the church" for a quick prayer and lighting of a candle. The icons, mosaics and murals, inside the church, speak of the relationship between God and the story of the Russian people. Golden, blue and decorated cupolas dominate the skyline of Russian towns.

We were welcomed wherever we went, particularly in the Roman Catholic churches where we attended Mass. Even in Russian, the ritual of the Mass was familiar and comforting. We truly belong to a universal Church.

Next week, we celebrate Mothers' Day. We invite all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, etc, to join us at 9am on Friday 9th May in the MPA for prayer followed by a special morning tea. All welcome!

Easter blessings to you all.

Fran Jackson
Principal



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Punctuality

The school day begins at 8.50am, not 9.00am! Students coming late to school need to get a late pass from the office. This is a legislative requirement for our attendance register. Please bring your child/ren to school on time so they do not interrupt the class coming in late. Parents need to accompany late arrivals into the front office to complete the late pass. The office staff are busy in the mornings and unaccompanied students who are late are further delayed as they wait for assistance to fill out the form.

Uniforms

Black leather school shoes are to be worn on days other than sports days. Sneakers are only to be worn with the sports uniform. Students may wear a blue skivvy under their school shirt, with their school jumper or jacket. Jewellery, nail polish and coloured clothing is not part of the uniform. We appreciate your supporting us in this matter.

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General News...

Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone that contributed to our Easter Raffle which was an outstanding success. \$1,417.95. was raised! The Parent Association thanks you!!

A huge thank you must go to our parent helpers for organising this wonderful event. We couldn't do it without you!!!



Mothers' Day Stall – Help Needed

Parent helpers are needed for the Mothers' Day Stall which will be held on Thursday 8th May between 9.00am and 2.30pm. Please note that helpers don't have to be available for the whole time, even an hour of your time would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to assist, please phone Marianne Wilson on 0439 690 760 or Tanya Bunfield on 0412 011 605 for further information.

World of Maths Roadshow

As part of this semester's work, we have organised the World of Maths Roadshow to visit our school. The World of Maths Roadshow is an ideal opportunity for students to see how maths is applied to some real life situations.

Students will gain insight into problem solving, working in teams, and also various maths principals which are part of their curriculum. It is a highly engaging session which will show the children that maths can be fun.

World of Maths Roadshow will visit on the following days: Primary: Thursday 29th May and Infants: Friday 30th May

A timetable for the event will be included in the next Newsletter. ALL PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

Thank You from Gayle Boyd

A big thank you to everyone who sent their best wishes for my retirement. An extra big thank you to all the children, for their wonderful messages on the very special posters that were at my retirement dinner.

I have such wonderful memories that I will always treasure.

Thank you to the staff, parents and especially the children from St Joseph's over the last 33 years for making my job so memorable and such a pleasure.

Gayle Boyd



Please Do Not Use the School Driveway (located in front of the Office)

Please do not drive into the school driveway when dropping off or collecting children. This is a very dangerous practice as the only way for you to exit will be to reverse out across the pathway where children are walking.

Also, please don't use the driveway for making a U-Turn. This is also an extremely dangerous practice.

Let's work together to keep our children safe!

Pastoral Care and Student Wellbeing Policy

Our policies and procedures for student wellbeing are based on the Positive Behaviour School framework putting the focus on student learning.

Expectations are articulated in our STaRS:

Safe
Thoughtful
and
Responsible
Students



Expectations are explicitly taught to all students and individual plans are developed for students requiring more intensive support. All staff support students in living out the STaRS values.

In line with the Student Wellbeing Policy, discrimination, harassment or bullying are not permitted. Incidents arising pertaining to these matters need to be conveyed to the class teacher and will be dealt with in an appropriate manner.

For further details, visit the school website: www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au

Discipline Policy

St Joseph's discipline policy ensures procedural fairness, the hearing rule, and the right to an unbiased decision. St Joseph's staff neither use, nor sanction, corporal punishment. When an incident occurs which requires the individual to be disciplined, staff ensure that it is dealt with in an appropriate manner taking into consideration the above requirements.

Complaints and Grievances Procedures

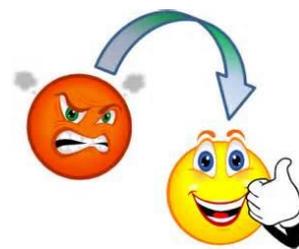
From time to time concerns may arise in regard to the school between different stakeholders. The following procedures have been developed to effectively address any such concerns.

Parents

Complaints or grievances pertaining to classroom issues, or that relate to other children are to be dealt with by school personnel. It is not appropriate for parents to approach other parents, or their children, with the intention of resolving the issues.

The recommended procedure to be followed by parents is:

1. The first point of contact is the student's class teacher. Please contact the school office to make an appointment with the teacher concerned.
2. If parents are not satisfied with the solutions offered, or believe that they have not been given a fair hearing, they are encouraged to make an appointment with the Stage Co-ordinator or the Assistant Principal.
3. Should the issue remain unresolved after this time, an appointment is made with the Principal to further discuss the issues.



Please remember there usually are at least two sides to every story and whilst it is important to listen to the children, it is also important not to draw conclusions or make accusations until all the facts are known.

Students

The recommended procedure for students is:

1. If issues arise in the classroom, students are encouraged to speak to their class teacher in order to seek support in finding a resolution.
2. Students encountering problems on the playground are asked to talk to the staff member on duty at the time of the incident. If they believe that their concern has not been adequately addressed they are encouraged to speak to their class teacher.
All students at St. Joseph's are taught to adopt the school's Three Step Plan to find a resolution. This plan is displayed in each learning area, is discussed regularly in class and forms part of the Student Wellbeing Policy.
3. Students can also speak to the Coordinator, Assistant Principal or Principal, as well as any other staff member about issues they may have.



Photos at School

Due to privacy issues, photos taken at school should be taken of own children only.

Supervision at School

A reminder to parents that morning supervision at school commences at 8:20am. 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.



Child Protection Training

If parents are planning on assisting in the classroom, or on an excursion, they are required to complete an online Child Protection Training module. Please go to <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/home>. Simply click the training link under "Volunteer" to undertake the training. Once training is undertaken, complete the questionnaire and submit your details. The school will then receive an email advising them that you have completed your training.

Change of Home or Emergency Contact Details

If you have any changes to your home or emergency contact numbers, please contact the school office as soon as possible. In cases of sickness or emergency, it is important that we have the correct contact details for your child(ren).

Kiss 'n Ride

Kiss 'n Ride is a drop off zone only. Parents do not get out of their car. Simply pull up at the Kiss 'n Ride Zone, give your child/ren a kiss and then they depart the car and walk through the gate. If you wish to walk your child into the gate, you need to park in a parking zone (NOT Kiss 'n Ride or a No Stopping Zone), and then walk your child into school. Please remember that this is not simply a legal matter, but a protocol that needs to be followed to keep our children safe.

Community News...

Joey's Before and After School Care Inc

Joey's Before and After School Care Inc is a Child Care Benefit approved centre that is located on the school site. They have a flexible, relaxed, program catering to all ages and most interests with staff that are dedicated and caring. They value and encourage family input. Phone 4732 5771. Hours: Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays): 6.30am to 8.30am and 3.00pm to 6.30pm. Special 8.00am service is also available. Vacation Care programs run during school holidays from 7.00am to 6.00pm.

Parish Playgroup

Parish Playgroup for children not yet at school is held on Mondays at 10.00am in the Parish Hall (Lieberman Room). Parents are welcome to attend our Monday morning assembly, have a cuppa afterwards and then go over to playgroup, or you can just go to Playgroup at 10.00am. We hope to see you there.



St Joseph's Catholic Church Kingswood—Mass Times

Cnr Joseph Street & Richmond Road, Kingswood Phone 4721 4080

Office Hours: 9:00am-2:00pm Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30am—1:30pm Friday

Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil - 6pm
Sunday - 8.30am and 10.00am
Polish Mass - Saturday 4pm

Ash Wednesday Masses
8am, 7pm
Liturgy of the Word for school
Is at 9.30am

Weekday Masses
Monday to Friday 8am
Saturday 8.30am



Sacrament Of Penance - Saturday after morning mass

Eucharistic Adoration - Before all masses

Support For Those Who Are Separated Or Divorced

The Solo Parent Ministry is now taking registrations for their next Post-Separation Recovery Program (commencing on May 14th). This is an excellent 7 week Program to assist you work through many of the issues that you face as you negotiate your way through the loss, pain and challenges following the break-down of your marriage relationship. It will be held at Blacktown from 7.30pm – 9.45pm for 7 consecutive Wednesdays. Cost \$80.00. For further details and registration contact soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205

Prayer And Reflection Day

Sister Eileen Quade will be running another Prayer and Reflection Day at Marymount Mercy Centre, 36 David Rd. Castle Hill on Sunday 4th May, (10.30am – 3.00pm). This is open to anyone and includes guided meditations, Scripture reflections and silent prayer. BYO Lunch. Cost: \$10.00. More details and Registrations: eileen.quade@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205

Government Child Dental Benefits Schedule

Have you heard about the new government dental scheme "Child Dental Benefits Schedule"? From 1st January 2014 it is providing eligible kids with \$1000 to spend on selected dental services over a 2 calendar year period. This great initiative expects to help around 3.4 million Australian kids between the ages of 2-17 years.

To benefit from this scheme, children must be eligible for Medicare and the family must be in receipt of Family Tax Benefit Part A or receive a relevant Government payment. Services that will be covered include: examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions. Benefits will not be available for services carried out in hospital, or for orthodontic or cosmetic dental work.

To see if your kids are eligible, call your local Dentist who can look up the information for you.

The Blue Mountains Creative Arts Centre Inc. (Corner Hare And Moore Streets, Glenbrook www.bmcac.com)

Term 2, 2014 starts Monday 5th May (8 weeks). Enrolment Day: Saturday 3rd May 10:00am TO 2:00pm

Enquiries: See our website for enrolment forms and more information: www.bmcac.com or you can enrol online by emailing bmcac.mail@gmail.com or phone Ingrid on 4739 1118.