

DIARY DATES

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

Monday 19 May

9.00am Assembly,
Yr 3

Apple Store 3BR
Yr 6 Parent Meeting
6.00pm

Parent Association
Meeting, 7.00pm

Tuesday 20th May

Stage 3 Boys
Soccer

Thursday 22 May

Grip Leadership
Year 6 Student
Leaders

Friday 23 May

Apple Store 3LG
Whole School Disco
6.30 to 8.30pm

Saturday 24 May

Our Lady Help of
Christians

Sunday 25 May

First Communion
Meeting after
10.00am Mass

Monday 26 May

9.00am Assembly, K
Apple Store 4CC

Tuesday 27 May

Captivate Choir
Rehearsal

Stage 3 Rugby
League

Thursday 29 May

World of Maths
Primary

Student Leader
Civic Reception
6.00pm

Friday 30 May

World of Maths
Infants

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

14th May 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is fitting that Mothers' Day is celebrated in the month of May: the month dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Mary experienced the challenges of being a mother, not the least of which was watching her son be humiliated, scorned, physically abused and executed. Being a mother is a journey that requires courage, unconditional love, humility and strong faith.

Mothers shape the lives of their children, encouraging and motivating them to be the best they can be. Mothers are instrumental in showing their children the love of God. They are the first educators of their child in faith. They are saints!

On Sunday April 27th, Pope Francis gave us two new Saints when he canonised Pope John XXIII and Pope John-Paul II. These two men brought the Catholic Church into the modern era, acknowledging the role of all the people of God and going out to the world as witnesses of Christ.

Saint John XXIII (1881-1963) -- known as Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli before he became pope -- was one of 13 children born into a family of Italian peasants, farmers from a tiny village in the country's north. He was sent away to study for the priesthood at age 11. He was elected Pope in 1958 and opened the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) in 1962. Pope John XXIII died before the Council was completed in 1965.

Saint John Paul II (1920-2005), born Karol Jozef Wojtyla, was brought up in a grimy industrial town in Poland and raised by his soldier father after his mother died when he was just 8 years old. He spent his formative years living under first Nazis, then Communists. He became Pope in 1978 and led the Catholic Church until his death in 2005.

These two popes approached the mission of the Church in different ways, but they were both faith-filled, courageous and committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. They are truly heroes of our Church.



During the month of May, all schools and parishes in Parramatta diocese will be fundraising for the Diocesan Works Fund (DWF). A donation envelope has been sent home today.

"I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me. Whenever you did this for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did it for me."

- Matthew 25: 35, 40

DWF funds Catholic Care Social Services for people in our community, including:

- Penrith Family Support Service
- Emmaus Disabled Persons Catholic Services
- Project Elizabeth
- Family Counselling & Parenting Education (After Hours Family Counselling)
- Financial Counselling
- Responsible Gambling Counselling Service
- Relationship and Family Counselling
- Solo Parents' Ministry
- HIV/AIDS Ministry

Please give what you can to support the work of our Church community in showing care and compassion to those less well off. Giving brings its own reward!

May God bless you and keep you ,

Fran Jackson
Principal

Monday 19th May:

Year 6 parent meeting for planning of student farewell dinner, 6pm!

Parent Association meeting 7pm. Hear all about iLearn. All welcome

Learning Without Limits

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Homework Policy Revised



At St Joseph's we value our teachers and their commitment to the children in our care. Learning does not just happen; it is planned, activated and continually assessed to ensure it is making a difference. Formal homework does not have a significant impact on student learning, however, applying their learning in everyday situations, deepens understanding.

Our Homework Policy supports real life learning. Reading is expected every night. Suggestions for other activities are in the Policy and the Term Overview from each grade will nominate websites, apps, and/or relevant activities for HSIE, Science and Technology and Personal Development Health.

Homework Policy is attached to this newsletter. Term 2 Overviews have been uploaded to the website. If you would like a hard copy, please contact the school office.

Congratulations!

Ty Hickson (Yr 5) has been selected to go to the State Cross Country competition on 13th June. Well done Ty! We're proud of you.



Braith Sakal (Yr 6) has been selected by the NSW Junior Baseball League Team to compete in Niigata, Japan in August. What a wonderful opportunity for a young sportsman. Congratulations!

Apple Store Excursion

Years 2, 3 & 4 are going on class excursions to the Apple Store in Penrith Plaza over the coming week. Year 2 children have rated the excursion as awesome and were sporting Apple T-shirts when they came back to school. Thank you teachers for organising this enjoyable excursion.

NAPLAN

This week, Year 3 and 5 students will participate in NAPLAN. It is important that students do not stress about these assessments. NAPLAN is important in the information it gives the school and parents about student learning, but it is only one part of the jigsaw when we analyse student progress.



Punctuality

Coming late to school disrupts student learning. Teachers have to pause in lessons to direct the late student who often feels embarrassed when coming into class late. Please make the effort to have children arrive at school on time. Lessons begin as soon as the class is inside. There is little lag time as teachers are prepared for the day and ready to get started asap.

Kiss and Ride

Parents must stay in their cars when dropping or collecting children at Kiss and Ride. When dropping children off, once children have left the car safely, parents are to drive off, not sit in their cars and watch their children walk down the playground. Parents are welcome to park in any parking zone and walk their child into school if they wish to make sure they get to their classroom. Please respect all the drivers who use this zone.



Networking

There are many ways to network with other parents of the school. Participating in school events and attending the Parent Association meetings are the most effective ways to get to know other parents. Our Facebook page is for dissemination of information and publicising our school. Other Facebook pages set up for groups of parents are not condoned by nor do they speak for the school. Staff are not permitted to engage in online forums set up by/for parents as this compromises their professionalism. Please do not invite them to join your Facebook page.

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. ALL PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

World of Maths- Timetable

Thursday 29 th May 2014		Friday 30 th May 2014	
Session 1 9:10 to 10:20	KBP 1VG	Session 1 9:15-10:45	3BR 3LG 4CM 4CC
Session 2 11:40 to 1:10	1RZ 2AA 2JS	Session 2 11:40 to 12:50	5CS 5DN 6ET

Learning News From 4CM...

Number Busting - 500

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$550 - 50 = 500$	$1 + 499 = 500$	$250 \times 2 = 500$	$3000 \div 6 = 500$
$600 - 100 = 500$			

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$$(100 \times 2) + 300 = 500$$

By Luke Mitchell

Luke Mitchell

On the 6th of May I went to the zone cross country and I went on the bus from school. On the bus we put a sticker on and then we got there. We had to pin our racing numbers on and the wait for our race. I came 65th out of lots and lots of people. It was hard and fun at the same time. We had to run up hills and through h rocks I had so much fun.



Brodie
Mclean

Cross country

At the start of the day, all the students that qualified got on a bus and went down to the Sydney Motorsport raceway. When we got there, we went through a tunnel that took us under the track and to the other side. Then we sat down in the grandstand. We had great seats. We watched every race and cheered. When it was my turn, we walked down to the side and walked out on to the track in even lines. I went home with my Mum.

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By Evan Halliburton

Cross Country
I went with my Dad to Eastern Creek. We got there and couldn't find the school, but then we found another student that went to this school. After a few more minutes we spotted them. I waited a little while, then I went home early after my race.

Taliah I'Anson

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by Brodie Schwerzer

 Mrs McGannon

April 10, 2014 at 1:08 PM

The number is 200. What could the questions be?

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[Reply](#)

 Cleo

April 10, 2014 at 1:16 PM

I think one of the questions could be 12.5×8

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 Mrs McGannon

April 10, 2014 at 2:42 PM

I love that you are trying to work this out Cleo. Check your answer and keep trying.

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 Cleo

April 10, 2014 at 3:44 PM

Hear are some of the answers I could think of
 12.5×16 $100+100$ $2000-1800$ $6.25+6.25 \times 16$ 6.25×32

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 Luke

April 10, 2014 at 5:20 PM

These are my ones I can think of.

$150+20+30=200$ $300-100=200$

$200+0=200$ $100+100=200$

$200-0=200$ $4 \times 50=200$

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General News...

School Photos

Please note that we have not been given a delivery date for school photos. As soon as they arrive at school we will distribute them to students. Thank you for your understanding.

Whole School Disco

All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are invited!

When: Friday, 23 May 2014
Time: 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Venue: St Joseph's – Basil Rosen Building (MPA)
Cost: First Child \$5.00
Family Ticket: \$8.00 (two or more children)
RSVP: Friday, 16 May 2014
Enquiries: Elisha Mitchell, Fundraising Committee Ph 0412 625 205



Please Note

Parents must accompany children to and from the disco – please do not drop children at the front gate.
Children will need to be signed in and out.

Parents will be unable to stay for the disco unless they are registered as a parent volunteer for the night

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

Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday 8am
Saturday 8.30am



Sacrament Of Penance - Saturday after morning mass

Eucharistic Adoration - Before all masses

Adult Migrant English Program - FREE English Classes

The Adult Migrant English Program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Industry. This program provides basic English as second language tuition to help migrants and refugees from non-English speaking backgrounds settle successfully in Australia. If you are eligible you can study English through the AMEP at Macquarie Community College Blacktown, Mt. Druitt and Ermington for up to 510 hours (or more) or until you reach a functional level of English. We also provide supplementary courses in English Through Computers, Australian Society/Computer Skills and Pathway to Work courses. Students also have access to flexible and diverse modes of English language learning.

English Classes at Mt Druitt: Morning classes on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00am to 2.15pm

Computer Classes at Blacktown: Computer Skills – Tuesday 5.45pm to 9.00pm or Saturday 8.45am to 1.00pm

Free child care is provided by KU Children's Services.

For further information phone Macquarie community college AMEP on 02 9621 4175.