

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 9

11th September 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday night, eight of our students received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church, Penrith. Rev. Father Peter Williams, Vicar General represented Bishop Anthony Fisher, and assisted by Fr Andrew Fornal OP, confirmed candidates from both Penrith and Kingswood parishes. Our students had participated in preparing for this sacrament by attending Mass each Sunday followed by the sacramental preparation session, for the last seven weeks. Their growth in knowledge and understanding of their faith was evident when they each met with Fr Andrew last Friday. For these students and families, reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation was a meaningful faith experience, which will guide them throughout their lives.



Thank you to Ms Nicholls and Mr Aggar for providing music for the Confirmation liturgy. Thank you to Mrs Wilson for coordinating the Confirmation program. Thank you to our parents who made the commitment to walk the sacramental journey with their child/ren. Not an easy road but one with many blessings on the way.

Next term, I will be on leave for five weeks. For three weeks I will be on pilgrimage with Bishop Anthony. We will be re-tracing the footsteps of St Paul in Greece, Turkey and Rome. The final day of the pilgrimage will be in Assisi, the spiritual home of St Francis and St Clare. Celebrating Mass each day in a church, sacred place or even on a boat, will remind us of the spiritual journey our fathers in faith travelled while spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. Gallipoli Cove also features on our itinerary; another sacred place in which to give thanks and pray for the men and women of Australia who lost their lives fighting for our freedom.

Congratulations to Ms Nicholls who will be acting Principal in my absence, supported by Mr Aggar, acting Assistant Principal, Mrs Berg, acting Religious Education Coordinator, Ms Treble, Coordinator 2 and Mrs Aggarwal, acting Coordinator 1. I will return to work on Monday 10th November.

Next Monday we have a special guest at our school. Fiona Scott, MP, will be here to present the Term Awards at our assembly. All welcome!

Our school musical is on Wednesday. There are two sessions, 4pm and 7pm. Come and see how talented our children are and the great work Mr Tim has done in transforming our children into stars! Even if your child is not in it, bring them along and encourage them to participate next year.

Have a safe and enjoyable term break with your children. I will pray for you all as I make my journey in Paul's footsteps.

Blessings to you all,

Fran Jackson
Principal

Antshillvania the Musical

Wednesday 17th September 2014
4pm & 7pm

Tickets still on sale!



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Religious Education News

Fathers Day BBQ and Liturgy



What a wonderful celebration for Father's Day!

Thank you to everybody who made our celebration such a success. It was pleasing to see what we can achieve when we combine as a community. We especially pray that all fathers, and parents who act as fathers, follow the example of St Joseph, the father of Jesus. We pray, that they continue to be good models of faith and wisdom to their children.



Did you Know?.....

Monday September the 8th is celebrated in the Catholic Church as the **birthday of Mary** the mother of Jesus. At our assembly on Monday we shared the gospel of Luke 1:26-38. In it, the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary declaring "Hail Mary, you who are blessed by God".

While at the junior football Grand Finals on the weekend I overheard a parent say "that was a Hail Mary pass!" I don't think he was very happy with his son passing wildly in the wet weather!

Isn't it funny that we hear a Bible phrase about Mary, being used in sport. Some might even be offended by the use of Mary's name in such a manner. So I stopped to think about why a pass would be considered a "Hail Mary" pass? The parent was really *hoping* that his son's team did not drop the ball, so in this sense Mary is associated with **hope**. As we pray the Angelus every day at school, we are placing our hope in Mary to intercede on our behalf to her son Jesus.



Mark Aggar
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

Disco News



Disco – Friday 12th September

Please remember to bring your permission note and payment for the School Disco by Friday. Please advise your children that they do not have to dress up if they prefer not to.

Parents – if you have volunteered to be a helper please arrive at the disco at the time you have selected.

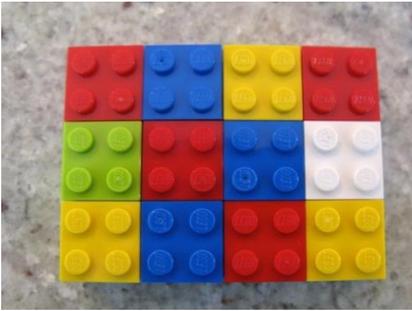
Learning News

Maths at St Joseph's

How do we learn our times tables facts?
Have you ever wondered why your children don't learn them off by heart like you did at school?
Rote learning doesn't help our children understand multiplication

Making arrays does!

WHAT IS AN ARRAY?



$4 \times 3 = 12$ $3 \times 4 = 12$



$6 \times 4 = 24$ $4 \times 6 = 24$



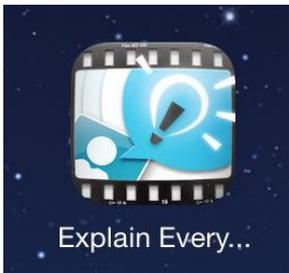
$10 \times 10 = 100$

CHALLENGE

Find pictures of arrays in the environment and send to Mrs Serrao by 7th October.
There will be a prize for the family with most creative arrays.
What number multiplication facts can you/your child find for the array?

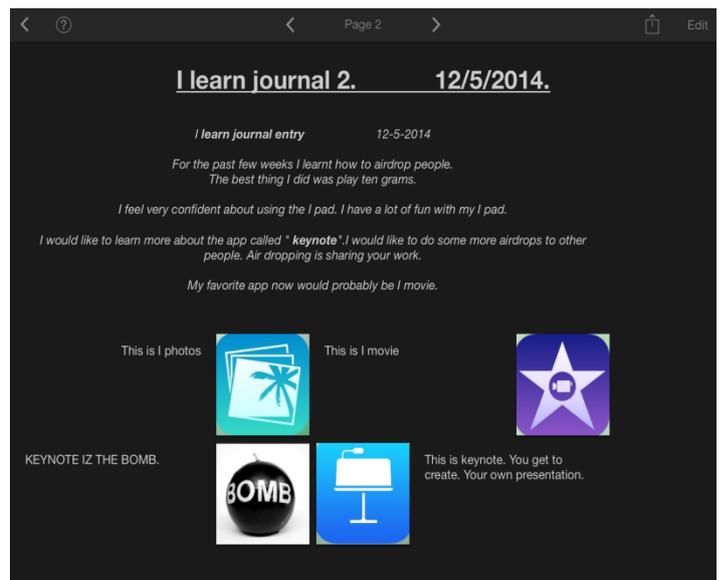
Year 4 - iLearn Update

Year 4 have been working very hard learning all about their iPads. We use our iPads throughout the day in a lot of different ways.
Here are some examples:



Explain Everything is an app that we can use for any Key Learning Area. You can use pictures, videos, text etc. The text can be typed or voice recorded.

Maya's Web Journal explaining how to use different apps.

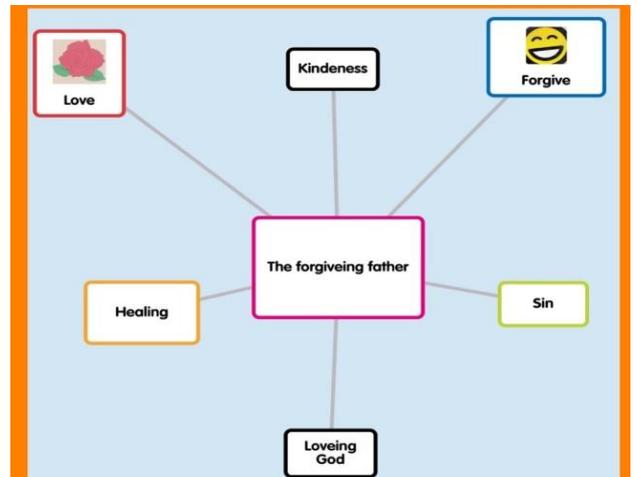


This is a page from Brock's Web Journal. We use the IPhoto app to record our I-Learn journey.

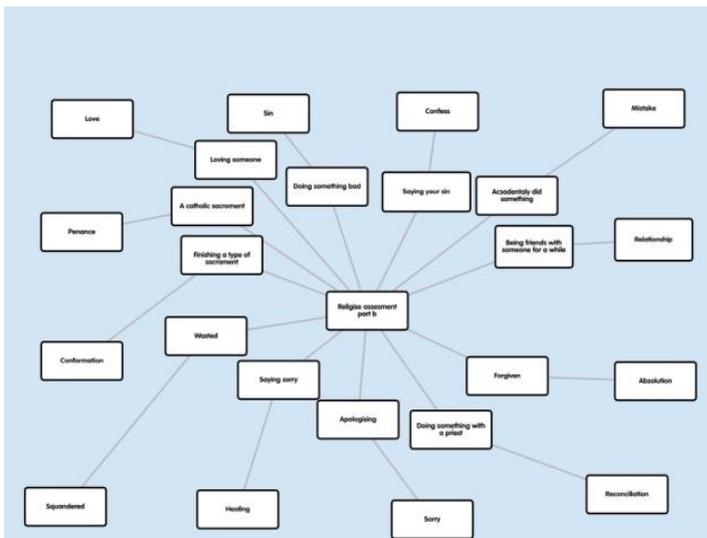
We use **Popplet** to create mind maps and/or explain what we have learnt about, these popplets are about the Parable of The Forgiving Father. We can then add our popplet to another app and create a book, presentation, story etc.



Evan's Popplet



Emily's Popplet



Brodie's Popplet



Mathematics with our iPads.



Parents are Learning too...



Thank you to all the parents who attended the Fruit and Veg Sense Workshop.

Eisteddfod News

Verse Speaking Eisteddfod

On Sunday 31st August over 50 of our students competed in the Speech and Drama section of the Penrith Eisteddfod. Looking magnificent in their school uniforms, we all met at The Henry Lawson Club before entering the little theatre out the back where other competitors were already reciting poems and nursery rhymes.

St Joseph's were entered in the Group Presentation of a Poem section where up to thirty people recite a poem together. Our youngest performers from Years 1 and 2 were invited to the stage first. They took us on a dangerous ocean adventure entitled "Shark!" Keeping with the sea theme, Years 3 and 4 were next, with an interesting conversation called "Tide Talk." Years 5 and 6 made a final dramatic statement on stage, performing "In The Forest" about a tree being cut down and all the animals losing their home.

All groups performed with amazing skill and entertained everyone in the audience. The adjudicator commented on our use of expression and the way everyone spoke with the same intention. She was so impressed we were awarded three First places, with marks from 94% to 96%.

A huge thank-you to all the parents for coming along to support our students and also Mrs Jackson, Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Serrao for their help in the day.

Tim Martin



Holiday News

Joeys Vacation Care September/October 2014

Child's Name.....

Monday 22 nd September 2014 \$37.50 BYO Lunch	Technology Day Today you are allowed to bring in your electronic games. <i>*Please label all equipment*</i> <i>*Joey's is not responsible for any lost or damaged items*</i>	
Tuesday 23 rd September 2014 \$37.50 BYO Lunch	Sports Day Wear your running shoes and come ready for an action filled day of sport activities. <i>*Bring a Hat and Drink*</i>	
Wednesday 24 th September 2014 \$37.50 + \$26.00 =\$63.50 BYO Lunch	Go Bananas- Excursion We will be travelling by private bus to St Mary's Leagues Club to GO BANANAS! <i>*Please remember NO SOCKS NO PLAY!*</i> <i>*If we do not get enough numbers this excursion will not go ahead*</i>	
Thursday 25 th September 2014 \$37.50 + \$20.00 =\$57.50	Hogs Breath Cafe Lunch- Excursion We will be travelling by train to Hogs Breath Penrith for Lunch today. <i>*Children meal includes Meal, Drink and Ice cream*</i>	
Friday 26 th September 2014 \$37.50 BYO LUNCH	DVD/Board Games Day Bring in your favourite Board game or DVD to watch or play with your friends. <i>*G or PG movies only**Please label all belongings*</i>	
Monday 29 th September 2014 \$37.50 + \$20.00 =\$57.50 BYO Lunch	Movie Day- Excursion Today we will be travelling by Train to Hoyts Penrith. <i>Movie TBA</i>	
Tuesday 30 th September 2014 \$37.50 + \$35.00 =\$72.50 BYO Lunch	Flip Out-Excursion Today we will be travelling by private bus to Flip out in Penrith <i>*Permission Slips MUST be signed, or you child cannot attend*</i> We will be back by 3:00pm	
Wednesday 1 st October 2014 \$37.50 Lunch Supplied	Cooking Day We will be cookin' up a storm in Joey's kitchen today! We will be making something delicious for Lunch. We will also be making other treats. Yum Yum	
Thursday 2 nd October 2014 \$37.50 + \$25.00 =\$62.50 BYO Lunch	Bingo Day- Excursion Today we will be travelling by private bus to Penrith RSL to play Kids Bingo! <i>*children MUST be here by 9:00am*</i> <i>*If we do not get enough numbers this excursion will not go ahead*</i>	
Friday 3 rd October 2014 Centre Closed	Today the Centre will be closed. <i>Sorry for any inconvenience</i>	

Joeys Vacation Care Information

- Joeys is open 7am - 6pm during the school holidays.
 - Make sure you bring a hat EVERYDAY!
 - We supply breakfast, morning tea and afternoon tea.
- Children need to bring their own lunch as well as any additional snacks that they may want.
- Once you make your booking, you must pay for the day regardless of whether you attend or not.
 - Casual Fee - \$40 per day (plus extras) if booking after the beginning of Vacation Care
 - JOEY'S IS A NUT FREE CENTRE!

BOOKING DAY Monday 1st September 2014

Holiday activities @ Penrith library

For the September / October school holidays, Penrith City Library will present an exciting mix of magic and family shows along with wildlife shows, cartoon, embroidery and science workshops.

Family shows: **Magic Shows with Joel Howlett** – Wednesday 24 September 2014
Floating on a sea of stories with Bronwyn Vaughan - Wednesday 1 October 2014

Workshops: **Wildlife show with Featherdale** – Tuesday 23 September 2014
Cartoon workshops with Roger Fletcher – Thursday 25 September 2014
Embroidery workshop with Del White – Tuesday 30 September 2014
Planetarium workshops with Skyworks – Friday 3 October 2014

Teen Activity: **Advanced cartooning with Roger Fletcher** – Thursday 25 September 2014

All presenters are experienced professionals in their fields and in working with children. All activities are ticketed events and tickets sell fast so book now!



FAMILY FUN DAY

ST CLAIR LEISURE CENTRE

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER | 10 – 3pm BOTANY LANE ST CLAIR

(BEHIND ST CLAIR SHOPPING CENTRE)

Jump, run, skip or bounce into St Clair Leisure Centre and experience all the activities

and sports on offer.

Come and try:

- Aussie Hoops Basketball Program
- Pink Ball (Girls only basketball program)
- Gymnastics
- Dancing
- Readysteadygo kids session
- Kids and adults bubble soccer
- Free use of centre, including table tennis, basketball, indoor soccer, badminton, volleyball

Will also have:

- Jumping Castle
- Free BBQ
- Dance demonstration
- Giveaways, prizes etc
- Registrations open for netball, Indoor soccer (futsal) basketball for all ages and abilities
- Discounts for registrations on the day for a number of programs

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Community News

Parish Playgroup

Parish Playgroup for children not yet at school is held on Mondays at 10.00am in the Parish Hall (Lieberman Room). Please bring something to share for morning tea. Enquiries to Father Pawel 4721 4080.

S.K.Y Youth Group

The S.K.Y Youth Group meet every Wednesday from 3pm in the Parish Hall. All 12-17 years are most welcome.

Post Separation Recovery Program

CCSS Solo Parent Services are offering its seven week Post Separation Recovery Program again, commencing on Wed 22nd October 2014. This has proven to be an excellent Program that guides and supports those whose marriage or long-term partnership has ended. Venue: DAC Centre 1-5 Marion St Blacktown, Time: 7.30pm – 9.45pm. Further information and registration PH: 99330205 or email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Annulment Information Night

Each year the Catholic Tribunal Staff and CCSS Solo Parent Services present an Information Session to help people understand how the process of Annulments in the Catholic Church is conducted. Questions are answered on details such as the length of time it takes, the cost, the role of witnesses, the number of interviews required, the grounds for an Annulment and how to start the process. For the first time we will be holding an Annulment Information night at **Springwood**. The evening is open to anyone who is interested in gaining greater understanding about the Annulment process. **Venue:** The Parish Centre, 168 Hawkesbury Rd, Springwood. **Date:** Tues 14th October **Time:** 7.30 – 9.30. **Cost:** \$5.00. Registration Essential: PH: 9933 0205 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Prayer and Reflection Day

Come along for a lovely day of quiet, peaceful prayer and reflection in beautiful surroundings led by Sr Eileen Quade. The invitation is open to all on Sunday 12th Oct, from 10.30am-3pm. Venue: Marymount Mercy Centre, 36 David Rd, Castle Hill. Cost \$10.00. BYO lunch. Bookings essential: Solo Parent Services PH: 9933 0205 Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Bereavement Support Program - Springwood

CCSS Solo Parent Ministry will be running an eight session Bereavement Support Program in Springwood for men or women who have suffered the death of their spouse or long term partner. Sessions held on every second Wednesday commencing 3rd Sept from 10.30am – 12.30pm at the Baptist Church Hall, 313 Macquarie Rd Springwood. Each fortnight a different aspect of grief will be discussed, with some input, reflection and sharing about how grief is affecting you and how you are working through it. The first topic is “*The Physical Effects of Grief*”. Details and Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205

Support Group for Younger Widowed People

In response to requests and inquiries the CCSS Solo Parent Ministry will be starting a new Monthly Support Group for younger widowed people. We will trial this group for 12 months, and it will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month beginning Tuesday 9th September. **Venue:** CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. **Time:** 10.30am-12.30pm **Cost:** \$5.00. **Details and Registration:** PH: 9933 0205 or Email: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au

Stepping Beyond: Support for those Separated or Divorced

If you have been separated or divorced and would benefit from regular shared discussion evenings with others who are in a similar situation to you, come along to STEPPING BEYOND on the last Tuesday of each month at CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, at 7.30pm. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205

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

PENRITH CITY COUNCIL PROUDLY SUPPORTS

REAL CHOICE

September 12 & 13, 2014

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Penrith City Children's Choir

is about to start preparing

The Snow Wolf

a mini-opera

with singing, acting, costumes, props and scenery

directed by

Lucy McAlary

Boys and girls (7 – 13 years) are invited to join
Penrith City Children's Choir's next project: *The Snow Wolf*.
Rehearsals start on Sunday 12 October.

If you love to sing, please join us.

You need to be quick! There are no auditions but only limited places available.
Applications close Wednesday 8 October

For further information contact the Administrator, Liz Strasser:
0418 202 849 or pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au

Westside Performing Arts Ladies Market Night

**Saturday 8th November 2014 – SAVE
THE DATE!!!**

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Unit 23/37-47 Borec Road Penrith

We would like to have a large variety of stalls including make-up, jewellery, tarot reading, handbags, food, candles, massage, art, photography, perfume, etc. Unfortunately, we are unable to book any more stalls that have children's clothing or accessories.

If you are interested in having a stall (limit 1 table per stall) please contact Karen at wpawestidesociety@gmail.com. The cost is \$30 + a product donation for our Raffle/Lucky Door Prize. To be fair to everyone we will not be booking more than 1 table per company product ie Avon, Nutrimetics, Mary Kay, etc. Spaces are limited so book now!

Dates for your Diary

Week 9

Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th September – Stage 3 Camp to Kincumber

Friday 12th September – Stage 3 NRL Session 3; School Disco 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Week 10

Monday 15th September – Term 3 Award Assembly 9am

Wednesday 17th September – School Musical 4pm & 7pm

Thursday 18th September – Year 1 excursion to Featherdale

Friday 19th September – Last Day of Term 3

First Day back for Term 4: Tuesday 7th October

Week 1

Tuesday 7th October – Assembly 9am

Week 2

Monday 13th October – Assembly 9am

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th October – Basketball Gala Comp

Week 3

Monday 20th October – Assembly 9am