

# St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 8

30<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear Parents and Friends,

This week we welcomed our 2017 kindergarten students and their families. While the children spent time with their 2017 teachers and peers, Lisa and I spoke to our families. We spoke of the **exciting** and **innovative** teaching and learning our children will experience in 2017. We shared with our families our '**Shared Beliefs**' that;

1. All children learn in *uniquely different* ways.
2. We believe ALL children will *succeed* and *grow*.

This week we continue to secure our teaching team for 2017. As I have shared over the past weeks our term 4 **Goal** of creating **Action Plans** shared and owned by all is nearing a stage for publication. A significant element of these Goals involves **our parent community**. We realise success of student outcomes is dependent upon our **relationship**, it's all about **working together**.

I'm looking forward to these next weeks. Please mark your calendars for;

- 13<sup>th</sup> December Term Award Assembly, BBQ and Christmas Pageant.
- 14<sup>th</sup> December: 12pm 'Farewell Liturgy.'

I would like to share part of my 'Laffan Out Loud'

## **'Education is a Servant profession.'**

This is something we need to focus on each day. Questions such as, "What is best for students?" and "How could we do that differently?" are moments when we are reflecting on our most important role, serving the best interests of our students.

But it is also important to know that leadership teams see 'Servant Leadership' as being critical to our work. This style of leadership does not work from positions of power but rather seeks to serve through *support, feedback* and most importantly by *providing opportunity to grow and be empowered*.

## **Learning is the Goal.**

We continue to work in a profession that is constantly evolving, but the bottom line is that we are developing learners. We need to reflect, do our students learn stuff when they walk out of our learning space, or do they know how to learn with or without us? Are we developing independent learners through pedagogy of 'Gradual Release?'

## **We are working with children.**

There are kids in our community who are dealing with things as young people that I don't know if I could handle as an adult.

There are moments when kids 'act out'. These moments are not about you but about something else going on in their lives.

Sometimes kids feel like the world has given up on them. We can only make sure that we do our best to let them know that we are not willing to do that.

Wishing you all a blessed week,

John Laffan  
Relieving Principal



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# General News

## **URGENT - SCHOOL FEES UPDATE**

Thank you to the many families who have paid their school fee accounts.

All payment arrangements should be finalised by now. If you have not finalised your account please do so as a matter of urgency.

With the school holidays upon us, the School Fees Liaison Unit from the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will be actioning outstanding accounts, therefore please finalise all payments and outstanding paperwork.

## **Ice Blocks and Ice Creams**

There will be ice blocks and ice creams on sale this Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Prices will be set between 50c and \$3.



## **Will you be leaving St Joseph's at the end of 2016?**

We understand that family circumstances change and children sometimes need to change schools. If you know that you will not be attending St Joseph's in 2017, please advise Mr Laffan by completing an Exit Form, available from the school office.

Please note, that concerns regarding financial difficulties **are not** a reason for seeking another school, as the Catholic Education Office and St Joseph's can and will assist families with meeting these costs when genuine financial difficulties arise.



## **Opal Pass Applications**

Students who are progressing from Year 2 to Year 3 in 2017 are required to fill in a new Opal Pass Application. Please go to:

[www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students)

Once completed, please print, sign and return it to school for submission. Opal Passes will be posted to the students mailing address.

## **Back to School 2017**

If your child will be late in returning to St Joseph's next year please notify the school office in writing, noting the day your child will return to school.



## **Uniform Sale**

Pre loved Uniform Sale will be held in the morning on the following dates:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December;

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December



## **Book Return Reminder**

Please return all library books and readers to school by the end of next week.



## Senior and Junior Mini Vinnie's



## Community News



**Sacrament Of Penance** - Saturday after morning mass

### **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



**Eucharistic Adoration** - Before all masses

## CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2017

### **Reconciliation: 6.00pm Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**Sessions:** 5<sup>th</sup> March (Registration), 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> March; 2<sup>nd</sup> April

### **First Communion: 18<sup>th</sup> June (Feast of Corpus Christi)**

**Sessions:** 30<sup>th</sup> April (Registration); 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, May; 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> June (11<sup>th</sup> being for Rehearsal)

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June

### **Confirmation: 7.00pm Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

**Sessions:** 23<sup>rd</sup> (Registration), 30<sup>th</sup> July; 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> August; 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> September; 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> October (22<sup>nd</sup> being for Rehearsal)

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October

**PENRITH**

# Cinema IN THE PARK

SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER



**TIME:** 6pm until late, movie commences at dusk.  
**WHERE:** Victoria Park, St Marys.  
**FEATURE FILM:** 'The Jungle Book'  
Kids activities & food for sale.  
For more information phone 1300 736 836.

**FREE EVENT**

**PENRITH CITY COUNCIL**

[penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/events](http://penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/events)


**Cancer Council NSW** SunSmart Snippet

## The simplest way

...to understand UV radiation.


**What is UV?**  
Ultraviolet (UV) radiation, emitted by the sun, is the main cause of skin cancer. UV radiation can be dangerous even on cool and cloudy days.

**Did you know?**  
Ultraviolet (UV) radiation can damage skin when it reaches levels of 3 or above.



**Staying safe when the UV is three or above:**


- Download the SunSmart app or use the online widget ([www.sunsmart.com.au/uv-sun-protection/uv/uv-widget](http://www.sunsmart.com.au/uv-sun-protection/uv/uv-widget)) to find out the exact hours to use sun protection.
- Generally, the UV levels will be above 3 throughout the day from October to March. So minimise time outside from 11am – 3pm (DST) and use sun protection when outdoors (Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide).



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

**NSW** Health  
Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District

To help keep your kids safe, check your school's SunSmart status by heading to [www.sunsmartnsw.com.au](http://www.sunsmartnsw.com.au)



# Dates for your Diary

## Week 8

Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Swim School
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Swim School
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Swim School Ice Blocks and Ice Creams 50c and \$3

## Week 9

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Swim School 9am Advent 10am Kindergarten 2017 Orientation
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Swim School 10am Kindergarten 2017 Orientation
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Swim School
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Swim School
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Swim School Zooper Doopers 50c

## Week 10

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Swimming Carnival K-5 Year 6 Fun Day
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Term Award Assembly 6pm Family BBQ 7pm Christmas Pageant
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	12pm Year 6 Farewell Liturgy
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Mufti Day – Gold coin donation Talent Show Class Parties
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of school for students

## 2017 Start of School Dates

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATES**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Staff return to school**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Years 1 – 6 return to school**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Kindergarten start school**

