



Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

I can't believe we are entering the last week of the term. It's been an exciting start to 2019 with lots of learning, sharing, celebrating and fun.

The Celebration of Learning afternoons have proven to be very popular. They are a wonderful opportunity for you to see what's happening in learning spaces and a chance for your children to share their learning. I really appreciate you taking the time to come and celebrate.

I've also had lots of great feedback about the Celebration of Learning newsletters. This initiative has given families another opportunity to see what is happening in learning spaces. I know many of you enjoyed sharing the pictures and information with your children.



Another highlight of the term has been working with Lyn Sharratt and then with leaders from other CEDP schools. The feedback we were given was absolutely wonderful. We have since had many visitors from other schools coming to learn about what we are doing. Some of the comments received:

"The children are so engaged in their learning. They wanted to share with me their goals and challenges."

"I was greeted by a delightful Year 6 leader who introduced himself, welcomed me and then offered to carry my bag as he took me to the hall."

"The feeling of the school is very different to the last time I was here. The kids seem very happy. Classrooms are calm with evidence of learning across all KLAs and teachers are proud to share what is happening in their spaces."

"Can't believe all the great things happening at St. Joseph's."



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St Joseph's Primary School

Catholic Culture News

Sacrament Information for 2019 at St Joseph's Parish

Sacrament for Reconciliation – 6:00PM Thursday 11th April 2019

Registration for Sacrament of First Communion – Sun 28th April 2019 after 10:00am Mass
Sacrament of First Communion – 10:00AM Sunday 23rd June 2019 (Feast of Corpus Christi)

Registration for Sacrament of Confirmation – Sun 28th July 2019 after 10:00am Mass
Sacrament of Confirmation – 10:00AM Sunday 3rd November 2019

If you have any questions regarding the Sacraments please contact the parish office on 4721 4080.

EASTER LITURGIES

Holy Thursday – Lord's Day Meal – 7.00pm

Waiting Prayer until Midnight

No Morning Mass

Rehearsals for Servers for Holy Thursday & Good
Friday at 10am

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross – 11.00am

Passion of the Lord – 3.00pm

Holy Saturday – Mass at 7.00pm

No Morning Mass

Rehearsals for Servers for Holy Saturday at 10am

Easter Sunday Masses – 8.30am & 10.00am

Reconciliation for Easter – Monday 15th April

9.00am to 12 noon & 5.00pm to 7.30pm

Walking to School

Please ensure your child is walking to school in a safe manner. Children in K-2 should be walking with a sibling/parent/friend. Children in Year 3-6 should be encouraged to use the safest possible route. Please encourage your children to cross at the pedestrian crossing if they need to cross the road.

Child Protection

If your child is having difficulties with another child please contact your child's teacher so they can support both students.

At no time parents are to approach a child to attempt to solve issues.

Attendance News

Fortnightly Attendance Awards went to 2Y and 4B. Congratulations!

A reminder that supervision commences at **8.20am**. Children arriving before this time ARE NOT SUPERVISED and are therefore not safe. We encourage parents to put the best interests of their child first and enrol them in Joey's Before and After School Care to ensure their safety.

If your child is absent please contact the school to advise the reason. This can be done via Skoolbag, Signed Note, Phone Call or Doctor's Certificate.

If your child is absent for 3 or more days due to illness a Doctor's Certificate is required.

Any leave taken needs to be preapproved by Mrs Reilly.



"ATTENDANCE COMPETITION"

Back through popular demand.

Design your very own H.E.R.O.

Here Every Day Ready On time.

Some holiday fun!

Every student entry will receive a certificate... There will be at least one prize for every class.

All entries will be displayed in an album on Face Book and displayed in the MPA.

All students are welcome to create/draw their own picture/slogan about getting to school every day/on time.

Infants - a drawing would be awesome!

Due date Term 2, Week 2, Wednesday 8th May... Prize winners announced Friday 10th May.



I will have some of these blank templates available to help with designing, from Monday 8th April, under the attendance board in the COLA area. Feel free to design your own H.E.R.O.

I look forward to seeing your creations!!

You've got to be in it, to win it!

Most importantly....have fun getting creative!

Mrs Brogan (Family Liaison Attendance Officer)

Counsellor's Corner

Showing Respect - Active Bystanders

At St Joseph's Being Respectful is a key value during learning time and at play, we encourage respect in the way we talk to each other and share space with each other. We encourage all children to report concerns around behaviour that is leading to upset, this includes verbal and physical behaviour - with the view that asking for help shares the responsibility and allows teachers - in class and on duty the opportunity to respond to the concerns and to provide support.

To help model respect and to show support for each other, we are encouraging students to be active bystanders and support each other. Bystanders have the power to play a part in helping to identify bullying and helping to minimize how long it goes on for.

Active Bystanders do not need to take responsibility for the Bullies actions – they need to make their own actions count.

There is strength in numbers; Bystanders can combat bullying issues by showing their disapproval towards bullying behaviours by

Direct action –

- o Take the victim away from the bully – just walk up and walk away together
- o Tell the bully to stop – and remember asking for help is a right you have in our school and any school
- o Don't laugh – the bully will see this as you agreeing with their behaviour - Sometimes Bystanders think that what is happening is funny and they laugh, encourage or accept what is happening which can lead to feeling powerless, guilty or anxious about what is going on – we can activate our children to make their actions count by asking for help and reporting things that feel bad.

Engage adults -

Get help – report your concerns to the teacher on duty, stay with that teacher until they are able to see how important the situation is or this can be by approaching a teacher you trust

Encouraging our students to take action and be active bystanders to show their respect for each other will build their strength on Joey's Journey.

<http://www.eyesonbullying.org/bystander.html> this website aims to assist in Bully prevention.

Dismissal

If someone else will be collecting your child **early or after school**, on your behalf, you need to inform the school in writing or by email, stjosephskwood@parra.catholic.edu.au **PRIOR to pickup**. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Speaking respectfully to others

At St. Joseph's one of the key ways for students to be on Joey's Journey as Safe, Respectful Learners is to **speak respectfully to others**. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are aware of this goal and what it looks like in class and on the playground.

When speaking to teachers, classmates or peers we use a **friendly tone, kind words, eye contact and appropriate facial expressions**. When we do this, we communicate in a friendly way that is respectful. When others are speaking, we show them we are listening by facing them and using active listening skills.



On the playground, speaking respectfully sounds like:

- friendly talk during games
- words of encouragement like "Great effort, maybe next time!"
- words that show good sportsmanship like "Good game" and gestures like a handshake or thumbs up

Teachers reinforce this behaviour through praise and feedback, for example, 'I like the kind words you chose and how you spoke in a friendly tone'. Teachers will prompt students who are not achieving this goal with time to practise, re-teaching opportunities, and the class based system of managing non-compliant behaviours if needed.

You can help your children practise speaking respectfully through modelling this at home. For example, using kind words to each other, speaking in a calm and friendly tone, using words of encouragement at weekend sports like 'great effort', and showing active listening skills when your child is speaking.

We are all on **Joey's Journey of being Safe, Respectful Learners together**.



2019 School Fees



Term 1 school fees are now overdue and need to be finalised ASAP. If you have any problems with your account please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4726 4200.

Please note as we are coming towards the end of term we can accept cash up until Thursday 11th April. Cash payments WILL NOT be accepted on Friday 12th April.

Complaint Handling Policy

Complaints Handling Policy Reminder for our school community:

If, at any time, you find that you have a concern with St Joseph's Primary School, you are encouraged to come to the school and speak with the teacher/s, assistant principal and/or principal, to identify your concern. It is our aim to work with all members of our school community to ensure we do the very best to provide a productive, safe and enjoyable learning experience for our students and professionally fulfilling experience for our staff.

If you would like to raise a concern, the Catholic Education Office has guidelines for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. Information about how to handle complaints either informally or formally is available from the school office and/or within the Complaint Handling Guidelines. These documents can be accessed on our school website or on the CEDP website. Complaint forms are available in the school office and can be downloaded from Skoolbag.

Staff Development Day

Staff Development Day will be held on Monday 29th April. Students **DO NOT** attend school on this day.

Term 2 starts for students on Tuesday 30th April.



Soccer Gala Days

Students in Years 3 - 6 will be invited to participate in Soccer Gala Days in Term 2. These are fun days where boys and girls compete against other schools. Students displaying consistently what it is to be safe and respectful may have the opportunity to be part of the team. More information to come.

Library

The library will be open on Tuesday 23rd April from 10am to 12pm.
A great opportunity to borrow some new books.

Mothers Day Stall

The school Mothers day stall will be held in week 2, term 2. Days to be advised.

School Photos 2019

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School Photos: Monday 20th May 2019

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SIBLING PHOTOS

MUGS & LABELS

Important: Online orders for siblings close at midnight the night before your photo day. An envelope can be collected from the school office for cash orders placed on the morning of photography. Sibling photographs are by request and not available to order after your school photo day.

Flyer Code P

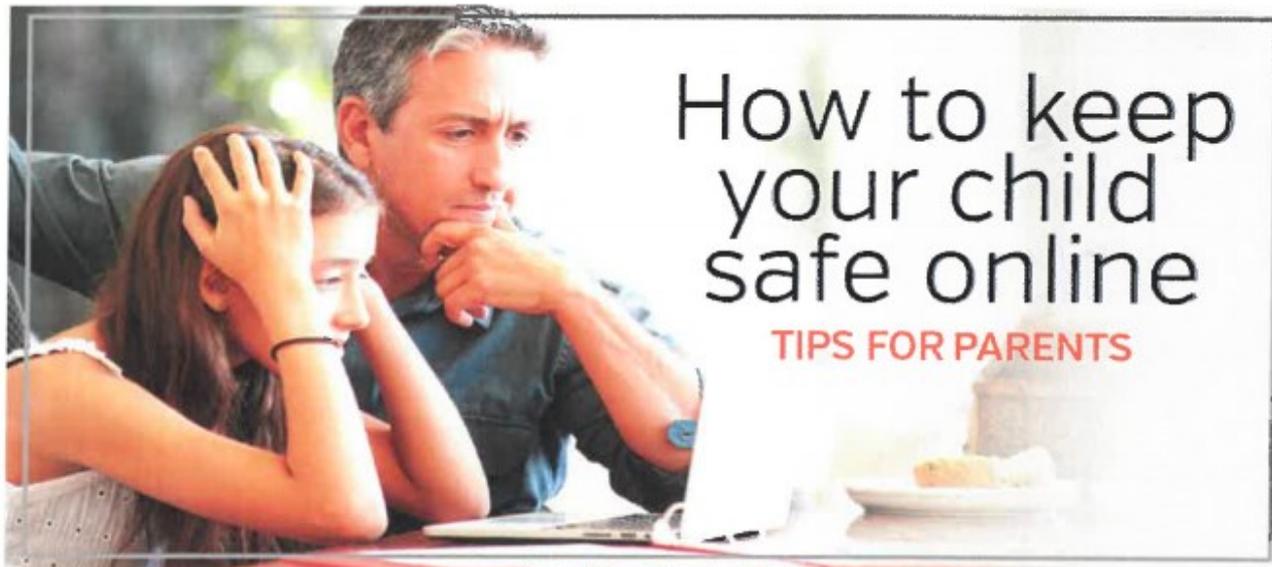
St Joseph's Family News



Marley (Year 4), Elise (Year 2) and Oliver with their baby brother Harry who was born on 2-1-19.



How to keep your child safe online



How to keep your child safe online

TIPS FOR PARENTS

Here are some tips for parents to keep your child safe online

BE SAFE

- Be aware of how your child uses the internet and explore it with them
- Set rules and monitor to make sure your child knows what information they can share or post online and which websites they can visit
- Teach your child to tell a trusted adult if they feel uncomfortable about something they have found on the internet or received in an email
- Discuss with your child the importance of keeping personal information private. This sort of information can be used to identify or locate where they live, go to school or activities in which they are involved

BE RESPECTFUL

- Talk to your children about cyberbullying. Online communication should be responsible and respectful
- Children and adolescents who are being cyberbullied sometimes change their behaviour. If you are concerned they might be a victim of cyberbullying, talk to them and tell them you are concerned. Arrange to talk to a teacher or school counsellor
- Advise your child not to respond to any negative messages and to keep evidence. Tell them to report any negative messages they receive to you or another trusted
- Children and their parents can contact social media companies and ask for defamatory material to be taken down. If the material is not gone within 48 hours, a complaint can be lodged with the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner at www.esafety.gov.au

BE RESPONSIBLE

- Consider using inbuilt filters and controls on your digital devices and home network to manage your children's online access. Keep your virus protection up to date
- Talk with your child about being careful when downloading files or clicking on links. Some files or links may be harmful viruses or trying to obtain personal information
- Certain online activities (downloading illegal videos or music, plagiarism, sexting, identity theft, 'hacking' networks) are illegal and can result in criminal charges

For more information visit: www.esafety.gov.au
<http://cnadigitalcitizenship.weebly.com/for-parents.html>



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Community News



Want to play for Joeys Basketball Club?

Joeys Basketball Club caters for boys and girls from Under 10s right up to Under 18s. New season starts 3rd May. For more information please call Emily 0408 253513 or email the club joeyscoach@gmail.com or message us on Facebook!



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Community News

PLEASE JOIN US FOR YARN UP

Bringing the Yarn Up into the Catholic community allows for further opportunities to connect with traditional ways of sharing cultural knowledge, building relationships and understanding our role in community. Greg Whitby, the Executive Director of Schools, and Sue Walsh, the Director of Learning, will be joining us for an open forum and discussion.

The Jarara Indigenous Education team invites you to share in this experience

WHERE

The Jarara Indigenous Education Unit
Aengus Kavanagh Education and Equity Centre
59 Railway Street, Mt Druitt

WHEN

Thursday 9th May, 2019

12.30-2pm

Light refreshments will be available.

Please RSVP to Julie Waddell at jwaddell2@parra.catholic.edu.au
or call 0428 504 157 to confirm your attendance **no later than**
Thursday 2nd May, 2019



Seminar Understanding the Process of Annulment of Marriage within the Catholic Church

Brought to you by Solo Parent Services (CatholicCare Western Sydney and Blue Mountains)
and the Catholic Tribunal Office Parramatta Diocese

Date: Tuesday 7th May 2019

Time: 7pm -9pm

Venue: St. Patrick's Cathedral - Parish Hall
Cnr Marist Place and Victoria Rd (On site parking via Victoria Rd)
Parramatta

Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic experience for all concerned.

The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage.

Many separated and divorced people and their families wonder about their status within the Catholic Church, and begin to ask such questions as ...

What is the basis for an annulment?

How does an annulment differ from a divorce?

How long does it take?

Are children of a marriage declared null considered illegitimate?

At this Seminar you will have the opportunity to have these and other questions clearly answered.

PRESENTERS

Catholic Tribunal Office
Parramatta

REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL

Contact Rita
Solo Parent Services
Ph. 8843 2575
or
soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

No charge for Seminar:
Donations welcome



"Young Bereaved Spouses" Support Group



The "Young Bereaved Spouses" (YBS) Support Group aims to provide therapeutic support to young men and women, as they adjust to life following the death of their spouse or partner.

- Together with trained facilitators, the group shares their experiences, challenges, achievements and most importantly, their hope as they continue their journey.
- The group is open to anyone who has experienced the death of their spouse or partner, with an age guideline of under 55 years old, whether they are parents or not.
- Through the support of others, individuals learn to reconnect with life after experiencing the loss of their spouse or partner.
- Monthly meetings provide a safe supportive space to share grief and the realities of life in a non-judgmental way.

You are warmly welcomed to join our YBS Monthly Support Group

Registration Essential:

Please call Rita PH: 8843 2575 or

E-mail: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



VENUE: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta
DATE: 3rd Tuesday of each Month (Mar-Dec)
TIME: 7.00pm - 9.00pm
COST: \$5.00

Dates for your Diary

Week 11	Monday 8th April	Cross Country 2:30pm Holy Week Prayer
	Tuesday 9th April	Years 5 & 6 Anzac Service at Penrith Paceway Year 2 Excursion to The Joan 2:30pm Holy Week Prayer
	Wednesday 10th April	Jumping Castle Fun 2pm Holy Week Prayer 2:30pm Easter Raffle Drawn
	Thursday 11th April	2:30pm Holy Week Prayer
	Friday 12th April	Last day of Term 1 2pm End of Term Award Assembly

Staff Development Day - Monday 29th April
Students return to school - Tuesday 30th April

St Joseph's Social Media

Did you know St Joseph's have many media platforms to keep yourself updated with school events, photos, newsletters, notes, etc



Facebook - St Joseph's Primary School, Kingswood. NSW

School Website - <http://www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au/>



Twitter - @stjosephskwood



Skoolbag - St Joseph's Primary Sydney



YouTube - St Joseph's Primary Kingswood

If you would like to opt out on your child's photo, work and name being published please put your request in writing and send it to the school office. If at any time you change your mind regarding publishing please put your request in writing and send it to the school office.

St Joseph's Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

April - Zane, David, Vincente, Gabriel, Olivia, Drake, Tahlia, Achilles, Izabella, Farleen, Cameron, Ella Grace, Grant Dru, Meghna, Jessica, Dominic