
The Stage 1 refurbishment is also beginning - finally!! We're hoping that the building will be ready for Years 1 and 2 in June next year. Lots of updates throughout the building works.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Sarah Walker, Mrs Booke McDonald and Mr Rhys Sandstrom for their contributions to St. Joseph's. Sarah has made a great contribution over the past 3 years. I'd like to particularly thank her for her commitment to Year 1 as a classroom teacher and EMU specialist teacher. She is moving to St. Luke's at Marsden Park as an Instructional Leader. Brooke has enjoyed working with Year 1 in Term 1, as an RFF teacher and then with Year 5 since we returned from COVID. Wishing her all the best on Year 3 at Corpus Christi, Cranebrook. Rhys has been our IT trainee supporting us with ensuring all IT is working effectively.

I would like to welcome to St. Joseph's Ms Hannah Bailey, Mr Ian Martin, Ms Emma Mizzi and Ms Natalie Taylor. We are looking forward to welcoming you to our wonderful community.

Make sure you keep an eye on our Skoolbag and Facebook pages for any updates, news and interesting ideas for the holidays. Please send through "good news" stories to share with the rest of the community. stjosephskwood@parra.catholic.edu.au

Wishing you all a happy and blessed Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. Looking forward to catching up with all of you in the new year.

Take care, keep safe.
Trish

2021 MAI Bookings

The Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI) is a time for your child's teacher to get to know your child as a learner, through a one-to-one interview. Each child will have the opportunity to share their strengths and areas of challenge in the four number domains of counting, place value, addition & subtraction and multiplication & division.

In order for us to allocate the 30 minute time slot, it would be greatly appreciated if you could nominate a time, either on Wednesday 27th or Thursday 28th January 2021, where you could bring your child in for their interview, using the electronic booking system outlined below.

Please go to
www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter the Access Code: **uqqqu**

Please select your child's teacher for 2021. If there are no times available with your child's class teacher, please book in with the spare teacher for your child's grade.

A confirmation will be sent to your email address so please print and keep it in a safe place to remember your appointment date and time. If you lose this information, it can be retrieved again using your email address.

Return to school 2021

Start date for 2021

All students return to school on
Friday 29th January 2021.
School starts at 8:50am and concludes at 3pm.

2021 Staffing

Class	Teacher
K Blue	Miss Collimore
K Green	Mrs Keane
K Yellow	Miss Taylor
1 Blue	Ms Furfaro
1 Yellow	Miss Meadows
2 Blue	Miss Conolly
2 Green	Mrs Smith
2 Yellow	Miss Whitney
3 Blue	Mrs Berg
3 Yellow	Mr Martin
4 Blue	Miss Green
4 Yellow	Mrs McGannon
5 Blue	Mrs Pennay, Mrs Kemp
6 Blue	Miss Bailey
6 Yellow	Miss Saaib

School Uniform Policy

A reminder that students need to return to school with hair styles that conform with the policy. Enjoy the holidays, having fun with your hair but please ensure that students return with acceptable school hair styles. Please see the school website for the full policy details.

Christmas Mass Times

CHRISTMAS TRIDUUM MASSES

6pm for Three evenings: Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th December. No Booking for 22nd & 23rd . 150 people are permitted in the Church.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Thursday 24th 6pm & 8pm Friday 25th 12 Midnight, 9am & 11am Bookings are essential for these Masses.

Reading

In order to maintain the standard of reading your child has achieved this year they need to read for 10 minutes per day.

Reading Timer for Kids - [10 Minutes - Sajja and Kabba](#)



<https://storyboxlibrary.com.au/login>

Log in : Joey
Password: joey

PMeCollection

<https://app.pmecollection.com.au/>

Each child has their own username.

Please email stjosephskwood@parra.catholic.edu.au if you have forgotten it.

Password: joey

Read a book you have at home or buy one as a special treat from Aldi, Kmart or Big W

Visit the library

<https://www.penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/community-library/library/free-ebooks-audiobooks-and-emagazines>

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Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS SUMMER READING CHALLENGE IS BACK! WIN A CHROMEBOOK.

We all know the importance of reading and how a great book can spark the imagination and creativity too. These summer holidays, we are encouraging all students to take the reading challenge and read, read, read!

HOW DO I ENTER?

Students can read anything they like to enter, whether it's a comic, play, a piece of poetry, book, e-book or animated novel.

It's simple! Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it.

The more a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of two Google Chromebooks or one of thirty runner-up gift vouchers to the value of \$30 each.

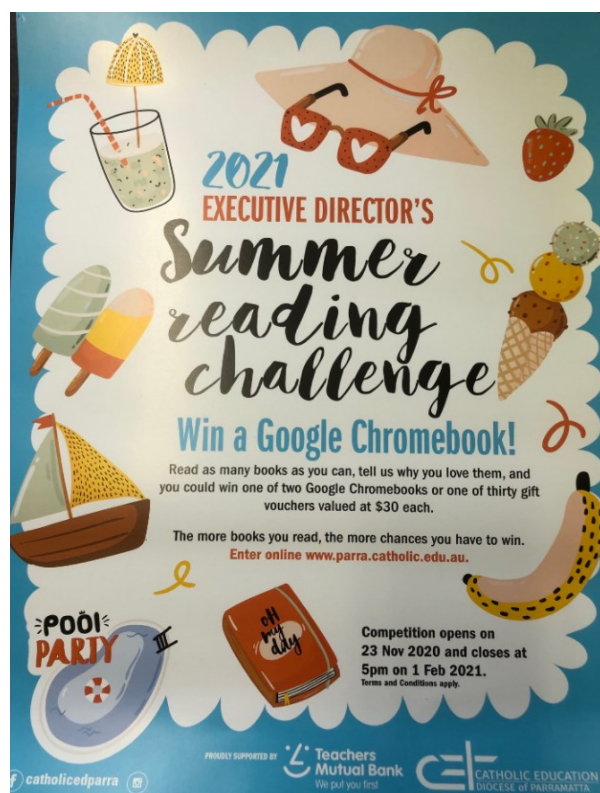
Entries open on 23 Nov 2020 and close at 5pm on 1 February 2021.

Thanks to our sponsors Teachers Mutual Bank. To learn more about their services please visit their website.

For more information, please contact Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta by emailing competitions@parra.catholic.edu.au

ENTRIES CLOSE AT 5PM ON 1 FEBRUARY 2021.

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Community News

Foodbank Contacts

2020 has been a difficult year for a lot of people, as we are heading towards the Christmas season you may be needing some extra support. Below are some numbers from Foodbank organisations that can assist with groceries. Please feel free to call them to see what they can offer you.

Transformation Edge - Jamisontown 4731 2419

Christian Mission - Penrith 4704 8809

Westcare - Penrith 4731 3455

St Joseph's Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

December: Leon, Apuol, Jayden, Scarlet, Ruhani, Boston, Charbel, Nirvan, Tripsu, Sienna, Klæ-Marie, Zaine, Indiana, Mikayla, Levi, Nathan

St Joseph's Social Media

Did you know St Joseph's have many social 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.