



# St Joseph's Primary School

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## Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It's been an absolutely wonderful five years being here at St. Joseph's and Friday's Fun Day was the perfect way to celebrate it. It was an absolutely fantastic day and something I'll never forget. The smiles, laughter, fun and joy that shone through each child was priceless.

As we were walking up to the Kiss'n'Ride gate to greet the year 6 students on Thursday evening a beautiful rainbow appeared in the sky. It reminded me of my journey here at St. Joseph's and how I did find the treasure at its end - the gold of being able to make a difference to the lives of many children over the years. Helping them to know how special they are, helping them to recognise their gifts and to achieve the very best they can achieve.

I couldn't have found this gold without the help of the wonderful staff I have worked with. The staff at St. Joseph's are committed to each child and to the mandate of ensuring they grow to be safe, respectful learners. I thank them for their professionalism, their kindness, their dedication and their commitment to "going the extra mile". I thank them for their support, their loyalty and their friendship. As Mary Mackillop says: "So great is the strength we possess in our unity."

I couldn't have found this gold without your support. By working together as a team we have had many successes and breakthroughs in being able to support your children to be the best they can be. Some of these missions are "works in progress", others are brilliant successes. Thank you for trusting us, working with us and believing in us.

The colours of the rainbow blend together to make a thing of beauty and amazement. It is in the different colours that the rainbow's magnificence is displayed. It is in our differences that we can find beauty and love. I hope that I have helped to show your children that by valuing our differences, respecting and accepting these differences that we can see the gift of each person.

The rainbow is a sign of hope and promise. I know that this next chapter of St. Joseph's will be full of many pots of gold. I leave St. Joseph's full of the joy your children have shared with me. Every time I see a rainbow in the sky I'll remember the wonderful privilege I've had of being able to lead St. Joseph's these past 5 years.

Take care everyone,  
Trish



## Message from Mrs Borg...

### 2021 - a year like no other!

Well, we have just about made it to the end of the 2021 school year and what a year it has been for us all. Despite us only having had 6 weeks of face-to-face teaching in Term 4 we have managed to achieve so much.

I would particularly like to thank the highly professional, energetic St Joseph's staff. Their commitment to your children and their learning, continues to make St Joseph's a successful and supportive school community. I would also like to thank our parent community for the amazing support and encouragement that we have received from you during this very challenging year- it has been very much appreciated.

Thank you to Father Andrew who has nurtured our faith development throughout the year and been a constant source of support and encouragement to the staff and students.

Of course, last but not least I would like to congratulate our wonderful St Joseph's students who have continued to let their light shine throughout the entire year. They have been dedicated, resilient learners having had more than one term in Remote Learning. Even though school has been different this year, we have continued to learn, grow and make wonderful memories that we will always cherish.



On behalf of the staff I would like to take the opportunity to wish all the St Joseph's families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe, keep well and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school in 2022.

God Bless  
Mrs Borg

## 2022 Class Teachers

Kindergarten - Zoe Astbury (KB) and Hannah Bailey (KY)

Year 1 - Terrie Berg (1B) Angela Furfaro (1Y) Skye Meadows (1G)

Due to the impact of Covid Year 2 and Year 3 will be split into 3 Learning groups for Term 1. The children are allocated into one of 2 roll classes for the year and also one of 3 learning classes for Term 1. This will ensure that they will receive extra support within a smaller group of children.

Year 2 - Vicki Dennett (2B) Bernadette Purtell (2Y) The additional learning teacher will be Megan McCabe.

Year 3 - Ian Martin (3B) Rosemary Smith (3Y) The additional learning teacher will be Gabrielle Camelleri.

Year 4 - Kellyanne Kemble (4B) and Cheryl McGannon (4Y)

Year 5 - Alan Eisenhuth (5B) and Jen Saaib (5Y)

Year 6 - Sharna Lee (6B) Deb Kemp (Literacy)

## 2022 New Staff

### **Ms Jen Crowley - Principal Leader**

Jen has many years experience in education. Most recently she worked as Assistant Principal at St. Michael's Blacktown South and in CEDP as a Literacy Teaching Educator.



### **Mr Alan Eisenhuth - Coordinator**

Alan comes to us from Our Lady of the Rosary at St. Mary's where he has been Coordinator. He brings a passion for PBS4L, technology and inquiry learning.

### **Mrs Kellyanne Kemble - Coordinator**

Kellyanne comes to SJK with a commitment to ensuring differentiation of learning. She has worked at St. Monica's, Richmond and St. Michael's Blacktown South.

### **Ms Victoria Dennett - Classroom teacher**

Victoria has come to us from another St. Joseph's school at Schofields. She is trained in EMU and loves Maths!!

### **Ms Zoe Astbury - Classroom teacher**

Zoe has spent the past year teaching at Byron Bay. Previously she taught at Holy Cross, Glenwood. She is looking forward to returning to Western Sydney, especially Penrith.

### **Mrs Sharna Lee - Classroom teacher**

Sharna has been teaching part-time at St. Nicholas Penrith. She's looking forward to having her own class and is excited about the year ahead.

## Staff Leaving

Thank you to the wonderful staff members who are leaving St. Joseph's. We thank them for their commitment, their professionalism and especially their love of learning with the children.

We wish them all the best in their new endeavours.

Mrs McNally who has accepted a position as a Lead teacher at the Marist Learning Zone at AKC.

Mrs Rose Keane who will be Coordinator at St. Anthony's, Girraween.

Ms Amy Green who will be taking up a position at Corpus Christi, Cranebrook.

Mrs Veronica Jarrett who will be spending more time with her grandson.

Mrs Deb Wood who will be hopefully travelling in 2022.



## Leaving St Joseph's



A term's notice (10 school weeks) in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. The notice can be given any time during term for the next term.

Where appropriate notice has been received a pro-rata credit can be calculated based on a 40 week year.

One exception is that notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following years' enrolment i.e. the notice period of 10 school weeks will be waived in this circumstance.

## School Fees

**OVERDUE**

Term 3 fees are overdue and are subject to referral to head office for collection, if not paid, or being paid off on an approved payment arrangement.

If you have been asked to supply paperwork for the assessment of your school fees account please supply asap.

If you are experiencing any difficulty in making your school fees payment please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4726 4200.

## Cashless Payments

NO MORE CASH ACCEPTED

We are no longer able to accept any cash at St Joseph's. The only option for making payments in the office is through Eftpos.

In 2022, there will be a new payment system for things like gala days, fundraising and missions. Details of the new payment system with instructions will be sent out in early 2022.

## Maths Assessment Interviews 2022

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.

Please book a time, either on Friday 28th January 2022 or Monday 31st January 2022, where you could bring your child in for their interview:

**[www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)**  
**Enter the Access Code: tcx4c**

Please select your child's teacher for 2022. If there are no times available with your child's class teacher, please book in with the spare teacher for your child's grade.

## School Travel

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

### School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to [transportnsw.info](https://transportnsw.info). This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

### Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at [transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel](https://transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel)  
Enquiries can be submitted at [transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback](https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback)

## Athletics' and Cross Country Awards

Congratulations to all of the students who received an award at our Athletics and Cross Country Assembly last week. Thank you to the many parents who participated in our assembly via zoom.

Congratulations to:

Zane	Leo	Deng	Ayen	Madeleine
Zayde	Charlie	Adut	Klarise	Alice
Zachary	Jahkarlia	Xara	Amelia,	Muk
Adut	Aneuhok	Akon	Subhajit	Jeriko
Clarisse	Alisha	Jostrick	Yohan	Adwoa
Trent	Khloe	Elise	David	Aviahana
Olivia	Makoi	Jared	Daniel	Jaide
Zac	Nathan	Madalyn	Brodie	
Violet	Jairemy	Manyang	Harlum	



## 2022 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team Trials

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST:** For those students who are going to be in years 5 or 6 in 2022 ONLY.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) for the 2022 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials has opened up via the online platform through CEDP.

Parents may complete this form [https:// www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au/](https://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au/) to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed. Please make note of the closing dates and Trials as these are run through CEDP and no allowances can be made after the closing dates.

## Reading over the Holidays

Over the holidays keep up the fabulous reading. Any books that you have read from the 4th of September onwards can be added to next year's Premier's Reading Challenge! Just remember to write down the titles or take photos. Unfortunately, you won't be able to enter the books until March next year.

You can also enter them into the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge! Just remember to keep reading, reading and reading over the holidays.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
*Summer*  
READING  
*challenge*

**WIN A \$500 GIFT VOUCHER!**  
Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and you could win one of two \$500 JB Hi-Fi vouchers or one of thirty gift vouchers valued at \$30 each.

**THE MORE BOOKS YOU READ, THE MORE CHANCES YOU HAVE TO WIN.**

Enter online  
[www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au).

CATHOLIC EDUCATION  
DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA  
Competition opens on 1 November 2021 and closes at 5pm on 25 February 2022. Terms and Conditions apply.

## Message from Mrs Kemp...

### *Wishing our school community a blessed Advent Season*

The Advent season is a time for giving. Our stage 2 and 3 students have been working on community outreach projects to ensure we can put a smile on some faces in our community.

We have partnered with Catholic Care to provide small gifts to a group of their vulnerable clients. Although independent and living in their own homes, they have no additional family members to spend Christmas with and most likely our gift will be their only gift. Our year 4 students carefully made woven wool Christmas trees and sketched a beautiful Holy Family portrait which will be provided in a frame along with some extra chocolates added in by the teachers!

Our stage 3 students have again this year written personalised Christmas cards to our local nursing home at Heritage Court. Students have carefully composed a beautiful Christmas greeting in their hand crafted cards. Both Year 5 and Year 6 students wanted to add an additional handmade gift to the cards for an extra personal touch!

It is so wonderful to see our students and teachers reaching out to our local community and spreading the meaning of the Advent season. God Bless.



# St Joseph's Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

**December** - Leon, Sancia, Apuol, Jayden, Jae, Boston, Ruhani, Scarlet, Aiden, Charbel, Tripsu, Sienna, Klæe-Marie, Hazel, Saisha, Zaine, Indiana, Mikayla, Nathan, Othniel

## Community News

SUMMER 21/22

SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY  
**ACTIVITIES**

WEEK 1 - DEC	WEEK 2 - JAN	WEEK 3 - JAN	WEEK 4 - JAN	WEEK 5 - JAN
<b>MON 20TH</b> Christmas Art & Craft Ninja Warrior Euro Handball Christmas Art & Craft	<b>TUES 4TH</b> Multi Sport Cup Team building Games Paint Attack Drawing Skills	<b>MON 10TH</b> PCYC police Ninja Warrior Quizroom Games Board Games	<b>MON 17TH</b> Ninja Warrior Tabloid Sports Dot Tree Art Paper Plate Animals	<b>MON 24TH</b> Boxing Fun Ninja Warrior PCYC Talent Show
<b>TUES 21ST</b> Basketball Skills Christmas Art & Craft Minute 2 Win it Christmas Art & Craft	<b>WED 5TH</b> BoxingFun Lego building Science Experiments	<b>TUES 11TH</b> Paper Plate Tennis Sports Art & Craft Cricket NSW Multi Sport	<b>TUES 18TH</b> Handball Comp Origami Bunnings hockey	<b>TUES 25TH</b> Australia Day Games Australia Day Art & Craft
<b>WED 22ND</b> Christmas Art & Craft Soccer Skills Team Building Games Christmas Art & Craft	<b>THURS 6TH</b> Circus Art & Craft Carnival Games Circus Tricks Circus Art & Craft	<b>WED 12TH</b> Ultimate Frisbee Team building Games Drawing Tissue Box Monsters	<b>WED 19TH</b> Olympic Flag Design Mini Olympics Multi Sport Cup Olympic Bingo	<b>WED 26TH</b> <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.5em;">CLOSED</span>
<b>THURS 23RD</b> Christmas dress up DAY Christmas Games Snow Making Christmas Art & Craft	<b>FRI 7TH</b> Gymnastics Scavenger Hunt Mosaic Art Gymnastics	<b>THURS 13TH</b> Movie Review Play Acting Interactive Games Movie Trivia	<b>THURS 20TH</b> Volleyball Soccer Skills Portrait Art Lava Lamp Making	<b>THURS 27TH</b> OzTag Kickball Drawing Art Paper Plate Animals
	<b>FRI 14TH</b> Gymnastics Pot Plant Painting Paddle Pop Art Gymnastics	<b>FRI 14TH</b> Gymnastics Creative Art Minute 2 Win it Gymnastics	<b>FRI 21ST</b> Gymnastics Creative Art Minute 2 Win it Gymnastics	<b>FRI 28TH</b> Gymnastics Art & Craft Scavenger Hunt Gymnastics



All activities run 9am to 4pm for children aged 5-14 years old.

**ALL School Holiday Activities accept a Creative Kids Voucher**



SUMMER 21/22

SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY  
**ACTIVITIES**

\$40 PER DAY | 5 DAYS FOR \$170

Payment must be made at time of booking.

HOW TO BOOK IN

Current PCYC membership is required for each child that attends the program

Scan the QR code below

Fill out the Booking Form & return to the club or via email below

Penrith@pcycnsw.org.au  
100 Station St, Penrith

### Foodbank Contacts

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

