

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

26th June 2014

DIARY DATES

Friday 27 June

Feast of the Sacred Heart

9:15 Whole School Mass

Last Day Term 2

Monday 14 July

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 15 July

First day back for students term 3

Assembly 9am

Friday 18 July

Reports go home

Monday 21 July

Parent Teacher Interviews

Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 22 July

Assembly 9am

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Feast of St Joachim & St Anne

Friday 25 July

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Schools Tree Day

Monday 28 July

Assembly 9am

Tuesday 29 July

7pm Stage 3 PD Parent Meeting

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Sunday we celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi. This solemnity celebrates the gift Christ gave us to remember him by...the gift of the Eucharist when we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus.

Receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus, means we take on all that Jesus is and embrace his life as our life. We are transformed. We become his witnesses in our world.

On Sunday, sixteen children received First Communion. It was a very special celebration for these children and their families. Fr Andrew reminded us all, that the Eucharist is celebrated every Sunday, and just as we nourish our bodies, we need to nourish our spiritual life. Presenting children for First Communion is the easy bit...sustaining children in their spiritual life, through regular participation in the Eucharistic celebration, the Mass, is a challenge for many families. Make time, nourish your spiritual life, accept Christ's invitation.

Thank you to the parents who supported their child's involvement in the Captivate Showcases over the last three weeks. So many nights! So much pizza! A number of children participated in several of the showcases. Particular congratulations go to Rhiannon Morgan and Milinda Ranathunga who, as well as representing the school in the choir, orchestra and band, also performed with the Captivate Orchestra on Monday night at the 'Best of..' Showcase. Faustyna Chrobok, Carlin McCurtayne, Luke Berg, Ethan Mosca, Lei-Lani Tua, Reece Sagovac, Kate Williamson and Stephanie Pithers also represented our school in the Primary 'Best of...' Thank you all Captivators for giving your time and talents for the enjoyment of others.



In Term 3, our sporting talents will be on show at our Athletics Carnival, followed by the Zone and Diocesan; the Netball Gala Day, which is already being organised by Mrs Berg; the NRL program for Years 5 & 6; and the Year 5 & 6 Touch Football Gala Day. The champions are in training!

Yesterday our students engaged with Aboriginal Dreamtime stories as part of children's NAIDOC Day. Learning about our indigenous culture develops understanding and appreciation for the original inhabitants of our country. We acknowledge our presence on Dharug Country at our school assembly each Monday. We respect the elders, past and present, as the traditional owners of this land. We encourage our indigenous and non-indigenous students to remember the story of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Student reports for Semester 1 (Terms 1 & 2) will go home Friday 18th July, next term. Parent teacher interviews are scheduled for the following week. We invite parents to bring their child to interview, so they can respond to the report and set a goal for their learning.

Enjoy the school holidays with your child/ren. Take time to play, pray and learn with them.

May God bless you and keep you,

Fran Jackson

Principal

Monday 14th July: Staff Development Day
Tuesday 15th July: First Day for Students for Term 3
Monday 21st July: Athletics Carnival

Learning Without Limits

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Do as I say, not as I do!

We experienced some particularly poor examples of respect for authority on Tuesday afternoon, as parents made derogatory comments about the policeman patrolling the Kiss 'n' Ride zone. Some of the parents I overheard, had not even been involved in being moved on or fined. As there were many children sitting nearby, they also heard the abusive comments. So, what are we teaching our children? There are proper channels and processes for complaints. We all have the right to use these and make our feelings known, but let's not teach our children to disrespect police officers.

Confirmation

On Sunday 13th July, children in Year 5 or over, are invited to enrol for Confirmation. Children need to be baptised, have made their First Reconciliation and received their First Communion. Enrolments will be following the 10am Mass at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kingswood.

Child Protection Protocols

Parents are reminded not to approach any child, other than their own, in the school playground or on the way to and from school. When a child reports an incident to parents, parents are urged to refer the incident to school for appropriate action. Discussion of a child/children by a group of parents, is unfair to the child and can be interpreted as harassment. Gossip can destroy a community. Your support and cooperation keeps all our children and parents safe.

School Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

School Reports will be given out on Friday 18th July.



Parent Teacher Interviews will take place between Monday 21st and Friday 25th July. If you would like to book an interview with the class teacher please go to

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Use the event code **BW8X5** and follow the prompts.

If you have any problems with booking an appointment please contact the school office for assistance.
Please note IVG and 5MA will have their interviews later on in the term

Student Attendance

Late arrival to school

School hours are 8.50am to 3.00pm.

When students arrive, even 5 mins late, they have to "play catch up."

- Greetings have already been exchanged;
- Instructions have already been given;
- Learning has begun!

Late arrivals are recorded and appear on Student Reports. When no adult is present to sign late students in, it is recorded as "unexplained".

Parents/carers are urged to ensure students arrive on time at school each day.



Student absences

Parents must notify the school when students are unable to attend. Notification can be made by phoning the school office, email, or a written letter. Where an absence for sickness extends beyond one day, please notify the school with an approximate date of return. A medical certificate may be requested by the school if absences are frequent.

Extended leave, other than sick leave, requires an application to the principal prior to leave being taken. This is a legislative requirement.

Dismissal Procedures

There are three dismissal points at the school:

Bus Gate – ONLY for students catching buses;

Kiss 'N' Ride Gate – for students waiting to be picked up by car;

Walkers – for students picked up by parent/carers who either have left their cars to collect their children or are walking their children home.

Students not catching a bus or being collected by a car at Kiss'n'Ride, will be waiting in the Walkers area behind the admin building.

Our dismissal procedures are to keep our students safe and support teachers in managing the supervision of students. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Safety First on our Street

Some parents continue to abuse the safety rules when dropping off and collecting their children. A minute's poor decision can cause a lifetime of pain.

- The administration driveway is NOT for U-turns or dropping off and picking up children.
- Blocking vision of the children's crossing is illegal.
- Blocking residents' driveways and the street, is inconsiderate to say the least.



Road Safety

Teachers are on duty till 3.30pm and no child is ever left alone to wait for parents. It stands to reason that not every one of our 266 students can all be collected at 3pm. Be prepared to wait or walk. Every parent, student and staff thank you for looking out for the safety of each one of our children. Please do your bit.



NO PARKING

You must not stop for more than two minutes in a No Parking area...

Hours of operations may apply to some signs. This means restrictions apply for those times only.

Fines apply for parking illegally and in some situations, demerit points also apply

**http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/licensing/downloads/road_users_handbook.pdf

Religious News

St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

St Joseph's Primary School are participating in the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal. We are asking for donations of blankets and rugs. Please only donate blankets and rugs that are clean, usable and in good condition. These items will be donated to those that would go without this winter. All donations need to be brought into the school by Friday 27th June.



On Friday 27th June we will be having a Whole School Mass at 9:15am in the Church. Everybody is welcome.

General News

Kindergarten 2015 Enrolments

Kindergarten 2015 enrolments are now taking place - first round offers have been finalised however vacancies are still available.

ENROL NOW



Joey's Before and After School Care Inc

Friendly Reminder: It is a legal requirement to sign your child in and out of Joey's whenever they attend. Please make sure the gate is fully closed when entering and exiting the school – this is for the safety of children, staff and parents.

Joey's Before and After School Care Inc is a Child Care Benefit approved centre that is located on the school site. They have a flexible, relaxed, program catering to all ages and most interests with staff that are dedicated and caring. They value and encourage family input. Phone 4732 5771. Hours: Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays): 6.30am to 8.30am and 3.00pm to 6.30pm. Special 8.00am service is also available. Vacation Care programs run during school holidays from 7.00am to 6.00pm.

Learning News

Year 2 Excursion to Penrith Lakes

Yesterday Year 2 went by bus to Penrith Lakes. The bus was very big. We went in the tent. We met Mr B. He told us about waterways. We caught lots of bugs using a net. We ate lunch with our friends. We saw Charlie the Camel. We had lots of fun! By Isabella 2AA

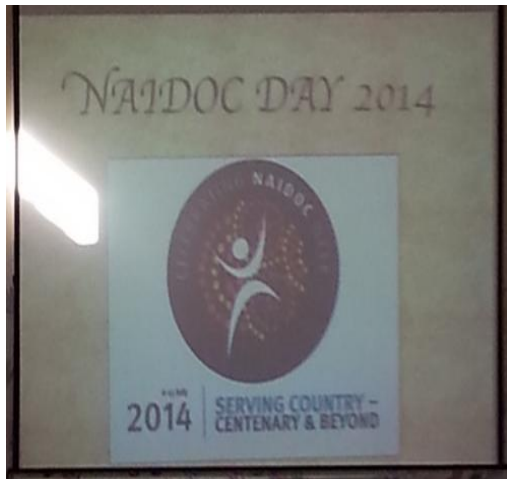
Year 2 went on an excursion and we went on a bus. We went on the 19th June. We went in the tent and met Mr B. He told us about waterways and he showed us a picture. The picture was about Penrith Lakes. Then we looked at trees and we had to match trees and leaves. We caught a lot of bugs. We ate our lunch and saw Charlie the Camel. We had fun! By Zarey 2JS



CAPTIVATE



We Celebrate NAIDOC Day



Fundraising News



Great Rotary Whitewater Duck Race 2014

The Rotary Whitewater Duck Race will be held on 13th September 2014 at 1pm. St Joseph's Primary School are selling 'Ownership Certificates' at \$5 each. From this the school will receive \$4 and you could win one of three great prizes. A great fundraiser for Rotary and St Joseph's! If you would like to purchase a ticket please see Jenny or Karen at the school office. Tickets are on sale until 29th August

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). Parents are welcome to attend our Monday morning assembly, have a cuppa afterwards and then go over to playgroup, or you can just go to Playgroup at 10.00am. We hope to see you there.

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

Faith in Marriage

"Making the decision to commit to marriage is just the first step. Every day provides opportunities to strengthen your relationship and recommit to each other." Jo Lamble

Jo Lamble is a Clinical Psychologist who has been in private practice for over 20 years. She sees individuals, couples, and groups and specialises in parenting and relationship issues. Jo is the resident psychologist on Studio 10 on the Ten network.

Jo will be one the speakers at the [2nd Annual Marriage Conference](#) presented by CatholicCare Social Services and Australian Catholic University. This conference will be held on **Sunday 24 August 2014 from 9:30 – 4:30 at Our Lady of Mercy College, Ross Street Parramatta**. \$25/person or \$50/couple, including, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. To register or make enquiries phone 02 9933 0222 or email marriage@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! You are very likely to be supported and helped through the sharing of experiences on matters such as "How well are you stepping beyond? What do you want to step beyond? What are you currently stepping beyond? What is stopping you from stepping beyond? What have you learned as you keep stepping beyond?" Venue: CCSS centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or h. 99330205