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St Joseph's Primary School

Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents/Carers,

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent - a forty day period in which we take stock of our lives in order to prepare ourselves for the high point of the liturgical year – the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter.



Without maintenance a car would soon become undrivable and a home would fall down around our ears. Without the kind of loving maintenance that you and your children contribute, a family, too, would stop functioning well.

If we do not tend a garden, flowers die and weeds take over. So it is with our lives. We may be flying along with the wind in our sails, or we may be just drifting along going nowhere in particular. Either way, it is important that we learn to head in a direction that is life-giving.

The aim of Lent is to open our minds and hearts to God's Spirit who will show us Jesus and also show us the way we can change to be more like Him. Help your children to recognise how Jesus loves them and to think how they can make good choices to be more like Him.

Catholic Schools Week

We will be holding tours of the school on
Sunday, 5th March from 10 am till 1pm.

Please invite family, friends and neighbours to come along and hear about the wonderful opportunities St. Joseph's offers.

We will also be running workshops for parents, grandparents, friends and neighbours to find out more about how to support students in their learning.

Please gather in the Front Office 5 minutes before the session begins.

Everyone welcome to the following sessions:

	Morning session 8.20am - 9.20am	Afternoon session 2pm - 3pm
Monday 6th March	Anxiety and big feelings - Strategies to support your child	How to support your child with their reading
Tuesday 7th March		How to support your child in Maths
Wednesday 8th March	How to support your child in Maths	Anxiety and big feelings - Strategies to support your child
Thursday 9th March	How to support your child with their reading	How to support your child with writing
Friday 10th March	How to support your child with writing	

Mrs Trish Reilly

Catholic Culture News

The Parish have advised the following dates for this year's Sacramental Program for children. The children are required to attend all sessions for each Sacrament and need to have made their Reconciliation prior to First Holy Communion. Before a child can receive Confirmation, they need to have made their Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2017

Please note there have been some small changes to the dates previously advised.

Reconciliation: 6.00pm Thursday 6th April (Year 3 and above)

Sessions: 5th March (Registration), 12th, 19th, 26th March; 2nd April

First Communion: 18th June (Feast of Corpus Christi) (Year 3 and above)

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

Confirmation: 7.00pm Tuesday 24th October (Year 5 and above)

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



Phil Margerison

Zone Swimming

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the following students who qualified and participated in the **Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival** held at Glenbrook Pool last Tuesday February 21st. Lily Wylie, Brayden Kuwaza, Jack Vella, Jaxon Easton-Chalmers, Lily Weldon, Chelsea Weldon, Angelina Sukkar, Francesca Pereira, Callum Hawthorne, Maria Bechara, Hayden Bailey and Jett Hickson.

Every student needs to be congratulated, not only on their swimming, but also on their sportsmanship and deportment on the day, they are great representatives for our school. Sam Skoreyko had also qualified to swim at Nepean Zone but was unable to participate on the day.

In particular, special mention needs to go to Lily Wylie who qualified to swim the 50m Freestyle at the Parramatta Diocesan Carnival last Friday. I would like to thank Mrs Brogan for attending the carnival as our Team Manager and I would like to thank all the parents who attended and assisted in making the day a great success.

Moreno Faccin
Sport Teacher



Diocesan Swimming



Congratulations to Lily Wylie who came 7th in her event at Diocesan Swimming last Friday. That's a huge achievement. Well done Lily!

Kindergarten Library Day

Kindergarten library day has changed from Wednesday to **Tuesday**. Kindergarten students must bring their library bag and book to school on Tuesday's.



Captivate News

St Joseph's will be participating in Captivate again this year. There will be several rehearsals and a main performance to be held in June (date to be advised). We will be limiting the children attending to 50, therefore if your child would like to participate their permission note and payment of \$30 needs to be returned by Friday 10th March. Permission notes will be available towards the end of this week.

Photo Permission

From time to time photos and/or videos footage of your child will be taken at school and school events. These photos may be used in the school newsletter, diocesan newsletter, brochures, advertising, newspaper, website or publications and video footage. If you do not wish for your child/ren's photos to be taken and published, please advise the school



Complaints 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.

Parent Association News

Thank you to Mel and Belinda who have stepped down from the roles of President and Assistant President. Thank you for all the work you have done

**THANK
YOU!**



Volunteers needed

The Parents' Association needs parents to help organise the Easter raffle and Mothers' Day stall. If you are able to assist please contact the school with your name and phone number

Child Protection

If parents are planning on assisting in the classroom, or on an excursion, they are required to first complete Child Protection Training. The training is undertaken over the internet at <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training> Simply click the training link under "Volunteer" to undertake the training. **This needs to be renewed every 2 years.**

A reminder to all parents in our community- if you have an issue with another child in the school you must not directly approach the child. All issues must be addressed through either the class teacher or the school leadership team. This is for your own protection. Thank you.

Morning and Afternoon Procedures

Morning procedures

All school gates will be locked until 8.20am when playground supervision begins. Parents dropping children at Joey's in the morning use the intercom at the gate. When children enter the playground we encourage them to walk quickly to their morning play area where there will be supervision. We ask that **parents leave the playground when the music begins to play** unless they are attending a morning liturgy.

Please show consideration to staff who need to attend meetings, prepare work for the day and organise resources before school. If parents wish to speak to their child's teacher please organise an appointment through the office. Teachers are happy to speak with you at a time that will not impact on their preparation for learning.

Afternoon procedures

Joey's After school Care: At 3.00pm children going to after school care will assemble behind the Administration building where they will be counted and organised by the after school care personnel.

Children being picked up by parents from the playground:

Children being picked up by parents, family members etc. from the playground can be collected by parents from the undercroft behind the Office.

We ask that whilst you are waiting for your child to remain in that area on the silver picnic benches or in the shade.

Kiss'n'Ride Children being picked up by car

Children who are being picked up by car will sit near the top gate. When they hear their family name called they will then walk to the gate and wait with the teacher who will assist them to enter their car. Parents are asked not to leave the car in this section to pick up children.

Any parents wishing to join Kiss'n'Ride will need to **display an A4 sign** with your **surname and first names of child/children** that will need to be **displayed as you approach the front of the line of cars**. This will allow teachers to call your child to the gate and ensure that they are ready to enter the car when you reach the front of the line. Kiss'n'Ride duty commences at 3pm and it finishes at 3.25.

Primary parents - Why don't you come at 3.15?

Safety at Kiss'n'Ride

If there is a line up of cars longer than the "No Parking" zone you **MUST** continue to drive around the block until there is room for you to join the line. Cars waiting in the middle of the road are blocking traffic and are standing illegally. Police and rangers are regularly called by residents who are concerned about safety.

If we want to continue with Kiss'n'Ride we must obey road rules.

Nut Allergies

As you may or may not be aware there are a number of children attending our school who have nut allergies. This means that if these children come in contact with any nut products they will have a severe allergic reaction. We are asking that children refrain from bringing food to school that may contain nuts. (Nutella, Peanut Butter, Muesli bars etc.) We also ask that you remind your child/ren not share their lunch or any other food with another child.

Attendance Update



Congratulations for ensuring your children are coming to school.
The winners of the Attendance trophy were:
Year 6 and Year 2Blue

Attendance for the past week was: 81.4%



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EVERY DAY MATTERS

Missing just two days
a month from school
amounts to four weeks of
lost learning a year.
That's a whole year of lost
learning from Kindergarten
to Year 10. Monitor
attendance trends regularly
to make sure absences
aren't adding up.

MTWTF

every learner every day

How can you promote a healthy
attendance culture in your school?
Visit www.parra.catholic.edu.au/everylearnereveryday
to find out more.

every learner
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Community News



Retreat Day
for Families

TIME FOR US
to prepare our Hearts for Lent

Sunday 5th March

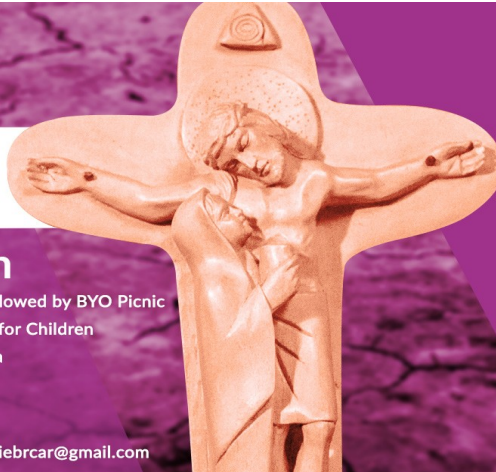
11:00 am Holy Mass in the Family Hall followed by BYO Picnic

1:30 pm Input for Adults and Programme for Children

3:00 pm Prayer followed by Afternoon Tea

Free Event but Registration essential:
www.trybooking.com/251605

For more info contact Sr M Julie Brcar: juliebrcar@gmail.com



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Love of the Church.
Love of the Mission of Christ.

[Learn About Our Mission](#)

Formation for Young Adults

*Want to know what it means to be human? What to become an authentic Christian?
If Yes, then join us for formation in the Schoenstatt Spirituality.*

3rd Sundays of the month at Mt Schoenstatt - 230 Fairlight Road Mulgoa.

12pm - Lunch - bring a plate to share

followed by formation and prayer - concludes by 3pm

For more information contact Sr M Julie juliebrcar@gmail.com

 Schoenstatt Movement
Australia



Penrith City Children's Choir

is about to start its first project for 2017

'Shake the papaya down'

directed by

Lucy McAlary

Boys and girls (7 – 13 years) are invited to join us for this project:
Workshops Sundays 12 and 19 March

If you love to sing, please join us.

No auditions!

For further information contact the Administrator, Liz Strasser:
0418 202 849 or pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to make packing lunches easy.

School is back in session after an extended holiday and packing lunches is again on the household to-do list.

Make the task easy with *Eat It To Beat It's* inspiration and ideas for healthy lunch boxes.

Why not try this combination:

- *Lebanese bread with beef kofta and tabbouleh;
- *Tzatziki;
- *Cheese sticks;
- *Chopped watermelon and blueberries;
- *Water.



For more ideas and recipes check out the eatittobeatit.com.au "for parents" section.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.



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High School News



Caroline Chisholm COLLEGE

Forth, Glenageary, Tallinn



2018 ENROLMENTS

FOR GIRLS YEARS 7-12

Open night: Monday 6th March 2017 (6 - 8:30pm)

Come along and see for yourself why girls are so happy to learn at Caroline Chisholm College. Information sessions:

6:30 to 7pm - 7:30 to 8pm
Tours of College Facilities

Further information can be obtained on our website www.cccglenmorepark.nsw.edu.au
90 - 98 The Lakes Drive Glenmore Park
 Enrolment packages can be obtained by contacting the college on **4737 5500**

Follow us on  



Enrolments for 2018 now open!

St Dominic's College 2017 OPEN DAY Sunday the 5th of March

You are invited to join us for our Annual Open Day at the College from 10am to 2.30pm.

The morning session starts at 10:00am, followed by a tour of the College at 10:30am.

The afternoon session starts at 12:30pm followed by a tour of the College at 1:00pm.



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THE LORD IS MY LIGHT



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McCarthy Catholic College
Emu Plains
Co-educational 7 - 12

OPEN EVENING
WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH 2017
4.00PM TO 7.00PM



- Meet the Principal, staff and student leaders
- Tours of the College facilities led by student leaders
- Trade Training Centre Information
- Enrolment packages will be available
- Opportunity to ask questions and receive important information

Presentations will take place at:
4.15pm 5.15pm and 6.15pm



ENROLLING NOW FOR 2018

Website: www.mccarthyemuplains.catholic.edu.au
 75 Mackellar Street, Emu Plains
 Telephone: 4735 3211



Xavier College
Open Night
Tuesday 14 March
4.30pm-6.30pm.
Ninth Ave Llandilo.
 Prospective students & families are welcome to attend.

Dates for your Diary

<u>Week 6</u>	Wednesday 1st March	9:15am Ash Wednesday Liturgy
	Friday 3rd March	2:15pm Whole School Assembly Year 1
<u>Week 7</u>	Catholic Schools Week	
	Sunday 5th March	10am - 12pm Open Day
	Friday 10th March	2:15pm Whole School Assembly Year 2
<u>Week 8</u>	Friday 17th March	St Joseph's Day Celebration
		Grandparents Day - Invite your grandparents, special neighbours and friends

Term 2

Monday 24th April - Staff Development Day

Tuesday 25th April - Anzac Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 26th April - Students return to school

St Joseph's Birthdays



Happy Birthday to...

March - Zachary, Tina, Brooklyn, Asha, Lara, Luke, Janelle, Danni, Bion, Latesha, Jack, William, Dylan, Angela, Jordan, Ashton, Sam, Mark, Samuel, Dreisson, Lucy, Erica, Junior, Samuel, Lily, Faith, Francesca, Preeti, Samantha, Akon, Jairemy, Joshua, Jaxon, Matur

