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# St Joseph's Primary School

## Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear parents and guardians,

I had an absolutely wonderful time whilst I was on the pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Rome and Assisi. I got to visit so many special and holy places and enjoyed the company of my fellow pilgrims who came from schools across our diocese. It was also an opportunity for me to reflect on myself and my role as principal of St. Joseph's. I spent many hours gazing out the bus window thinking about our school and how we can continue to provide the very best for each child.

One of my inspirations: working together. It is only through working together that we will achieve a safe, happy and learning community. It is only through working together - parents, staff and children that we can move forward and solve any problems.

What does this working together look like?

We can't work together unless we are communicating. The school is sharing lots more information about what is happening in classrooms through Facebook and Skoolbag. We've created the opportunity for parents to be in the school grounds before and after school which gives teachers opportunities to greet and chat to parents and organise times for additional meetings as needed. Moving the weekly assembly to Friday afternoon has also meant that more parents can be involved in celebrating the week's work. Our Grandparents' and Mothers' Day celebrations were joyful and filled with the spirit of community - a community of love and caring.

Teachers are being proactive in organising interviews with parents about students' learning and behaviour. Together parents and teachers plan a way forward for the child. There are very few "quick, easy solutions" but by working together positive steps can be made. Many parents are also being proactive and contacting their child's classroom teacher about concerns they are having. Often the classroom teacher can deal with them but sometimes the help of leadership and our school counsellor is required.

We can't work with you unless you communicate your concerns. I have invited many parents to share the message - please contact the school if you or your child are worried about anything. Your first stop is your child's classroom teacher - email, ring, write and ask for a meeting. If the teacher feels that additional help is required then myself, Lisa or Vennessa will become involved in supporting everyone in doing the best for our children.

Another way to build this team is by you becoming involved in school activities. There were only five parents at the Parent Association Meeting last week. Unfortunately no decisions could be made as there were not enough people to vote. We would love to have Fun Food Days, Movie Nights, Bingo and Discos but without parents to help run them we are at a standstill. Currently we have four parents who have offered to help at the Athletics Carnival. The event cannot be successful unless there are adults who can support the teachers. On a positive note, there were many mums and nans helping out at the Easter raffle, Mothers' Day stall and secondhand uniform shop. There are other parents who contribute by covering books, selling Zooper Doopers and in many other ways. It is a powerful message you are giving to your child when you volunteer. You are showing them that the community is important to you and that you want to work together with staff to ensure the very best for our children of St Joseph's.

Please contact the Office if you can help.

Have a great week,  
Trish

## 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.*



**First Communion: 18<sup>th</sup> June (Feast of Corpus Christi) (Year 3 and above)**

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

**Confirmation: 7.00pm Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October (Year 5 and above)**

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

## Fun Food Day

Our next Fun Food Day will be held Friday 2nd June at Lunch 2. For sale there will be cheese and bacon rolls \$1.50 and Popper drinks \$1.

## School Photos

School Photos will be held this Friday 19th May. All students are to wear **full school uniform** on this day.

**If you have ordered a sibling pack please ensure your children are at school by 8:20am. ALL sibling photos will be taken in the MPA before school starts.**

## Spinners

Currently students are permitted to bring spinners to school. They are not to be seen during class time but can be used on the playground. Please note that if your child brings it to school it is their responsibility to ensure that it is not misplaced or broken.



# Enrolments for Kindergarten 2018 now open!

## Attendance Update



Thank you for ensuring your children are coming to school every day.



### Design your very own St Joseph's HERO (Here Every day Ready On time) poster

- This competition is open for all students attending St Joseph's.
- There will be prizes for every grade.
- Major 1st Prize: iTunes Voucher
- Mini prizes include spinners, chocolates and other surprise gifts
- All posters will be displayed, with the winning poster enlarged and displayed in a prominent position in the school.

**Closing Date: Monday 29th May**

**Winners announced at Assembly Friday 2nd June**

Thank you for your support and encouraging your children to attend school each day.

## Extended Leave - longer than 5 days

We encourage parents to take trips during the designated school holiday periods. Attending school daily and on time is critical to your child's learning and social development.

If you are planning on taking your child out of school for 5 days or more during the school term, written permission must be given from Mrs Reilly. Please contact the Office and an application form will be sent home. Fill this in and return it with any travel documents to school. The Office will then organise a time for you to meet with Mrs Reilly to discuss the leave.

## Lowes

As you may be aware we have recently redesigned the school logo. As a result Lowes have some St Joseph's uniform stock available for reduced prices. It is fine for students to wear the old logo at the moment whilst the new logo is being introduced.

- Girl's lemon blouse **was** \$35.99 **now** \$15.99
- Sloppy Joe **was** \$31.99 **now** \$19.99
- Jacket **was** \$50.99 **now** \$31.99
- Boys Shirt **was** \$30.99 **now** \$15.99
- Sports Polo Shirt **was** \$42.99 **now** \$23.99

Get in quick, these prices are only available while stocks last!

## 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.

## Volunteers and 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.**

### Helpers Needed

We will be needing lots of parents, grandparents and friends to help with a variety of sporting events that will take place in Terms 2 and 3. If you would like to help with coaching or managing netball, soccer, AFL, touch football or basketball please contact the office by phone or email and give them your details and expertise.

**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.

## PBS4L Logo

Please click on the link to vote for St Joseph's PBS4L Logo.

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSc1G5Du-MCCYhwF2.../viewform...>

### PBS4L Logo

As part of the implementation of PBS4L at St Joseph's, we would like your opinion on which logo we should use. Please vote for which one you like best! (Designed by our very own Miss Whitney)

DOCS.GOOGLE.COM

## Kiss 'n' Ride

Children who are being picked up at Kiss 'n' Ride 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.**

Please **DO NOT** park across the road to pick your child up from Kiss 'n' Ride. If you wish to park your car you're welcome to pick your child up from Walkers (through the Kindergarten gate, behind the administration building). This is for the safety of all students, staff and parents.

**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, Parking Rangers and the School Office are regularly called by residents and parents who are concerned about safety.**

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

## High School Open Days

McCarthy Catholic College  
75 Mackellar Street, Emu Plains



### Trade Training Centre

#### INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 11, 2018:

**Date:** Wednesday 24 May 2017

**Time:** 6:00pm - 7:30pm

*Start your trade and complete your HSC with **no** external examinations*

#### Trades offered:

Automotive Bricklaying Carpentry Childcare Electrotechnology  
Hairdressing Hospitality Plumbing Metal Fabrication

#### Enrolment Enquiries:

Mrs Katrina Gill: 02 4728 8129

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[www.mccarthyctc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.mccarthyctc.catholic.edu.au)



### Catherine McAuley Westmead

#### Enrolments for Year 7 2019

There are three Open Mornings specifically for Year 7 2019 enrolments to be held on:

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October and**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**9.15 – 11am**

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2019.

Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on one of our upcoming school tours especially for Year 7 2019 applicants but open to any year group.

These mornings will give interested parents and students the opportunity to tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers. Enrolment packs will be available on the day.

To book places for a school tour on one of these tour mornings please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100.



## Community News

### DR JUSTIN COULSON RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN



**WHEN:** Monday, 29 May 2017 (Doors open 6.30pm for 7:00pm start)

**WHERE:** Catholic Learning Communities of St John XXIII – St Mark's College,  
Meeting will be held in the staff room – entry via main school foyer.  
160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens (parking available)

*The PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our seminar.*

#### What others have to say:

*"...an engaging and dynamic presenter..."*

*"...are we getting him back next year? He's fantastic!..."*

#### FREE PARENT/CARER SEMINAR!

#### Registrations are open – visit:

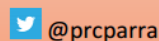
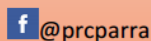
[www.prc.catholic.edu.au/news-events](http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au/news-events)



*One of the most frequent questions Kidspot parenting expert Dr Justin Coulson is asked is 'How can I help my child become resilient?' Friendship problems, bullying, physical changes and parenting styles are just some of the issues that can affect our children's ability to bounce back from difficulty and adapt to challenging situations.*

*Helping our children develop resilience can have lifelong effects.*

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Weekend for  
Engaged Couples

### TIME FOR US *to prepare our hearts for marriage*

June 9th - 11th or  
October 6th - 8th

*These weekends aim to complement pre-marriage courses to allow engaged couples to prepare their hearts so that they may give a total, free and faithful "YES" to their future spouses and contribute towards a fruitful marriage. The inputs and times of prayer and silent reflection will foster the preparation of your heart so that you may be a gift to your spouse and receive your spouse as a gift. There are two weekend options in 2017:*

Friday 9th June from 7:30pm  
to Sunday 11th June 4pm

Registration & Payment by 5th June

Friday 6th October from 7:30pm  
to Sunday 8th October 4pm

Registration & Payment by 2nd October

Investment: \$200 per person (includes accommodation, all meals, linen & materials)

For info or to register contact: Sr M Julie Brcar  
[juliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrcar@gmail.com) or 0408 738 334



## Dates for your Diary

<b><u>Week 4</u></b>	<b>Thursday 18th May</b>	Mobile Dental
	<b>Friday 19th May</b>	8:20am Sibling Photos 9am School Photos <u>children are to wear full school uniform</u> 2:15pm Whole School Assembly
<b><u>Week 5</u></b>	<b>Thursday 25th May</b>	Stage 3 Girls Soccer
	<b>Friday 26th May</b>	Athletics' Carnival

## St Joseph's Birthdays



Happy Birthday to...

**May** - Joy, Melody, Chanel, Giulianianna, Kuol, Levi, Adwoa Birago, Maria, Amy, Rianna, Samuel, Brendon, Tiana, Cooper, William, Muk, Marell, Jaxon, Angelina, Tamara

## Mother's Day Afternoon Tea and Prayer

