



## Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents/Carers,

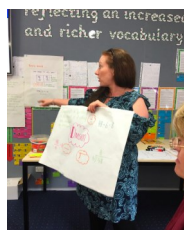
We've had a very busy and exciting couple of weeks at St. Joseph's.

On Thursday 19th and Friday 20th October I attended a Principals' Masterclass at Rooty Hill RSL. This was a great opportunity for me to share with and learn from my colleague Principals.

On Monday we sent 6 teams to the Parramatta Diocese Gold Basketball Gala Day. All students thoroughly enjoyed the day and represented our school with pride. Thank you to Mrs Pennay for training the teams and Mr Faccin for attending the day. You will find more information and photos further on in the newsletter.

The second session of 1,2,3 Magic was enthusiastically received and parents promised to try to make time for a family meeting during the week. Can't wait to hear how they went!

The teachers had a week filled with lots of learning as well. On Wednesday (Primary) and Friday (Infants) they participated in Numeracy professional learning. This time together allowed them an opportunity to unpack the numeracy block, engage in the same rich tasks their students are given and then link all this information to the syllabus and to their programming.



Have a go -

A farmer had 96 sheep. He needed to create paddocks for them. How many paddocks would he need if he was going to have the same number of sheep in each of them? Are there lots of different answers? How could you draw that? Explain your answer?

On Thursday the Jarrara team from CEDP came and worked with Year 2. They taught year 2 about the Aboriginal Culture and the significant connection to the land, sea and sky. Year 2 participated in many activities to help them understand the Aboriginal culture. Year 2 had a fantastic morning. We would like to thank the Jarrara team for coming and visiting St Joseph's.



They also allowed the entire school to participate in a Smoking Ceremony. They explained how the smoke helps us to start fresh, to clear our minds and hearts and to bring peace.



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# St Joseph's Primary School

Julie Waddell, **Specialist Teacher Student Services**, emailed the following after the experience.

*"I wanted to extend my sincerest thanks to all of your staff and students for a wonderful day.*

*Josh and I were chatting and we both commented on how beautifully behaved and engaged the students were.*

*Thank you for giving our students and staff the opportunity to begin our journey of cultural connectivity."*

I am so proud of the way the students participated and showed respect and courtesy.

Friday night was a chance for all the community to gather together for a night of fun and prizes. Mums, dads, nannas, grandpas, aunties, uncles, big and little brothers and sisters and lots of St Joseph's students had lots of fun. Special thanks to Michelle for organising the night. Thanks to Tim who ensured it was a great hit and thanks to those who helped on the night. Can't wait till our next whole school gathering.

A big thank you to our sponsors for the night who donated prizes: Lollipops Playland, Cables Waterpark, Dymocks, Unreal Golf, Inflatable World, Hoyts, Featherdale Wildlife Park, Coles, Officeworks, Krispy Kreme and Ripples Penrith.

Keep an eye out for details on our upcoming Christmas Raffle.

As we approach the end of the year families make decisions about schooling for the coming school year. We are required to maintain our register of students so that it is accurate for the students who are enrolled at St Joseph's. If there are families who are not returning to St Joseph's in 2018 it is important to inform to the school, in writing, about your intention. This assists with the organization of class groupings for next year as well as enrolment enquiries, which we are receiving for 2018.

Have a great fortnight,  
Trish



## New School Phone Number



St Joseph's is in the process of changing to a new phone system. The new school phone number is **4726 4200**. The new school fax number is 4726 4299.

There will be 18 months of staged redirections and messages for calls to the 'old' school phone number.

For the first 6 months calls to the old number will be automatically redirected to the new number.

For the second set of 6 months, the call will be automatically redirected after a brief message that the number has changed.

For the last 6 months, callers to the old number get a recorded message that states the new number but then hangs up, so the caller has to manually dial the new number themselves.



## Attendance Update



At St Joseph's we are aiming for over 90% total school attendance. Unfortunately we are only at 79.6% attendance at the moment. Congratulations to Year 2 who currently sit at 92.6% attendance! Year 1 are so close to our goal at 89.9%!

We encourage children to be at school and on time every school day. However, if your child is sick please keep them at home.

If your child is sick and away from school for 3 or more consecutive days a doctor's certificate is required on their return.

## Basketball Gala Day

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, about 60 St Joseph's students attended the Parramatta Diocese Gold Basketball Gala Day. All students thoroughly enjoyed the day and represented our school with pride.

It was a very successful day for the St Joseph's teams with the Year 3&4 Girls and Year 5 Girls both coming in first in their pool draw, other teams won over fifty percent of their games, only losing one game and drawing the other.

As we have come to expect from our students, fine sportsmanship and excellent team spirit was on display from all players. The students are to be commended for the encouragement they offered each other through the day by going to watch and support other teams when they were in between games. In addition to being on time for all games and demonstrating great skills, many examples of unselfish play were noticed, with students giving opportunities to others on the team to take shots at goal and ensuring that an inclusive game was played at all times.

We would like to extend our warm thanks to the parents on the bench, and to former student Jon Page for covering bench many times throughout the day.

We also gratefully acknowledge coaches Mollie, Sheridan & Danielle for sharing their skills and encouraging our teams. A very big thanks must go to Mrs Pennay for all the preparation to make the day so successful.



## Counsellor's Corner

### Tips for ending the year on a happier note

As we all know this time of year is when children become more tired and irritated and very ready for both holidays and the next step in the learning journey. It is a time when they find it easy to remember and talk about the negative times at school and to forget the things they are learning or the fun experiences they are having.

To help out with a positive end to 2017 we would encourage you to try and use the following at home:

1. Encourage a good sleep routine
2. Ask for one thing they learned today
3. Ask for one thing they enjoyed on the playground

Hopefully this will help everyone have a positive end to this year.

As we come to the end of the year, if you have any concerns regarding your child's learning for the 2017/2018 transition into the next year, please email the school on [stjosephskwood@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stjosephskwood@parra.catholic.edu.au) by Friday 10th November.

Kind Regards,

Vennessa Goode

## Music Afternoon

You're invited to our music afternoon on Thursday 16th November at 2pm. This afternoon will be a chance to showcase what we've been working on in music this term with K - 2. The Year 6 band will then treat us to a performance of 'Power Rock'.

Hope to see you all there,

Ms Hill



## Skoolbag News



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# 2018 Diocesan School Fees

## Please note change of details:

The levy for 2018 is \$783 per family, payable in three equal instalments of \$261 in Terms 1, 2 and 3.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

PUBLISHED October 2017

## 2018 Diocesan School Fees

24 October 2017

Dear parents and carers

Please find below the 2018 Diocesan school fees schedule which includes a modest 3.6% increase on the fees from 2017.

School-based fees will also be limited to a 3.6% increase to ensure we have consistency across our Diocese. School-based fees cover the costs of important things such as technology and school administration.

I appreciate that from time to time, some families might experience financial challenges. With this in mind, I take this opportunity to remind you that confidential fee support is available through

- discounts for families with multiple siblings in our schools
- flexible payment plans
- hardship concession policies for families in need
- the Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund
- the Byawalla Co-contribution Scheme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families

### Tuition Fees - 2018

The 2018 diocesan tuition fees are outlined below:

ANNUAL FEES	No charge for 4th+ children	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$1,173	\$879	\$588
	Years 1 – 6	\$1,515	\$1,137	\$759
	Years 7 – 8	\$2,100	\$1,575	\$1,050
Secondary	Years 9 – 10	\$2,331	\$1,749	\$1,167
	Years 11 – 12	\$2,976	\$2,232	\$1,488

The 2018 term rate for each of the first three terms is outlined below:

Instalment FEES	Charged in Terms 1, 2 & 3	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$391	\$293	\$196
	Years 1 – 6	\$505	\$379	\$253
	Years 7 – 8	\$700	\$525	\$350
Secondary	Years 9 – 10	\$777	\$583	\$389
	Years 11 – 12	\$992	\$744	\$496



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### Diocesan Building Levy - 2018

The Diocesan Building Levy enables us, through our capital works program, to meet the demand for new schools and new classes in high growth areas, and to continue to maintain all schools to a high standard.

All families with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College Kingswood are required to pay the annual Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Building Levy. This levy has replaced the various building levies that parents previously paid to school building funds (managed by either parishes or schools). The levy for 2018 is \$783 per family, payable in three equal instalments of \$261 in Terms 1, 2 and 3.

### Annual Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents - 2018

The Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents for 2018 is \$1,935 per student, payable in three equal instalments of \$645. The fee applies to new students on the following visa numbers: 173, 401, 402, 411, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 426, 427, 428, 442, 456, 457, 459, 462, 476, 485, 497, 580, 600, 601, 651, 675, 676, 679, 685, 884, 944, 956, 976 and 977 including where any of these are the preceding visas for families on bridging visas 010 to 090.

Families charged this fee in 2013 will continue to be charged on a per family basis to the eldest student whilst the family has continuous current students.

Thank you for your continuing support of Catholic education, support that allows us to provide students with exciting learning experiences within our Catholic faith environment.

With warmest wishes

Gregory B Whitby  
Executive Director  
Catholic Education  
Parramatta of Diocese



## St Joseph's Birthdays



Happy Birthday to...

November - Utsarg, Jaimee, Mathew, Mackenzie, Rayneel, Cooper, Tiana, Kaitlyn, Hannah-Lois, Timo, Shealtiel, Fifi, Madalyn, Olivia, Ruby, Anai, Edmond, Nyagon, Brodie, Logan

## Dates for your Diary

<b><u>Week 4</u></b>	<b>Friday 3rd November</b>	2:15pm Whole School Assembly
<b><u>Week 5</u></b>	<b>Thursday 9th November</b>	2018 Kindergarten Orientation
<b><u>Week 6</u></b>	<b>Friday 17th November</b>	Stage 2 Eco Summit 2:15pm Whole School Assembly

## End of Year Dates

### **Week 9**

**Monday 4th December**

**2pm Helpers' Thank you Afternoon Tea**

We'd like to thank you personally for everything you do for the community of St. Josephs'



**Thursday 7th December**

**Carols**

We will join together as a school and sing lots of Christmas Carols and songs

6pm Picnic under the stars (BYO) Drinks, ice creams

7pm Concert start - Classes will each be singing 2 songs



### **Week 10**

**Monday 11th December**

**Year 6 Fun Day**

**Tuesday 12th December**

**Graduation Liturgy** with awards 7pm

Students, families and friends are invited to attend this opportunity to celebrate the gifts Year 6 have given to St. Joseph's



**Wednesday 13th December**

**9:15am Whole School Mass**

Everyone welcome to celebrate Mass as a school community.



**Year 6 Graduation Disco/Dinner 6:30 - 9:00pm**

Just for the Year 6 students - organised by the Year 6 parents

**Thursday 14th December**

**2pm K-5 Assembly**

We will be having our usual End of Term Assembly

We will together pray an Advent prayer

**Friday 15th December**

**Last Day of School**

Class parties, whole school activity and the Year 6 farewell.

