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St Joseph's Primary School

Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A few of the important things that have been happening at St. Joseph's.

Year 4 Writers' Workshop

On Friday Year 4 presented their narrative pieces of writing to Belinda Murrell, leading Australian children's author, after five weeks of hard work. She engaged them in a workshop where they learnt even more about how to write stories. The rest of the school had an opportunity to view their stories during lunch and then after lunch their parents came to join the fun. It was wonderful to see so many parents enthusiastically listen to their child's story and share the excitement of their learning. We are planning many opportunities in 2018 for you to come and share your child's learning.



We're famous!!

Have a look at the article on the CEDP Website

<http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/news-details/cedp-news/the-write-stuff>

And on their Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/CatholicEdParra/>



Congratulations

Congratulations to Jana Webb who has accepted a position at St. Mary's, Rydalmere. Congratulations also to Emily Follan who has been appointed to St. Anthony of Padua, Austral. These are wonderful opportunities for both teachers and we wish them success in their new ventures. We will have an opportunity later in the term to farewell and to applaud the wonderful contributions they have made to our community.



School Reports

Teachers are currently in the process of writing the end of year report for all children. A great deal of time and effort goes into constructing the reports for each student, with teachers working to give you the most accurate assessment of your child's progress and achievement for the second semester of 2017. Reports will be sent home in Week 9 of this term. If at anytime you would like to speak to your child's teacher about their academic or social development please do not hesitate to ring the Office to make an appointment.



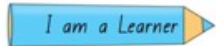
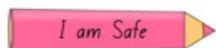
Thanks

Thank you for supporting and upholding the St Joseph's Uniform policy. We appreciate you ensuring that your children come to school dressed beautifully in their uniforms and with hairstyles that are appropriate for school. This is supporting our school rule of respect for self and school.

A reminder for children not to wear t-shirts under their uniforms.

Catholic Education Office Spot Check

Last week St Joseph's were chosen for an audit of our teaching programmes and school policies. All the hard work put in by the teachers and Office staff ensured that we were compliant. Special mention to teachers for the significant improvement in the recording and alignment of teaching and learning tasks from Term 1 to Term 4.



PBS4L

Have you heard about Joey's journey?

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and Skoolbag app for some clues about how to join us on this exciting adventure!!

School Hours Reminder

A reminder children should not be dropped off at school before 8:20am as there is no supervision and it is not safe. Joey's Before and After School Care are open from 6:30am. Please ring Jackie on 4732 5771 to discuss your options.

Remembrance Day

On Monday we gathered as a school community to remember those who gave their lives for us in war. We prayed respectfully for those who served for our country but also prayed for peace in our world. We acknowledged that we are the creators of peace in ourselves, our classroom, our school and our homes. We asked God to help us to share peace with others.



*God of peace and love,
We remember that in Jesus of Nazareth you have called us to be people of peace saying,
"Blessed are the peacemakers"
and reminding us that we are to
love our neighbour and our enemy as we love ourselves.
But we also acknowledge that there are times when we as a global community,
fail to live out those words.
We give thanks for all who have chosen to serve their country.
We give thanks for their bravery, their commitment, and their love.
We pause in the memory of those who went and did not return to families left behind.
Amen.*

In partnership let us continue to work to develop in the children, strong minds and gentle hearts.

Take care,
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 78.2% attendance at the moment. 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.

2017 School Fees - URGENT



Thank you to those families who have paid their school fee accounts.

If you have not finalised your account please do so as a matter of urgency. We are transferring to a new finance program therefore ALL payments arrangements should be finalised by now

If you are having difficulty in paying your school fees please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4726 4200.

Year 4 Writers' Festival



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.

Kind Regards,
Venessa Goode

Music Afternoon

CHANGE OF DATE: You're invited to our music afternoon on Thursday 23rd 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

Students with Mobile Phones



Students bringing mobile phones to school is not encouraged, however, if a student has to bring a phone to school they **MUST keep it on silent and in their school bags at all times**. The school takes no responsibility for mobile phones being lost, stolen or damaged. If a student needs to use their phone during school time they need to seek permission from their teacher.

Lunch for students

Please ensure your child has enough food and water for fruit break, lunch 1 and lunch 2.

If you have to bring their lunch to school we request for you to **NOT** bring in take away food (McDonald's, Red Rooster, KFC, Hungry Jacks, etc).

We encourage all students to have healthy lunch options during school time.



Donations Needed



If you have any small toy cars or building blocks your children do not use anymore please feel free to donate them to the school for quiet play.

All donations can be dropped at the front office.

Thank you in advance

Parent Association News



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christmas raffle!!

The Parent Association will be running a Christmas Raffle this year.

Tickets will be sent home later this week.

Please ensure your name, phone number, child's name and child's class are written on the back of each ticket.

Tickets are \$1 each.

1 st Prize	Taronga Zoo Family Pass	value \$144
2 nd Prize	Hog's Breath Dining Voucher	value \$100
3 rd Prize	White Water Rafting Voucher	value \$95
4 th Prize	Nepean Belle Cruise Voucher	value \$80
5 th Prize	Wizardry Beauty Voucher	value \$50
6 th Prize	Coles Voucher	value \$30
7 th Prize	Office Works Voucher	value \$20
8 th Prize	Ripples Family Voucher	value \$20
9 th Prize	Ripples Family Voucher	value \$20

Please return tickets by Friday 1st December

Raffle will be drawn Wednesday 6th December



Dates for your Diary

<u>Week 6</u>	Friday 17th November	Stage 2 Eco Summit Excursion 2:15pm Whole School Assembly
<u>Week 7</u>	Wednesday 22nd November Thursday 23rd November	Year 5 Leadership Day 9:15am Kindergarten 2018 Orientation
<u>Week 8</u>	Monday - Friday Friday 1st December	Swim School (K - Year 4) 2:15pm Whole School Assembly
<u>Week 9</u>	Monday - Friday Monday 4th December Thursday 7th December	Swim School (K - Year 4) 2pm Helpers' Thank You Afternoon Tea 6pm BYO Picnic 7pm Christmas Concert
<u>Week 10</u>	Monday 11th December Tuesday 12th December Wednesday 13th December Thursday 14th December Friday 15th December	Year 6 Fun Day 7pm Graduation Liturgy and Awards 9:15am Whole School Mass 6:30pm Year 6 Dinner/Disco 2pm End of Term Awards Assembly Last day of school Class Parties Year 6 Farewell

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