

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 10

30th March 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are approaching the end of a busy and productive term. Last week our students participated in a series of prayers commemorating the events of Holy Week, the most important week in the Catholic Church calendar. Thank you to Father Piotr for his presence and assistance at these important celebrations. The Church now moves into the Easter season leading up to Pentecost.

*"I am the resurrection and the life.
Whoever believes in me, though he die,
yet shall he live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."
John 11:25*

Thanks to our Parent Association who have supported school events throughout this term, including our Catholic Schools Week barbeque, Ice Block Fridays and Easter raffle fundraiser. The Parent Association are dedicated to supporting our school events and raising funds to assist our students. Please consider lending your support to their endeavours – all parent/carers are not only welcome but encouraged.



We have two major sporting events before the end of Term One. This Friday, 1st April, our primary students and some Year Two students will participate in the school cross country race. Any Year Two students who turn eight this year will be participating. The Cross Country will be held on school grounds. We are in need of parent helpers to assist with time keeping and checkpoints. If you are able to help out, even for a short time, please contact Mr Faccin through the school office.

On Thursday, April 7th, the school athletics carnival will be held at Harold Corr Oval, Werrington. The athletics carnival is a whole school event and all students will be participating. There is no supervision available at school on this day as everyone will be at the oval. Thanks to those parents who have already volunteered their time to help on the day. It's not too late...if you would like to assist please contact the school office. Special thanks to Mr Faccin who is coordinating both these sporting events.

Next Monday, 4th April, we celebrate Term One with a special assembly where term awards will be presented. All parents are invited to attend.

Please remember, school will be closed on Tuesday 26th April and Wednesday 27th April as our staff will be participating in two staff development days. Supervision will be available at Joey's Before and After School Care. If you need care for your child on these days please contact Joey's on 4732 5771.

Wishing you a lovely week,

Liz Nicholls

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Catholic Culture News

On Palm Sunday, we recalled the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke's Gospel. Jesus' Passion isn't about suffering and persecution. The Passion is about Jesus' response.

Our students and staff focussed on our own preparations to enter this Holy Week. We journeyed with Jesus during this sacred time despite the fear, uncertainty, and agony, Jesus experienced for us. Through God's power Jesus offers the last hours of his life as a lesson for how his friends and followers can find meaning in every hour of their lives. God's power inspires us to live by our School values- to be merciful, courageous, responsible, compassionate, respectful and problem solvers.

Our students along with their teachers and staff presented the Stations of the Cross, in a reflective and moving experience. This memorable and prayerful presentation allowed time to reflect on the events leading to Jesus' crucifixion. Our school's Easter Liturgy was held on Tuesday morning.

May you be blessed with peace, with joy, with mercy and love this Easter.
Mark Baird



General News



Term 1 School Fees - Overdue

Term 1 school fees are now overdue. If you have not paid your school fees account or entered into a flexible payment plan, please make your payment now. If you are experiencing any difficulty in making the payment please phone Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999 to discuss the matter.



Pre-loved Uniforms Sale

We have a large number of pre-loved uniforms, jackets, jumpers, shirts, shorts, etc available for sale. Items will be available for purchase on Monday 4th April and Monday 2nd May after assembly in the MPA. Don't miss out on some great bargains!



Mother's Day Stall Helpers

The school Mother's Day Stall is run by the Parent Association and Parent Helpers. It will be held on Thursday 5th May. If you are able to help, even for a couple of hours please contact the school office to put your name down.



2016 School Photos - Save the Date

2016 School Photos will be held on Friday 20th May. Students are to wear full school uniform on this day. **Order forms will be distributed closer to the event.**
DO NOT PLACE YOUR ORDER YET.



NSW Premiers Reading Challenge 2016

This year we are encouraging all of our students to participate in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. "The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools." (PRC

website- <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>)

The 2016 Challenge opened on the 7th March 2016 and runs till the 19th August 2016.

The website has lots of helpful information such as reading requirements, booklists and rules.

Many students have taken home a Reading Log Sheet to start recording their Book Log for the Challenge. Copies of the Log Sheet can be downloaded from <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> or from our SkoolBag App.

The rules for each age group are outlined in the table below. Books in our St Joseph's Library that are on the PRC Booklists have a coloured label on the top of their spine. Pink for K-2, Orange for 3-4 and Green for 5-6.

Challenge	K-2	3-4	5-6
Number of books you must read	30	20	20
Minimum number of PRC books	25	15	15
Maximum number of Personal Choice books	5	5	5
PRC booklists you can read from	K-2, and above	3-4, and above	5-6, and above
St Joseph's library books colour labels	Pink, Orange and Green	Orange and Green	Green

More information on how to log your student's books online will be available soon

Community News

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



Parenting Courses and Workshops - Term 2, 2016

Having one of those days? Tired of yelling at the kids? Or just want to know more?
FREE Practical tips for everyday parenting



Activity	Day, Date & Time	Location
Triple P Parenting Course (Positive Parenting Program) for parents of 2 to 12 year-olds Need some more tools for your parenting toolbox? This course is 6 sessions over 7 weeks. It is a slower-paced Triple P course for parents who like to take their time to build a strong foundation of positive parenting based on relationship, encouraging desirable behaviour and skills, and setting boundaries and limits. <i>You must come to the first session. Limited child minding available.</i>	Mondays: 6 sessions 9th May to 20th June 10am to 12:30pm No session 13/6/16	Floribunda Community Centre 1 Floribunda Ave Glenmore Park
Triple P Parenting Course (Positive Parenting Program) for parents of 2 to 12 year-olds Need some more tools for your parenting toolbox? Build strong and positive relationships, manage mistaken behaviour, make parenting more enjoyable and less stressful. Fast paced, some reading at home required. <i>You must come to the first session.</i>	Wednesdays: 4 sessions 8th June to 29th June 10am to 1:00pm	South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre 3 Trent St South Penrith
Teen Triple P Parenting Course (Positive Parenting Program) for parents of teens (11 to 16 years) Tips and tricks for living with teens and making the experience more positive for everyone. <i>You must come to the first session.</i>	Tuesdays: 4 sessions 7th June to 28th June 11:15am to 1:30pm	South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre South Penrith
Stepping Stones Triple P Seminars for parents of children with disabilities 12th May—Positive Parenting for children with a disability 19th May—Helping your child reach their potential 26th May—Changing problem behaviour into positive behaviour <i>You may attend any or all of the seminars.</i>	Thursdays: 3 seminars 12th May 19th May 26th May 10am to 12pm	South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre South Penrith

Activity	Day, Date & Time	Location
Family Transitions Triple P For parents experiencing parenting challenges after separation or divorce. You must come to the first session.	Thursdays: 4 sessions 9th June to 30th June 10am to 12:15pm	South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre South Penrith
Indigenous Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Tips and tools to help you manage tricky behaviour at home. 5 week program. Morning Tea and limited child minding available. Contact Rebecca Weir on 02 4702 6488 or 0457 700 094	Wednesdays: 5 Sessions 11th May to 8th June 10am to 12:30pm	Cranebrook Neighbourhood Centre Hosking Street, Cranebrook
Anxiety Seminar for parents who want to know more about anxiety for children and teens A seminar on Anxiety - what it is, treatment, intervention. Followed by discussion and questions.	Tuesday 31st May 10am to 12pm	South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre 3 Trent Street, South Penrith
Cool Little Kids for parents of shy or anxious children, 3-8 year-olds A treatment programme for parents of children aged 3-8 years who are excessively shy or demonstrating anxiety at home & in the community.	Wednesdays: 4 sessions 4th May to 1st June (Break 25th May) 10am to 12pm	South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre South Penrith
ADHD seminar - What is ADHD? for parents who want to know more about ADHD A seminar on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder - what it is, treatment, and intervention.	Tuesday 17th May 9:30am to 11:30am	South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre South Penrith
ADHD seminar - Behaviour Support for parents who want to learn and implement strategies to support their child's learning and wellbeing PREREQUISITE - Attendance at the 'What is ADHD?' seminar.	Tuesday 17th May 12pm to 2pm	South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre South Penrith
ADHD Parent Support Group for parents who have children with a primary diagnosis of ADHD 3rd Monday of the month	Monday 16th May Monday 20th June Monday 18th July 7:30pm to 9:30pm	South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre South Penrith
Special Playtime for parents of children aged 1 to 6 years Helps parents to build a relationship with their child through play. Reduces child behavioural difficulties in children aged 1 to 6 years.	Monday 27th June 10am to 12pm	South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre South Penrith

Bookings

Bookings are essential for all courses, seminars, or workshops. All courses, seminars, and workshops are free. If you are not currently caring for your children and you have a FACS caseworker, a referral will need to be made through the caseworker.

Course, seminar, & workshop flyers are available at:
<http://handsheartsminds.wordpress.com/parenting-groups-and-workshops/>

Child minding

Limited child minding is available for some groups (it will be stated in the course information). Bookings are essential to ensure we have the correct carer-to-child ratio. Child minding services are provided by Care Pair and/or Nepean Community & Neighbourhood Services.

Contact Details

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Parenting In Penrith (Facebook)



Hands, Hearts and Minds (WordPress)



Hands, Hearts & Minds (Pinterest)



Anzac Services

Student's Service – Tuesday 5th April 2016

The City of Penrith RSL sub-Branch will be conducting its annual Schools ANZAC Service at Penrith Paceway, 146 Station Street Penrith, commencing at 10.30am on Tuesday 5 April 2015. The service is provided for Schools in the Penrith area. The Honour Guard and Catafalque Party are provided by, Training Ship Nepean, 21 Army Cadet Unit and 323 Sqn, our local Cadet Units. Emu Heights Public School, provide a Choir and Lapstone Public School, the Band. The Master of Ceremonies is shared on a rotational basis by High Schools; this year it should be Kingswood High School.

Sunday Community Anzac March – Sunday 17th April 2016

The City of Penrith RSL sub-Branch will be holding its annual Sunday ANZAC Services commencing with a march from Castlereagh Street Penrith, at 2.45pm via High Street to Memory Park, where the service will commence at approx. 3:00pm. The Sunday Service is held so the public and members of the sub-Branch can commemorate locally and also attend the march in Sydney on ANZAC day. The Catafalque party is normally provided by the 5th Engineer Regiment located at Holsworthy (previously Penrith).

Anzac Day Dawn Service 25th April 2016

The City of Penrith RSL sub-Branch will be holding its annual Anzac Dawn Service with assembly at 4:30am and a silent march will commence at 4:45am from Castlereagh Street, outside of Penrith RSL Club, to Memory Park. The service will commence once all are assembled in the park. The Catafalque Party is normally provided by the 176 Air Despatch Squadron from Richmond. Breakfast is provided by the RSL Club LTD commencing approximately 6:30am for marchers.



Enjoy a night of entertainment & dancing while helping your community fundraise for the Penrith Dawn Service.

Friday 15th April
St Marys Band Club

Doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start

Tickets \$90 each or \$850 for table of ten
Includes 2 course meal, beer, wine, soft drink and dessert bar

For further information or to purchase tickets phone 4722 5556 or email gai@penrithcbdcorp.com.au

Entertainment all night!
Buy a ticket or table NOW!

ANZAC DAWN SERVICE FUNDRAISER

"A NIGHT TO REMEMBER"

Penrith CBD CORPORATION

PENRITH GIANTS & Penrith PCYC **Club Auskick Centre**

Shaw Park, Herbert Street (4.00PM-5.00PM)

Each Friday 6th May until 12th August

- 15 week program for just \$90.00
- Kids receive AFL backpack (Auskick football, player cards & much more)
- Tickets to watch the GWS GIANTS in action
- Half Time Auskick Experience
- Wet 'N' Wild Fun Day
- Penrith PCYC Membership

To Register visit www.aflauskick.com.au and enter;

"Penrith GIANTS PCYC Auskick Centre"

Or register in person at your first session.

Join the Penrith GIANTS & Penrith PCYC AFL Auskick Centre. For more info:
Patrick Pope on 0452 217 123 or patrick.pope@aflnswact.com.au



Dates for your Diary

<u>Week 10</u>	Friday 1st April	Cross Country Zoooper Dooper's on sale 50c
<u>Week 11</u>	Monday 4th April	9am End of Term Award Assembly Uniform Shop open after assembly
	Tuesday 5th April	Year 6 Anzac Service
	Thursday 7th April	Athletics Carnival
	Friday 8th April	Last day of Term 1

Term 2

<u>Week 1</u>	Monday 25th April	Anzac Day Public Holiday
	Tuesday 26th April	Staff Development Day
	Wednesday 27th April	Staff Development Day
	Thursday 28th April	Students return to school
<u>Week 2</u>	Monday 2nd May	9am Assembly Uniform Shop open after assembly
	Thursday 5th May	Mother's Day Stall

Staff Development Days Term 2

Tuesday 26th April and Wednesday 27th April
are Staff Development Days

Students are not to attend school on these days; however Joey's will be open.

Please contact Joey's on 4732 5771 if you need care for your child on either of these days.

First day back for students Term 2
Thursday 28th April