

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2

4th February 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the 2016 school year!

Welcome to our Kinder children and families new to our school community.

There are a number of opportunities this term for parents to participate in our school. Please keep an eye on the school calendar and join us when possible.

Our **Parent Association AGM** will be held at 7pm next Monday 8th February. We need to make a decision regarding the future of this association as, over the last few years meetings have struggled to attract enough parents to form a quorum of 7, even for a presentation from school or other person of interest.

**ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**

Our parents have been enormously generous with their time in supporting school events and organising fundraising activities, so it is not a case of lack of parent involvement. Perhaps we need to move to a more informal parent group that is assembled for a specific purpose at point of need. Your thoughts on this would be much appreciated. Please complete the online survey <https://surveymonkey.com/r/P6PP6YB> or send your thoughts to me at school.



Thank you parents for sending your children back to school in smart uniforms. A reminder, that all children wear black school shoes with their school uniforms and sports shoes only with their sports uniform. Socks should be proper school socks that fold down, not ankle socks that disappear in their shoes or sneakers. Your support is much appreciated.

If you haven't booked a time for meeting your child's teacher next week, please do so. These meetings are not for teachers to report on your child, rather an opportunity for you to share your expectations with your child's teacher and any relevant information that may impact on your child's learning. You can book a time at www.schoolinterviews.com.au Event Code: F7YCW



Next Monday, we begin our new procedures for dropping students at school. Thank you for the positive feedback you have given us.

Messages for teachers may be given to the school office, either in person, phone or school email. Teachers are available by appointment before and after school.

Tomorrow, Friday, we will be having a WHS evacuation drill. This is a requirement for compliance and held once each term. Our evacuation assembly area is within the school grounds.

Monday school assembly begins next week when we formally welcome the Kinder children to our school. Parents are always welcome at assembly. Please sign in at the office and enter the school grounds after the bell at 8.50am.



Social Media is a powerful tool for communication. Parents are advised that naming students in defamatory comments is a breach of Child Protection Legislation and can make them liable for prosecution. Parents should present their concerns to school if their child is bullied or targeted in any way. Every child has the right to confidentiality and to be safe!

Looking forward to a great year of learning.

Yours sincerely,
Fran Jackson
Principal



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Catholic Culture News

Our Church has declared this to be an extraordinary year of mercy. Throughout the year the students will learn, reflect, pray and live Jesus' mercy as a way of becoming closer to God. We have a number of key events coming up in the next few weeks. The first of these is the ceremony of the Burning of Ashes, which will be on Shrove Tuesday - 9th February. The meaning of this ceremony will be fully explained to the students as part of their preparation for Lent.



Wednesday 10th February is Ash Wednesday. The students will be participating in a Liturgy of the Word at which they will receive the ashes on their foreheads. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent for Catholics. The ashes we receive on our forehead in the shape of a cross serve as an outward sign of our need for penance. The ashes also symbolize our human frailty.

The annual Mass for World Day of the Sick will be celebrated in the Diocese of Parramatta on 11 February 2016, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Mass will be an acknowledgment of carers and those for whom they care and will include the Sacramental Rite of Anointing of the Sick and Prayers for Healing. Year 6 will attend this celebration in our Church.



Our first, whole school, Mass for this year will be held on Monday 15th February at 9am. This will also be the commissioning Mass for our student leaders for 2016. Parents and guardians are invited to join us for this great occasion.

As you can see, the term is already quite full of activity.



Catholic Schools Week will commence with a community Mass on Sunday the 6th March, at 10am. School Tours will be available 11:30am – 1pm for families looking at enrolling their children in 2016/2017.

In this Year of Mercy we look to Jesus, our example, God our strength who loves us and forgives us with unbounded mercy and to the Spirit who inspires us to be like Christ in our dealings with each person we meet.



St Joseph's, Kingswood will begin this year's Sacramental Program with Reconciliation.

Registration and first session of the program is on Sunday 14th February.

This will be held in the Parish Meeting Room immediately after the 10:00am Mass.

Second Session: 21st February

Third Session: 28th February

Fourth Session: 6th March

Fifth Session: 13th March

First Reconciliation will be held on Saturday 19th March (St Joseph's Feast Day)

Mark Baird
Acting REC

Staff 2016

Leadership Team

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| Principal | Fran Jackson | | |
| Assistant Principal | Liz Nicholls | | |
| REC | Mark Baird | | |
| Coordinators | Ashu Aggarwal | Catriona Pennay | Cheryl McGannon |
| Office Manager | Jenny Pendleton | | |

Class Teachers

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|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Kindergarten | Bernadette Purtell | Gabrielle Whitney |
| Year One | Vicki Geraghty | Louise Grech |
| Year Two | Amy Hoppitt | Claire Devine |
| Year Three | Emily Durrington | Brittany Carey |
| Year Four | Jana Webb | Maria Bird |
| Year Five | Cheryl McGannon | Christina Soliman |
| Year Six | Ashu Aggarwal | Mark Baird |

Specialist / Intervention Teachers

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| Drama Literacy | Tim Martin | |
| Music | Kristian Jackson | |
| Sport | Moreno Faccin | |
| Reading Recovery | Terrie Berg | Catriona Pennay |
| EMU | Terrie Berg | Ashu Aggarwal |
| Literacy Support | Melissa O'Connor | |
| Literacy Coach | Catriona Pennay | Liz Nicholls |
| Maths Coach | Jeanette Serrao | |
| eLearning | Cheryl McGannon | |
| Music – Strings | Grace Vassallo (CEDP Captivate allocation) | |

School Support Officers

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| Karen Sprycha | Administration |
| Jeniffer Peto | Library Technician |
| Marie Brogan | Classroom Aide |
| Tim Rozilli | IT Trainee (CEDP allocation) |
| Colin Meredith | Maintenance |
| Stephen Crye | Maintenance |

General News



Parent Teacher Meet and Greet

Parent Teacher Meet & Greet Meetings are available next week - Monday 8th to Friday 12th February.

To make a booking with your child's teacher please go:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Event Code: F7YCW

Meetings are strictly 10 minutes only. The smooth running of our event relies on all parents keeping to the timetable.

Please sign in at the school office before attending your meeting.



School Fees

Please be aware that your School Fees Account will be posted to you from Tuesday 9th February. If you have not received it by Friday 12th February or have any questions regarding your account please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999.



Preloved Uniform Sale

2nd Hand Uniform Sale will be held on Monday 8th, 15th and 22nd February 8:30am – 9:30am in the MPA. Hats \$2; Shirts, Shorts, Jumpers \$5; Jackets \$10



Student Bus Passes for 2016

Application Forms for school bus and train passes are now completed online. Please go to www.transport.info/school-students



Parent Association AGM

St Joseph's Parent Association AGM is on Monday 8th February at 7pm. All parents and carers are invited to attend. We ask that all parents and carers complete a short survey before Monday. To access the survey please go to: www.surveymonkey.com/r/P6PP6YB



Facebook

Our school site is for us to share good news stories and also remind parents of upcoming events. 'Likes' are always welcome, as are affirmations of our students and school. **It is not** a chat room or forum for grievances. Please contact the school for clarification of events and procedures. Newsletter and Term Calendars are available on the school's website www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au



Skoolbag App

All notes will now be sent through the Skoolbag App. Information for parents to download the app are below, please go to St Joseph's Primary Kingswood Sydney.

There are 2 eforms already available on the Skoolbag app. You can now send an absent note through the Absentee Forms. You can also send your Change of Details through the app.

If you have any questions regarding the Skoolbag app please contact Karen Sprycha on 4732 3999.



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.



Urgent information!

Changed Procedure to Morning Drop Off Beginning: Monday 8th February 2016

We have been reviewing our **Work Health and Safety Procedures** and will be implementing changed procedures for morning student drop off as from next Monday 8th February 2016.

All school gates will be locked until 8.20am when playground supervision begins.

Parents dropping children at Joey's in the morning will follow their usual procedure using the intercom at the gate.

Once gates are unlocked at 8.20am, they will be 'manned' by a staff member.

Staff at the gates will receive children and direct them to their area.

Parents will not be able to walk their child to the playground.

Parents attending the school **assembly on Mondays** or needing to enter the school grounds for any school meeting or event, **must sign in at the front office and wear a visitor's badge** and follow staff instructions re time of entry.

These **changes to procedure are to create a safe environment for all our students** and in response to diverse situations and events.

We appreciate your support in this and all our procedures to promote a safe environment for your children.

Yours sincerely,

Fran Jackson
Principal

Community News



Sacrament Of Penance - Saturday after morning mass

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



Eucharistic Adoration - Before all masses

St Joseph's Netball Club

Registration Day Saturday 6th February 11am – 2pm

Peachtree Hotel Function Room

Players required aged 6-14 years

For further details please ring

Ray Geraghty 0412 061 335

Post-Separation Recovery Program

A series of seven workshops for those who are divorced or separated which help you begin to

- deal with intense emotions***
- face & accept your changed life-situation,***
- attend to your grief,***
- learn lessons from the past***
- redefine yourself***
- forgive and let go***
- set new goals & rebuild on a strong foundation***

The Program

Each Session led by trained Facilitators follows a set agenda including
Video Input,
Personal Reflection,
Journaling,
Large & Small Group Sharing,

Non Exploitative

Non Directive

Non Judgemental

Venue: CCSS Centre
38 Prince St
Blacktown

Time: 7.30pm – 9.45 pm

Dates: Seven Wednesdays
17th Feb – 30th March 2016

Fee: \$80.00



Bookings essential.

Solo Parent Services
Ph. 02 8822 2222
soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Dates for your Diary

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| <u>Week 3</u> | Monday 8th – Friday 12th February | Parent Teacher Meet & Greet |
| | Monday 8th February | 9am Whole School Assembly 7pm Parent Association AGM |
| | Tuesday 9th February | Burning of the Palms |
| | Wednesday 10th February | Ash Wednesday |
| | Thursday 11th February | Mass for the Sick |
| | Friday 12th February | School Census Day |
| <u>Week 4</u> | Monday 15th February | 9am School Mass |
| | Friday 19th February | Captivate Infants Choir Rehearsal |

Census – Friday 12th February

*If you know your child/ren will be away on this day please advise the school in writing **before** this date.*

*If your child/ren is away unexpectedly on this day please ensure you provide a written note explaining their absence on their **first day back to school.***

Sport Days 2016

Students are to wear their sport uniform on their sport days

Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2.....Monday & Friday
Years 3 & 4.....Wednesday & Friday
Years 5 & 6.....Tuesday & Friday