

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 4

18th February 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday, we celebrated our **Beginning of the Year School Mass** in our parish church. The readings of the day spoke to ways we are called to live, ways to be in a loving relationship with God and each other – surely our mission as members of a Catholic school community. Being kind, truthful and generous is what we teach our children.

"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer,

"I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me". Matthew 25:37-41

Our **Student Leaders** were commissioned on Monday. They were elected from a strong field of aspirational leaders. Congratulations to each one of you!

Our 2016 Student Leaders are: Brodie McLean; Eden Micallef; Luke Mitchell; Jenna Richardson; Brock Rodziewicz; Ethan Rowles; Stella Vergara; Caitlin Yardin

Your parents and school are very proud of you!



Congratulations also to our students who are continuing their sacramental journey by preparing for their **First Reconciliation**, an important step in developing your spiritual growth. Thank you to all the parents for your commitment in bringing your children to Mass and preparation sessions, each Sunday.

During Lent, we are reminded to practice self-denial through fasting, taking time for prayer and alms giving. We will be launching **Project Compassion** next Monday and encouraging students to go without that chocolate, drink, ice block, or other treat and donate the cost towards provision of training for health centre staff in the area of childhood nutrition. Our goal - \$570! Money will be collected each day in class until Easter.

We have two community events coming up: Catholic Schools Week (Sunday 6 March – Friday 11 March) and St Joseph's Day, which we will celebrate on Friday 18 March in conjunction with Bullying No Way! Day. Parents will have opportunities to participate in these events. Please see attached flyer.

The Parent Association executive met with me last week and will be calling for helpers to a number of events. The schedule is attached. All welcome!

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, show Christ's love to those you meet.

Blessings and peace,

Fran Jackson
Principal



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Catholic Culture News

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been blessed with a number of great events, so far this year. Last week we celebrated the burning of palms, leading up to Ash Wednesday, on Tuesday. On Wednesday, our liturgy was held with an impressive display of reverence from the children.

This week we held our opening school Mass on Monday. After Mass we had the commissioning ceremony for our new student leaders.

It has been a very busy start to the year. As this is the Year of Mercy I would like to share with you part of a reading from a Lenten home prayer booklet, recently published. This resource is available online for anyone who wishes to look into it further -

www.parrafamlife.org.au

"In his 2016 Lenten Message, Pope Francis explored the theme of mercy and how it is connected with Lent. He encouraged Christians to practise the works of mercy in Lent... By showing mercy to the poor we in turn receive mercy from God and this mercy cleanses and transforms our hearts."

Mark Baird
Acting REC

General News



School Fees

Please be aware that all School Fees Accounts have been posted. If you have not received it by Friday 19th February or have any questions regarding your account please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999.

Student Attendance

A reminder: we need to receive a **written explanation** when a student returns to school after an **absence of one or more days**. Explanations via Email, written and signed notes, medical certificate or Skoolbag form are all accepted.

Phone calls are helpful to inform us at the start of an absence but a written explanation is still required. We will be following up all "unexplained" absences, so please support us in this matter. Student attendance is vital to student learning!



Every School Day Counts

Attend today, achieve for a lifetime!



Preloved Uniform Sale

2nd Hand Uniform Sale will be held on 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



Fun Food Days

Zooper Dooper's will be on sale for 50c, every Friday up to and including 18th March.

St Joseph's Primary School Kingswood!

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week March 6th – 11th, 2016

Sunday 6th March

10:00am – Parish Mass
11:30am – Sausage Sizzle
11:30am – 12:15pm – Classroom Visits
11:30 – School Tours
12:00pm – book Fair
1:30pm – Close



Monday 7th March

9:00am – School Assembly



Tuesday 8th – Thursday 10th March

Open Classrooms

Please see attached timetable.
Parents and visitors welcome!
Please sign in at the front office.

OPEN CLASSROOMS...

TIME	TUESDAY 8/3	WEDNESDAY 9/3	THURSDAY 10/3
SESSION ONE			
9:10am – 9:50am	Kindergarten English	Year 5Y Drama Literacy Year 5B Music	Year 3Y Drama Literacy Year 3B Music
	Year 5 English	Year 3 English	Year 2 English
9:50am – 10:30am	Kindergarten Mathematics	Year 5B Drama Literacy Year 5Y Music	Year 3B Drama Literacy Year 3Y Music
	Year 5 Mathematics	Year 3 Mathematics	Year 2 Mathematics

SESSION TWO			
11:50 – 12:30pm	Year 2 Drama Literacy	Year 6Y Drama Literacy Year 6B Music	Year 4Y Drama Literacy Year 4B Music
	Year 1 English	Year 4 English	Year 6 English
12:30pm – 1:10pm	Year 2 Music	Year 6B Drama Literacy Year 6Y Music	Year 4B Drama Literacy Year 4Y Music
	Year 1 Mathematics	Year 4 Mathematics	Year 6 Mathematics

High School Open Night News

St Dominic's College

Sunday 6th March

10am Morning Session

10:30am School Tours

12:30pm Afternoon Session

1pm School Tours

54-97 Gascoigne St, Kingswood NSW 2747

Phone: (02) 4731 1933



CAROLINE
CHISHOLM
COLLEGE

Faith, Courage, Tolerance

Caroline Chisholm College, Glenmore Park provides Catholic Education
for girls in Years 7 – 12

Enrolling now for 2017

An **Open Night** on Monday 7th March from 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm
includes information sessions, displays, performances and tours.

All considering enrolment in 2017 are invited to attend.

For further information contact the College on 4737 5506.

Xavier College Open Night for prospective families for 2017

Tuesday 8th March

4.30pm-6.00pm



Emmaus Catholic College

OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 9th March, 2016

**Come at 4pm for 1st tour and
then presentation at 6pm OR
come at 6pm for presentation
then 2nd tour at 6.30 pm**

Students and families from Years
5 and 6 are particularly welcome.
Enrolment Applications for 2017
will be available that evening.

For further details, please contact
Mrs Biermann or Mrs Schembri at
the College
on 9670 4588

87-109 Bakers Lane, Kemps Creek

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

YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

CCSS Solo Parent Services' Younger Widowed Support Group is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age whether you are a parent or not.

Next gathering: 16th March

Please note change of Venue: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre, 1 Canyon Rd, Baulkham Hills

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Cost: \$5.00

Registration: Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

CCSS Solo Parent Services "Stepping Beyond" Support Group, is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those struggling through a separation or divorce.

Next Gathering: 23rd February

Venue: CCSS Centre, 38 Prince St, Blacktown.

Time: 7.30 – 9.30

Cost: \$5.00

Registration: Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

St Joseph's Netball Club

Registration Day Saturday 20th

February 10:30am – 12pm

Peachtree Hotel Function Room

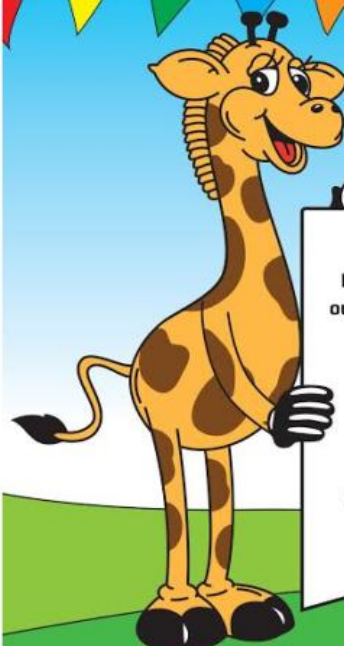
*Players required aged 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11
years*

For further details please ring

Ray Geraghty 0412 061 335

Healthy Harold's First Family Fun Day

Sunday
21st February
10am-3pm
10 Hewitt St Colyton
(Life Education NSW)



Special guests!!!
Interactive sessions in
our Vans and classrooms
Prizes
Face Painting
Activities
Food stalls
Entertainment

**Come and say "Hi" to
Healthy Harold**

To find out more, get involved or support by sponsoring or volunteering please call Lillian 02 9673 3202
www.lifeeducation.org.au

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EDUCATION

Dates for your Diary

<u>Week 4</u>	Friday 19th February	Captivate Infants Choir Rehearsal Zooper Dooper's on sale 50c
<u>Week 5</u>	Monday 22nd February	9am Assembly
	Tuesday 23rd February	Nepean Zone Swimming
	Friday 26th February	Diocesan Swimming Zooper Dooper's on sale 50c
<u>Week 6</u>	Monday 29th February	9am Assembly
	Friday 4th February	Zooper Dooper's on sale 50c
	Sunday 6th March	Catholic Schools Week Celebrations begin 10am Family Mass 11:30am – 1pm School Tours for Prospective Enrolments



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 this day.