

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 10

29th June 2016

Dear Parents,

Yesterday afternoon, along with all principals of the diocese, I had the privilege of meeting Bishop Vincent Long Van Nuygen. In his address to us, Bishop Vincent Long spoke of the vital role Catholic education plays in "making God's kingdom come" and in supporting the mission of the Church to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our communities.

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus sends his disciples out to preach about the Kingdom of God, telling them, "Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, *Peace to this house!*" Peace is at the heart of the teachings of Jesus. Peace of mind, peace in our hearts and peace in our relationships.

Semester 1 Student Reports: Reports will go home on Tuesday 19th July. Details on how to book your Parent/Teacher/Child interview will be sent home Friday afternoon. This is an important opportunity to discuss your child's learning progress. Year 4B will hold these interviews in Week 4, as Ms Bowden will be on leave for the first 3 weeks of Term 3.

Please email the school, stjosephskwood@parra.catholic.edu.au, for an alternate meeting time if the advertised times are not suitable. We value your participation in your child's learning!

May you have a joyful, safe, fun-filled and peaceful time with your children over the holiday period.

Fran Jackson
Principal

***Monday 18th July is a Staff Development Day
Students are not to attend school on this day
First day back for students Term 3 Tuesday 19th July***



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General News



School Fees

Thank you to the families who have finalised Term 2 school fees accounts or who are maintaining a current payment arrangement. If you have not finalised Term 2 fees, please do so now or alternatively contact Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999 to discuss the matter. The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will be sending reminders during the school holidays and at that time there will be no one on the premises to assist you.



School Reports

Semester One school reports are currently being completed. They will be sent home the first week back at school next term. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held in Week 2. Details of how to book an appointment with your teacher will be sent home Friday afternoon.

End of Term Awards



Child's Name	Award Name
Indiana Stewart	Outstanding Achievement
Chaunte DeBeus	Faith in Action
Dylan McCann	Positive Work Habits
Matthew Chivinda	Bounce Back
Emma-Lee Haines	Outstanding Achievement
	Faith in Action
Madalyn Bunce	Positive Work Habits
Adwoa Birago Boamah-Addai	Bounce Back
Olivia Gray	Outstanding Achievement
Akon Terketh	Faith in Action
Catherine Obcemia	Positive Work Habits
Seth Akmeemana	Bounce Back
Zac Rubelj	Outstanding Achievement
Sienna Messina	Faith in Action
Violet McKenzie	Positive Work Habits
Xavier Stamatakis	Bounce Back
Natalie Page	Outstanding Achievement
	Faith in Action
	Positive Work Habits
Tremayne Schmitt	Bounce Back
Harrison Connolly	Outstanding Achievement
Sam Alderman	Faith in Action
Kurt Cook	Positive Work Habits
Lachlan Smith	Bounce Back
Mark Johnson	Outstanding Achievement
Anaarkali Khan	Faith in Action
Lillian Smith	Positive Work Habits
Adwoa Boamah-Addai	Bounce Back
Bailey DeBeus	Outstanding Achievement
Shamman Alfred	Faith in Action
Skye McAuley	Positive Work Habits

Maura Outim	Bounce Back
Emma Garvey	Outstanding Achievement
Sascindra Alfred	Faith in Action
Rianna Costa	Positive Work Habits
Livin Jinu	Bounce Back
Jackie Kwawang	Outstanding Achievement
Maria Bechara	Faith in Action
Sussi Khan	Positive Work Habits
Brock Harding	Bounce Back
Zeinab Slaibi	Outstanding Achievement
Jessica McCann	Faith in Action
Laura Bowes	Positive Work Habits
Tokmac Mapouth	Bounce Back
Jett Hickson	Outstanding Achievement
Fifi Conde	Faith in Action
Erica Worley	Positive Work Habits
Hayden Bailey	Bounce Back
Stella Vergara	Outstanding Achievement
Thanach Thepsataphol	Faith in Action
Charlotte Skoreyko	Positive Work Habits
Nicholas Ceniccola	Bounce Back
Evan Halliburton	Outstanding Achievement
Livina Jinu	Faith in Action
Julie Rattananidad	Positive Work Habits
Lual Wiew	Bounce Back
Isobel Garcia	Perfect Attendance for Semester One
Elsie Harper	Perfect Attendance for Semester One
Charli Hofmeier	Perfect Attendance for Semester One
Vivian Konatarevic	Perfect Attendance for Semester One
Trent Miller	Perfect Attendance for Semester One
Samuel Skoreyko	Perfect Attendance for Semester One



TERM 3 AT A GLANCE

2016

as at 01/07/2016

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
July School Holidays	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th /10 th
July School Holidays	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th /17 th
July Wk 1	18 th Staff Development Day	19 th 9am Assembly School Reports go home	20 th	21 st S3 Boys Soccer	22 nd	23 rd /24 th
July Wk 2 Parent/Teacher Interview	25 th Yr5 excursion St Patrick's 9am Assembly	26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th /31 st
Aug Wk 3 Education Week	1 st 9am Assembly	2 nd 6pm Yr6 farewell parent meeting 7pm Parent Association Meeting	3 rd Yr5 STEM project excursion	4 th	5 th	6 th /7 th
Aug Wk 4 4B Parent/Teacher Interview	8 th 9am St Mary MacKillop Liturgy	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th /14 th Musical Working Bee
Aug Wk 5	15 th 9am Assumption Liturgy	16 th	17 th	18 th S3 Camp	19 th S3 Camp	20 th /21 st
Aug Wk 6 Book Week	22 nd 9am Book Week Launch Assembly	23 rd Primary Netball Gala Day Little Athletic's Promotion K-6	24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th /28 th
Aug/Sept Wk 7	29 th 9am Assembly	30 th	31 st	1 st Father's Day Stall	2 nd Father's Day Breakfast & Liturgy	3 rd /4 th
Sept Wk 8	5 th 9am Assembly	6 th	7 th	8 th Yr6 excursion St Mary's Cathedral	9 th	10 th /11 th
Sept Wk 9	12 th 9am Assembly	13 th Yr3 Excursion Cockatoo Island	14 th	15 th	16 th Yr2 excursion Rouse Hill	17 th /18 th
Sept Wk 10	19 th 9am Term Award Assembly Musical dress rehearsal	20 th 7pm School Musical	21 st 7pm School Musical	22 nd	23 rd S3 Touch Footy Last day Term 3	24 th /25 th
Sept/Oct	26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th	1 st /2 nd

Term 4

Staff Development Day – Monday 10th October
First day back for students – Tuesday 11th October

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

Seminar – Understanding Family Law – Two Sessions

CCSS Solo Parent Services are holding two sessions for our Seminar on "Understanding Family Law". The seminars on the following dates will cover the topics below:

Wednesday 20th July – Understanding the Family Law Act – Focus on Divorce/Separation and Children's needs.

Wednesday 27th July – Understanding the Family Law Act – Focus on Property /Settlements.

Venue for both Seminars: DAC, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown **Time:** 7.30pm – 9.30pm **Cost:** \$7.00 per session. **Registration**

Essential: Solo Parent Services - Rita - PH: 8822 2222 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

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:** Tuesday 21st June. **Please note new Venue:** DAC, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or

Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



Penrith City Children's Choir

is about to start preparing

The Moonrakers

a mini-opera

with singing, acting, costumes, props and scenery

directed by

Lucy McAlary

Boys and girls (7 – 13 years) are invited to join

PCCC's next project: *The Moonrakers*

Workshops Sundays 24 and 31 July

If you love to sing, please join us.

You need to be quick! There are no auditions but only limited places available.

For further information contact the Administrator, Liz Strasser:
0418 202 849 or pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au

2016 FEDERAL ELECTION: FUNDING POLICIES FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Catholic education wrote to both major parties to ask about their education policies and how they will affect the 765,000 students being educated in the 1,731 Catholic schools across Australia. Summaries of the parties' responses are provided below. Full responses can be found on the NCEC website.

AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY

LIBERAL-NATIONAL COALITION

1: How will your policy support parents to choose the education they want for their children and ensure religious freedom for Catholic schools is preserved?

Labor has a strong record of supporting Catholic education and values the role of Catholic schools in educating the next generation. Labor respects parents' choice in schools and has no plans to change the legislation in relation to exemptions for religious schools.

In government, Labor worked cooperatively with the Catholic education systems to partner in delivering the Gonski needs-based funding reforms, which will drive better student outcomes. If elected, we will continue to work closely with Catholic schools to implement these important reforms.

The Coalition appreciates the vital contribution that Catholic schools make to Australian society by educating some 750,000 children. We believe that parents should be guaranteed the freedom to choose an education that best suits the needs of their children and their personal beliefs.

We strongly support the rights of Catholic schools to conduct and govern themselves in every respect in accordance with their religious beliefs and values and within legislative and funding requirements. This includes curriculum, school practice and enrolment.

2: How will your education policy advance the educational outcomes of students in all schools?

Labor's school funding policy is sector-blind and needs-based, which means every child in every school will get a better education. Labor's "Your Child. Our Future" plan will deliver the Gonski reforms that we introduced when in government, on-time and in-full. This plan will see an additional investment in our education system of \$3.8 billion compared to the Liberals in 2018 and 2019 and help keep fees down in Catholic schools.

It will also mean teachers in Catholic schools will have the resources they need to provide students with more individual attention, and for schools to tailor programs to meet the needs of their students and improve results.

Our proposed initiatives will focus on boosting student literacy, numeracy and STEM performance, improving the quality of teaching and school leadership, preparing our students for a globalised world, focusing on what matters most and those who need it most, and accountability through transparency.

More information on our approach to the future of schooling reform can be found by reading our "Quality Schools, Quality Outcomes" policy.

3: How will your policy affect the ability of Catholic education systems and schools to distribute funding according to locally-identified needs?

In government, Labor worked closely with Catholic schools on funding reforms to get the balance right between flexibility and autonomy, and accountability and transparency. We will continue this approach in delivering the six-year funding agreement with Catholic schools on-time and in-full, with systems continuing to distribute funding in line with the needs-based funding principles. With Labor, \$3.8 billion more needs-based support will reach schools in 2018 and 2019 alone, compared to the Liberals. This will put downward pressure on fees.

Parents need to be sure that taxpayers' money is reaching the classroom and delivering evidence-based programs that boost student results. With "Your Child. Our Future", school systems will need to be transparent and accountable for how they distribute additional funding to improve student outcomes.

Labor has also committed \$82 million in additional funding for Catholic education commissions and Independent school associations in 2018 and 2019 to deliver a Teaching and Learning Support Program.

The Coalition strongly supports the ability of Catholic education systems to flexibly and responsively re-distribute funding according to local need. Our commitment is to grow schools funding in line with costs, and to support evidence-based initiatives proven to make a difference to student outcomes.

4: How will you ensure your policy minimises red tape and regulation on schools, teachers and school systems that distract from quality teaching and learning?

Teachers and principals in Catholic schools know best the needs of their students and how to meet them. Labor's priority is ensuring federal investment reaches classrooms and giving schools the flexibility to use additional investment to drive evidence-based improvements in teaching and learning.

A Shorten Labor Government will work with Catholic schools to ensure integrity in funding arrangements and transparency for parents, without red tape.

Under the Coalition, future funding will not only be needs-based but it will be linked to ensuring that evidence-based reforms that have the most impact on student performance are implemented. We must make sure that teachers can implement what they need, rather than taking them out of the classroom with red tape.

The Turnbull Government has committed to reducing the cost of unnecessary or inefficient regulation imposed on individuals, business and community organisations by at least \$1 billion a year. An important part of this commitment is the Regulator Performance Framework to review the performance of Commonwealth regulators.

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5: How will your policy deliver funding certainty for schools and ensure funding keeps pace with the educational needs of students and the real cost of educating a child?

To make sure needs-based reforms drive a permanent improvement in education, Labor has provisioned \$36 billion more than the Liberals over the decade to give schools, principals and teachers long-term funding certainty. This will put downward pressure on fees over the long-term.

A Shorten Labor Government will more than reverse the Liberals' \$29 billion school cuts and provide funding certainty for schools and parents.

The Coalition has kept its 2013 election promises, we have restored funding certainty and provided record funding. Recurrent funding for the Catholic education sector across Australia will total \$23.3 billion over 2014 to 2017 – a 19.7 per cent increase.

In the 2016-17 Budget, the Turnbull Government fully-funded its School Achievement Plan, which includes schools funding for 2018-2020 at an education-specific indexation rate of 3.56 per cent plus enrolments. This reflects more accurately the real growth in education costs and aligns with the National Catholic Education Commission's pre-budget submission. Total Commonwealth funding to all schools across Australia will be a record \$73.6 billion over the forward estimates (2016-17 to 2019-20). Recurrent school funding increases from \$16.0 billion in 2016 to \$20.1 billion in 2020.

6: How will your funding policy ensure that students with additional needs – across all sectors and in all schools – receive the support they need and that funding grows with needs?

Labor's "Your Child. Our Future" plan will put needs-based, sector-blind funding permanently at the heart of our school system – so every student in every school will get the support they need to achieve their best. All students will benefit. Especially for those with the most to gain, with needs-based loadings for: Students with a low socio-economic background; Indigenous students; Students with disability; Students with limited English; Small schools; Rural, regional and remote schools.

Labor's plan will mean more one-on-one support and attention for every student, early intervention programs in every school, and better remedial literacy and numeracy support. Additional investment will also be used to offer more vocational education opportunities in schools, boost year 12 completion rates and deliver more allied health support – such as speech and occupational therapists.

A Shorten Labor Government will provide \$320 million from 2017 to better support students with disability – more than reversing the Turnbull Government's cuts to the More Support for Students with Disabilities program.

Over the 2014-17 period the Catholic education sector will receive \$1.9 billion for students with disability, including \$430 million in 2014 (an increase of \$278 million, or 183 per cent since 2013) and \$529 million in 2017.

This funding includes the recent Budget allocation of an extra \$118.2 million in 2016 and 2017 for students with disability. Funding will be targeted to those schools and students with the highest needs and, for the first time ever, is informed by the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability.

From 2018, details of how the future new school funding model will address student need will be negotiated with States and Territories and the Catholic and Independent school sectors.

7: Parents currently pay most of the capital costs in Catholic schools. How will your policy support the capital needs of new and existing Catholic schools?

Labor understands the importance of long-term certainty to enable schools to improve facilities and grow. That's why we have provisioned \$36 billion more than the Liberals for schools over the next decade – keeping fees down.

This will also allow Catholic schools to plan for their capital needs in a way that would simply not be possible under the Liberals' \$29 billion cut.

In addition, Labor will provide over \$140 million in capital grants for non-government schools each year through the Capital Grants Program, taking further pressure off fees.

In 2015, the Coalition Government, under the Capital Grants Programme (CGP), helped 183 non-Government schools construct new classrooms, build specialist learning spaces and improve student and staff amenities. The CGP will continue under the Turnbull Coalition Government.

In 2016, the Coalition Government is delivering more than \$140 million for non-government school infrastructure projects. If re-elected, we will provide \$578 million over four years in capital funding for schools, including Catholic schools.

Read Labor's "Your Child. Our Future" policy at <http://bit.ly/NCECLaborEducation>

Read the Coalition's "Quality Schools, Quality Outcomes" policy at <http://bit.ly/NCECCoalitionEducation>

Dates for your Diary

Week 10

Friday 1st July

Last day Term 2

Term 3 - School resumes for students Tuesday 19th July

Week 1

Monday 18th July

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 19th July

First day for students Term 3

9am Assembly

Thursday 21st July

Stage 3 Boys Soccer

Week 2

Monday 25th July

9am Assembly

Year 5 excursion St Patrick's Cathedral

**WISHING EVERYONE
A SAFE AND
ENJOYABLE BREAK!**