

# St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 4

18<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Dear Parents,

Before ascending to heaven, Jesus promised his 'worried' apostles that, "you will receive the power of the Holy Spirit which will come down on you, and then you will be my witnesses." Acts 1:8

At Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, as tongues of fire, to each of the apostles gathered together, wondering about this promise Jesus made and praying for the courage to continue his work. We also received the Holy Spirit in Baptism and pray, also, for the courage to be true witnesses of Jesus. Our parish Mass last Sunday was a cheerful and welcoming celebration. Thank you to the families that were able to join us and contributed to this community celebration of our faith.

Come Holy Spirit,  
Fill the hearts of the faithful  
And renew the face of the earth.



World Youth Day 2016 is fast approaching. At our assembly next Monday, two young parishioners, Dylan and Cassie, will speak about their reasons for participating in this world-wide evangelising event to be held in Poland in July. To support their participation, we ask families to make a donation, which will be collected throughout the week. Please be generous in your support for these young enthusiastic pilgrims.

Year 3 and Year 5 students participated in NAPLAN last week. It was a stress free event as teachers had prepared students well. At St Joseph's, we encourage all students to participate as we receive valuable data about individual student learning progress as well as areas we need to focus on for school improvement. Well done everyone.

Extra-curricular activities are keeping students and staff busy. We have musical rehearsal, orchestra, band, and the parish Sky Youth Group (Yr 6) after school each week as well as different teams training for sporting events as they occur. Thank you to all the staff and parents for supporting these opportunities for our students.

Our Parent Association has also been busy with Mother's Day stall, Fun Food Day and the upcoming school disco next week. Thank you all involved! The next PA meeting is this Monday 7pm. Please support our committee and our school by attending this meeting.

Last week we had a Facilities Compliance Audit to ensure our school satisfies Child Protection legislation and provides a safe environment for all our students. There will be a few minor changes to some spaces of which you will be made aware as they occur.

School photos this Friday. Students wear school uniform, not sports uniform.

Wishing you the peace and joy of the Holy Spirit,

Fran Jackson



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# General News



## 2016 School Photos

2016 School Photos will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Students are to wear full school uniform on this day. Sibling envelopes are available at the school office. **PLEASE NOTE: Due to Infants Captivate rehearsal on this day sibling photos will be taken between 8:30am and 8:50am.**

## School Fees

### Term 2 School Fees

Term 2 school fees have been posted. If you haven't received your statement please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999.

## ...St Joseph's is hosting...



**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

**8:15am-10am**

**Outside the Kindy Rooms**



**HAVE A CUPPA**

**...OR 2!**



**Bring along something to share...**



## SJK Donate Now

## Raffle Tickets!



**Purchase tickets for our raffle too! If you would like to donate items towards our raffle, contact the office...**

If you would like to sponsor this event, please contact the school office.



### The simplest way

to improve the health of your family and save money

## Come to our FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop

**Date:** Friday, 27 May 2016  
**Time:** 9:00am until 10:30am  
**Venue:** St Joseph's Primary School Kingswood



Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer? This **free workshop** run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

- Save time and money making healthy meals
- Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters
- Get a free recipe book simply by attending

**Don't miss out – registration is essential. To book your place please register no later than 24/05/16 by:**

**Calling or visiting the school front office or register online at**  
[www.cancercouncil.org.au/eatittobeatit/register](http://www.cancercouncil.org.au/eatittobeatit/register)

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.

**Health**  
Nepean Blue Mountains  
Local Health District



## Pastoral Care and Student Wellbeing Policy

Our policies and procedures for student wellbeing are based on the Positive Behaviour School framework putting the focus on student learning.

Expectations are articulated in our STaRS:

Safe  
Thoughtful  
actively  
Responsible  
Students

Expectations are explicitly taught to all students and individual plans are developed for students requiring more intensive support. All staff support students in living out the STaRS values.

In line with the Student Wellbeing Policy, discrimination, harassment or bullying are not permitted. Incidents arising pertaining to these matters need to be conveyed to the class teacher and will be dealt with in an appropriate manner.

For further details, visit the school website: [www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au)

## Discipline Policy

St Joseph's discipline policy ensures procedural fairness, the hearing rule, and the right to an unbiased decision. St Joseph's staff neither use, nor sanction, corporal punishment. When an incident occurs which requires the individual to be disciplined, staff ensure that it is dealt with in an appropriate manner taking into consideration the above requirements.

## **Complaints and Grievances Procedures**

From time to time concerns may arise in regard to the school between different stakeholders. The following procedures have been developed to effectively address any such concerns.

### **Parents**

Complaints or grievances pertaining to classroom issues, or that relate to other children are to be dealt with by school personnel. It is not appropriate for parents to approach other parents, or their children, with the intention of resolving the issues.

The recommended procedure to be followed by parents is:

1. The first point of contact is the student's class teacher. Please contact the school office to make an appointment with the teacher concerned.
2. If parents are not satisfied with the solutions offered, or believe that they have not been given a fair hearing, they are encouraged to make an appointment with the Stage Co-ordinator or the Assistant Principal.
3. Should the issue remain unresolved after this time, an appointment is made with the Principal to further discuss the issues.

*Please remember there usually are at least two sides to every story and whilst it is important to listen to the children, it is also important not to draw conclusions or make accusations until all the facts are known.*

### **Students**

The recommended procedure for students is:

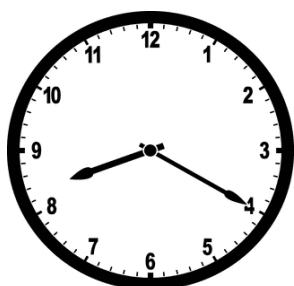
1. If issues arise in the classroom, students are encouraged to speak to their class teacher in order to seek support in finding a resolution.
2. Students encountering problems on the playground are asked to talk to the staff member on duty at the time of the incident. If they believe that their concern has not been adequately addressed they are encouraged to speak to their class teacher.

*All students at St. Joseph's are taught to adopt the school's Three Step Plan to find a resolution. This plan is displayed in each learning area, is discussed regularly in class and forms part of the Student Wellbeing Policy.*

3. Students can also speak to the Co-ordinator, Assistant Principal or Principal, as well as any other staff member about issues they may have.

### **Photos at School**

Due to privacy issues, photos taken at school should be taken of own children only.



### **Supervision at School**

A reminder to parents that morning supervision at school commences at 8:20am. At afternoon dismissal, children remaining at walkers and Kiss 'n Ride at 3:30pm will be taken to the Office, at which time parents will be contacted. Afternoon supervision concludes at 3:30pm. Children should not be at school before or after these times.



### **Reminder to Parents**

Parents are reminded that, if entering the school grounds to attend assembly, classroom activities, etc, they are required to sign in at the office on arrival, and sign out on departure.

child  
protection training

### **Online Child Protection Training**

If parents are planning on assisting in the classroom, or on an excursion, they are required to first complete Child Protection Training. The training is undertaken over the internet at <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training> Simply click the training link under "Volunteer" to undertake the training.

### **Change of Home or Emergency Contact Details**

If you have any changes to your home or emergency contact numbers, please contact the school office as soon as possible. In cases of sickness or emergency, it is important that we have the correct contact details for your children.



## Sport News

Jacob and Brodie were selected to represent MacKillop at the NSWPPSSA Boys Basketball Carnival. Last week they went to Terrigal for the week, where they spent a day training with the MacKillop team and the rest of the week competing. The MacKillop team went through pool games undefeated. They defeated Sydney Metropolitan Team in the semi final and then Defeated Combined Independent Schools in the Grand Final. Brodie and Jacob played very well, and were unlucky they weren't selected for NSW Primary Schools Basketball Team.

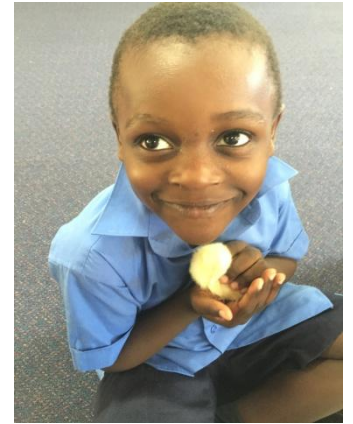


Congratulations to Zaid who has been selected in the 11 years MacKillop Rugby League State Carnival



## Learning News

Kindergarten has been very lucky to take part in the 'Living Eggs' program this term. The children were very excited to see the eggs hatch and grow into very cute little chicks! Here is what some of the students said about the program.



The chicks were cute and I learnt that when the eggs start to crack they are going to hatch soon. Indiana KB

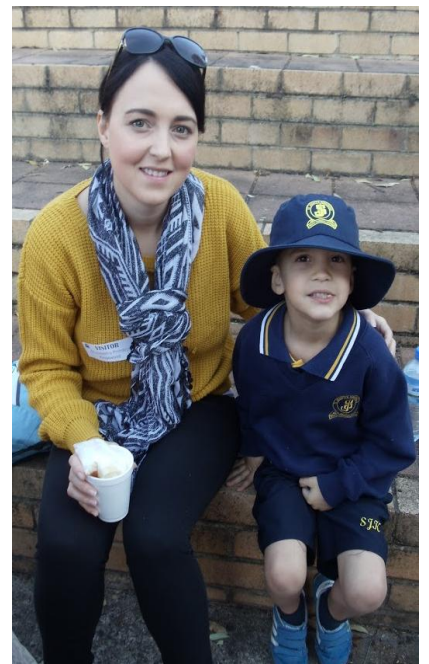
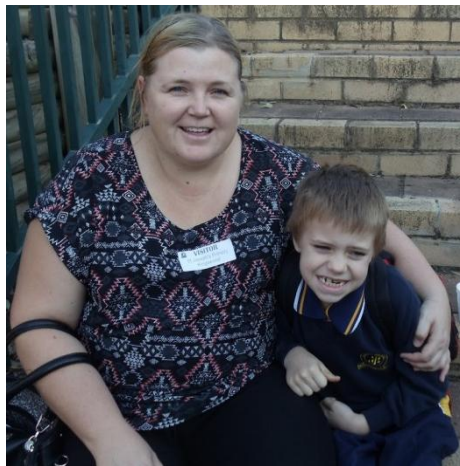
The chicks are very cute but they sleep a lot! Joshua KB

I liked patting the chicks and hearing them chirp. Andrew KY

I loved having the chicks in the classroom and watching them run around. Tyler KY



# Mother's Day News





# 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

Masterful drumming, evocative songs  
and mind blowing dance moves

**VBUNTU**  
"I AM because we ARE"  
**AUSTRALIAN TOUR 2016**  
Inspiring African Children's Choir graduates

**PUBLIC WORKSHOP**  
Wed May 18, 7.30pm  
Lawson Public School hall  
Adult \$18, conc/child \$12, family \$48

**CONCERTS**  
Adult \$20, conc \$15, child \$12, family \$50  
Thurs May 19, 7.30pm  
Katoomba High School hall  
Martin St, Katoomba

Fri May 20, 7.30pm  
Springwood High School hall  
Grose Rd, Faulconbridge

Sat May 21, 7.30pm  
Nepean CAPA High School hall  
115 Great Western Highway, Emu Plains

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[www.kwaya.org](http://www.kwaya.org)

**CONTACT**  
Brendan O'Reilly 0437 347 657

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EVENTS MADE EASY

**Rollercoasters<sup>SM</sup>**  
A Curriculum for Children of Change

**FOR KIDS WHOSE FAMILIES ARE CHANGING**

Group activities for children years 3 to 5 who are experiencing & struggling with  
Family separation | Parents' divorce | Family changes

**5 to 6 Mondays: Commencing 30 May to 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

**Time:** 4pm to 5.15 pm after School (snack provided)

**Venue:** CatholicCare Social Services  
38 Prince Street Blacktown NSW 2148

**Contact:** Ruby or Karolyn  
02 8822 2222 at Blacktown Office  
A pre group meeting will be arranged for parent & child

**Topics Covered:**

- Week 1 Everything is different
- Week 2 Is it my fault?
- Week 3 I wish everything was back to normal
- Week 4 I am so mad!
- Week 5 How can I manage?
- Week 6 What I have learned?

**Cancer Council NSW**

**The simplest way**  
...to serve up 2 and 5.

It is important to aim for a minimum of two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables every day, for good health and to reduce cancer risk.

So how much is a serve? Here is a quick and easy guide:

**How much is 1 serve?**

**150 grams of fresh FRUIT or:**

- 1 medium piece (e.g. apple)
- 2 small pieces (e.g. apricots)
- 1 cup chopped or canned fruit

**75 grams of fresh VEG or:**

- 1/2 cup cooked veg or legumes
- 1/2 medium potato
- 1 cup salad or veg

For more information visit [www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au)  
or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://www.facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

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**NSW Health**  
Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District

**Eat It To Beat It**

# Dates for your Diary

## Week 4

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May

School Photos

10:30am Captivate Infants Rehearsals

## Week 5

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

9am Whole School Assembly

7pm Parent Association Meeting

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

9:15 Captivate Primary Rehearsals

12pm Bravehearts

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May

8:15am – 10am Biggest Morning Tea

Stage 3 girls soccer

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

9am – 10:30am Nutrition Workshop for Parents

Kindergarten Excursion Calmsley Hill

6:30pm School Disco

## Week 6

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May

9am Whole School Assembly

## St JOSEPH'S WHOLE SCHOOL DiSCO

Glow  
Products  
\$1 - \$4.50

Chips &  
Popcorn  
\$0.50

Chocolates  
\$0.50 - \$1.00



Lollies  
\$0.50 - \$2.00

Novelty Toys  
\$1 - \$4.50

Juice & Soft  
Drink  
\$1.50

*All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are invited to enjoy a whole school disco - (sorry no siblings or parents)*

*Refreshments, glow products & novelty items will be on sale at the disco (eg. chips, lollies and drinks, glow & flashing toys).*

When: Friday, 27 May 2016

Time: 6.30pm to 8.30pm

St Joseph's – Basil Rosen Building (MPA)

Cost: \$5.00 per child

RSVP: Friday, 20 May 2016

Enquiries: Elisha Mitchell, Fundraising Committee Ph 0412 625 205

**Please Note:** Parents must accompany children to and from the disco – please do not drop children at the front gate. Children will need to be signed in and out. Please retain the ticket for collection of your child.

**Important Information:** Parents will be unable to stay for the disco unless they are registered as a parent volunteer for the night.