# St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 10 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents,

As the term comes to a close and my retirement begins, I wish to thank you all for your support as partners in the education of your children over the last 10 years.

I have always been proud of the children at St Joseph's and privileged to be their principal. They are the "best in the west." They are a credit to you.

I want to acknowledge the tireless efforts and enthusiasm of the Parent Association Executive, Mel, Belinda, Sarah and Jenny W, who have led your participation in many events to provide not only resources for the school but also memorable experiences for your children. Thanks also to Elisha for her role as "disco queen" over the last few years. And thank you to the many volunteers that respond to the call when help is needed.

My decision was difficult and made after much reflection on both the needs of the school and my own wellbeing. It was a decision not taken lightly and I wish to express my appreciation to Mrs Carr for stepping in to lead the school community and support the dedicated staff in the learning work of the school.

Thank you Mel and Marianne for your warm words at my farewell. I have thoroughly loved every moment of working with you. Your enthusiasm was infectious!

Please keep me in your thoughts and prayers as I navigate the next chapter in my life

May God bless each one of you.

May God guide you through the rest of your journey at St Joseph's and beyond.

Fran Jackson Principal - retired



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the term draws to a close and we prepare for the holidays, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for welcoming me into your community this term. I have enjoyed getting to know the St Joseph's parents and students even if it was only for a brief time.

Mr John Laffan visited the school yesterday and met the staff and many of the students. I know he will enjoy Term 4 here at St Joseph's.

As you know Ms Nicholls will be taking up a Teaching Educator role at Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta in the area of Literacy. We wish her every success in this role and know she has much knowledge in this area which will enable her to develop and lead other teachers throughout the diocese. We welcome Mrs Lisa Howell who will be Assistant Principal for term 4.

We also have other teachers and teacher's aides who will be leaving at the end of this term: Miss Emily Durrington, Mrs Cassandra Lindsay, Mrs Brenda Hughes, Mrs Marianne Wilson and Ms Grace Vassallo. We thank them for their hard work and dedication to the students here at St Joseph's and we wish them well for the future.

Mr Chris Scanlan and Ms Eliza Treble are well known to the students and we welcome them to the Stage Two area.

We wish Miss Claire Devine best wishes for her forthcoming marriage and future life together with her fiancé Aaron.

Parents, I hope you have time to enjoy the holidays, but even if you have to work during the students' break, I hope it is a break for you from getting lunches, preparing uniforms and encouraging children to get out of bed!

God bless you and thank you for your support, Tricia Carr

#### **Excursion News**

#### <u>Year 3 Australiana Pioneer Village</u>





#### **Year 2 Rouse Hill House and Farm**

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September, Year 2 went on a fantastic excursion to Rouse Hill House and Farm. We travelled on the bus there and after we had some crunch and sip we got to meet our teacher Miss Fox. Did you know in the olden days teachers could not be married! After we met Miss Fox we got to put on pinafores if we were girls and collars and jackets if we were boys. Miss Fox then taught us what we needed to do if we saw each other walking along the road. If we were a boy we had to take our hat off and say "Good Morning" and then the girl would curtsy. Miss Fox said that discipline and manners were very important, her special rule was talking is silver and silence is golden. That means that silence is worth more than chatting to our friends.

We then walked in one straight line to the little school house and we pretended that we were at school in 1889. We had to stand at the flag pole and salute it, then we went inside. Once inside we saw many interesting things. We sat at the desks in rows and used slate boards instead of paper and books. Miss Fox taught us to write in special writing called cursive. We also learnt about the life cycle of a silk worm.

We then went into two groups. One group went with Mrs Turnball to learn sewing. We learnt how to do the running stich. It was very fun. We made a house. The other group did exercise. They danced around the maypole and used the dumbbells to get their muscles nice and strong for all the farm work they had to do. Then we swapped. When the groups were finished we got to ring the school bell. It was very loud.

At lunch time we got to play with the old fashioned toys. We played with wooden horses, hula hoops, quoits and marbles. It was very fun.

After lunch we went back into school and did some Science. We got to draw things like snakes, magpies and nests. We then got to ask Miss Fox lots of questions about going to school in 1889. It was such a fun excursion and we learnt so much. We gave it 10/10.

By Vivian and Melissa





# **End of Term Awards**

Child's Name	Award Name	Class
Cooper Thompson	Outstanding Achievement	KB
Jairemy De Guzman	Faith in Action	KB
Zolfekar Slaibi	Positive Work Habits	KB
Tiana James	Bounce Back	KB
Ekam Bhambra	Outstanding Achievement	KY
Chelsea Peters	Faith in Action	KY
Jenna Herben	Positive Work Habits	KY
Jostrick Joseph	Bounce Back	KY
Charlie Zhu	Outstanding Achievement	1B
Joshua Esteban	Faith in Action	1B
Akon Terketh	Positive Work Habits	1B
Logan Paul	Bounce Back	1B
Jacob Legge	Outstanding Achievement	1Y
Narden Slaibi	Faith in Action	1Y
Jakobi Ebsworth	Positive Work Habits	1Y
Cameron Kemp	Bounce Back	1Y
Tyler Ramsay	Outstanding Achievement	2B
Dreisson Nugroho	Faith in Action	2B
Tristan Coulter	Positive Work Habits	2B
Christian McCann	Bounce Back	2B
Lily Wylie	Outstanding Achievement	2Y
Dean Bannon	Faith in Action	2Y
Vivian Konatarevic	Positive Work Habits	2Y
Melissa Shaker	Bounce Back	2Y
Shenelle Lokubalasuriya	Outstanding Achievement	3B
Lillian Smith	Faith in Action	3B
Jack Alderman	Positive Work Habits	3B
Jett Szczygiel	Bounce Back	3B
Chanel Bastin	Outstanding Achievement	3Y
Faith De Guzman	Faith in Action	3Y
Angelo Aish	Positive Work Habits	3Y

Kognin Madar	Bounce Back	3Y
Tan Duenkunthod	Outstanding Achievement	4B
Cooper Austin	Faith in Action	4B
Angela Rodriguez Diaz	Positive Work Habits	4B
Sabrina Ristovski- Bremez	Bounce Back	4B
Isobel Garcia	Outstanding Achievement	4Y
	Faith in Action	4Y
Kristopher Page	Positive Work Habits	4Y
Kenyon Mendoza	Bounce Back	4Y
Tiana Grimes	Faith in Action	5B
Sereyna Sou	Positive Work Habits	5B
Bowen Reynolds	Bounce Back	5B
Dominique Olesco	Outstanding Achievement	5Y
Felix Nguyen	Faith in Action	5Y
Jennifer Lazo	Positive Work Habits	5Y
Eva Mladenovic	Bounce Back	5Y
Brodie Schwarzer	Outstanding Achievement	6B
Emily Palummo	Faith in Action	6B
Cleopatra Brennen	Positive Work Habits	6B
Ethan Rowles	Bounce Back	6B
Jacob Lovegrove	Outstanding Achievement	6Y
Charlotte Bunning	Faith in Action	6Y
Jenna Richardson	Positive Work Habits	6Y
Luke Mitchell	Bounce Back	6Y



### **Musical News**



## **Community News**

# <u>St Joseph's Catholic Church Kingswood</u>—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



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

#### **Dates for your Diary**

Week 10 Wednesday 21st September 7pm Musical

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September Last day term 3

### Term 4

# Monday 10th October – Students return to school

Week 1 Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 9am Assembly

Week 2 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 9am Assembly

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> October CPS Basketball Challenge

Week 3 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 9am Assembly

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October Yr 4 Australian Pioneer Village Excursion

7pm Kindergarten 2017 Parent Information Night

Friday 28th October Halloween Disco

