

# St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 2

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015

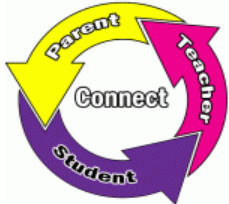
Dear Parents and Carers,

At our assembly on Tuesday, we shared the Gospel from last Sunday (Mk6:30-34). Jesus had been teaching and talking with people for a number of days, so sought to go to a quiet place with his friends to rest and reflect. A great plan when we feel tired and need to recharge. Unfortunately for Jesus, the people worked out where he was going and were eagerly waiting for him as he and his friends arrived. A scenario we can all relate to, I'm sure.



Jesus did not turn his boat around and disappoint the people waiting for him. He stepped ashore, found a comfortable spot and began to teach. Why? Not out of duty. Not out of desperation. Out of love.....the reason for everything Jesus did and the basis of everything Jesus taught. The same love parents show their children; the same love between parents; the same love we model in our families. Love needs to be replenished and Jesus is the source of everlasting love.

When we feel the need to refresh, Jesus invites us to, *"Come away....and rest for a while."* Take a minute, or two, to just sit and be.....with Jesus.



This week we are holding our Parent/Student/Teacher Learning Conferences. This is a valuable opportunity for us to work collaboratively as partners in the education of your child. The Learning Conference is also an opportunity for each student to set a learning goal for Semester 2. If you have not made an appointment to meet with your child's teacher, please contact the school office or log into [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and use the code **JBPUM** to book a time. If you are unable to meet with your child's teacher this week, please contact the school so an alternate appointment can be made.

Thank you to Mrs Geraghty, Mrs Purtell and Miss Treble for organising the Athletics Carnival. Thank you parents who assisted on the day with marshalling, timing and recording. The children had a wonderful day and the weather was kind to us. Congratulations to our age winners who received their medals today at assembly and our final winners who received their blue, red and green ribbons. Well done!



Welcome to St Joseph's

Mrs Monique Boyer joins our staff as acting REC and class teacher 6MA for Semester 2. Mrs Melissa O'Connor joins us for Term 3 as literacy support. We also welcome some new families into our school community. It's a pleasure to have you join us.



Maths workshops for parents starting Week 4 Tuesday afternoon 2:30pm-3pm

We have many exciting events this term. Please check the school calendar and join us whenever you can.

Yours sincerely,

*Fran Jackson*  
Principal



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# Catholic Culture News

Dear Parents,

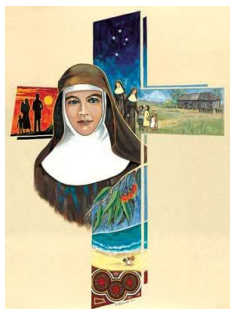
## **Family Fun Day**

Sunday the 9th of August is our Family Fun Day, we are combining a belated celebration of the feasts of St Joachim and Anne (the Grandparents of Jesus) with our Family Fun Day to be held after the 10am Sunday Mass. A flyer has been sent home to all families and we would love to see as many school families as possible attend Mass to start the celebrations.



Children will be offered the opportunity to sing in the choir at the 10am Mass and those children involved will bring home a note early next week with the details.

**St Joseph's Parish** – Please don't forget to make coming along to mass each weekend a priority. We have four masses over the weekend: Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 8:30am & 10:00am. Polish Mass- Saturday 4pm.



**Religious Literacy Assessment** - During Week 3, students in Years 4 and 6 will take part in an online trial of the Religious Literacy Assessment. This will take place during class time in preparation for the official testing that will occur towards the end of term.

**Upcoming dates** - Mary MacKillop Liturgy, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August.

**Mrs Monique Boyer**  
**Acting Religious Education Coordinator.**

## General News



### **2016 Enrolments**

We are accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2016. Enrolment Forms are available at the school office and the school website. Please contact Karen Sprycha on 4732 3999 to arrange an interview.

### **Uniform and Grooming**

At St Joseph's, we have an all season uniform to minimise school expenses for families. Our school colours are dark blue and yellow, so T-shirts/skivvies under blouses/shirts, jumpers, jackets, hats and socks need to be either dark blue or yellow. School shoes are black, not joggers. Socks need to be folded over ankles, not anklets that disappear in shoes. Our uniform requirements are not onerous; please support us in students taking pride in our school.



While hair fashions come and go, long hair must be tied back with dark blue or yellow bands, clips, scrunchies, ribbons, etc. While each child likes to express their individuality, being in uniform at school also provides a sense of belonging. Extreme hairstyles do little to enhance a child's sense of self. Do we really want our child to stand out in the crowd for what is a passing fad? Please consider!

Nail polish and jewellery is not for school. signet rings, sleeper earrings, studs and chains with a cross or medal are acceptable. We recommend chains be worn under the uniform so as to minimise breakage.



### **Book Fair**

There will be a book fair at the Family Fun Day. If you are unable to attend our Family Fun Day you may wish to choose books to purchase from the pamphlet handed out today. Orders need to be placed online – [www.scholastic.com.au/payment](http://www.scholastic.com.au/payment) or via phone 1800 557 908.

Please return the completed form, with receipt number, to the school office (if you are not attending Family Fun Day) so we can fill your order.

Please note there will be many other books, other than those in the pamphlet, available on the day and can be purchased by cash or eftpos.

## **Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015**



This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your

local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit [www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)

## The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta wants to hear from you

If you or someone close to you has suffered **ANY** abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish, other Catholic group) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains we invite you to contact us.

Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options.

### You can contact us on:

Phone: (02) 9933 0233

Web: [www.parra.catholic.org.au/safeguarding](http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/safeguarding)

Email: [safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au)

Mail: PO BOX 3066 North Parramatta, NSW, 1750

For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact **NSW Police on 1800 333 000**

# Family Fun Day Schedule

10:00am: Parish Mass — St Joseph's Parish Church



11:15am — 12:00pm: Open Classrooms

11:15am — 1:30pm: Face Painting - Pavers

11:15am - 1:30pm: Sausage Sizzle - Pavers



11:15am — 2:00pm: Cake Stall — Library Verandah

12:15pm — 2:00pm: Book Fair (MPA)



12:30pm — 1:30pm: Student performances: MPA

- Infants Choir
- Stage 2 Poetry
- School Band
- Primary Choir
- Stage 3 Poetry
- Musical Teaser
- Infants Poetry





# 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 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Understanding the Family Law Act – Focus on Divorce/Separation and Children’s needs.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August** – Understanding the Family Law Act – Focus on Settlements/Property.

**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 - Eileen or Rita - PH: 9933 0205 EMAIL: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

## Younger Widowed Support Group

Held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month for anyone who at a younger age has suffered the death of their spouse or partner. This is aimed for people under 55 with or without children.

**Next Gathering:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm **Venue:** CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St,

Blacktown **Cost:** \$5.00 **Details:** Solo Parent Services - Eileen or Rita - PH: 9933 0205 EMAIL: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)



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## Faith in Marriage

3rd Annual Marriage Conference

**Sunday 23rd August 2015 • 9am – 3pm**  
at Our Lady of Mercy College, Victoria Road Parramatta

**2015 Theme:**  
*Marriage – A Culture of Love & Life*

Speakers include: Reverend Father Peter Williams,  
Jonathon Doyle and Lara & Tim Kirk  
On-site child-minding available



Register your interest at [marriage@ccss.org.au](mailto:marriage@ccss.org.au) or call 02 9933 0222

## COME JOIN THE FUN

### Hornets Softball Club

Whether you're starting out, developing new skills or playing socially with friends, Hornets Softball Club offer something for everyone



**Ages 4 and up welcome**

## SOFTBALL

**Come and learn more at one of our REGISTRATION**

**SAT 18/07** at 9.30am-4pm  
**Jordan Springs Shopping Centre**  
**SAT 25/07** at 9.30am-4pm  
**St Marys Village**  
**SUN 2/08** at 10am-3pm  
**Surveyors Creek Softball Facilities, Glenmore Park**



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Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...to pack a healthy lunch box.

Packing a healthy lunch box is one way to get your kids eating the right amount of fruit and veg. There are a few ways of making healthy lunch boxes hassle free:



- Pack the night before, so it's not a rush in the morning.
- Always pack a serve of fruit: chopped or sliced for younger kids, or a fruit salad for a change.
- Always pack a serve of veg: think sliced veggie sticks, hummus or veggie dip, left over roast vegies.
- Include salad on your child's sandwich – every bit counts!
- Include wholegrains and a serve of protein (lean meats, eggs and tofu all count)
- Add a serve of dairy and a bottle of water.

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)

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

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## GOLDEN THREADS

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Polo Shirts, Caps, Workwear, Jackets,  
Towels, Sportswear, Badges

[sales@goldenthreads.com.au](mailto:sales@goldenthreads.com.au)

Riverlands Centre  
Shop 15, 566 High St,  
Penrith NSW 2750

Ph: 02 4731 5221  
Fax: 02 47321181  
[goldenthreads.com.au](http://goldenthreads.com.au)

Quote: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\$5.00 per line

\$5.00 First Name

\$5.00 Surname.

\$10.00 per jacket

Same day if you drop it in the morning

# Dates for your Diary

## Week 3

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July**

9am Assembly

7pm Personal Development Stage 3 Parents Meeting

## Week 4

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

9am Assembly

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August**

Aaron Blabey visit

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

Stage 2 & 3 NRL Clinic

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August**

10am – 2pm Family Fun Day



We need many volunteers to help out with baking cakes, cupcakes and slices for the Family Fun Day on the 9<sup>th</sup> August. Cake boxes will be available to pick up from the front office from next week. These should be delivered to the school on the morning before 10am Mass.

We need many Volunteers on the day (between 10am and 2pm) to help run the cake, drink and BBQ stalls. Please fill in the form below and return it to the school office by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July. Please contact Marianne on 0439 690 760 if you have any questions.

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Dear Marianne,

I am able to help on the Family Fun Day between the times of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone Number