St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 6 24th August 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last Thursday evening staff members from Catholic Schools in the Parramatta Diocese were privileged to hear an address, by Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFMConv DD.

As you know Bishop Vincent is the new Bishop of the Diocese of Parramatta. During his lecture he gave us much to think about and reflect upon. He particularly noted that:

- We must learn to walk with others and be humble servants of God
- We need to be Merciful
- We need to enhance the radical vision of Jesus to the poor and marginalised.

This is particularly relevant as this week is the week of Migrants and Refugees.

Bishop Vincent was a refugee and has had first hand experiences of the difficulties and struggles of those fleeing from their homelands.

Bishop Vincent says:

"As Christians, our attitude towards those in need is formed by our own experience of God's love and mercy. We can show them the love and mercy of God precisely because we ourselves are the recipients of the same love and mercy. Our encounter and acceptance of others are intertwined with the encounter and acceptance of God himself. Welcoming others means welcoming God in person!

The Pope acknowledges that often refugees and people who flee their homes in search of a safe and better future challenge individuals and communities, and their traditional ways of life; at times they even upset the cultural and social horizons which they encounter.

As Christians, we cannot remain content with the status quo, especially when that status quo is less than what God wants for us as individuals and as a community. Australia is a wonderful country but where it is in terms of its treatment of asylum seekers should galvanise us into action. We cannot be his disciples if we ignore the plight of the marginalised and the vulnerable. We cannot be salt and leaven if we allow our Christian conscience to be desensitized by the inequality, injustice and inhumanity in our society and in the world."

Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFMConv Bishops' Delegate for Migrants and Refugees

Help us, O Father, to be as merciful as you. May we offer them the welcome and assistance they desperately need. May your mercy help us to create a world where no one is a stranger and excluded. We ask this through your merciful son Jesus. Amen

God Bless you and your families, Tricia Carr

Staff Development Day

Monday 12th September
Children are not to attend school on this day,
however Joey's is available for care.
Please contact them on 4732 5771



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General News



Term 2 School Fees - Overdue

Term 2 school fees are now overdue. If you have not paid your school fees account or entered into a flexible payment plan, please make your payment now. If you are experiencing any difficulty in making the payment please phone Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999 to discuss the matter.



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.



Social Media Reminders

All notes and flyers from school are now distributed via Skoolbag and the school website. Please ensure you check all notifications on Skoolbag to keep up to date with events happening around the school. Facebook is only used to deliver reminders and display photos of school activities.





Fun Food Day! Friday 26th August 2016 (Lunch 2)



Hot Chips - \$2.00 Juice poppers - \$1.00

Volunteers required to help serve! | PLEASE! (1:00pm to 2:00pm) Contact Belinda 0411250549

Father's Day Stall

Thursday 1st September Items for sale \$1 - \$10



Book Week



















Netball Gala Day







Musical News

PIRATES OF THE



20th & 21st September - 7pm Tickets on sale Monday 29th August.

Adults: \$10 Children: \$5 Toddlers (on laps): Free

Programs available at the performance for \$5.

Limited seating available - Don't miss out!

Musical Reviews from 2015

"Fantastic, it was so great" - Ruth Coulter

"I'm definitely coming back tomorrow night" - Edna Weldon

"Loved the show" William Willson

"I think the kids are doing a wonderful job they're very, very funny and very entertaining! So well done to all." Mary-Jane Antakley

"It was a great show I would recommend it to anybody. You should come along and see it."

Reece Johnstone

"They were brilliant. Very clever kids...it was wonderful!" Sally Johnstone

"Fantastic production and the children were fabulous! Mr Tim has done a fantastic job with the show and it was absolutely wonderful! I will be here tomorrow as well." Nirusha Perera

"Come see the show tomorrow night it was amazing." Vanessa Travis

"The effort that has been put into it is just amazing!

The children...everybody that did it...Mr Tim. Just excellent!" Robyn Frankland

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

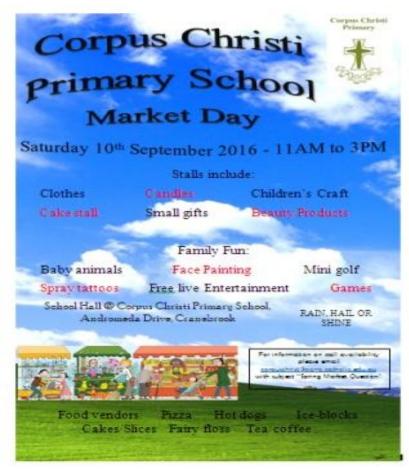
Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday 8am Saturday 8.30am



Sacrament Of Penance - Saturday after morning mass

Eucharistic Adoration - Before all masses







Dates for your Diary

Week 6	Friday 26 th August	Fun Food Day – Hot Chips \$2 Poppers \$1
Week 7	Wednesday 31 st August Thursday 1 st September Friday 2 nd September	Year 6 Voice of Youth at Corpus Christi Father's Day Stall Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy
Week 8	Monday 5 th September Friday 9 th September	9am Whole School Assembly Fun Food Day
Week 9	Monday 12 th September	Staff Development Day

