

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 10

9th December 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

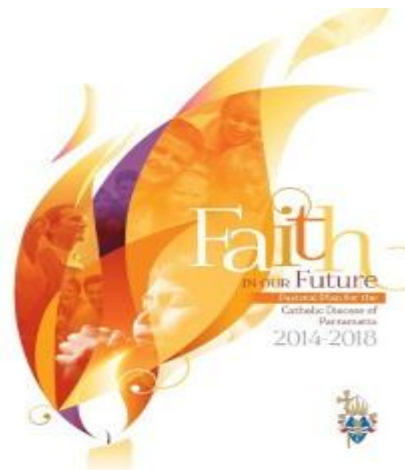
Faith in Our Future is the pastoral plan (2014-2018) for the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta. The plan looks to the future, our own and that of our children, and those yet to be born. Without faith in our future and that of our world, how do we live in the present? How do we make decisions?

The Christian story is one of HOPE. Reflect on this as we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

A Season of Great Expectations (extract from Faith in Our Future blog, Daniel Ang)

As the Church prepares itself for the Feast of Christmas we hear the call to 'stay awake' in expectation and longing for Jesus Christ, the one in whom God enters human history and who leads humanity back to God. We will soon celebrate the fact that God has not entered into a mere sympathy with human existence but literally lived it, been born within it, so that we might follow him in the fabric of our own lives.

The season of Advent calls us to prepare our hearts to receive this gift of Christ completely and unconditionally in our lives. We are called to entrust ourselves to Him, to realise that the birth of this man who is God is the birth of a new creation, of our new selves, if we allow it to be.



The staff of St Joseph's wishes each and every one of you Peace and Joy this Christmas and many blessings in the coming year.

Happy Christmas!

Fran Jackson
Principal



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Catholic Culture News

What's happening in RE this month?

In Religious Education, all classes are focusing on Advent as we prepare for Christmas.

During my Gospel Reflection this week I shared the story of our recent Christmas Celebration for the residents of Our Lady of Consolation Nursing Home Rooty Hill. The residents were entertained by our students, who shared their musical talents.

The spirit of love in the room was palpable. Our students did a wonderful job sharing their talent and time in order to bring some Christmas cheer to the elderly. The event was made possible due to the efforts of the Catholic Women's League.

Tears were flowing as the students presented handmade gifts to the residents. In return the students received hugs, smiles and a sense of pride for their efforts to 'make a difference' in the world.

It was a fantastic example to us all and a reminder that we can bring hope to others when we reach out in love. There are some heart-warming photos on our Facebook page, check them out!

Upcoming Dates!

**Advent Prayer
Week Four
9:00am, Monday, 15th
December**



Christmas Celebration

Tuesday December 16th

The students have been practicing their Christmas songs so they can share the story of Christmas with the St Joseph's Community.

Make sure you come early to enjoy a sausage sandwich and soak up the Christmas atmosphere.



Help make a Christmas wish come true

At the school Christmas celebration we will be asking for monetary donations for the Vinnie's Christmas Appeal. Any donation big or small will be greatly appreciated. For more information please go to: vinnies.org.au/dosomething

I wish the blessings of the Christmas season on all families. Thank you for supporting our community. We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Celebration December 16.

**Mark Aggar
Religious Education Coordinator**

General News

Enrolments For 2015

We understand that family circumstances change and children sometimes need to change schools. If you know that you will not be attending St Joseph's in 2015, please advise Mrs Jackson and complete an Exit Form, available from the school office.

Please note, that concerns regarding financial difficulties **are not** a reason for seeking another school, as the Catholic Education Office and St Joseph's can and will assist families with meeting these costs when genuine financial difficulties arise.

If you know of anyone considering a Catholic school education for their child here at St Joseph's from 2015, in any grade, please encourage them to contact us as soon as possible to assist us with our planning for 2015.

Readers and Library Books

Please return all Readers and Library books to the school by this Friday 12th December.

Swimming Carnival

We understand the disappointment of Kindergarten, Year 1 and some of Year 2 not being able to attend the swimming carnival yesterday but in light of the weather it was the best decision to keep them at school.



We would like to thank all the parent helpers, without your assistance we would be unable to successfully run the carnival. Thank you to Mr Aggar and staff for being so flexible and helpful throughout the day.

Congratulations to all the students who participated and behaved so well, especially after we had to move the carnival indoors due to the storm.

Learning News

Year 1 - Tashi – Part of a story by Shenelle with amazing illustrations

Well, it goes like this. I saw a frog who was so, so tiny with a grey stick.



They saw the tiny green frog with the grey stick. 'I told you,' said Tashi, 'You are good at looking out for frogs with sticks,' said Jack. Then the frog changed colour. WOW! They both said.

The frog was looking so mad and cross. Then he started to talk and dropped his stick.



The frog's loud talk was so loud that it made Tashi and Jack fall into the lake.

The frog said, 'You are so foolish.'

The End

2014 at a Glance



Another great year
at St Joseph's
Primary School!

Community News

Parish Playgroup

Parish Playgroup for children not yet at school is held on Mondays at 10.00am in the Parish Hall (Lieberman Room). Please bring something to share for morning tea. All enquiries to Father Pawel 4721 4080.

S.K.Y Youth Group

The S.K.Y Youth Group meet every Wednesday from 3pm in the Parish Hall. All 12-17 years are most welcome.

Stepping Beyond: Support for those Separated or Divorced

If you have been separated or divorced and would benefit from regular shared discussion evenings with others who are in a similar situation to you, come along to STEPPING BEYOND on the last Tuesday of each month at CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, at 7.30pm. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205



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



St Joseph's Catholic Church Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve - 6pm & Midnight

Christmas Day - 9am & 11am Polish Mass

Dates for your Diary

Week 10 Friday 12th December – Year 6 Farewell Liturgy 12pm; Year 6 Farewell Dinner 6:30pm

Week 11 Monday 15th December – Advent Liturgy 9am; Year 6 Fun Day

Tuesday 16th December – End of Term Assembly 9am; Community BBQ 6pm; Pageant 7pm

Wednesday 17th December – Talent Showcase; **Last day Term 4 for students!**

2015 Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 27th January 2015 – Staff back at school

Wednesday 28th January 2015 – Years 1 to 6 students back to school

Thursday 29th January 2015 – Kindergarten start school

Sport Days 2015

Students are to wear their sport uniform on their sport days

Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2.....Monday & Friday

Years 3 & 4.....Tuesday & Friday

Years 5 & 6.....Wednesday & Friday

