

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 10

8th December 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are fast approaching the end of a busy and successful year. Please join us for our Christmas Celebration on Tuesday, 15th December. We will be having a sausage sizzle at 6pm, followed by the concert at 7pm. Please complete the attached order form for the BBQ.

On Friday we farewell our Year 6 students with a special liturgy followed by a dinner dance in the evening. Good luck and best wishes to all our Year Six students as they continue their educational journey in secondary school. We also bid a fond farewell to some special parent helpers. Marianne Wilson, Tania Bunfield and Kylie Barron are long-term supporters of our school who have worked tirelessly over many years with multiple extra-curricular activities and successful fundraising. There are no words to express our gratitude for their extraordinary generosity in sharing their time, ideas, energy and talents. Thank you for everything ladies, you will be sorely missed.



This year we are saying goodbye to some members of staff. Mrs Kerryn Carter and Miss Eliza Treble will be taking twelve months leave. Both Eliza and Kerryn are long serving members of staff. We sincerely thank them for their dedication, enthusiasm, talent and energy over many years of quality teaching. We wish Mrs Carter and Miss Treble all the best for a successful and exciting 2016. Miss Jessica Maccarone and Miss Ereeny Abdelsayed will both be moving on to other teaching opportunities and experiences. Thanks to both Jessica and Ereeny for their hard work and support of our students in Years One and Four. We wish both ladies a bright and successful future. Mrs Monique Boyer will be returning to Corpus Christi. We sincerely thank Monique for her wonderful work in Year

6 and her time and energy as our acting Religious Education Coordinator. Liam Koutsoukos has been an invaluable support over the last two years, liaising with staff, students and families to keep our technology running smoothly. We wish Liam luck as he continues his career path in the IT industry.

Thank you to all members of our St Joseph's community for your ongoing participation and support throughout 2015. We wish all our families a safe and holy Christmas, filled with joy and family.

Liz Nicholls
Acting Principal

Christmas Celebration RSVP

Yes we will be attending the St Joseph's
Christmas Celebration on Tuesday 15th December

Family Name: _____

Number of attendees: _____

Number of sausage sandwiches required: _____

(Payment to be made on the night)



Learning without Limits

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Catholic Culture News

Dear Parents,

As we continue to prepare, during this season of Advent, for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ let us take time to reflect upon our actions and try to be the good Christian that Jesus showed us how to be. We don't need to be doing extraordinary things. We just need to be doing the ordinary things well.

May You Always

by Catherine Pulsifer

Faith, hope and charity
May we always have these
not just at Christmas time
but all the year throughout.

We tend to have more faith
More hope and charity
During, the season
But can we keep it always

May you always have
Something to hope for
Faith in something bigger than you
And, dreams that come true.

And may you always
Share with others
your blessings as a result
Of your hopes, faith, and dreams.



Christmas Parish Mass Times

Christmas Eve: 24th Dec 6pm and Midnight masses.

Christmas Day: 9am and 11am (Polish Mass).

Reconciliation 21st December: 9am-12pm and 5pm-7:30pm.

May the warmth and joy of the Christmas Season, remain with you throughout the coming year.
Blessings for a safe and happy holiday to all our St. Joseph's families.

Mrs Monique Boyer
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

General News



Will you be leaving St Joseph's at the end of 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 2016, 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.



Year 2 Student Bus Passes for 2016

All students in Year 2 progressing to Year 3 in 2016, who currently have a Bus Pass, are required to complete a new application form. These now need to be completed online at www.transport.info/school-students



School Fees – Now OVERDUE

Please ensure all school fees are paid by the end of the year.

If you have any questions regarding your child's school fees account please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999.

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2ND DECEMBER 2015

GIPPS ST ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

FROM MONDAY 4TH JANUARY 2016 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

DUE TO THE RECONSTRUCTION OF GIPPS ST, THE EXISTING BUS STOPS IN GIPPS ST WILL BE INACCESSIBLE.

ALL BUSWAYS SCHOOL SERVICES WILL ONLY PICK UP & SET DOWN ON SUNFLOWER DRIVE & MYRTLE ST ON INWARD & OUTWARD JOURNEYS.

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on 9497 1870 or 9497 1887.

Alternatively visit our website at www.busways.com.au

Yours sincerely,

BUSWAYS BLACKTOWN PTY LTD
(10231) Gipps St Reconstruction
SH 116Z (Rte 781), 149Z (4004), 157Z (4098), 180Z (4146),
SH 336Z (4631), 337Z (4511), 351Z (4554)
SH 319B (4523), 350B (4644)



Your guide to the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge

We all know the importance of reading for literacy development and the impact a prolonged break, like the Christmas holidays, can have on this advancement, particularly for vulnerable readers.

These summer holidays, I will once again be launching my Summer Reading Challenge and encouraging all students to read, read, read!

Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, piece of poetry, book, e-book or graphic novel. This year we have made the challenge easier to enter by removing the minimum number of books to read and provided students with more chances of winning a prize.

How to enter:

It's simple! Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it.

The more material a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of four iPad minis.

[Enter online](#)

Entries open on 2 November 2015 and close at 5pm on 5 February 2016. Terms and Conditions can be found [here](#).

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150 Glendenning Rd Glendenning NSW 2761	47-53 Mullins Rd Penrith NSW 2750	91 Mulgrave Rd Mulgrave NSW 2756	42 Empire Bay Dr Kincumber NSW 2251	9 Arizona Rd Woongahra NSW 2259	6-8 Denham St Port Macquarie NSW 2444

Community News



Sacrament Of Penance - Saturday after morning mass

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



Eucharistic Adoration - Before all masses

Christmas Mass Times

Reconciliation 21st December 9am – 12pm and 5pm – 7:30pm

Christmas Eve 6pm and Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 9am and 11am (Polish Mass)

Accommodation Specials – January 2016 Only – Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre

Personal Retreat: why not recharge with some quiet time this January – Two persons stay in the fully catered Joseph Kentenich House with private ensuite, for a minimum of two nights – Special Price is \$70 per person/night. Includes twin share accommodation, linen and all meals, including morning & afternoon tea.

Family/Group Retreat: Bring all the kids plus your family and friends to our “Home of Light” Self-catered group accommodation facility. Sleeping 33 persons in 11 rooms, mostly bunk style accommodation (6 rooms with 2 bunks in each room) but also includes 4 private twin share rooms. A kitchen, large dining room and lounge area make this a complete bush getaway, tucked into the valley at Mount Schoenstatt with Kangaroos visiting daily. Special applies to weekday bookings (Mon-Thurs only) stay during January: Minimum of 4 night stay at \$200 per night.

**Christmas Carols
at the Shrine**

The Schoenstatt Sisters would like to invite you to join them for an evening of carol singing at the Shrine.

Please bring a blanket or chairs and some snacks if you wish.

Children are encouraged to come dressed as angels and shepherds.

Where: Mount Schoenstatt Shrine
230 Fairlight Rd Mulgoa

When: Saturday 19th December
7pm-8.30pm

**THANK YOU! WE WON THE AUSTRALIAN 2015
Water Safety Awards of
Excellence Local Community Initiative of the Year
for the “Ripples Water Safety Roadshow”**

Ripples
FUN. FITNESS. HEALTH.

Learn to Swim Offer
SWIM, SAFE, SURVIVE!
10% off
Intensive Learn to Swim Program

*St Marys \$58.50 per 5 day program after discount
4th - 8th Jan & 11th - 15th Jan 2016
Penrith \$45.00 per 5 day program after discount
4th - 8th Jan, 11th - 15th Jan, 18th - 22nd Jan 2016*

Benefits of an Intensive Learn to Swim program!
By practising swimming skills daily with repetition and correction, it enhances students learning process of retaining swimming skills and water safety.
*conditions apply, offers end 30th January 2016. Offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer.

Locations:
Ripples Leisure Centre: Charles Hackett Drive, St Marys
Ripples Penrith: 119 Station St, Penrith
Postal Address: PO BOX 918, St Marys NSW 1790

Contact Us:
Ripples St Marys: (02) 9833 3000
Ripples Penrith: (02) 4721 3625
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CHILDREN'S NEWSLETTER

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SUMMER READING CLUB

Join in with young people around the country to discover underwater worlds, alternative universes, epic adventures, mythical creatures and so much more in the Australian Summer Reading Club program, *Lost Worlds*: What will you uncover?

Participation allows children and young people to develop a sense of community with others across the country. No matter where you are during the summer holidays, you'll be able to discover great Australian authors and illustrators, and share your voice by engaging in literary and creative activities, both online and in libraries.

Pick up your reading logs from any Penrith Library branch. Every completed entry will receive a small prize. The 2015 Summer Reading Club: *Lost Worlds* will run from Monday 14 December 2015 to Sunday 31 January 2016.

WORKSHOPS

ART WORKSHOP

with Na'ama Atzmon-Simon
Thursday 14 January

Bring out your creative side these school holidays in this fun-filled art workshop, inspired by the work of Henri Matisse. Develop artistic skills such as cutting, collage and rubbing to create a summer themed 'cut out' creation.

WHO: For 5 - 12 year olds
TIME: 10:30am - 12pm
TICKETS: \$15 per child



PICTURE BOOK WRITING WORKSHOP

with Kylie Fornasier
Tuesday 19 January

Get your creative juices flowing as you write your own story and begin illustrating it to turn it into your very own picture book. Kylie will talk about her journey as a writer, teach you about the principles of a picture book and help you to generate an idea to write your own book, with attention to characters, pace and structure.

WHO: For 7 - 12 year olds
TIME: 10:30am - 12:30pm
TICKETS: \$15 per child.



LITTLE LIFE SCIENCE WORKSHOP

with Fizzics,
Thursday 21 January

Gain an appreciation of the complexity of life in this fun workshop. Check out mini-beasts, learn about life cycles and the relationships between plants and animals. How do biologists track animals? What techniques do animals use to hide? What are the parts of a flower? Investigate this and much more!

WHO: For 5 - 12 year olds
TIME: 10:30am - 11:30am
TICKETS: \$12 per child.



@ ST CLAIR LIBRARY

St Clair Shopping Centre
Bennett Road

DIGGING DINOSAURS WORKSHOP

with Fizzics, Saturday 16 January

Find out all about dinosaurs in this hands on workshop. Work like a real life palaeontologist. Find out how fossils are formed and how it is easy to find them on the beach. Feel replica dinosaur skin and compare it with modern animals.

WHO: For 5 - 12 year olds
TIME: 10 - 11am
TICKETS: Free. Please collect from St Clair Library.

FAMILY SHOWS

ONCE UPON A TIME CAFE PUPPET SHOW

Sydney Puppet Theatre, Wednesday 13 January

The chef has left suddenly, so the waitress and resident musician at the Once Upon a Time Cafe must fill the orders. Adventure, love, wicked characters and happy endings are on the story menu, but the chef has left only a few ingredients - a golden ball and a frog's foot!

The puppeteers concoct a modern and stylish interpretation of the classic story "The Frog Prince". Children will be thrilled by the exquisite hand crafted wooden puppets, shadow puppets, and a stunning crystal marionette.

WHO: For the whole family
TIME: 10:30 - 11:30am
TICKETS: \$5 per person (children under 2 free).



COMEDY MAGIC SHOW

with Peter Wood, Wednesday 20 January

This funny show is great for kids of all ages. Children will be delighted by a variety of magic tricks and animals, including cute bunnies and doves. With intrigue, laughter and surprise, everyone will have fun and leave with a smile on their face.

Come along and add a little bit of magic to your day!

WHO: For the whole family
TIME: 10:30 - 11:30am
TICKETS: \$5 per person (children under 2 free).

WORKSHOPS

HULA HOOP DANCE WORKSHOP

with Caitlyn Woods, Tuesday 12 January

Hoop dance refers to movement and dance with the use of a hula hoop. Develop your coordination, rhythm, flexibility and fitness while having some serious fun! Learn how to love exercise and enjoy movement.

WHO: For 5 - 12 year olds
TIME: 10:30 - 11:30am
TICKETS: \$13 per child



Free Entry

CAROLS

on the

COURSE

on

SAT 12 DEC

FROM 5.30pm
Fireworks Spectacular
Local Entertainment
Christmas Carols
Jumping Castle
BBQ and Bar
Non-Perishable FOOD DRIVE

Money Raised for

02 4735 5300
1 Leonay Parade
Leonay NSW 2750

You are asked to buy as many items as possible to help raise money for "Our Community Cares". Your purchases from the bar will be used to raise money for "Our Community Cares".

Dates for your Diary

Week 10

Tuesday 8th December 9am Whole School Assembly Advent 3

Wednesday 9th December Year 1 excursion

Friday 11th December 12pm Year 6 Farewell Liturgy

6:30pm Year 6 Farewell Dinner/Disco

Week 11

Monday 14th December Year 6 Fun Day

Tuesday 15th December 9am Whole School Assembly Advent 4 and End of Term Awards

6pm BBQ

7pm Christmas Pageant

Wednesday 16th December Talent Show

Last day of school for students

2016 Dates

Wednesday 27th January – Staff return to school

Thursday 28th January – Years 1 to 6 students return to school

Monday 1st February – Kindergarten start school

