

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6

12th November 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's wonderful to be back! My pilgrimage was awesome and I visited many places of which I had little knowledge, and I will be sharing some of this with you over the coming weeks.

At our Remembrance Day ceremony, yesterday, I recalled my visit to Lone Pine War Cemetery, at Gallipoli. The white headstones stretched across the hill towards the sea. Many inscriptions read, "Believed to be buried in this cemetery." It spoke to the horror of war that strips its victims of their identity and their humanity. So many of the fallen soldiers were aged in their late teens and early twenties. What horrors they must have faced.

We celebrated Mass inside the Memorial pylon and laid a wreath in honour of all who died fighting for a free world.



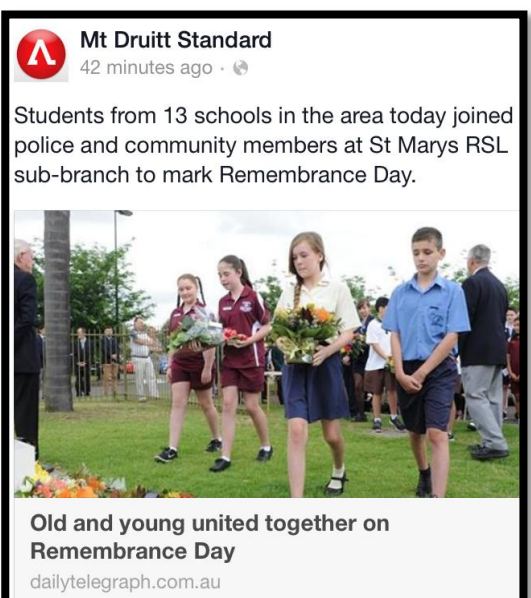
My heartfelt thanks to Ms Nicholls for leading our school community while I was on leave. Thank you also to the leadership team, Mr Aggar, Miss Treble, Mrs Berg and Mrs Aggarwal for their leadership and the staff for their support to ensure student learning is the priority of our school.

Next Monday evening we invite all who have contributed to the life of the school in any way, big or small, to join us for supper – our opportunity to say "Thank you. We value your support." I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

Peace and joy to you and your families,

Fran Jackson
Principal

*Last day for students
Term 4 2014
is
Wednesday 17th December*



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Religious Education News

What's happening in RE this month?

In Religious Education, all classes focused on the lives of Saints. In November we especially pray for and remember our loved ones who have died. In class students have been learning about different Saints, and identifying the qualities they have that made them role models for us to follow.

We also pray for our loved ones, using the prayer below. It is comforting to know that as Catholics we have Saints in Heaven praying for us as well.

Farewell Bishop Anthony

Saturday November 8, Liz Nicholls and I went with Thelma and David from Year 6 to St Patrick's Church Blacktown to celebrate the last Youth Mass for Bishop Anthony. He was presented with a Wanderers Jersey to wear as he takes up his new post in the heart of Sydney FC.

We wish him every success in his new endeavor and pray for him in his new role as the Archbishop of Sydney.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Advent

Advent is a time of waiting, hope and preparation. It begins on the 4th Sunday before Christmas, which this year is November 30. As a school we will be lighting our Advent candle at our Monday morning assembly, beginning November 24. For a quick overview of what Advent is and it's importance to the Church, check out a two minute clip on YouTube at "bustedhalo". Simply search for 'advent bustedhalo'



The
Advent
Wreath



Upcoming dates!

First Week of Advent - Monday, 24th November (Week 8) 9am

Christmas Pageant & BBQ – Tuesday 16th December BBQ 6pm, Pageant 7pm

We would like to encourage any interested parents, children and families to attend Mass at our parish. Mass is held daily at 8am and all are welcome. The church is located directly behind the school.

Additional Mass times:

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil - 6pm

Sunday - 8.30am and 10.00am

Polish Mass - Saturday 4pm

Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday 8am

Saturday 8.30am



Mark Aggar - Religious Education Coordinator

General News



School Fees – Now OVERDUE

Thank you to the families who have finalised their school fees for the year. Thank you also to the families who are maintaining their approved payment arrangements.

Please note Swim School for Kindergarten to Year 4 is included in your school fees account. Accounts must be up to date for your child/ren to participate.

Reminder, if you indicated your Year 5/6 child will be attending Swim School payment of \$120 (cash or eftpos NOT BPay) must be paid to the school office by this Friday 14th November.

If you have any questions regarding your child's school fees account or if your child will not be participating in Swim School please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999.

2nd Hand Uniform Shop

The 2nd Hand Uniform Shop will be open in the MPA:

24th & 25th November and 1st December 8:30am – 11am

26th, 27th and 28th November 8:30am – 9:30am

Sports News

Gymnastics Competition

Congratulations to the competitors of the 2014 Parramatta Diocesan Gymnastics Competition. The team have been training hard and represented St Joseph's with pride. Thank you for your effort and team spirit. Special congratulations to Luke Berg for being awarded 1st place in short vault.

Miss Zeait



Learning News

Story a thon

Congratulations to Kindergarten for raising \$584.15 for Story a thon – the most of any grade! Congratulations to Cleopatra Brennan for raising \$122.50 - the most money of any student! Thank you to everybody who supported Story a thon, the school as a whole raised \$2352.75!



Kindergarten enjoying their ice blocks – their prize for being Grade Winners!



R U Ok? Day

On Friday, we had Assembly first. In the assembly we listened and watched a video. Then we did activities with Year 5 and Year 6 helped us. The message of the day was looking out for each other and asking people if they are OK? By Mia M

At the Assembly we got into our groups. I went in my group with Shenelle. After the Assembly Year 5 and 6 students were helping us to play the games. R U OK? Day is all about working together and looking out for each other. By Emilie B



Year 1 – Robots

The students in 1RZ literacy group have been reading a poem about robots. We have had interesting class discussions about the benefits of owning a robot. The students have designed their own robots with multiple functions. Each student created a model of their robot and described its functions with their classmates. The models are very creative - if only they were real!

Rob the Robot

My robot has two twisted arms. It has four buttons to turn the television on. It has a siren to let you know if there is a fire. It has long wheels to move very fast. He has a tag so people know his name. When you tell him what to do, he does it. By Shenelle L

The good thing about having your own robot is that you can make it do things for you and the bad thing is it will make you seem like a lazy person. By William P

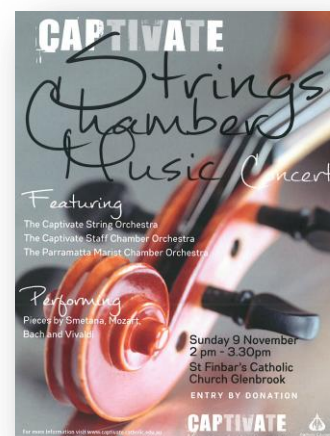


Performance News



Captivate Springs Chamber Music Concert

Congratulations to Thelma, Milinda and Riannon for their brilliant performance at the Captivate Strings Chamber Music Concert, on Sunday 9th November at St Finbar's.



St Joseph's Hidden Talent

Brock has been having singing lessons for the last 2 years. He enjoyed playing the part of 'Mr Worm' in the school musical Antshillvania. Earlier this year Brock performed 2 solos and a group song at the Student Leaders Civic Reception where the current student leaders at St Joseph's were able to see him on stage.

Brock recently sang at the St Mary's Spring and Halloween festivals. Brock has also performed as part of the welcoming entertainment at functions for the local council.

He has performed at many events in front of thousands of people including the Leonay and Penrith Christmas Carols and has been selected to perform again at both these events in December.

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. 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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM -SPRINGWOOD

CatholicCare Solo Parent Services is holding its fortnightly Bereavement Support Session on Wednesday 12TH November for those whose spouse or long term partner has died. The topic for this Session is *"Is it Grief or Depression"*. Venue: Springwood Baptist Church Macquarie St Springwood from 10.30 – 12.30. Details and Registration: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205

YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

CCSS Solo Parent Services is holding a monthly support group for men and women widowed at a younger age with or without children. It will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. **Next meeting:** Tuesday 18th November **Venue:** CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm **Cost:** \$5.00. **Details and Registration:** PH: 9933 0205 or Email: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au

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

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Sacrament Of Penance - Saturday after morning mass



Eucharistic Adoration - Before all masses

Greystanes Charity Craft Market and Antique Valuation

The eighth Greystanes Charity Craft Market and Antique Valuation is on Saturday, 22 November from 8am to 2pm in Camilleri Hall. It is one month before Christmas, so be assured the Market will have special gift ideas. There are over 35 stalls from all over Sydney, selling quality gifts, baby wear, home-made décor, kitchen goods, edible treats, scarves and bags, jewellery, violets and plants and much more. A unique drawcard of the Craft Market is the professional Antique Valuations, available from 8.30am. Everyone is encouraged to bring along special treasures or family heirlooms and paintings to have them valued. Instead of bringing large paintings with you, the valuation can be done from a photo of the painting and artist signature. Each valuation costs \$5.00. This is a great social day out for the whole family with traditional Devonshire teas and a fantastic sausage sizzle serving breakfast and lunch from 8am. Profits from the Craft Market will be donated to CareFlight.

For further information please contact:

events@olqp.org.au

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SPECIAL PROMOTION FOR

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

**SPECIAL SALES
WEEK**

PENRITH STORE

FROM 24/11/2014 TO 30/11/2014

RECEIVE 20% DISCOUNT

Off the regular price on all uniform items for
St Joseph's Primary

PLUS

BONUS EZY-WAY 5% DISCOUNT

additional for Lowes Ezy-Way customers

OR 5% REWARDS

Lowes Rewards Card holders receive in-store Gift Vouchers
to the value of 5% of their purchase

PLUS

Lowes will pay your school annual **5% rebate** on every
uniform purchased in-store.

Dates for your Diary

Week 6

Thursday 13th November – Kindergarten 2015 Story Time 2:30pm

Friday 14th November – Fun Food Day Zooper Doopers 50c

Week 7

Monday 17th November – Assembly 9am; Thank you Supper Parent Helpers 7pm

Thursday 20th November – Kindergarten 2015 StoryTime 2:30pm

Friday 21st November – Fun Food Day Ice Creams/Ice Blocks 50c - \$3

Week 8

Monday 24th November – Advent Liturgy 9am; Swim School starts; K2015 Orientation

Monday 24th November – 7pm BYOD parent meeting 2015 Years 4 & 6

Tuesday 25th November – K2015 Orientation; 2pm BYOD parent meeting 2015 Years 4 & 6

Thursday 27th November – Kindergarten 2015 Story Time 2:30pm

Friday 28th November – Fun Food Day Zooper Doopers 50c

Parent Helper Thank you Supper

We couldn't run our school without our wonderful parent helpers. Our excursions, discos, fun food days, reading programs, father's day stall, mother's day stall, family fun day, sporting events and carnivals only run successfully through your support.

In order to thank all of you for your much appreciated assistance throughout the year, we extend a warm invitation to the Parent Helper Supper, being held on

Monday 17th November at 7pm.

*Kind regards
Staff of St Joseph's Primary School*

For catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 14th November

I/We will be attending the Parent Helper Thank you Supper.

Parent's Name: _____

Number of attendees: _____