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St Joseph's Primary School

Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 4. I can't believe we only have 39 more school days left this year and so much to do!!! This term is full of lots of learning, new experiences and fun.

Here are some of the exciting things happening:

We've started the Dance Fever Gymnastics program which has replaced the swimming program previously held in Term 4. The children have really enjoyed learning new skills with Joel and Ryan. Looking forward to Fridays!!

Basketball, basketball, basketball!!! Many students from Years 3,4,5 and 6 participated in the Basketball Gala Day last Tuesday. They were able to put into play all the skills they learnt during the Basketball workshops held in Term 3. They were an absolute credit to St. Joseph's showing great sportsmanship, support and enthusiasm. The teachers attending the day were given many compliments about the students' behaviour. Another group of students will be representing St. Joseph's on the weekend at the Catholic Primary Schools Basketball Challenge. We wish them all the best.

We are continuing to learn about St. Mary Mackillop and her place in the history of St. Joseph's. On Monday, 5th November there will be two performances of Mary, A Woman of Courage. The children will learn about Mary's story and how she overcame much hardship to begin schools across Australia.

We will be having a Colours of the Rainbow Disco on Friday 16th November. The children will be able to wear Mufti to school all ready to start the dancing at 3pm. They'll have a sausage sandwich, a drink and a surprise as well as lots of opportunities to dance - all for \$7. If you are able to help with this event please let the Office know.

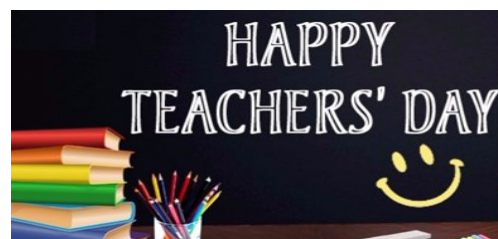
Mr Tim is working with staff and students to prepare a brilliant end of year celebration of Christmas. Make sure you keep Thursday evening 13th December free to attend this exciting community event.

Landscaping work is commencing next week. CEDP has funded an extensive \$150,000 project to ensure the outside of the school matches all the wonderful things happening in the classrooms. Please be mindful that they may need to fence off some areas whilst this work is happening. Engineers and architects also visited the school on Tuesday to start the planning for the Stage 3 building. This will hopefully commence this year.

On Tuesday we welcomed our new Kindies for 2019. It was a perfect time for me to reflect on all the fantastic things St. Joseph's is offering their children. Not only are we able to offer additional activities and wonderful facilities but more importantly teachers who are professional, enthusiastic and caring who want the very best for each child. Teachers who ensure that each child is learning, feeling safe and valued.

To all the fantastic staff at St. Joseph's - Happy International Teachers' Day

Take care,
Trish





We are safe at St Joseph's

At St. Joseph's, one of the key ways for students to be on Joey's Journey as Safe, Respectful Learners is to **keep our hands and feet to ourselves**. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are aware of this goal and what it looks like in class and on the playground.



We keep our hands and feet to ourselves ...

- when we line up with our teacher
- during play time - soccer games, basketball games, free play, using equipment
- in the classroom - we place our hands in our laps and our legs crossed while sitting on the floor
- while moving around our school, within our learning spaces and while using equipment

We are all on **Joey's Journey of being Safe, Respectful Learners**.



Wet Weather - Kiss n Ride Trial

When it is raining/ looks like heavy rain we need to close Kiss 'n' ride due to WHS guidelines. There is not adequate cover for the students (most of whom do not have raincoats/umbrellas) and it becomes unsafe for the large number of students who access it.

If it is raining/looks like rain you can collect your child from their classroom from **2.45pm**. At **3pm** Kiss 'n' ride children will walk to the old Kindergarten building which is closest to the bottom gate. You can collect your child from that space until **3.30pm**. After that time they will be taken to the Office.

Walkers children can also be collected from their classrooms after **2.45pm**. At **3pm** they will wait for you outside the MPA. We are very lucky to have Kiss 'n' ride at St. Joseph's. Many schools do not provide this service to their community.

Bus children will wait under the shelter until their bus arrives.



Attendance News

Congratulations to Kindergarten, Year 5 Blue and 5 Yellow for receiving the 'Most Improved' Attendance Trophies for Term 3. Well deserved!



A gentle reminder that if your child is going to be absent for 5 days or more, you must contact the school office to let the school know. There are several ways you can do this - Skoolbag, telephone, email or letter. Thank you to the parents and carers that have notified us of their child's leave, it is much appreciated.

I'd also like to thank those who have made the extra effort getting their children to school before the bell. We have noticed and the teachers are very grateful.

Any questions or concerns regarding your child's attendance, please call the office, we're here to help.

Thank you,
Mrs Brogan

Sport Uniform Days Term 4

Kindy and Year 1 - Tuesdays and Fridays

Year 3 Year 5 and Year 6 - Wednesdays and Fridays

Year 2 and Year 4 - Thursdays and Fridays



Donations Needed

We are seeking donations of empty tissue boxes, milo tins or formula tins for creative arts this term. These will be needed by week 6. Please hand any donations into the office. Thank you in advance.



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Returning Permission Notes

It is a legal requirement that permission notes are signed and returned to the school if a student is to attend an excursion or sporting event. An important skill we teach our students is to take responsibility for themselves and their actions.

We are spending a lot of time following this up and often on the day of the event.

The following procedure will be enforced in the future:

- Students given a paper permission note to be taken home and completed
- Permission note put onto Skoolbag if note has been misplaced
- Students given reminders by teachers
- Reminder sent out on Skoolbag
- If permission note not received **2 school days** before the event the student will be informed that they will not be able to attend.
- On the day of the event the student will remain at school. **Permission notes returned on the day of the event will not be accepted.**

School Fees

Thank you to the families who have finalised their 2018 school fee accounts.

For families who are paying their fees by arrangement, some will come to an end in November, others not until the end of January. If you are unsure where you are up to with your payment arrangement please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4726 4200.

If you are experiencing difficulty in managing your fees account please also contact Jenny to discuss the situation. All school fees matters are treated as strictly confidential.

Lunch Reminder

There has been an increase of students coming to the office asking for food during lunch.

This is a friendly reminder that St Joseph's do not have canteen facilities, therefore extra food is scarce. Please ensure your children have enough food packed for crunch'n'sip, Lunch 1 and Lunch 2.

If your child advises a staff member they have no food we will be ringing parents to bring some food for them.










Staff Learning

- EMU - Bernie Purtell and Catriona Pennay
- PBS4L System Leaders Day - Trish Reilly, Naomi Mico, Vennessa Goode
- PBS4L - Terrie Berg and Kathleen McNally
- OPL - Catriona Pennay
- PAT-R Meeting - Michelle Sultana and Trish Reilly
- Growing Great Leaders - Trish Reilly, Ali Busuttill, Michelle Sultana
- Safeguarding Workshop - Trish Reilly



Children's Playground Roster

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch 1		 <p>Library Mrs Peto All Welcome</p>	 <p>Library Mrs Peto All Welcome</p>	 <p>Library Miss Walker All Welcome</p>	 <p>Billie B Brown Book Club Library</p>
		 <p>Chromebooks Mrs McGannon/ Miss Walker/ Yr 3 All Welcome</p>	 <p>Faith Alive Miss Saaib / Yr 5 All Welcome</p>	 <p>Chess Club Mrs McNally Library</p>	 <p>Gardening Mrs Pennay Infants Playground Infants only</p>
Lunch 2	 <p>Choir Miss Collimore Mrs Serrao Mrs Fehon Year 1 room</p>	 <p>Board Games Mrs Hoppitt CAPA Room All Welcome. Bring a Board Game to Share!</p>	 <p>Mrs Brogan Drawing Library All welcome</p>	 <p>Miss Scott Coding Year 1 room All welcome</p>	

2019 Kindergarten Orientation



Education Mass



Basketball



Gymnastics



2019 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials

Currently only the Summer Sports of BASKETBALL & TENNIS are open and registrations close on Wednesday 31st October as these trials will be held in November 2018.

All OTHER sport registrations will open in November for 2019 trials.

Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2019 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2018 and Term One & Two in 2019.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2019 be invited to attend.**

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

*AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & Touch(B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au.

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2019 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by the child's school**. In order for the child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of the school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **All fields and especially "Representative Experience" MUST be completed.**

Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

Detailed information can be found on the website:

www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au.

Complaint Policy

Complaints Handling Policy Reminder for our school community:

If, at any time, you find that you have a concern with St Joseph's Primary School, you are encouraged to come to the school and speak with the teacher/s, assistant principal and/or principal, to identify your concern.

It is our aim to work with all members of our school community to ensure we do the very best to provide a productive, safe and enjoyable learning experience for our students and professionally fulfilling experience for our staff.

If you would like to raise a concern, the Catholic Education Office has guidelines for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. Information about how to handle complaints either informally or formally is available from the school office and/or within the Complaint Handling Guidelines. These documents can be accessed on our school website or on the CEDP website.

Complaint forms are available in the school office and can be downloaded from Skoolbag.



Student News



Jaimee completed the 'Keeper of the Day' program at Featherdale Wildlife Park.

She helped with feeding the animals, cleaning enclosures, attending the educational talks and much more...her highlight was making toys for the dingoes.

Jaimee worked hard for 7 hours in the pouring rain, but her love and dreams of becoming a zookeeper are stronger than ever.



Community News

2&3 NOVEMBER
TENCH RESERVE - NEPEAN RIVER
REALFESTIVAL.COM.AU

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PENRITH CITY COUNCIL **NSW GOVERNMENT** **busways**

Real FESTIVAL
PENRITH
#RealFestival

Halloween is coming to Penrith

FREE



Wednesday 31st October
5pm-7pm

Activities Include:

Come join us at Bunnings Warehouse Penrith this Halloween in your most scary costume for our Monster disco! With a Magician, tarot card and palm reader, to making your own slime and doing a trick or treat in the store, we have this Halloween all sorted for you! A prize will be given out for best dressed.

For more information contact us on 02 4737 5400 or visit www.bunnings.com.au/penrith *Bookings Highly Recommended

BUNNINGS



Corpus Christi Primary School



Saturday 27th October 2018 • 10AM to 2PM

Stalls include:

Licensed kids' clothes
 Candles
 Children's Craft

Small gifts
 Fresh flowers
 Nutrimetics

Handmade garments
 Jewellery
 Scrapbook



Family Fun:

Face Painting
 Magician
 Cricket Australia
 AFL Giants
 Games

Corpus Christi Primary School
90 Andromeda Drive, Cranebrook

For information on stall availability please email corpuschristi@parra.catholic.edu.au with subject "Spring Market Question"

Food vendors:

Sausage sizzle
 Doughnuts
 Gözleme
 Ice cream
 Cakes/slices/scones
 Tea/coffee

Dates for your Diary

<u>Week 2</u>	Friday 26th October Saturday 27th October	2:15pm Whole School Assembly State Basketball
<u>Week 3</u>	Sunday 28th October Thursday 1st November	State Basketball Feast of All Saints Liturgy
<u>Week 4</u>	Monday 5th November Tuesday 6th November	Mary Mackillop Theatre 9am Kindergarten 2019 Orientation
<u>Week 5</u>	Monday 12th November	Year 5 Leadership Day

St Joseph's Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

October - Nikita, Lucia, Caleb, Adut, Keira, Simon, Jaxon, Brayden, Damian, Zolfekar, Reuven, Asal, Clarisse, Stephanie, Natalie, Arinrada

St Joseph's Social Media

Did you know St Joseph's have many media platforms to keep yourself updated with school events, photos, newsletters, notes, etc



Facebook - St Joseph's Primary School, Kingswood. NSW

School Website - <http://www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au/>



Twitter - @stjosephskwood



Skoolbag - St Joseph's Primary Sydney



YouTube - St Joseph's Primary Kingswood

If you would like to opt out on your child's photo, work and name being published please put your request in writing and send it to the school office.

If at any time you change your mind regarding publishing please put your request in writing and send it to the school office.