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# Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

I dreamt I stood in a studio, And watched two sculptors there. The clay they used was a young child's mind, And they fashioned it with care. One was a teacher—the tools she used, Were books, music, and art. The other, a parent—working with a guiding hand, And a gentle loving heart. Day after day, the teacher toiled With a touch that was deft and sure. While the parent labored by her side, And polished and smoothed it o'er. And when at last, their task was done, They were proud of what they had wrought. For the things they had molded into the child, Could neither be sold nor bought. And each agreed they would have failed If each had worked alone, For behind the teacher stood the school, And behind the parent, the home. - Author Unknown

Let's continue to work together for the very best outcomes for your child. Please ensure you contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns about their learning, behaviour or social interactions. We can work with you to solve these concerns but we need to know about them. Often children are not telling us that they have worries with their friends that they need support to solve. If something is worrying them that they find is getting "big" please let us know.

Thank you for your cooperation, patience and understanding dealing with the landscaping and pest issues. We are working closely with the three companies involved in the landscaping work and hoping that this will help to hasten the process.

The entire school has been treated and this will occur again in two weeks time. We have ensured that the stray kittens hiding under Joeys have been taken to a safer place and that the council has been contacted about the overgrown vacant land behind the school.

Take care,

Trish

# PBS4L



#### We are safe on the playground

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

#### We are in the right place at the right time ...

- when we line up at the end of lunch after the warning bell
- when we play in the designated area for our grade
- when we use the Dream Field and basketball court on our timetabled day only
- when we visit the toilets and bubblers during our lunch break





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

# **Staff Learning**

- Principal's Masterclass Trish Reilly
- R3 Training Lisa Howell, Gabrielle Whitney
- Reading Recovery Louise Sultana, Rose Keane
- FIAT Gabrielle Whitney, Jennifer Saaib
- Instructional Leader PL Ali Busuttil
- Beginning Teachers Day Adelle Scott, Larny Maloney



# **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.

# **Attendance News**

Outstanding Attendance Awards for weeks 1 and 2 went to Years 2 Yellow and 4 Blue.

Please remember supervision of students commences at 8:20am everyday, please ensure your children arrive before the bell. This helps set them up for a settled day. Thank you to those of you that have

been making the extra effort to ensure your children beat the bell... We've noticed and really appreciate it!

If your child is absent please contact the school to advise the reason. This can be done via Skoolbag, Signed Note, Phone Call or Doctor's Certificate.

If your child is absent for 3 or more days due to illness a Doctor's Certificate is required.

Any leave taken needs to be preapproved by Mrs Reilly.

# **Leaving St Joseph's**

A term's notice (10 school weeks) in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. The notice can be given any time during term for the next term. Where appropriate notice has been received a pro-rata credit can be calculated based on a pro-rata 40 week year.

One exception is that notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following years' enrolment ie the notice period of 10 school weeks will be waived in this circumstance.



If you know your child will be leaving St Joseph's at the end of the year, apart from Year 6, please advise the school as soon as possible.

# **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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# **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.

#### **Year 1 Excursion**

On Thursday Year 1 went to see the Gruffalo's Child at the Joan Sutherland performing arts centre. It was very entertaining and we all loved it. The cast were very talented singers dancers and actors and we got to join in with some of the songs and dances.

Here is our class photo and some writing that Lara and Elise did after it. "If you stick with me, I will stick with you."

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# **Morning Drop Off**

Please make sure that you do not stop/ park in the NO STANDING zone near the pedestrian crossing. This is to ensure that road rules are followed which will allow everyone to be safe. Your children are clever and can walk safely down the path to the entrance gate.

# Wet Weather

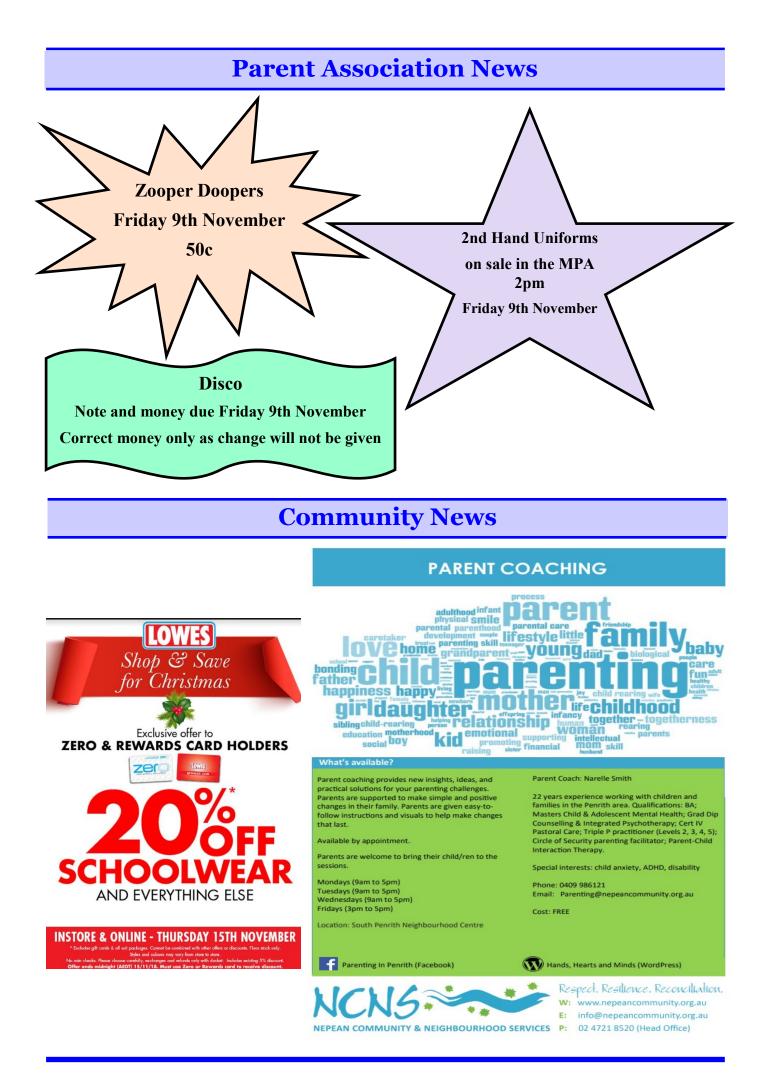
A reminder that when Kiss'n'ride is closed due to rain you can pick your children up from the classroom from 2.45pm. They are then supervised until 3.30 in the old Kindy building. Why not come at 3.20pm to collect them after the rush?

# **Continued Building and Landscaping Work**









# **Dates for your Diary**

<u>Week 4</u>	Friday 8th November	lce Block Day 2pm 2nd Hand Uniforms 2:15pm Whole School Assembly
<u>Week 5</u>	Sunday 11th November Monday 12th November Friday 16th November	Remembrance Day Year 5 Leadership Day 3pm - 5pm School Disco
<u>Week 6</u>	Tuesday 20th November Friday 23rd November	9:15am Kindergarten 2019 Orientation Xavier Orientation Day 2:15pm Whole School Assembly

# St Joseph's Birthdays

Happy Birthday to ...

November - Mitchell, Madalyn, Tiarnah, Olivia, Brodie, Hannah-Lois, Edmond, Rayneel, Mackenzie, Leilani, Cooper, Mathew, Logan, Anai, Jaimee, Timoteno, Logan, Nyagon, Yuni

# 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

You Tube - 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.