Dear Parents/Carers,

It is most disturbing that despite numerous safety alerts, drivers using Kiss ‘n’ Ride continue to put lives at risk by

- parking across the pedestrian crossing,
- pulling out from the curb without looking,
- doing U-turns on Joseph Street,
- reversing into the administration driveway to turn around,
- blocking the road while waiting to join the queue,
- generally disregarding the safety of others.

…all for the sake of saving minutes!

We expect others to look out for our children, but continue to neglect our responsibility for our own and others. Convenience cannot be the priority when it comes to safety. **Stop, look, use your common sense and put safety first.** It only takes a second for a tragedy to occur.

Thank you to those drivers who do put safety first and drive around the block when there is no room on the queue. Better safe than sorry.

We teach our children with what we do. If we flout the law and show no concern for others, our children will do the same. Think about what you model. Children do as you do!

Thank you all who contributed to making our Grandparents’ Day a wonderful event. We raised $240 for the Catholic Care Bushfire Appeal and added 30 new books to our library. Mr Cowley enjoyed his farewell and thanks you for your good wishes.

Last week we held our Kinder 2014 Parent Orientation meeting. We look forward to welcoming these families to our school community in the new year.

On Monday 25th November, we invite all parents who have supported us with fundraising, excursions, sports events, Captivate events, etc to come to the PA meeting at 7pm which will be followed by a **Thank You Supper.** Looking forward to seeing many of you there. Child minding will be available if required.

November is the month we pray for all those loved ones who left this life. Family prayer cards are displayed in the MPA and prayers are offered each day during class prayer. Take time and join with the universal church this November, to remember and pray for All Souls.

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We ask you Lord to welcome into your kingdom
All those who have departed from this life.
May they find peace in your presence
And eternal life with you.
Amen
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Blessing to you all,

**Fran Jackson**
Principal

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**Fit-A-Thon – Please Sponsor Your Children!**

Help us raise $5,000 to purchase new books for our school library.

Students are promising to participate in a range of sporting activities on Friday 8th November (week 5, term 4). Your children are hoping you will sponsor them with a donation. Children will need to wear their sports uniform on the day, including their school hats! Make sure that you pack plenty of water for your child so they can re-hydrate throughout the day.

Please return the Pledge Card and money to school by Friday 22 November.
Religious Education News

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to our All Saint’s Day Mass and All Soul’s Day liturgy. It was a lovely opportunity for the school community to gather in prayer and reflection on these special Church feast days.

Next week, Monday 11th November, is Remembrance Day. This being the case, we will be having a short prayer service at 10:45am near the flagpoles to pay our respects. There will be NO ASSEMBLY that day in the MPA. All are more than welcome to come and be part of our prayer service.

General News

Reminder!! Kindergarten Healthy Food and Safety Day
A quick reminder to all Kindergarten parents that our Healthy Food and Safety Day is fast approaching. A note went home asking that each child pay a $3 or a gold coin donation for supplies to make a sandwich for lunch on the day. We have only had a few children from each class bring back the money. Please remember to send in the gold coin or $3 this week so that we can all have fun making healthy sandwiches together!

Kinder teachers

Year 7 Orientation
Orientation days are organised by the secondary schools. Parents are advised that transport needs to be arranged by parents and St Joseph’s needs to be advised if their child is attending.

Bus Pass Applications for Children Currently in Year 2
When your child is moving from Year 2 to Year 3, you will need to re-apply for a bus pass as your child will NOT automatically receive one. Eligible students in Years 3 to 6 MUST be NO LESS than 1.6km (radial distance), or 2.3km or more by the most direct practicable walking route to the nearest point of physical entry to the school. Bus Pass applications have been sent home to current Year 2 students who have a 2013 bus pass. If your child is eligible for a free travel pass, please return the fully completed application to the school office before Friday 29th November.

Next Year!
School term dates and the number of Staff Development Days are set by the State Government. Term dates for next year are as follows……

Term 1: Tuesday, 28 January (staff only) to Friday, 11 April
Term 2: Monday, 28 April to Friday, 27 June
Term 3: Monday, 14 July to Friday, 19 September
Term 4: Tuesday, 07 October to Friday, 19 December

Parent Association Meeting Postponed
New date: Monday 25th November

Meeting will be held from 7.00pm and will be followed by a ‘Thank You Supper’ for all who have supported the school in 2013 with fundraising, sporting carnivals, book covering, etc.

Please RSVP by 15th November for catering purposes (see form below).

Parent Association ‘Thank You Supper’

I/we will be attending the Parent Association Meeting on Monday 25th November.

Name/s: ____________________________ ____________________________ ____________________________

Child minding required: yes / no No of children _________
URGENT    URGENT    URGENT

SWIM SCHOOL NOTES ARE OVERDUE

Notes must be returned to your child’s teacher by **Wednesday morning** at the very latest. We are required to deliver the Ripples permission notes to the pool on Wednesday. Therefore, this is the last opportunity to complete the note and hand it in to your child’s teacher.

It is compulsory for students from Kinder to Year 4 to be included in this program. Fees for swim school were included in the school fees statement this year. There are many families who have already paid for swim school in the office or through the flexible payment plans.

If you have not yet paid for swim school please send payment **ASAP**.

If you are not sure if you have paid for swim school please contact Jenny Pendleton for clarification. If you are experiencing any difficulty in making the payment please also contact Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999.

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YEAR 5 & 6 SWIM SCHOOL

As it is not compulsory for Years 5 & 6 to be included in swim school, the cost of the program was **NOT included on your school fees statement**. There are some families who have returned notes without the payment. If **payment is not received by this Wednesday the 6th November children will not be included in the program**.

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SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

FLEXIBLE PAYMENT PLAN

The Flexible Payment Plans offered to families through the Catholic Education Office have an end date of 8th November 2013. If you are paying your fees through the Flexible Payment Plan, by a **direct debit**, this arrangement will be deleted from the system by the 8th November. If you have missed a payment or did not keep strictly to the arrangement, you will need to finalise these payments through the office.

If you have been paying via Bpay and you have kept to the Flexible Payment Plan your account should also be nearing finalisation. If you have any queries regarding outstanding accounts please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999.

**All fees should be finalised by the end of November**. If you do not have an arrangement in place and have outstanding fees please pay in full or make an arrangement to do so. It is a very costly and time consuming job to chase up fees and we would appreciate your attention with this matter.
Fit-A-Thon

Please find below the timetables for our Fit-A-Thon on Friday:

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<td>Move back to class, pack up. Move to afternoon line up as normal</td>
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**Community News…**

**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

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| Saturday Vigil - 6pm  
Sunday - 8.30am and 10.00am  
Polish Mass - Saturday 4pm | Monday to Friday 8am  
Saturday 8.30am |

**Sacrament Of Penance** - Saturday after morning mass  
**Eucharistic Adoration** - Before all masses

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**Joey’s Before and After School Care Inc**
Joey’s Before and After School Care Inc is a Child Care Benefit approved centre that is located on the school site. They have a flexible, relaxed, program catering to all ages and most interests with staff that are dedicated and caring. They value and encourage family input. Phone 4732 5771. Hours: Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays): 6.30am to 8.30am and 3.00pm to 6.30pm. Special 8.00am service is also available. Vacation Care programs run during school holidays from 7.00am to 6.00pm.

*(please note new date – postponed due to bushfires)*

**St Finbar’s School Parish Fete – Friday 22nd November, 4pm to 9pm**
Lots of Family Fun! Prepare to be entertained!

Jumping Castles, Slippery Slides, Quad Bikes, Shetland Pony Rides, Bungee Trampoline, Climbing wall, Chocolate Wheel, Trash ‘n’ Treasure, food & Refreshments, Toon World, Bungee Run, Mechanical Bull.

Enter through King Street or Levy Street, Glenbrook.

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**Parramatta Catholic Care Social Services - Family Support Services at Blacktown and Penrith**
A child protection and child focused service, providing specialised counselling and intensive family support to residents of these local areas.  
**Counselling and Education** – includes:

- Solo Parent Ministry: – which includes counselling, home visits, group work programs;
- Family Relationship Counselling: for children, couples, individuals and families; (including counselling for grief and gambling)
- Keeping Kids in Mind Program: – a case management service for families experiencing post separation parenting conflict or complex needs.
- Rollercoasters – A program designed for children aged 6—12 to support them through the ‘rollercoaster of emotions’ after divorce, separation, change or loss.
- Financial Literacy education
- Talks for children and parents on the subject of bullying

For further information, please visit [www.ccss.org.au](http://www.ccss.org.au) or phone (02) 9933 0222.

**Stepping Beyond: Support For Those Separated Or Divorced**
On the last Tuesday of each month CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry invites those who have been separated or divorced to an evening for sharing and support. The emphasis is on personal development, growth and goals for a hope-filled future. Shared personal experiences are prompted by the questions:  “How well are you stepping beyond? What do you want to step beyond? What are you currently stepping beyond? What is stopping you from stepping beyond? What have you learned as you keep stepping beyond?”  

**Free Japanese Cultural Day – Sunday 3 November, 12 noon to 3pm**
Bunka no Hi is an annual Japanese national holiday on 3 November promoting Japanese tradition, culture and the arts. The free Cultural Day will be held at St Marys Corner Community and Cultural Precinct. It is a celebration of the Japanese culture and features rich cultural, community and education program. All welcome. For further information, please call 4732 7476.

**Free Parent Workshop – Understanding Bullying**
This workshop will assist parents in identifying bullying, the different forms of bullying and what proactive strategies can be implemented. With appropriate support and intervention, the impact of bullying can be lessened and children can feel safe at school.

Details are: Thursday 7 November, 2013,  
**Time:** 9.00am – 12.00pm,  
**Venue:** St Clair Public School, 4 Timesweep Drive, St Clair.  
**Cost:** FREE*  
**Suitable for:** Parents and carers ONLY

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**Short term foster carers needed for Barnardos Australia.**

The Penrith centre are urgently recruiting carers who can provide a safe and loving home to a child on a short term basis.

We provide training and 24 hour support.
We pay our crisis foster carers up to $60 per child.

Call Amber today  
**1800 663 441**  
barnardos.org.au

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Dear Parents

You may recall that in the past we advised that we were going to implement electronic newsletters rather than paper copies. Due to complications with our website, we were unable to finalise this. We are due for a website upgrade prior to the end of the year. Therefore, we would once again like to pursue the option of providing all parents with an electronic newsletter. A major benefit of going ‘electronic’ is that each newsletter will be in colour (so no more black and white photos). It also provides you with the option of having other family members subscribe so that they too can be aware of events at our school.

In order to do this we would like to collect your email address. This will enable us to send not only the Newsletter, but school correspondence directly to you. Examples of items we may email to you from time to time include:

- General correspondence
- Surveys regarding the school
- Cancellation or changes to events/excursions etc
- Notice when an excursion will be returning to school later than planned
- Upcoming events

We would appreciate it if you could list your email address/es below. If you would like both parents, Grandparents or other carers to receive a copy of this form of communication, please list the relevant names and email addresses in the spaces below.

Eldest Child’s Name: ____________________________ Eldest Child’s Class: ____________

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Alternatively, please send an email to stjosephskwood@parra.catholic.edu.au detailing the following:

Subject Line: Please add to Email List
Name of person belonging to the email address
Email Address
Name of eldest child at St Joseph’s
Class of eldest child at St Joseph’s

Please return this form to school (or send an email) by Friday 15 November.