Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to the parents who organised and supported the school disco last Friday. The children enjoyed the evening and having K – 6 at the same time, was very successful. Thank you also to Mr Faccin for being on hand to support the parents and also the teaching staff who gave up their time to join in the fun! A great community effort!

Sunday was the Birthday of Mary, Mother of Jesus. Imagine the hopes and dreams her parents, Anne and Joachim, had for their daughter Mary. Anne was said to be beyond child-bearing years, and was told by an angel that she would bear a child. Anne dedicated this child, Mary, to God. Anne and Joachim’s faith in God, was the foundation for Mary’s own faith and the courage and commitment with which she lived her life as the mother of Jesus. Parents are powerful role models for their children. How do we model our faith to our children?

Next week two of our students, Dylan Rowles and David Dawon, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Nicholas of Myra church, Penrith. Please keep them in your prayers so the Gifts of the Holy Spirit will guide them in their life. Congratulations boys!

We finish the term with a range of activities next week. Monday is our Term Assembly; Wednesday, Year 3 & 4 students are going to the IMAX theatre in Darling Harbour; Thursday, Year 1 students are going to Featherdale; and on Friday, a team from Year 5 & 6 will participate in the Touch Football Gala Day.

Please note that the Catholic Education Office has advised that the NAPLAN results for Years 3 & 5 students have been delayed until October 14th.

Mr Faccin is going on leave for next term. We wish him well and hope he finds time to relax and refresh before returning next year.

Enjoy the school holidays with your children. Take time to reflect on the gift they are and give thanks.

Be blessed and stay safe,

Fran Jackson
Principal

School Resumes for Term 4
WEDNESDAY 9th October

Have you bought your tickets yet?
Family Bushdance
Friday 11th October, 5.00pm to 9.00pm

Entry per family of 4 - $20 (2 adults, 2 children). $5 per additional adult, $2 per additional child. Sausage sandwich $2.50 each – pre orders available.
**Disco**

Thank you to all the students who came along to our disco last Friday evening. It was an amazing turnout and everyone had a great time enjoying the dancing and fun of the night. A huge thank you to all the parents and staff that helped make the night a success through their enthusiasm and hard work. We appreciate your time to ensure the students had a fantastic and safe night. We hope to see even more students next time!

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**Faith at the Fiddler**

Last Thursday evening, members of our diocese gathered for “Faith at the Fiddler”. This is a regular opportunity for members of the Parramatta diocese to share their faith in the relaxed and friendly environment of The Mean Fiddler at Rouse Hill.

Many pilgrims from WYD 2013, shared their experiences. Miss Zeait, from Year 1, was fortunate enough to travel to Lima and participate in Missionary work, before attending WYD in Rio. Rebecca shared her journey with the audience. Her presentation was both moving and inspiring. Congratulations and thank you to Miss Zeait for taking the time to share her story and inspire others to continue the good work begun by our Parramatta pilgrims.

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**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Kelsie and Jai Bunfield who recently competed in the NSW State Titles. Kelsie came 1st in Junior Cheer, 2nd in Hip Hop and 2nd in Pom. Jai came 5th in Hip Hop. What great results!

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**The New Working With Children Check**

It is a Parramatta Diocesan requirement for all parent volunteers to complete the CEO online Child Protection Module before volunteering in the school or on an excursion. This training must be updated every two years.

This training is available online at http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/child-protection-training

If you are unsure whether your training is current or if you need to complete the online training please contact Karen Sprycha at the front office.

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**Office Opening Hours – Week 10 – 16th – 20th September**

Please note amended office opening hours for week 10. Office will be open from 8.30am – 4.00pm.

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**Receipting of Cash**

Due to the school holidays beginning 20th September, cash payments cannot be accepted in the office after Thursday 19th September. Banking must be completed so no cash payments will be accepted on Friday the 20th September.

Please make sure all fees are up to date including outstanding school excursion payments and the Year 6 fundraising chocolate money by this Friday the 13th September.
FAMILY BUSHDANCE

RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHILE HAVING FUN!

Bush dancing with a real live bush band!
Prizes for best dressed and more!!
Games!!!!
BBQ sausage sizzle
Chocolate Wheel

When: Friday 11\textsuperscript{th} October 2013
Time: 5.00pm – 9.00pm
Where: Multi purpose room

Entry per Family of 4: $20 (2 adults & 2 children)
($5 per additional adult, $2 per additional child)
Sausage sandwich $2.50 each – pre-orders available
Soft drinks and Juice poppers will be available for purchase on night
All families and friends are welcome.

For a great Family Night out get your dancing shoes on.

Bring your picnic blankets or folding chairs and nibbles to munch on.

Bushdance Ticket Order

Family name: __________________________________________ Eldest Child’s Class: ________________
No of family tickets __________ @ $20 per family of 4
Extra Adults __________ @ $5 per adult
Extra children __________ @ $2 per child
Total enclosed $___________

RSVP by Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} September 2013

Bush Dance Sausage Sandwich Order

Family name: __________________________________________ Eldest Child’s Class: ________________
Number of Sausage Sandwiches required @ $2.50 each __________ Amount enclosed: $_______________

Please send to office by Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} September 2013
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

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

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 runs during school holidays from 7.00am to 6.00pm.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – Relationship Enrichment for Married Couples
8 – 10 November at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings: 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au
Information: www.wwme.org.au

DO YOU WANT TO PLAY BASKETBALL FOR JOEYS BASKETBALL CLUB?
Our new competition begins next term!!
We cater for boys and girls from Under 8’s – Under 18s.
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!
This competition is played in Werrington! 10min drive from Penrith or Mt Druitt!!
For new and returning players please contact Joey’s Basketball Club (Emily) via email joeyscocah@gmail.com or call 0408 253 513 for more information and costs!

(Please note: This club is NOT affiliated with St Joseph’s Primary School)

SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO ARE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED
CCSS Solo Parent Ministry is offering another 7 week “Post Separation Recovery Program” for those who are separated or divorced. Each Session includes input, small and large group sharing and time for personal reflection on aspects such as grief, dealing with intense emotions, learning lessons from the past, redefining yourself, forgiveness, setting goals and moving forward. It has proved to be a very effective “recovery” program for those who have experienced the breakdown of their marriage relationship. Commences 7.30pm Wednesday, 23rd Oct. at Blacktown. For registration and further details: Ph. 99330205 or soloparentministry@ccss.org.au

SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO ARE WIDOWED
CCSS Solo Parent Ministry is holding its second fortnightly Bereavement Support Group Session on Wed 18th September for those whose spouse or long term partner has died. The topic for this Session is "Images and Frameworks for Understanding Grief". Venue: St Finbar’s Parish Centre, 46 Levy St. Glenbrook from 10.30 – 12.30. This is an opportunity to gain some information about the grieving process and to support each other during this most difficult and painful time. Details and Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205

MindQuest 2013
For Gifted and Talented Primary Students
Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th November, 9.30am to 3.30pm
Applications close Friday 11th October
For enquiries and applications please call Shelagh Poray on 02 4232 2494.
Glenwood High School, cnr Forman Avenue & Glenwood Park Drive, Glenwood
## Term 4 at a Glance

(as at 10/9/2013)

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