Dear Parents/Carers,

Our thoughts and prayers go to all those families affected by the bush fires. Everyone knows someone or of someone who has lost their home or are in danger of doing so. Some of our families are involved with the RFS and have firsthand experience of the enormous dangers faced by those fighting the fires. We must keep these courageous dedicated men and women in our prayers. *May God bless them and keep them safe from harm.*

Congratulations to our basketball teams who competed in the diocesan Gala Day on Tuesday and in the NSW Primary Catholic Schools’ Gala competition on Saturday and Sunday. On Tuesday our teams won the four divisions in which they were entered and on the weekend, the boy’s team came second by 4 points and the girls won their division. Well done players! A very big thank you to Mrs Pennay and Miss Treble who coached and organised the teams, spending Saturday and Sunday at Bankstown and Menai. Your generosity in giving up your time is very much appreciated. Thank you also to Danielle Schwartz for coaching teams for both competitions. Thank you parents for supporting this event.

This evening, a group of 18 students are participating in the Sacred Choral Music festival being held at St John’s Anglican Cathedral, Parramatta. Thank you parents for supporting your children’s participation in this event. Thank you Ms Nicholls for coordinating our school’s participation. I’m looking forward to an inspiring evening.

Friday we celebrate Grandparents Day at St Joseph’s with prayer, performance and classroom visits. Books will be available for donation to the library and a selection of RD books and CDs for purchase to raise funds for the library. The students are looking forward to a fun filled day. All welcome!

*Fran Jackson*
Principal

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### Fit-A-Thon – Please Sponsor Our 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 and they 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

Upcoming RE Dates!

Grandparents Day Thanksgiving - Friday, 25th October (Week 3), 9:30am in the MPA
All Saints Day Mass - Friday, 1st November (Week 4), 9:30am in the MPA
All Soul’s Day Liturgy - Monday, 4th November (Week 5), 9am in the MPA

Other RE News:
Mass Times - Our parish, St Joseph’s has Mass every weekday morning at 8am. Everyone is more than welcome to attend.

SKY - St Joseph’s Kingswood Youth - SKY is the parish youth group for St Joseph's Kingswood. Members from their group came and spoke to our Yr 5 and 6 students last Wednesday. It is a group for children aged 12-17. They meet on Wednesday afternoon from 3pm to 5pm in the parish buildings. There is no cost but parental permission is required. All children from Yr 5 and 6 are invited to come along!

All Soul’s Day prayer cards: Last week, prayer cards were sent home with all students for them to write the name of a relative/friend who may have passed away. If you would like to, please write the name of that person on the card and send it back to school with your child. These will be hung in the MPA during November and the names will be written into a book of remembrance in the Church.

General News


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

Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil - 6pm
Sunday - 8.30am and 10.00am
Polish Mass - Saturday 4pm

Weekday Masses
Monday to Friday 8am
Saturday 8.30am

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. Holiday Care programs run during school holidays from 7.00am to 6.00pm.

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! You are very likely to be supported and helped through the sharing of experiences on matters such as “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?” Venue: CCSS centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: $5.00. Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205

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

St Finbar’s School Parish Fete – Friday 25th October, 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.
22nd October 2013

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 2nd November.
The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta has launched an emergency appeal to assist people who have been impacted by the New South Wales bushfires.

One person has died and over 300 homes have been lost or damaged including the homes of staff and families from St Thomas Aquinas parish & school community and St Columba’s High School.

Donations to the emergency appeal can be made through CatholicCare Social Services Parramatta www.ccss.org.au

Cheques can be made payable to CatholicCare Social Services - Bushfire Appeal and mailed to:
Bushfire Appeal, PO Box 2023, North Parramatta, NSW, 1750

Parishes and schools who would like to make a donation can send a cheque or deposit funds via:
BSB 062315
Account: 901486
Account Name: 5243 S2-Disaster Relief Appeal

Please give generously and keep all those affected in your thoughts and prayers