

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

2nd April 2014

DIARY DATES

Friday 4 April

Ice Block Day
Lunch 2

Last day for
Easter Raffle
tickets to be
returned

Sunday 6 April

Daylight Savings
Ends

Monday 7 April

Term Award
Assembly
9.00am

Tuesday 8 April

School Photos

10.45am – ANZAC
Day service for Yr
6 Leaders

Wednesday 9 April

Reflections for
Palm Sunday and
Holy Thursday

Thursday 10 April

Stations of the
Cross

Waiting at the
Tomb

Friday 11 April

ANZAC Day
Ceremony
10.45am

Easter Raffle
Drawn

Ice Block Day
Lunch 2

Last Day of Term 1

Monday 28 April

STAFF
DEVELOPMENT
DAY

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we draw close to the end of Lent, we remember that the time of fasting, prayer and alms giving ends with the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The season of penance leads into the season of hope.....hope for each of us, hope for our family, hope for our world. When we focus on what is important, what is centred in faith, we come to hope.

Next week, children will participate in liturgies to commemorate the main events of Holy Week - Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday (crucifixion and waiting at the tomb).

Wednesday - 9:30am Palm Sunday Celebration in the MPA
Thursday - 9:30am Stations of the Cross re-enactment and prayer

These are not concert presentations but prayerful experiences for the children to engage in the Passion of Christ which culminates in the Resurrection of Jesus, which we will celebrate as a school after the holidays. All families are more than welcome to come and participate in these celebrations and reflections.

Dates and times for Holy Week and Easter ceremonies at St Joseph's church, are shown later in this newsletter.

Last Friday and yesterday, we celebrated supporting others with joy - mufti day and Easter eggs, - and with self-denial - Minimal Food Day. It's about GIVING - of myself, of my possessions, of my life. I am incredibly proud of our community as we have raised over \$800 for Caritas. Our goal is \$1000, so we can provide one year of youth empowerment workshops for Favela residents in Brazil. Thank you parents for encouraging your children to share.

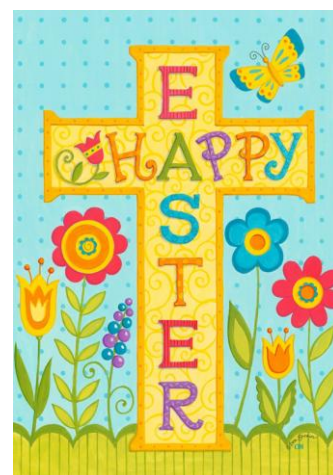
Every Monday we celebrate the learning achievements of our students. Learning comes in all shapes and sizes, and we acknowledge it all. Students can be proud of each forward step they make. Next Monday, we have our Term Awards. These recognise consistent achievement throughout the term. Parent of recipients will be contacted and invited to attend, but SHHHH, don't tell the children.

I will be on leave from this Friday and Ms Nicholls will lead the school. I am participating in a pilgrimage to Russia, visiting churches, monasteries, nunneries, cathedrals and other holy places that have survived the Russian revolution and are again places of worship for the Catholic communities. The Roman Catholic and Orthodox Easter fall on the same weekend this year, however, Easter is not a holiday in Russia. One of the churches we are visiting has only been restored as a place of worship since 1994. During the communist era it was a storage place and then a hostel. We take religious freedom for granted and are comforted by the fact that the church is there if we ever needed it. How would we really respond if our churches were closed down? Would we feel uncomfortable? Would we fight for them? Who knows??

Have a safe and blessed Easter.

Enjoy the holidays with your children,

Blessings to you all,
Fran Jackson
Principal



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SCHOOL PHOTOS TUESDAY 8TH APRIL

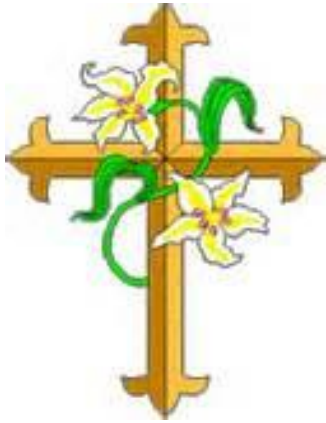
- Children are to wear full summer uniform, including correct school shoes
- Photos commence at 8.50am sharp, so please arrive at school on time (or a bit early)
- Payments must be received BEFORE the photo day and by Monday 7th April at the latest

Learning Without Limits

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St Joseph's Church

Holy Week and Easter Celebrations 2014

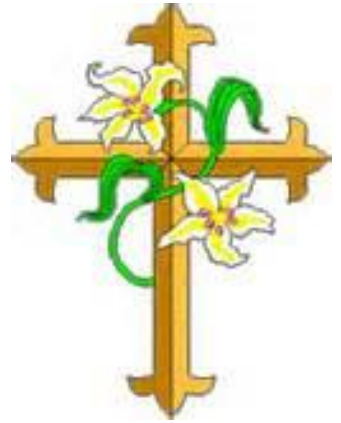


Holy Thursday – 17th April
7.00pm - Mass

Good Friday – 18th April
11.00am - Stations of the Cross
3.00pm – Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday
7.00pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday
8.30am and 10.00am - Mass
11.30am – Polish Mass

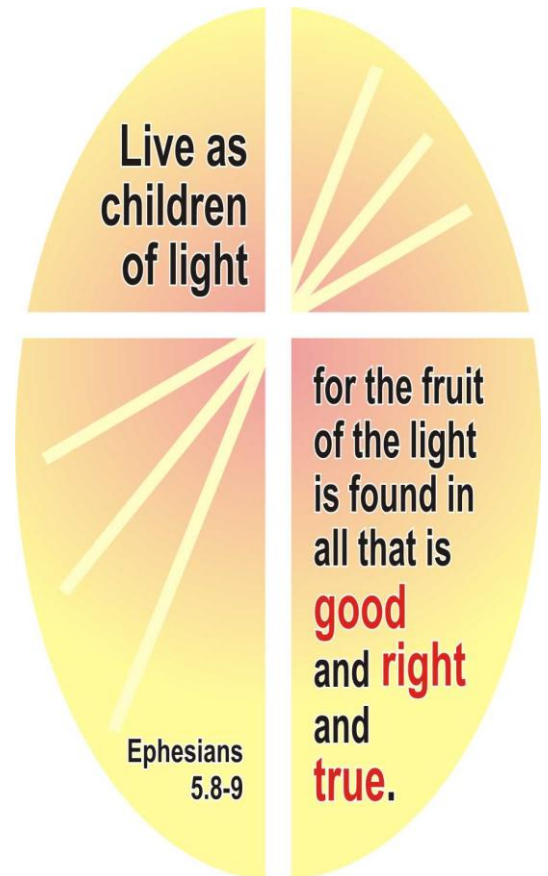


Lent is a time of preparation. It calls us to re-adjust our priorities:

Lent Prayer

*Lent should be more than a time of fasting.
It should also be a joyous season of feasting. Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others.
It is a season to turn to God.*

*Fast from judging others; feast on the goodness in them.
Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on unity of all life.
Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light.
Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.
Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.
Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger; feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.
Fast from worry; feast on divine order.
Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.
Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.
Fast from hostility; feast on non-resistance.
Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.
Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal truth.
Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.
Fast from facts that depress; feast on truths that uplift.
Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.
Fast from suspicion; feast on truth.
Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.
Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity.
Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.
Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that supports.*



General News...

Parent Reading Program

Our new Parent Reading Program has now begun. Any parents who would like to volunteer some time to read to our children should contact the school office so we can put their name on the roster for Term 2.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Evan Halliburton who is in the Penrith City Under 11's T-Ball team. He has recently competed in two tournaments: Campbelltown Ghost's at Campbelltown and River Rat's at George's River. In both of these Tournaments the boys were undefeated in all games and went on to win both! A BIG achievement by them all in the lead up to the State Titles which will be played at Newcastle over this coming Saturday and Sunday.

We would like to wish Evan and his team all the best, and hope that they can bring the State Title back to Penrith with them.

**2nd hand
uniform**

School Uniforms For Sale

Second hand uniforms will be on sale from now until Friday 11th April. You can make purchases from approximately 8.30am to 9.00am or 3.00pm to 3.30 pm. Items will range from \$2 to \$10.

Facebook

Parents who have concerns about any aspect of the school or staff should make an appointment with their child's class teacher or the Principal to discuss the issues. Posting critical comments about staff or the school on Facebook is not appropriate.



Farewell to Gayle Boyd

Last Friday night friends, family and colleagues gathered to celebrate the retirement of Gayle Boyd. Gayle worked for 33 years as the Office Manager and Finance Secretary at St Joseph's. She worked for 6 Principals in that time, being a fountain of 'local knowledge' that often assisted the Principal of the day in reaching out to families in need and also learning the story of St Joseph's community.

Gayle has been the face of St Joseph's, welcoming visitors to the school, tending to children in need of a bandaid, supporting teachers with administration and generally spreading generosity and goodwill to all here at school.

Thank you Gayle for being not just our Office Manager, but our friend.

Community News...

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.

Parish Playgroup

Parish Playgroup for children not yet at school is held on Mondays at 10.00am in the Parish Hall (Lieberman Room). Parents are welcome to attend our Monday morning assembly, have a cuppa afterwards and then go over to playgroup, or you can just go to Playgroup at 10.00am. We hope to see you there.



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

Ash Wednesday Masses
8am, 7pm
Liturgy of the Word for school
Is at 9.30am

Weekday Masses
Monday to Friday 8am
Saturday 8.30am



Sacrament Of Penance - Saturday after morning mass

Eucharistic Adoration - Before all masses

Parenting Groups and Workshops

Families NSW are running several Parenting Groups and Workshops during Term 2. For full details please go to:

<http://handsheartsminds.wordpress.com/parenting-groups-and-workshops/>