

## DIARY DATES

Friday 21 February

Ice Block Day  
Lunch 2

Sunday 23 February

Reconciliation Enrolment

Monday 24 February

9.00am Assembly, Yr 2

Panthers 'Tackle  
Bullying'

Tuesday 25 February

Zone Swimming

Thursday 27 February

Captive Combined  
Choir Rehearsal

Friday 28 February

School Clean Up Day

Ice Block Day  
Lunch 2

Diocesan Swimming  
Carnival

Sunday 2 March

Reconciliation Meeting

Monday 3 March

STAFF DEVELOPMENT  
DAY

Tuesday 4 March

9.00am Assembly

Wednesday 5 March

Ash Wednesday

Friday 7 March

Ice Block Day  
Lunch 2

Sunday 9 March

Reconciliation Meeting

Monday 10 March

9.00am Assembly, Yr 4

Friday 14 March

Ice Block Day  
Lunch 2

Sunday 16 March

Reconciliation Meeting

Monday 17 March

St Patrick's Day

9.00am Assembly, Yr 5

Easter Raffle Tickets Sent  
Home

Wednesday 19 March

St Joseph's Day  
Mass and Celebration

Thursday 20 March

National Day Against  
Bullying

Friday 21 March

School Cross Country

Ice Block Day  
Lunch 2

Saturday 22 March

First Reconciliation after  
8.30am Mass

Monday 28 April

STAFF DEVELOPMENT  
DAY

# St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

19<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday we celebrated our Opening School Year Mass at our beautifully refurbished parish church. For many children, it was their first time attending Mass in this church, and they were very surprised at the beautiful sanctuary that is now the setting for the celebration of Eucharist. There is no clue on the externals of our church building as to the beauty within.

We teach our children that what is inside of us is more important than our external image. Good looks don't always guarantee a good heart.

In his homily, Fr Andrew spoke of discipleship, learning from a master and then becoming like that master, Jesus. We have examples of this in popular culture: Star Wars - Luke Skywalker learning to "use the force" from the master, Yoda; Karate Kid - Dre Parker learning from the master, Mr Han. Both these are positive examples of discipleship and a good segue way into Jesus, our spiritual Master. While Yoda and Mr Han taught their disciples to conquer evil, Jesus calls his disciples into a life of love with the Father. Christian discipleship is about spreading Good News, about living out love and about relationship with God, relationship nurtured by prayer, - conversations with God. Love starves evil of oxygen, love begets love.

Christian discipleship is probably not as exciting as excelling in karate or using lightsabers, but Christian discipleship is relationship with God who loves unconditionally and eternally. Our children have a right to this awesome gift. Let's nurture it together!

Next Sunday, 23rd February, parents are invited to bring their children from Year 3 or above, and enrol in the Reconciliation Sacramental programme. This follows the 10am Mass at St Joseph's church and is for children who have been baptised in the Catholic church. Presenting your child for a sacramental programme, is a commitment from you, the parents/carers, that you will support your child's faith journey as a member of the Catholic Church.

Our Strings programme (Years 3 & 4) is off to a good start this year. There were a number of questions about how it all works, especially around tutors and the school orchestra. We will send specific information about this to the classes involved. Orchestra rehearsal (for students in Years 3-6) is now at 1.30 - 2.30pm on Wednesdays. This means students are rehearsing during Lunch 2 and the first 30mins of the afternoon session. We are trialling this arrangement for Term 1 as many students were unable to attend the after school rehearsals. Class teachers are looking at ways to ensure students do not miss any instruction.

We have begun interviewing for Kinder 2015. New families have visited the school this week during our open times and taken enrolment packs with them. We urge parents who have a child for Kinder 2015 to contact us for an appointment as we will be sending out our first round offers of enrolment in May.

Next Monday, Years 3-6 children will have a special presentation at 10.30am from the Panthers' "Tackle Bullying" programme. Children are invited to bring items for the players to sign. These items must be kept in a separate bag and not taken into the playground.

Last Thursday was Apology Day. Students in Years 3-6 revisited the historic apology made in the Australian Parliament to our indigenous people. It is important to remember our history.

A homework consultation paper is coming out to parents next Monday. There will be no homework from classes until a decision is made.

Blessings to you all,

*Fran Jackson*  
Principal



## Pupil Free Days

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Please note that there will be no supervision on this day for students. If you need care for your child/ren please contact Joey's Before and After School Care on 4732 5771.

## Learning Without Limits

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## General News...

SAY CHEESE!



### School Photos

School Photos will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April. All children will wear full school uniform. NO sports uniform to be worn on this day.

### 2014 Penrith Panthers "Tackle Bullying" Community Carnival Blitz! – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am

Please note that students can bring Panthers gear to be signed on the day. Unfortunately players will NOT have time to sign for every student. There will be giveaways for questions and answers during the visit.



### Pastoral Care and Student Wellbeing Policy

Our policies and procedures for student wellbeing are based on the Positive Behaviour School framework putting the focus on student learning.

Expectations are articulated in our STaRS:

- Safe
- Thoughtful
- actively
- Responsible
- Students



Expectations are explicitly taught to all students and individual plans are developed for students requiring more intensive support. All staff support students in living out the STaRS values.

In line with the Student Wellbeing Policy, discrimination, harassment or bullying are not permitted. Incidents arising pertaining to these matters need to be conveyed to the class teacher and will be dealt with in an appropriate manner.

For further details, visit the school website: [www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au)

### Discipline Policy

St Joseph's discipline policy ensures procedural fairness, the hearing rule, and the right to an unbiased decision. St Joseph's staff neither use, nor sanction, corporal punishment. When an incident occurs which requires the individual to be disciplined, staff ensure that it is dealt with in an appropriate manner taking into consideration the above requirements.

### 2014 Parent Association Committee

Congratulations and thank you to the following ladies who comprise our Parent Association this year. We are very grateful for your commitment to our school.

**President**  
Marianne Wilson

**Vice President**  
Tanya Bunfield

**Secretary**  
Lonni McLean

**Treasurer**  
Rebecca Brett

## 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.

### St Dominic's College Information Evening and Open Day

St Dominic's College will be holding an Information Evening on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2014, commencing at 7.30pm and an Open Day on the 30th March, 2014 between 10am and 3pm. For further information please call 4731 1933

### Xavier College Open Night – Monday 10 March, 5.00 – 7.30pm

There will also be an information session at 7.00pm. Applications close on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2014. [www.xavierlandilo.catholic.edu.au](http://www.xavierlandilo.catholic.edu.au)

### Bereavement Support For Those Who Are Widowed

CCCSS Solo Parent Ministry is commencing two Bereavement Support Programs within the next few weeks. Seasons for Growth is a five week Program that commences on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb at Glenbrook, between 10.30 and 12.30. The other Program is an 8 Session Bereavement Support Program that runs every fortnight at Blacktown between 10.00 and 12.00 and commences on 4<sup>th</sup> March. Both of these Programs provide education and personal support within a small group setting, assisting those who grieve the death of their spouse to better understand the process of grief and to be supported in moving forward gently but assuredly in the midst of deep pain and loss. For further details and registration for both of these Programs contact Eileen or Rita on 9933 0205 or [soloparentministry@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentministry@ccss.org.au)

**Family Fun Day – For People with a Disability and Their Families and Carers**

Sunday 23 February from 11am to 2pm at York Street Public School, Evan Street, Penrith. The event is free and a Sausage Sizzle will be provided for lunch. Please RSVP by Wednesday 19 February to 4734 9512.

**Caroline Chisholm College, Glenmore Park provides Catholic Education for Girls in Years 7-12  
Enrolling now for 2015**

An Open Night on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 6.00pm to 8.30pm includes information sessions, displays, performances and tours.

All considering enrolment in 2015 are invited to attend.

For further information contact the College on 4737 5506.

**Smart Loving Workshop**

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014, from 2.00 – 5.00pm, there is a SmartLoving Workshop at the Holy Family School Hall, 32 Willowdene Avenue, Luddenham. It is open for all married couples and even couples who are engaged will find it beneficial. It is an opportunity for marriage enrichment where we reflect on our relationships with one another and our children. Bookings are essential. For further details please contact Jess on 9319 6280 or email infor@smartloving.org.



**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

**UnitingCare**  
Mental Health

**LIFESKILLS**

**Free course for carers of someone living with a mental illness**

The Family and Carer Mental Health program is offering a series of quick workshops to better manage the role of carer

Workshops offer opportunities to feel...

RELAXED  
PRESENT & MINDFUL  
RESTFUL

BEING CURIOUS

REFRESHED

HAVING A BREAK

**PENRITH**  
Thursday 10th April 2014  
10am — 12 pm  
Uniting Care Mental Health  
Suite 2, Level 2, 331 High St.

**PARRAMATTA**  
Thursday 27th February  
5:30 pm — 7:30 pm  
Uniting Care Mental Health  
119 Macquarie St. Upstairs,  
entrance back of church.

To secure your place,  
or for more information,  
please call the Family & Carer  
Office on: 02 8842 8289

**family and carer**  
Mental Health Program 2014

This is a **FREE** course for all Carers who live in the Nepean, Blue Mountains & Western Sydney area.