

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 11 June

9am Assembly
Year 4

Friday 13 June

String Rehearsal
12pm - 6pm

String Showcase
7pm - 9pm

Sunday 15 June

Holy Trinity
First Communion
Meeting after 10am
Mass

Monday 16 June

9am Assembly
Year 2

Tuesday 17 June

Choir Rehearsal
2pm - 6pm

Choir Showcase
7pm - 9pm

Thursday 19 June

Year 2 Penrith Lakes
Excursion

Band Rehearsal
12pm - 6pm

Band Showcase
7pm - 9pm

Saturday 21 June

Reconciliation
Feast of Corpus
Christi

Sunday 22 June

First Communion
Meeting after 10am
Mass

Monday 23 June

9am Term 2 Award
Assembly

Wednesday 25 June

NAIDOC Day

Friday 27 June

Feast of the Sacred
Heart

9:15 Whole School
Mass

Last Day Term 2

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

11th June 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Sunday we celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Before Christ was taken up to heaven, he told his disciples: *"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid"*. (John 14:25-27) This is what we remember at Pentecost. We have not been left to muddle through life on our own. Christ is with us every day in the Spirit sent by the Father who gave us his Son.

We believe in a Trinitarian God, revealed through Jesus Christ:

Through Christ to the Father in the common-union of the Holy Spirit.

Next Sunday we celebrate that truth as Trinity Sunday. It is a joyous time in our Church!

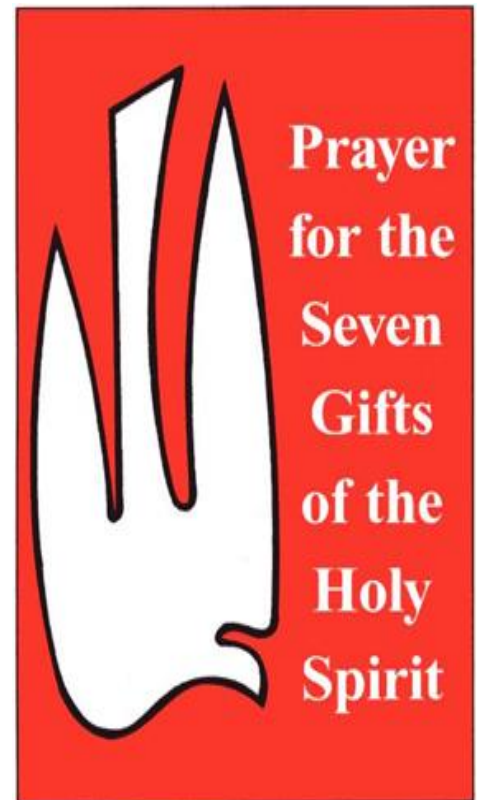
Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom
that I may despise the perishable things of this world
and aspire only after the things that are eternal,
the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind
with the light of Thy divine truth,
the Spirit of Counsel
that I may ever choose the surest way
of pleasing God and gaining Heaven,
the Spirit of Fortitude
that I may bear my cross with Thee,
and that I may overcome with courage
all the obstacles that oppose my salvation,
the Spirit of Knowledge
that I may know God and know myself
and grow perfect in the science of the Saints,
the Spirit of Piety
that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable,
the Spirit of Fear
that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God,
and may dread in any way to displease Him.
Mark me, dear Lord,
with the sign of Thy true disciples
and animate me in all things with Thy Spirit.
Amen.

May God bless you and keep you,

Fran Jackson

Principal



Monday 14 July: Staff Development Day
Tuesday 15 July: First Day for Students for Term 3

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Staff Changes for Term 3

Farewells

In the next few weeks, we farewell Miss Khalifeh (5DN) who is leaving on an overseas adventure and Ms Carroll (4CC), who will be pursuing new interests. Mrs Mowbray will also be leaving us to await the arrival of her first baby.

Mrs Rose who left two weeks ago, has announced the birth of her first child, Jessica Mae Rose, born last Thursday. An exciting time for our young mothers!

We thank these teachers for the care and support they have given our students in their time at St Joseph's. We wish them well on their chosen path.



New faces at St Joseph's

Mrs Anna O'Hara began two weeks ago on 3BR, now known as 3AO;

Mrs Kerry Carter will take over Mrs Mowbray's support role;

Mr Mark Aggar will take 5DN, (to be known as 5MA) as well as his appointment as Acting Religious Education Coordinator, beginning Monday 23 June;

Miss Jessica Maccarone who will take 4CC, to be known as 4JM



Student Attendance

Late arrival to school

School hours are 8.50am to 3.00pm.

When students arrive, even 5 mins late, they have to "play catch up."

- Greetings have already been exchanged;
- Instructions have already been given;
- Learning has begun!

Late arrivals are recorded and appear on Student Reports. When no adult is present to sign late students in, it is recorded as "unexplained".

Parents/carers are urged to ensure students arrive on time at school each day.



Student absences

Parents must notify the school when students are unable to attend. Notification can be made by phoning the school office, email, or a written letter. Where an absence for sickness extends beyond one day, please notify the school with an approximate date of return. A medical certificate may be requested by the school if absences are frequent.

Extended leave, other than sick leave, requires an application to the principal prior to leave being taken. This is a legislative requirement.

Dismissal Procedures

There are three dismissal points at the school:

Bus Gate – ONLY for students catching buses;

Kiss 'N' Ride Gate – for students waiting to be picked up by car;

Walkers – for students picked up by parent/carers who either have left their cars to collect their children or are walking their children home.

Students not catching a bus or being collected by a car at Kiss'n'Ride, will be waiting in the Walkers area behind the admin building.

Our dismissal procedures are to keep our students safe and support teachers in managing the supervision of students. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Safety First on our Street

Some parents continue to abuse the safety rules when dropping off and collecting their children. A minute's poor decision can cause a lifetime of pain.

- The administration driveway is NOT for U-turns or dropping off and picking up children.
- Blocking vision of the children's crossing is illegal.
- Blocking residents' driveways and the street, is inconsiderate to say the least.

Teachers are on duty till 3.30pm and no child is ever left alone to wait for parents. It stands to reason that not every one of our 266 students can all be collected at 3pm. Be prepared to wait or walk. Every parent, student and staff thank you for looking out for the safety of each one of our children. Please do your bit!





Second Hand Uniform Sale

Parents are invited to donate clean uniform items for a "Used Uniform Sale" to be held later this term. Second Hand Clothing will be for sale Monday to Friday from 8:30am, starting Monday 2nd June in MPA.



Captivate Showcases

It's all happening at Nagle College, Blacktown.....and we're there!

- Friday 13th June** Primary Strings showcase
- Tuesday 17th June** Primary Choral Showcase with guest appearance by combined primary schools band....including 9 St Joseph's students;
- Thursday 19th June** Band Showcase

Religious News

St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

St Joseph's Primary School are participating in the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal. We are asking for donations of blankets and rugs. Please only donate blankets and rugs that are clean, usable and in good condition. These items will be donated to those that would go without this winter. All donations need to be brought into the school by Friday 27th June.



On Friday 27th June we will be having a Whole School Mass at 9:15am in the Church. Everybody is welcome!

General News



School Fees - Now OVERDUE

Thank you to the families who have already finalised their Term 2 school fees account. Thank you also to the families who are maintaining their approved payment arrangements.

School fees for Term 2 are now overdue. If you are experiencing financial difficulty in finalising your account or maintaining your payment arrangement please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999.

Kindergarten 2015 Enrolments

Kindergarten 2015 enrolments are now taking place - first round offers will be finalised however vacancies are still available.



Fundraising News

PEPE'S DUCKS **CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP** Cost \$5.00
 Department of Gaming & Racing Permit No. CPN 15517
 A project of
 Rotary Club of Kurrajong North Richmond Inc.
 PO Box 46, Kurrajong NSW 2758

ROTARY WHITEWATER DUCK RACE 2014
 This Certificate entitles the holder to ownership of the numbered duck for the duration of the race at Whitewater Stadium, Penrith on 13th September 2014

1st Prize: \$1000.00. Donated by Pepe's Ducks, South Windsor
 2nd Prize: Whitewater Rafting Session for 2 people. Donated by Penrith Whitewater Stadium
 3rd Prize: Wii Console & Wheel with Mario Kart game. Donated by McCloy Automotive North Richmond

Race Starts at 1.00pm

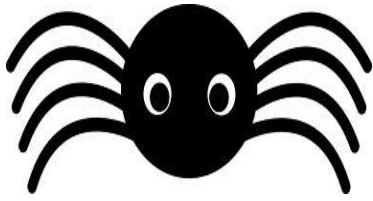
DUCK **2941** "All welcome on the day"
CB Printing, 1/51 Bowman Street Richmond 02 4376 1200

Great Rotary Whitewater Duck Race 2014

The Rotary Whitewater Duck Race will be held on 13th September 2014 at 1pm. St Joseph's Primary School are selling 'Ownership Certificates' at \$5 each. From this the school will receive \$4 and you could win one of three great prizes. A great fundraiser for Rotary and St Joseph's! If you would like to purchase a ticket please see Jenny or Karen at the school office. Tickets are on sale until 29th August.

Learning News

Year 2 are learning about Cinquains. Cinquains are a five lined poem.



Spider
Dangerous, aggressive
Bites, chases, kills
Makes a sticky web
Hunts.
By Shaun Miller 2AA

School
Fun, sporty
Learning, helping, teaching
Helps you to learn
Smart.
By Megan Stacey 2AA



Student Leader Civic Reception

On Thursday night, 29th of May, Student Leaders from the Parramatta Diocese, went to Evan Theatre to get awarded certificates from the mayor. These certificates are showing that they are leaders and they look after their school. There were about one hundred student leaders and their families. The event started at 6pm and ended at 7pm.

The leader's parents had to sign in and give their email so they could get the photos of their child. Then the leaders had to walk to a lady who would show them their seats. Their seat would have their names on it. While everybody was getting seated, four children sang two songs each on the stage to entertain the leaders and their families. They sang very well!

Once everybody was seated, a lady from the staff introduced the mayor and herself and thanked everybody for coming. Then she started to call out the student leader names from the first school and they got their photos done with the mayor.

After a while, all the student leaders from about fifteen schools got their photo done with the mayor. Near the end, ALL the student leaders that came that night, went in for a group photo in front of the stage. Then the students leaders went home with their families, proud for the award that they got and for being able to experience being a student leader.

Kate Williamson, 6ET.



St Joseph's Stars of Radio Waves



St Joseph's Primary School Year 6 students Milinda, Kate, Luke and Ethan were interviewed on the McCarthy Radio Show, WOWFM 100.7. The students were asked about St Joseph's 'Wall of Hands' which is part of the school's 'Bounce Back' program. The wall comprises hundreds of outline hand shaped posters. On each hand a student had written a word which characterized St Joseph's. Milinda's word was 'accepting' but, the word which appeared most often, was 'safe'. Luke spoke about the 'buddy' system, in which each Year 6 student was friends with a Kindergarten student. "We have become great friends" he said. "We always help each other" said Milinda.

Kate and Ethan were excited about the Drama Literacy program, where students 'acted out' parts of stories. Kate said: "I love acting and its great fun being part of a story!" Both students spoke about their favourite books and their inability to be without them. Mr Tim Martin, Drama Literacy teacher was enthusiastic about how St Joseph's students had taken to the program and through it had improved their literacy skills. "Their creative writing has improved immensely" he added.

After the show, Mr Craig Laffin, Compere of the McCarthy Catholic College radio program asked: "They are just Year 6 aren't they?". He had been stunned at how enthusiastic the four students were about their school and how confidently they spoke. Mrs Franziska Jackson, Principal of St Joseph's Primary School Kingswood, said, "I am very proud of our students, staff and parents and our representatives tonight were exceptional".

World of Maths



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

Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday 8am
Saturday 8.30am



Sacrament Of Penance - Saturday after morning mass



Eucharistic Adoration - Before all masses

Faith in Marriage

“Making the decision to commit to marriage is just the first step. Every day provides opportunities to strengthen your relationship and recommit to each other.” Jo Lamble

Jo Lamble is a Clinical Psychologist who has been in private practice for over 20 years. She sees individuals, couples, and groups and specialises in parenting and relationship issues. Jo is the resident psychologist on Studio 10 on the Ten network.

Jo will be one the speakers at the [2nd Annual Marriage Conference](#) presented by CatholicCare Social Services and Australian Catholic University. **This conference will be held on Sunday 24 August 2014 from 9:30 – 4:30 at Our Lady of Mercy College, Ross Street Parramatta.** \$25/person or \$50/couple, including, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. To register or make enquiries phone 02 9933 0222 or email marriage@ccss.org.au

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