

## Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'd like to share with the whole school community the words I spoke at our Opening School Mass.



I'd like to begin by drawing your attention to our school motto "Learning without limits"

What is it telling us?

It is challenging us to knock down the barriers and the obstacles, to stop the excuses, to work together and to strive for excellence in learning – excellence without limits.

What does this excellence in learning look like? It's not just about reading, writing, spelling, number, adding, subtracting, multiplying and all the other areas of the curriculum we cover. It's not just about reading levels, MAI results and NAPLAN results.

It's about learning about the specialness of each and every child in our school community. It's about learning about where they are and finding a way to move them towards greater excellence. It's about teachers and parents learning from each other to strive for this shared outcome.

It's about not limiting these children to just being vessels of information but guiding them to be 21<sup>st</sup> century learners who are independent, self-regulated learners, who challenge, problem solve, think critically, make connections and work collaboratively with their classmates.

If we together, can dream of a future without limits for these children here today - just think of the possibilities. Think about our kindy children – just beginning their time here at St Josephs. Looking 7 years into the future – what is our dream for them?

I challenge all of you here, I challenge myself, to make 2017 the year where we not only dream about learning without limits but we work hard, work strategically and most importantly work together to reach to the sky for each child at St Joseph's.

Mrs Trish Reilly



## Catholic Culture News

The Parish have advised the following dates for this year's Sacramental Program for children. The children are required to attend all sessions for each Sacrament and need to have made their Reconciliation prior to First Holy Communion. Before a child can receive Confirmation, they need to have made their Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2017

*Please note there have been some small changes to the dates previously advised.*

**Reconciliation: 6.00pm Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April (Year 3 and above)**  
**Sessions:** 5<sup>th</sup> March (Registration), 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> March; 2nd April

**First Communion: 18<sup>th</sup> June (Feast of Corpus Christi) (Year 3 and above)**  
**Sessions:** 30<sup>th</sup> April (Registration); 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, May; 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> June (11<sup>th</sup> being for Rehearsal)

**Confirmation: 7.00pm Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October (Year 5 and above)**  
**Sessions:** 23<sup>rd</sup> (Registration), 30<sup>th</sup> July; 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> August; 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> September; 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> October (22<sup>nd</sup> being for Rehearsal)



**Phil Margerison**

## 2017 School Fees

Fee statements have been posted out and should be received by families by the end of this week. If you are experiencing any difficulty in regards to school fees, you should contact Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999.

## Parent Association Annual General Meeting

Our Parent Association AGM will be held at 7pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. This is a great opportunity to share with the Principal your ideas of how parents can support the school.

## St Joseph's Information Night

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

We will be holding an Information Night on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February commencing at 5.30pm. We welcome all parents and children to attend this evening.

5.30pm	Open classrooms
6pm	Parent Information in the MPA
6:45pm - 7pm	BBQ

## Photo Permission

From time to time photos and/or videos footage of your child will be taken at school and school events. These photos may be used in the school newsletter, diocesan newsletter, brochures, advertising, newspaper, website or publications and video footage. If you do not wish for your child/ren's photos to be taken and published, please advise the school office in writing.

## Child Protection

If parents are planning on assisting in the classroom, or on an excursion, they are required to first complete Child Protection Training. The training is undertaken over the internet at <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training> Simply click the training link under "Volunteer" to undertake the training. **This needs to be renewed every 2 years.**

**A reminder to all parents in our community- if you have an issue with another child in the school you must not directly approach the child. All issues must be addressed through either the class teacher or the school leadership team. This is for your own protection. Thank you.**

## Morning and Afternoon Procedures

### Morning procedures

All school gates will be locked until 8.20am when playground supervision begins. Parents dropping children at Joey's in the morning use the intercom at the gate. When children enter the playground we encourage them to walk quickly to their morning play area where there will be supervision. We ask that **parents leave the playground when the music begins to play** unless they are attending a morning liturgy.

Please show consideration to staff who need to attend meetings, prepare work for the day and organise resources before school. If parents wish to speak to their child's teacher please organise an appointment through the office. Teachers are happy to speak with you at a time that will not impact on their preparation for learning.

### Afternoon procedures

**Joey's After school Care:** At 3.00pm children going to after school care will assemble behind the Administration building where they will be counted and organised by the after school care personnel.

### Children being picked up by parents from the playground:

Children being picked up by parents, family members etc. from the playground can be collected by parents from the undercroft behind the Office.

We ask that whilst you are waiting for your child to remain in that area on the silver picnic benches or in the shade.

### Kiss'n'Ride Children being picked up by car

Children who are being picked up by car will sit near the top gate. When they hear their family name called they will then walk to the gate and wait with the teacher who will assist them to enter their car. Parents are asked not to leave the car in this section to pick up children.

Any parents wishing to join Kiss'n'Ride will need to **display an A4 sign** with your **surname and first names of child/children** that will need to be **displayed as you approach the front of the line of cars**. This will allow teachers to call your child to the gate and ensure that they are ready to enter the car when you reach the front of the line. Kiss'n'Ride duty commences at 3pm and it finishes at 3.25.

**Primary parents - Why don't you come at 3.15?**

### Safety at Kiss'n'Ride

**If there is a line up of cars longer than the "No Parking" zone you MUST continue to drive around the block until there is room for you to join the line. Cars waiting in the middle of the road are blocking traffic and are standing illegally. Police and rangers are regularly called by residents who are concerned about safety.**

**If we want to continue with Kiss'n'Ride we must obey road rules.**

## Nut Allergies

As you may or may not be aware there are a number of children attending our school who have nut allergies. This means that if these children come in contact with any nut products they will have a severe allergic reaction. We are asking that children refrain from bringing food to school that may contain nuts. (Nutella, Peanut Butter, Muesli bars etc.) We also ask that you remind your child/ren not share their lunch or any other food with another child.

## Catholic Schools Week

We will be holding tours of the school on **Sunday, 5th March from 10 am till 12noon**. Please invite family, friends and neighbours to come along and hear about the wonderful opportunities St. Joseph's offers.

We will also be running workshops for parents, grandparents, friends and neighbours to find out more about how to support students in their learning.

Everyone welcome to the following sessions:

	Morning session 8.20am - 9.20am	Afternoon session 2pm - 3pm
Monday 6th March	Anxiety and big feelings - Strategies to support your child	How to support your child with their reading
Tuesday 7th March		How to support your child in Maths
Wednesday 8th March	How to support your child in Maths	Anxiety and big feelings - Strategies to support your child
Thursday 9th March	How to support your child with their reading	How to support your child with writing
Friday 10th March	How to support your child with writing	



# Attendance Update



Congratulations for ensuring your children are coming to school.  
The winners of the Attendance trophy were:

**Week 2 - Years 1B and 4B**

**Week 3 - Years 2Y and 4Y**

**Let's celebrate**

**December 2016 - 73.6% Attendance level**

**15th February 2017 - 87.4%**

**Year 1 were all here on Monday and no one was late - congratulations**

Sister Brenda Kennedy and Mrs Marie Brogan are now working on attendance at St Joseph's. They may contact you to support you in bringing your child to school.

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**ON  
TIME,  
EVERY  
DAY**

Partial absences = missed learning.  
Let students know that every day  
counts by recognising punctuality,  
good and improved attendance.

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every learner every day



How can you promote a healthy  
attendance culture in your school?  
Visit [www.parra.catholic.edu.au/everylearnereveryday](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/everylearnereveryday)  
to find out more.

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# Community News

## **Position's Vacant**

**Casual Cleaners and Kitchen Staff (Kitchen hand and cook) for a busy retreat centre at Mulgoa**

*If you would like to work in a place with purpose and with a friendly hardworking team then we would welcome your application. Experience is preferred but not essential, we love people with passion for what they are doing. Training will be offered for the right candidate.*

Any questions can be directed to Ann-Maree during business hours on 02 4773 8338 or please send your resume to [manager@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:manager@schoenstatt.org.au) before the 24th February.



## **JOEYS SOCCER CLUB**

Parker Street, Kingswood, NSW  
ABN: 27 198 504 233

Joeys is a small, friendly soccer club originally established in 1977 with St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Kingswood.

**Registrations are now open for U5s to U12s boys and girls.** All levels and abilities are very welcome.

We train at Parker St fields, usually on a Thursday evening, and play on Saturdays as part of Nepean Football Association's competition.

**Register with us - Joeys SC (Nepean) - at My Football Club:-**

<http://www.myfootballclub.com.au/index.php?id=43>

Any questions at all please contact Ken (0410 999 889) or Lindy (0410 633 568),

Email: [joeysoccer@hotmail.com](mailto:joeysoccer@hotmail.com)

Website: <https://www.joeysoccer.com/>

Facebook: Joeys Soccer Club

**Hurry – teams must be registered by 28 Feb 2017**

Our welcome information night is Thursday 9 Mar 2017 with a sausage sandwich and drink for all registered players. Training will commence in the weeks after, with the competition set to start April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Joey's Netball**

Joey's Netball are looking for players aged 7 & 8 years.

For further enquiries please contact Ray Geraghty on 0412 061 335

**Healthy Harold's Family Fun Day**

**Sunday**  
19th February  
10am – 3pm  
10 Hewitt St Colyton  
(Life Education NSW)

Celebrating 30 years at Colyton

**Special guests**  
Interactive sessions in our vans and classrooms  
Face Painting  
Sports Clinics  
Educational Activities  
Food Stalls  
Entertainment  
Native Animal Show  
Rides and Jumping Castle  
Plant Giveaways

Come and say "Hi" to Healthy Harold and some of his friends

To find our more, get involved or support by sponsoring or volunteering please call Sara or Paula 02 9873 3222  
[lifeeducation.org.au](http://lifeeducation.org.au)

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**PENRITH**

**Cinema** IN THE **Park**

**FREE EVENT**

**SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY**

**PENRITH CITY COUNCIL**

**TIME:** 6pm until late, movie commences at dusk.  
**WHERE:** Regatta Park, Emu Plains.  
**FEATURE FILM:** 'Finding Dory'  
Kids activities & food for sale.  
For more information phone 1300 736 836.

[penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/events](http://penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/events)

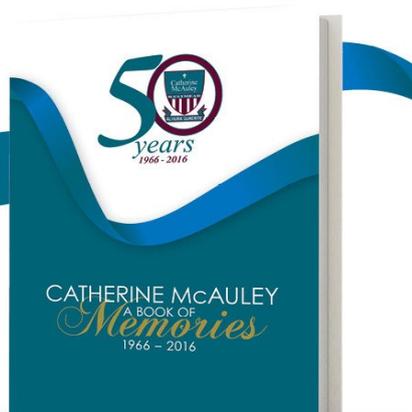
# High School News



To celebrate the school's 50th anniversary Catherine McAuley Westmead has produced a commemorative book full of memories and photographs from students, parents and staff who have had a connection with the school over the past 50 years.

The Catherine McAuley Book of Memories is a 178 page full colour book looking at each decade in the school's history as well as the early days when the school was first being established. Photographs and memories were sent in by former students and staff so as to tell their memories of their time at the school.

Topic areas covered include school uniform, school grounds, school curriculum, sport, staff, excursions and many more. The book is available for \$30.



Visit the School website under Our Community / Alumni to view sample pages and to organise purchase.

[www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au)

Copies available from School Reception (2 Darcy Rd, Westmead via Gate 1 or 2) or to organise postage telephone School Reception on 9849 9100.

## Caroline Chisholm COLLEGE

### 2018 ENROLMENTS

FOR GIRLS YEARS 7-12

**Open night: Monday 6th March 2017 (6 - 8:30pm)**

Come along and see for yourself why girls are so happy to learn at Caroline Chisholm College. Information sessions:

**6:30 to 7pm - 7:30 to 8pm**  
**Tours of College Facilities**

Further information can be obtained on our website [www.cccglenmorepark.nsw.edu.au](http://www.cccglenmorepark.nsw.edu.au)  
**90 - 98 The Lakes Drive Glenmore Park**  
Enrolment packages can be obtained by contacting the college on **4737 5500**

Follow us on



**Enrolments for 2018 now open!**

## St Dominic's College 2017 OPEN DAY Sunday the 5th of March

You are invited to join us for our Annual Open Day at the College from 10am to 2.30pm.

The morning session starts at 10:00am, followed by a tour of the College at 10:30am.

The afternoon session starts at 12:30pm followed by a tour of the College at 1:00pm.



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## Dates for your Diary

**Week 4**      **Wednesday 15th February**      5:30pm Parent Information Evening  
**Friday 17th February**      2:15pm Whole School Assembly

**Week 5**      **Tuesday 21st February**      Nepean Zone Swimming  
**Friday 24th February**      2:15pm Whole School Assembly

**Week 6**      **Tuesday 28th February**      9:15am Burning of the Palms  
**Wednesday 1st March**      9:15am Ash Wednesday Liturgy  
**Friday 3rd March**      2:15pm Whole School Assembly

## St Joseph's Birthdays



## Happy Birthday to...

**January** - Desmond, Jordan, Kira, Carla, Charlie, Dean, Jesraj, Adwoa, Jaxon, Andrew, Narden, Vivian, Lacey, Emily, Shaun, Sussi, Joshua, Claire, Alex, Ryan, Tyler, Maddison, Lyanne, Cooper, Bradley, Xavier, Seth, Catherine, Felix, Keane, Bhoke, Jessica, Kurt

**February** - Ruby, Achou, Jenna, Lincoln, Hanni, Manyang, Dominique, Melissa, Owen, Sabrina, Tristan, Brayden, Kenyon, Yohan, Xara, Ayieda, Reece

