

Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents/Carers,

The importance of working together to ensure the best possible outcomes for your children has been at the forefront of my mind these past couple of weeks. Catholic Schools Week presented many opportunities for school and family to come together.

Our Open Day saw families visiting our classrooms, those who were interested in enrolling their children in our school and families already in our community who wanted to share their school with other family members.

The many workshops run by our wonderful staff were appreciated by a small but enthusiastic group of parents. These parents learnt about big feelings and how they can help their children to keep them small. They learnt side by side with the teachers, engaged in hands on activities and took away lots of great ideas and "goody" bags. Special thanks to Vennessa Goode, Ali Busuttill, Jeanette Serrao and Ashu Aggarwal who gave their time to running these workshops.

Over the past couple of weeks I've had the pleasure of working with a number of parents to plan a way forward for their child and their learning. Meeting with these parents reinforces for me the great commitment and love each of you have for your child. Together the team of parents, teacher and school leadership have worked strategically to plan for greater success. We each have our roles and tasks to carry out but it is by working together that we can improve their learning.

Another way of working together is by volunteering at St Joseph's. We are always looking for people (mums, dads, grandparents, aunties, uncles) to help with fundraising events, covering books in the library and with the second hand uniform shop. Why not let the Office know you can help and show your child that you value the community. Pop in, ring or email the office and leave your name and mobile number so we can contact you.

Friday presents another opportunity for you to work together with the school in encouraging your child. Our Grandparents' / St. Joseph's Day celebrations are a chance for you to show how important they are to you. Showing children that what they do at school is important to you builds their self-esteem and confidence and helps them to be motivated learners.

St Joseph is a wonderful example for us to look towards. He would have been very much a part of Jesus' life - encouraging, supporting and guiding him.

Take care,
Trish

There will be NO assembly on Friday due to all the other celebrations on that day.

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St Joseph's Primary School

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 6th April (Year 3 and above)

Sessions: 5th March (Registration), 12th, 19th, 26th March; 2nd April

First Communion: 18th June (Feast of Corpus Christi) (Year 3 and above)

Sessions: 30th April (Registration); 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, May; 4th & 11th June (11th being for Rehearsal)

Confirmation: 7.00pm Tuesday 24th October (Year 5 and above)

Sessions: 23rd (Registration), 30th July; 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th August; 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th September; 8th, 15th, 22nd October (22nd being for Rehearsal)

Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies 2017

Holy Thursday 13 th April 2017	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00 PM
Good Friday 14 th April 2017	Stations of the Cross	11:00 AM
	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3:00 PM
Holy Saturday 15 th April 2017	Easter Vigil	6:30 PM
Easter Sunday 16 th April 2017	Masses	8:30 AM
		10:00 AM
		12 NOON (POLISH) (TBA)

Homework Survey

Have you had a chance to complete our Homework Survey yet? This is an opportunity for you to let us know what you think about homework and what you'd like for your child/children. The Survey closes on 24th March at 6pm.

Captivate Choir

If your child, in Years 1 - 6, would like to participate in the Captivate school choir please collect a permission note from the school office. Note and payment of \$30 is due ASAP.

Sunshine Online

A lot of the children are using Sunshine Online in class. Please find the link below:

www.sunshineonline.com.au

Username: kingswood

Password: joeys



Kiss n Ride

If you pick your child up at Kiss n Ride please ensure you have a sign, with your child's name on it, clearly displayed on your dashboard. This ensures a smoother transition during the afternoon pick up.

Book Fair



St Joseph's Primary School Kingswood

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In the MPA

Tuesday 14th March

3pm - 3:30pm

Wednesday 15th March

8:20am - 8:50am & 3pm - 3:30pm

Friday 17th March

from 8:20am

Everyone Welcome



Grandparent's Day

Grandparents' Day and St Joseph's Feast Day

Friday 17th March

All Grandparents and Parents are
invited to join the school
community in celebrating
Grandparents' Day and St Joseph's
Feast day.

Outline of the day

9.15 am Prayer in the MPA

10:00 am Open Classrooms

10:30 am Morning Tea/Lunch

(Bring along some food to share with your St Joseph's student)

**11.00 Entertainment presented by the
students of St. Joseph's.**

12.00 Time to say goodbye

Book Fair

During Morning Tea/Lunch there will be the
opportunity for parents and grandparents to visit the
book fair and purchase a book for your child or the
school. Funds raised will be used to purchase more
reading materials for the students.

Attendance Update

Year One have been busy designing their Attendance, Every day Heroes and what a great job they've done.

Thank you to all who have made the effort to get their children to school every day, and on time! Just a reminder, school commences at 8.50am every day, with playground supervision from 8.20am.

If you know your child will be absent, please fill in the Skool Bag note or call the school office, on 4732 3999 that way it can be noted immediately.

We want all of our children to be Heroes! Here Every day, Ready On Time





Congratulations for ensuring your children are coming to school.
The winners of the Attendance trophy were: 2 Blue and 5 Blue

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HELP KIDS START OFF ON THE RIGHT TRACK

Poor attendance patterns can develop as early as Kindergarten and continue throughout school. Catch poor attendance early and educate parents about the importance of attendance every day.

every learner every day

How can you promote a healthy attendance culture in your school?
visit www.parra.catholic.edu.au/everylearnereveryday to find out more.

every learner
every day



Leave Update

If you are planning on taking your child out of school for more than 5 days during the school term, written permission must be given from the Principal. Please contact the front office and they will send home an application form, fill this form in and return it with any travel documents to school. These details are then given to the principal for review.

MacKillop Basketball



Congratulations to Jett Hickson, in Year 6, who made the MacKillop Basketball team. Well done Jett!

Harmony Day

Our diversity makes Australia a great place to live. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity - a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. The message of Harmony Day is "everyone belongs."

We will be celebrating Harmony Day on **Tuesday, 21st March** with an orange mufti day and a **donation of an Easter egg**. These eggs will be used for the Easter raffle.

Children can wear sensible mufti clothes to remind them with some orange to reflect the diversity of our community and how we need to look after each other.

For more information on Harmony day please go to <http://www.harmony.gov.au/>



Easter Raffle Prizes

- 1st Prize:** Family Pass to the Easter Show
- 2nd Prize:** \$100 Movie Voucher
- 3rd Prize:** Easter Egg Hamper
- Other Prizes:** Class Easter Egg Hampers

Tickets will be handed out this week. *Please return tickets to school by Friday 31st March*

St Joseph's Day at the Church

Sunday 19th March at 4pm

There will be entertainment and games for the children.
The parish will supply the BBQ, please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Complaints Handling Policy

Complaints Handling Policy Reminder for our school community:

If, at any time, you find that you have a concern with St Joseph's Primary School, you are encouraged to come to the school and speak with the teacher/s, assistant principal and/or principal, to identify your concern. It is our aim to work with all members of our school community to ensure we do the very best to provide a productive, safe and enjoyable learning experience for our students and professionally fulfilling experience for our staff.

If you would like to raise a concern, the Catholic Education Office has guidelines for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. Information about how to handle complaints either informally or formally is available from the school office and/or within the Complaint Handling Guidelines. These documents can be accessed on our school website or on the CEDP website. Complaint forms are available in the school office and can be downloaded from Skoolbag.

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.

Appointments with Class Teachers

If you would like to speak to your child's teacher please contact the school office on 4732 3999. The office staff will pass your message to the relevant person. Alternatively you can write a note and give it to your child to hand over to their teacher.

Please understand staff have many things to do over the course of the school day therefore they may not be able to contact you until later in the afternoon or the next day.

Community News

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CHESS CLUB TERM 2 AND 3

Have you ever dreamed of becoming a chess champion? Are you curious about what a 'pawn' or a 'rook' is? Well the good news is that chess club is back in terms 2 and 3.

Chess is an excellent tool to build lateral thinking and problem solving skills along with an improved concentration span. Beginners will learn the basics of chess, then progress to learn some basic checkmates and strategies when they are ready. Intermediate and Advanced players will learn about opening theories, strategies and endgames to improve their game and expand their calculation skills and foresight.

WHO: For students in year 1 and above
TIME: 4:30 - 5:30pm
DATE: Thursday 27 April - Thursday 29 June
COST: \$60 for one term.

For more information please contact Barjinder on 4732 7890 or email childrensteamlibrary@penrith.city



YOUTUTOR AT PENRITH LIBRARY

Yoututor is an online homework help for school students accessible with their current library membership. Online homework help is available from 3-10pm, Sunday to Friday.

To access Yoututor service from home, all you need is an internet connection, a PC or tablet and a Penrith Library Membership Card.

Simply follow the steps below to log on:

1. Go to penrithcity.spydus.com
2. Click on eResources tab at the top
3. Click on yourtutor logo
4. Enter your library card number, tick the policies box and sign in
5. Choose your subject, year level and begin your live tutoring session



Yourtutor service works through a live web chat. The student and tutor will chat online (no camera or voice, only typing) and both have access to an interactive white board where they can draw equations.

Students can also upload their written work for one of the tutors to review and get it back within 24 hours with suggestions on how to improve it.

Yourtutor service covers range of subjects such as mathematics, science, English and business.

Ask at your library for more details.

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CHILDREN'S NEWSLETTER

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ZINIO CHILDREN'S MAGAZINES

Check out awesome digital kids' magazines for FREE with your library membership.

National Geographic Kids is the perfect balance between learning and fun! A must-have for children ages 6 and up. Each issue is packed with colourful photos, games, puzzles, fun features and facts about animals, science, technology, and more.

National Geographic Little Kids is perfect for children ages 3 to 6. Irresistible photos and simple text to enhance early reading experiences, along with games, puzzles and activities that turn playtime into learning time.

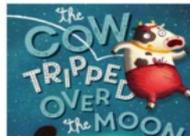
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3. Click on the Zinio Logo
4. To Login, click 'Create Account' and create a Library Zinio account.
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NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME



Join Penrith Library's Children's Team to celebrate National Simultaneous Storytime! An hour full of fun with songs, stories and craft for preschoolers.

When: Wednesday 24 May, 10.30 – 11.30am

Where: Penrith Library Lower Lounge

Theme: The cow tripped over the moon by Tony Wilson

Cost: Free, no bookings required.

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FAMILY SHOWS

DANCE MAGIC SHOW
with School Performance Tours, Wednesday 12 April

Dance magic is a family show that combines humour, surprise, sleight of hand magic and of course, different dance styles. Children get to join in most of the dances including the Chicken Dance and forming a Conga line. Assist in making effects for the disco, using swirling discs and ribbons.

WHO: For the whole family
TIME: 10:30 - 11:30am
TICKETS: \$5 per person (children under 2 free).



THE BIG BAG SHOW
with Dennis Clare, Wednesday 19 April

It's spontaneous, it's interactive, it's a show literally out of the bag! The show starts with a large bag that gets filled up with ideas from the audience. Dennis then reaches in and with the skill of mime and props creates and enacts these ideas incorporating them into the show. Children may find themselves as part of the action, helping Dennis to create some of the ideas on stage. What will emerge? Only the mind of a child knows... And that's where the fun begins!

WHO: For the whole family
TIME: 10:30 - 11:30am
TICKETS: \$5 per person (children under 2 free).

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TICKETS ON SALE FROM MONDAY 13 MARCH

All events are held at Penrith Library. Bookings are essential! Tickets sell quickly so be quick to avoid disappointment. There will be no refunds or exchanges for tickets purchased. Family shows are \$5 per person and every adult and child over 2 attending must have a ticket. Workshops are supervised by professional performers and library staff. All accompanying adults can attend our workshops for free.

Your feedback helps us plan future events - email the Library's Children's team at childrensteamlibrary@penrith.city

WORKSHOPS

UNDER THE SEA WORKSHOPS
with Rangers on the Run, Monday 10 April

Learn about the incredible animals that call the ocean their home. Hold live sea animals, examine specimen samples and discover a large variety of marine artefacts and shells. You'll investigate marine habitats, animal adaptations and learn how to reduce our impact on the marine environment. This workshop is totally interactive and allows every participant to hold and touch a large range of marine animals.

WHO: For 5 - 13 year olds
TIME: 10:30 - 11:30am
TICKETS: \$10 per child.



WHO: 5 - 13 year olds
TIME: 12 - 1pm
TICKETS: \$10 per child.



WORKSHOPS

EMBROIDERY WORKSHOP
with Penrith Embroidery Group, Tuesday 11 April

Gain lifelong skills as you learn the basics of handmade needlecraft from the wonderful talents of The Penrith Embroidery Group. In this workshop you will have fun and improve your craft skills as you create a phone case with felt flowers.

WHO: For 7 - 13 year olds
TIME: 10:30am - 12:30pm
TICKETS: \$10 per child.



ILLUSTRATING WORKSHOP
with Cheryl Orsini, Thursday 20 April

Learn how to illustrate like a professional! In this fast-paced, funny and highly interactive workshop, Cheryl will help you to create your own storybook characters. Through 'Quick Draw Deadlines' and 'Trial by Illustration', everyone will have a good time making a good clean mess!

WHO: For 7 - 10 year olds
TIME: 10:30 - 11:30am
TICKETS: \$12 per child.

WHO: 11 - 14 year olds
TIME: 12 - 1pm
TICKETS: \$12 per child.



MADLAB ELECTRONICS WORKSHOP
with Fizzics Education, Friday 21 April

Create a real electrical circuit to keep! Using soldering irons and appropriate safety equipment you'll construct your own electronic device from real electrical components. You'll create either a Reactometer - a reaction tester that lights up, a Dawn Chorus, which makes bird sounds or a Theremin, a musical instrument that plays itself.

WHO: For 8 - 13 year olds
TIME: 10:30am - 12:30pm
TICKETS: \$30 per child.





Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to make easy fried rice.

Serves: 4 | Preparation: 20 minutes | Cooking: 10 minutes
Leftovers are great for lunch boxes.

Ingredients:

- Brown rice
- 2 eggs
- ½ onion, finely diced
- 1 cup cabbage, chopped
- ½ cup broccoli, chopped
- ½ cup peas
- 1 carrot, finely grated
- 1 tsp salt-reduced soy sauce
- Canola oil spray



Method:

Cook rice until soft. Lightly spray a fry pan with canola oil and place over medium heat. Crack eggs into hot pan. Stir to mix white with yolk, using a wooden spoon to separate into pieces (like a scramble). Add all veg, cook about two minutes, add brown rice and season with soy sauce.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to stock up on lunch box staples.

Stock up on these pantry and freezer lunch box staples to save time and money on daily packing.

Pantry:

- *Long-life, reduced-fat milk poppers.
- *Long-life custard tubs.
- *Fruit (in natural juice) tubs.
- *Baked beans (small, easy open cans).
- *Wholegrain crackers, crispbread or Corn Thins.
- *Tinned tuna or salmon.
- *Dried fruit.



Freezer:

Make healthy muffins, fruit scones, fruit pikelets, frittatas or mini quiches. Wrap individual portions in plastic, or place in an airtight container, and freeze, ready to go straight in the lunch box. Other freezable foods include cooked meats, baked beans and sandwich breads.

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THURSDAY
16TH MARCH
INSTORE & ONLINE

*Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Floor stock only. Styles and colours may vary from store to store. No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount. Excludes gift cards. Offer ends midnight (AEST) 16/3/17. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.

Dates for your Diary

<u>Week 8</u>	Friday 17th March	St Joseph's Day Celebration Grandparents Day - Invite your grandparents, special neighbours and friends
<u>Week 9</u>	Sunday 19th March Tuesday 21st March Friday 24th March	St Joseph's Day 'Orange' Mufti Day - Easter Egg Donation 2:15pm Whole School Assembly
<u>Week 10</u>	Friday 31st March	Years 3 - 6 Cross Country 2:15pm Whole School Assembly
<u>Week 11</u>	Friday 7th April	2pm End of Term Awards Assembly

Term 2

Monday 24th April - Staff Development Day

Tuesday 25th April - Anzac Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 26th April - Students return to school

St Joseph's Birthdays



Happy Birthday to...

March - Zachary, Tina, Brooklyn, Asha, Lara, Luke, Janelle, Danni, Bion, Latesha, Jack, William, Dylan, Angela, Jordan, Ashton, Sam, Mark, Samuel, Dreisson, Lucy, Erica, Junior, Samuel, Lily, Faith, Francesca, Preeti, Samantha, Akon, Jairemy, Joshua, Jaxon, Matur

