



Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 2!

It has been a busy start to the term with a number of exciting events happening at St Joseph's, including an informative and practical Staff Development Day, a reverent and respectful Anzac Day Ceremony and some fun activities to help promote attendance at school.

On Monday, 24th April, all St Joseph's staff engaged in professional learning focused on raising the expectations we have of our students. We will do this by ensuring we are clear in our expectations, by modelling the behaviours we expect, by practising routines and procedures, by making students accountable for their actions, and by praising and reinforcing the behaviours we want to see.

The benefits are already being seen and heard in our classrooms and on the playground. Keep an eye and an ear out for more positive strategies implemented as part of our PBS4L journey.

NAPLAN

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be completing the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). These assessments are designed to assess literacy and numeracy skills that students have learned over time through the school curriculum.

“NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.”

ACARA (2016) <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>

If your child is too sick to attend school on any of these days, please contact the office to inform your child's teacher that they will be absent for the assessment. We will be able to organise a time for them to complete the missed test on another day during the test week.

Mrs Devine's last day will be this Friday. We wish her and her husband Aaron God's blessings on the safe arrival of their first child. We will all miss her, especially 4 Blue, and look forward to having her visit us once the baby is born.



Mrs Reilly returns from her pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Assisi and Rome in the next few days and will be back at school on Monday. She is looking forward to sharing her journey and experiences with the St Joseph's community. We continue to keep her in our prayers.

With blessings for a wonderful week,
Ms Lisa Howell

**Enrolments for Kindergarten 2018
now open!**

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.



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)

Easter Raffle Winners

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets in the school's Easter Raffle. The main prize winners are:

Major Prize Winners!

- 1st - Jaxon Kenyon 4Y
- 2nd - Movina Sua 4Y
- 3rd - Lyanne Olesco 3B



Class Prize winners

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| KB - Nyagon Dal | 3B - Natalie Page |
| KY - Kira Gray | 4B - Filip Mladenovic |
| 1B - Tyler Oldfield | 4Y - Samuel Skorekyo |
| 1Y - Carla Carino | 5B - Jade Mitchell |
| 2B - Reece Giles | 5Y - Isobel Garcia |
| 2Y - has been advised | 6B - Maddison Holdsworth |

Anzac Day



On Tuesday 4th April the students in Year 6 joined other local schools at the Penrith RSL Anzac Day Service.

On Friday, we celebrated Anzac Day with a beautiful ceremony held outside in front of the flagpole, led by our Year 6 Student Leaders. The students were most reverent and respectful as Mrs Pennay played the Last Post and Reveille. Thank you to the parents and caregivers who joined us for this ceremony.

End of Term Awards



Child's Name	Award Name	Class			
Utsarg Shrestha	Outstanding Achievement	KB	Jordan Yanga	Outstanding Achievement	3B
Asha Bowen	Faith in Action	KB	Kurt Cook	Faith in Action	3B
Rayneel Singh	Positive Work Habits	KB	Jaimee Holbrook	Positive Work Habits	3B
Danni McDermid	Bounce Back	KB	Marell Wasfey	Bounce Back	3B
Elise Gardiner	Outstanding Achievement	KY	Faith De Guzman	Outstanding Achievement	4B
Eva Garcia	Faith in Action	KY	Amy Jarukrut	Faith in Action	4B
Charlie Conde	Positive Work Habits	KY	Adwoa Boamah-Addai	Positive Work Habits	4B
Luke Baroudy	Bounce Back	KY	Anaarkali Khan	Bounce Back	4B
Emma-Lee Haines	Outstanding Achievement	1B	Tristan Hientz	Outstanding Achievement	4Y
Yohan Daniel George	Faith in Action	1B	Chanel Murphy	Faith in Action	4Y
Kuol Kuol	Positive Work Habits	1B	Chanel Bastin	Positive Work Habits	4Y
Tiana James	Bounce Back	1B	Angelo Aish	Bounce Back	4Y
Elsie Harper	Outstanding Achievement	1Y	Jade Mitchell	Outstanding Achievement	5B
Charli Hofmeier	Faith in Action	1Y	Kane Barrett	Faith in Action	5B
Edmond Williams	Positive Work Habits	1Y	Shaun Miller	Positive Work Habits	5B
Indiana Stewart	Bounce Back	1Y	Ruby Schofield	Bounce Back	5B
Charlie Zhu	Outstanding Achievement	2B	Isobel Garcia	Outstanding Achievement	5Y
Akon Terketh	Faith in Action	2B	Tina Baroudy	Faith in Action	5Y
Olivia Gray	Positive Work Habits	2B	Cooper Austin	Positive Work Habits	5Y
Bhoke Mseti	Bounce Back	2B	Alex Douglas	Bounce Back	5Y
Trent Miller	Outstanding Achievement	2Y	Chelsea Weldon	Outstanding Achievement	6B
Cameron Kemp	Faith in Action	2Y		Faith in Action	6B
Manyang Akon	Positive Work Habits	2Y	Jennifer Lazo	Positive Work Habits	6B
Tegan Ceniccola	Bounce Back	2Y	Claire Nolan	Bounce Back	6B

Attendance Update



Thank you for ensuring your children are coming to school every day.

So much excitement at SJK on Monday!

"See, this is why we come to school, everyday!" Olivia Year 2.

There will be several more reward, fun activities throughout the term.

All you need to do is be at school every day so you don't miss out.



Extended Leave - longer than 5 days

We encourage parents to take trips during the designated school holiday periods. Attending school daily and on time is critical to your child's learning and social development.

If you are planning on taking your child out of school for 5 days or more during the school term, written permission must be given from Mrs Reilly. Please contact the Office and an application form will be sent home. Fill this in and return it with any travel documents to school. The Office will then organise a time for you to meet with Mrs Reilly to discuss the leave.

School Photos

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON: **Friday 19 May**

Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advancedlife Photography. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique **9 digit Online Order Code**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au



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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.

Volunteers and 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.**

Helpers Needed

We will be needing lots of parents, grandparents and friends to help with a variety of sporting events that will take place in Terms 2 and 3. If you would like to help with coaching or managing netball, soccer, AFL, touch football or basketball please contact the office by phone or email and give them your details and expertise.

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.

Student Sport

Congratulations to Dreisson in Year 3. During the school holidays he won a Gold medal at the NSW State Taekwondo Championships Tournament. Well done Dreisson!



Kiss 'n' Ride

Children who are being picked up at Kiss 'n' Ride 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.**

Please **DO NOT** park across the road to pick your child up from Kiss 'n' Ride. If you wish to park your car you're welcome to pick your child up from Walkers (through the Kindergarten gate, behind the administration building). This is for the safety of all students, staff and parents.

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, Parking Rangers and the School Office are regularly called by residents and parents who are concerned about safety.

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

High School Open Days

McCarthy Catholic College
75 Mackellar Street, Emu Plains



Trade Training Centre

INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 11, 2018:

Date: Wednesday 24 May 2017

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

*Start your trade and complete your HSC with **no** external examinations*

Trades offered:

Automotive Bricklaying Carpentry Childcare Electrotechnology
Hairdressing Hospitality Plumbing Metal Fabrication

Enrolment Enquiries:

Mrs Katrina Gill: 02 4728 8129

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www.mccarthyctc.catholic.edu.au



Catherine McAuley Westmead

Enrolments for Year 7 2019

There are three Open Mornings specifically for Year 7 2019 enrolments to be held on:

Tuesday 16th May, Wednesday 18th October and

Monday 6th November 2017

9.15 – 11am

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2019.

Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on one of our upcoming school tours especially for Year 7 2019 applicants but open to any year group.

These mornings will give interested parents and students the opportunity to tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers. Enrolment packs will be available on the day.

To book places for a school tour on one of these tour mornings please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100.

Dates for your Diary

<u>Week 2</u>	Thursday 4th May	Kindergarten Excursion
	Friday 5th May	2:15pm Whole School Assembly
<u>Week 3</u>	Monday 8th May	7pm Parent Association Meeting
	Tuesday 9th May	Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN
	Wednesday 10th May	Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN
	Thursday 11th May	Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN Mother's Day Stall
	Friday 12th May	2:15pm Whole School Assembly
<u>Week 4</u>	Monday 15th May	Mobile Dental
	Tuesday 16th May	Mobile Dental
	Wednesday 17th May	Mobile Dental
	Thursday 18th May	Mobile Dental
	Friday 19th May	School Photos <u>children are to wear full school uniform</u> 2:15pm Whole School Assembly

St Joseph's Birthdays



Happy Birthday to...

May - Joy, Melody, Chanel, Giulianna, Kuol, Levi, Adwoa Birago, Maria, Amy, Rianna, Samuel, Brendon, Tiana, Cooper, William, Muk, Marell, Jaxon, Angelina, Tamara