

Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I want to share with you some of the exciting and innovative improvements occurring at St Joseph's. These innovations are the product of much reflection, planning and reimagining the future of our school.

PBS4L (Positive Behaviour Support for Learning) is being launched next term. The PBS4L Committee is busily preparing for this exciting event. This preparation includes their attendance at the Australian PBS4L Conference in Brisbane which will be a great opportunity for them to hear experts in the field and to learn from their colleagues who are further along the PBS4L journey.

Since the beginning of the year we have been lucky to have Alison Busuttill as our Instructional Leader who has been working intensely with the Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 teachers and their students to improve literacy and numeracy learning. We have been sharing some of the exciting and engaging learning on our Facebook page. Fairies, insects, the farm and mathematical creations – can't wait to find out what's next!! Hasn't their writing skills flourished!!

Last week saw the start of the Primary Reading Focus which will provide the same type of support for Years 3 to 6. We have been gifted one of the CEDP's Teacher Educators, Liz Devlin, who will be working with Lisa Howell to deepen understanding of reading and writing with the primary students. Daily lessons as well as time for teachers to reflect on their own learning is the basis of this focus.

We also welcome Michelle Sultana who has begun the Stage 3 second wave reading intervention R3 (Reframing Readers Resourcefully). She will be working with students from both Year 5 and Year 6 to help develop their reading and comprehension skills. She will also be supporting Year 4.

The number of Year 1 students able to access Reading Recovery has also been increased as we welcome Megan Ferguson who will be working with 4 students. This additional support means that 8 Year 1 students will be able to access Reading Recovery.

Louise Grech has been appointed Diversity Leader at St Joseph's. She will be working with the CEDP Student Services team and other diversity leaders to develop clear protocols and processes to best meet the needs of all students.

Venessa Goode, our Counsellor, has increased her days with us from two to four. This will enable her to not only meet the individual needs of students but also to facilitate social skills' learning opportunities for students. Later in the year she will also be running a parenting course for a limited number of our parents.

Congratulations to Lisa Howell who graduated as an EMU Specialist Teacher last night.

Many exciting changes that will make a wonderful difference to the children of St Joseph's.

Have a great week,
Trish



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St Joseph's Primary School

Catholic Culture News

Sacred Heart Mass

Friday 23rd June is the Feast of the Sacred Heart and the whole school will be attending Mass at 9.15am. The Nuns that commenced our school in 1963 were the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart and hence the relevance to our school. Parents are invited to join with us at Mass to celebrate this important feast day. Please note that there will be no assembly in the afternoon due to the morning Mass.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the students making their First Holy Communion this Sunday.



School Fees Reminder

Thank you to those families whose school fee accounts are paid up to date.

For those families who have not finalised their Term 2 school fees account, and are not on an approved fee arrangement, please pay your school fees account as soon as possible. If you cannot pay your fees by the end of Term 2 please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999. The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will be following up outstanding accounts during the holidays and will insist on immediate action.

Kindergarten 2018 Enrolments

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2018 are filling up fast. If your child was born between 1st August 2012 and 31st July 2013, please collect an enrolment form from the school office.

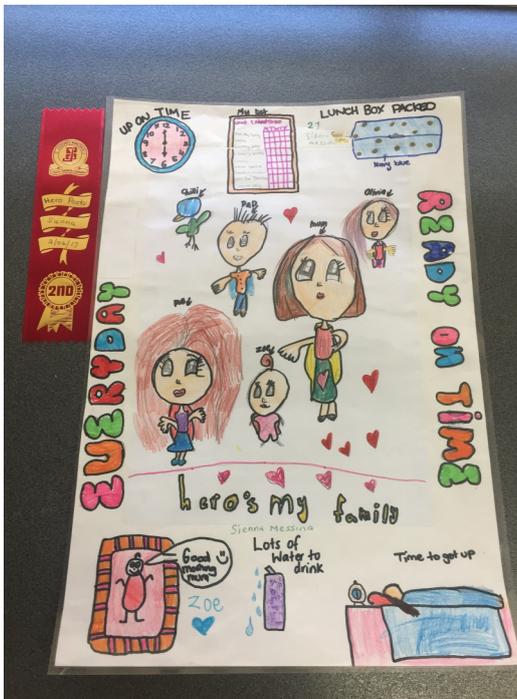
Enrolment interviews have now commenced. If you have collected an enrolment form and not returned it, could you please do so as soon as possible.

Please contact the school office if you have not yet received an appointment day and time for an interview.

**Enrolments for Kindergarten
2018 now open!**

Attendance Update

Congratulations to our winners of the HERO poster competition



MISSING SCHOOL = MISSING OUT

Early primary children learn new sounds and words every day. These are important building blocks upon which all future learning is built.

Help your children achieve their best by getting them to school on time every day.

School Reports and Parent Teacher Meetings

Semester One Reports

All Semester One Reports will be sent home with your child/ren on Tuesday 20th June. Staff have been ensuring that they are grading using the guidelines from the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA)

The [A to E grade scale](#) summarises the standard (or quality) of achievement associated with each grade. The scale describes:

- the depth of knowledge and understanding and
- the range of skills that students working at that standard typically show.

Grades are given for individual achievement. Students will get the grade that best matches the standard of their achievement. Teachers are **not** limited to set numbers of each grade within their class or school. Grades are one aspect of school reporting to parents. Other important tools include:

- teacher comments
- parent-teacher interviews and
- information about student effort and application.

The Common Grade Scale describes performance at each of five grade levels.

- A** The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.
- B** The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.
- C** The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.
- D** The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.
- E** The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

Another way of understanding the 5 point grade scale:



A – Outstanding Achievement
Amazing Achievement

A Formula One driver who strives for excellence – conquering one challenge and then moving onto the next and even bigger challenge.



B- High Achievement
Beyond expectations

An advanced driver can drive anywhere and in any conditions without any help. They can independently use their skills on any road and in any car.



C – Sound Achievement

Celebrate this work

A driver who has their full driver's licence, is independent to drive on their own without reminders or help



D – Basic Achievement

Did OK

A driver on their P-plates drives independently but is still learning and developing their skills



E – Limited achievement

Experienced difficulty

A driver on their L plates who must always be accompanied by an experienced driver

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent/Teacher Meetings will be held Thursday 22nd June to Wednesday 28th June 2017.

Please book an interview with your child's class teacher by accessing the online booking form at:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Use the event code **6sx4a** and follow the prompts

If you are unable to book online please contact the school office so a booking can be made on your behalf.

Parents will have the opportunity to gain a greater understanding of their child's learning journey.

Each session will be for 15mins. If further discussion is required after the Parent/Teacher Meeting, a follow-up appointment can be made with the classroom teacher.

Please remember to bring your child's school report with you.

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

Kindergarten Reminder

A friendly reminder all kindergarten home readers are to be returned to school every Thursday.



Community News

PENRITH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

CARNIVAL of the ANIMALS

Sunday 18 June 11.00am
Q Theatre Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre

Dress up as your favorite animal and come join the Carnival!



Saint-Saëns Carnival of the Animals
Vaughan Williams The Lark Ascending
Ravel Mother Goose Suite

GEORGE ELLIS conductor
MURRAY COOK narrator

TICKETS
Child (under 16) \$24
Infant (under 2) Free
Adult \$30
Family (2+2) \$88

Bookings www.thejoan.com.au or 02 4723 7600

Visit us at www.pso.org.au



PENRITH CITY COUNCIL

the Joan



Penrith City Children's Choir

is about to start its second project for 2017

'Fabulous Forty!'

directed by

Lucy McAlary

Boys and girls (7 – 13 years) are invited to join us for this project:
Workshops Sundays 25 June (Part I) and 6 and 20 August (Part II)
Public performance Sunday 27 August

If you love to sing, please join us.

No auditions!

For further information contact the Administrator, Liz Strasser:
0418 202 849 or pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au

HELP US PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

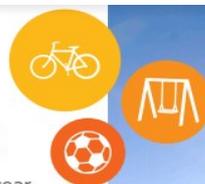
We're currently developing a 10 year strategy for how to manage and improve our sport, recreation, play and open spaces across the whole of Penrith.

Tell us what you love about Penrith's sport, recreation, play and open spaces, and what you'd like to see added or improved.

The survey is available until 16 June.

yoursaypenrith.com.au

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Community News



SEMINAR

Dealing With the Legal System

PRESENTED BY:

Mr. Richard Brading
Solicitor

At this Seminar you will learn

- How the Legal Process Works
- How to choose the best lawyer for your situation
- How best to prepare for and communicate with your Lawyer so as to minimize your legal fees.
- The importance of having a Will
- Options if you can't afford a lawyer or representing yourself
- Opportunity for Question Time

DATE

Tuesday, 13th June 2017

TIME

7pm—9pm

VENUE

38 Prince St, Blacktown
(Cnr First Ave)

FEE

\$7.00



Further Details and Bookings Essential
Solo Parent Services
Contact Rita
PH: 8822 2222
Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Hi there,

Could I ask you to please donate a few dollars to Pawel Barszczewski who is participating in Blackmores Sydney Running Festival 2017?

Even \$30 makes a difference. Donating is easy and only takes a minute:

<https://donate.grassrootz.com/blackmores-sydney-running-festival-2017/vinnies/pawel-barszczewski>

I would really appreciate it.

Thanks, Father Andrew

St Joseph's Parish Youth Mass

Our next Youth Mass is on Saturday 24th June 2017 at 6pm
Join us for Mass followed by pizza in the parish hall

St Joseph's Church
12-22 Richmond Road
Kingswood 2747



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to choose the best lunch box drink.

When it comes to packing a lunch box drink, water is the best choice!

Milk is a great drink too – add a plain milk popper to the lunch box as well to give kids a calcium boost.



Drinks such as fruit juice, cordial, flavoured mineral water, soft drink and sports drinks are high in sugar and low in nutritional value. So limit or avoid these drinks.

It is best to only drink juice occasionally and it should not be packed in the lunch box. Avoid "fruit drinks" as these are just sugar water and a little juice.

Remember, water is essential so make sure you pack a bottle of it in the lunch box every day.

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 make beef kofta.

Cook extra for dinner and pack leftovers for lunch.

Serves: 12 | Preparation: 15 minutes | Cooking: 10 minutes

Ingredients

500g beef mince
1 small brown onion, grated
1/4 cup chopped fresh continental parsley
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1 1/2 tsps ground cumin
1 egg



Method

Combine all ingredients in a bowl, mixing together with your hands. Divide the mixture into 12 portions and shape each into a log. Heat the oil in a large frying pan over medium heat. Add the koftas and cook, turning occasionally, for 10 minutes or until golden brown and cooked through.

Serve with tabbouleh and tzatziki on Lebanese bread or with a side salad.

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Dates for your Diary

<u>Week 8</u>	Friday 16th June	Whole School Assembly
<u>Week 9</u>	Thursday 22nd June	Stage 3 Soccer Parent/Teacher Meetings
	Friday 23rd June	9:15am Feast of Sacred Heart Mass NO ASSEMBLY Parent/Teacher Meetings
<u>Week 10</u>	Monday 26th June	Parent/Teacher Meetings
	Tuesday 27th June	Parent/Teacher Meetings
	Wednesday 28th June	Parent/Teacher Meetings
	Thursday 29th June	Stage 2 Soccer
	Friday 30th June	2:15pm End of Term Award Assembly LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Term 3 first day back for staff and students
Monday 17th July

St Joseph's Birthdays



Happy Birthday to...

June - Michelle, John Paul, Kaliah, Levi, Trent, Kimberly, Angela, Jack, Kane, Decoda, Kaleb, Jacob, Tokmac, Hayden, Madeline, James