



Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A warm welcome back to the new school term and I trust that all our families enjoyed a rest-filled break.

During the break there have been a number of developments happening around the school to improve our facilities as well as meet our Work, Health and Safety demands. The playground equipment has been removed and in its place basketball rings, a large blackboard and a variety of games, toys and an obstacle course have been introduced. We also have new, bright shade cloth on the large structures and a new side fence. We thank St Joseph's Parent Association for raising the money to purchase the basketball rings. We'd love some more equipment. Can you help them raise the money to make these purchases?

The term began with five members of staff heading up to Brisbane for the PBS4L Conference. This was a wonderful opportunity for them to hear speakers from Australia and overseas discuss many topics about behaviour and teaching. They collaborated with leadership and teachers from the Parramatta Diocese and planned our way forward with the PBS4L journey.



Last Friday all infants staff joined together for a day of learning about reading. We enthusiastically participated in activities that confirmed and extended our understandings of Shared and Guided Reading and Running Records. Yesterday was Primary's turn to gather and ensure that the team has a shared understanding about all things Reading. Special thanks to our literacy coaches, Ali, Lisa, Liz and Michelle who spent their holidays planning these wonderful professional learning opportunities. Parents turn next - dates for workshops will be advertised soon.



Kindergarten 2018 interviews are well on the way. St Joseph's will be welcoming many new families next year as well as many siblings of students already at the school. There are still a few places available so make sure you encourage family and friends to enrol ASAP. These students will have the privilege of learning in a new, engaging space. Work for this space will hopefully commence in August and be completed in Term 4. We'll share lots of photos with you of the building.

I'd like to encourage you to be involved in your child's learning by coming along to school events. This term we'll be celebrating Father's Day, Book Week (with a Book Parade!!), the Musical, Movie and Popcorn Night, Mary McKillop's Feast Day and the Assumption Mass. We'll be continuing Assemblies every fortnight and having other opportunities to come and see what your child is doing at school.

This term sees the launch of our Uniform and Homework Guidelines. These will take some time to be introduced and ensure that staff, parents and students are confident in following the procedures. Copies of these are available on Skoolbag and our Website.

Looking forward to catching up with you throughout the term. Let's begin it with this prayer:

*The term has begun Lord Jesus,
We have long seen you as offering the great example of how life should be lived.
Help us to be models for our children.
In our working together in partnership may the children see us as people who are loving
and forgiving, peaceful and just, compassionate and generous, prayerful and full of hope
for them.
May our working together be inspired by the ideals we hold and the hopes we have
for the future of our children, school and community.*

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St Joseph's Primary School

Catholic Culture News

Tuesday 8th August is the Feast Day of St Mary Mackillop, Australia's first Saint. To celebrate this event, the children will be participating in liturgies as outlined below:

Monday 7th August: Years 3,4,5 and 6 at 2:30pm

Tuesday 8th August: Kinder, Years 1 and 2 at 2:30pm

We have split the celebrations so that more children can have an active part in the celebration of this important feast day. All families are invited to come and join with the children in celebrating her life.



Tuesday 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. The children will be joining Fr. Andrew at 9:15am for Mass in the church. As always, parents and families are invited to join us.

Book Week

SJK will be celebrating Book Week on Friday 25th August 2017.

The children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite Book Character.

At 12:30pm we will have a Book Character Parade in the MPA. The children may wish to bring the book along as well to carry in the parade - this is optional.



Parents are invited to attend the parade and then join the children for lunch and assembly.

We look forward to seeing you.

Counsellor News

Referral Process

Your child's class teacher is the best person to start discussions with if your child is experiencing any issues at school. We are asking parents to raise their concerns with the teacher, so your child can have immediate access to support in the classroom that might include: more regular check-ins, monitoring playground or social interaction and so on.

Your child's classroom teacher will speak to me about your concerns and if necessary I will speak to your child, with your permission. The counselling I can provide prioritises issues that are impacting your child's learning at school.

Whilst I can provide assessments for concerns that are more present at home and support connection to community based agencies, ongoing support around home - based issues would be through a teamwork approach with yourself and the classroom teacher.

Vennessa Goode

Counsellor

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. Acceptance Letters will be posted by the end of this week.

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!

August Census

The **2017 August Census** will be conducted on **Friday 4th August, 2017** as per advice from the Australian Government Department of Education and Training (AGDET) and Catholic Education Commission NSW (CECNSW).

The August Census collects information on students and staff from all schools. The purpose of the August Census is to:

- Contribute to the calculation of the annual entitlement in respect of schools receiving Federal funding
- Form part of the National Schools Statistics Collection, (the official statistical description of Schooling in Australia)
- Form part of the school's profile published on the 'My School' website.

For the purpose of census we expect that **all** students can attend school on Friday 4 August

If you know your child will not be at school on Friday 4th August please let the school know in writing beforehand.

If your child is unexpectedly off school on Friday 4th August please send a note to school explaining their absence the next day they are back.

Musical Update

The Grunch

Musical Working Bee

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th August 2017

10am - 4pm

Lots of fun jobs for everyone!

Performances

Tuesday 19th September 7pm

Wednesday 20th September 7pm

Tickets on sale soon!



Attendance Update



End of Term 2 Awards

Child's Name	Award Name			
Josef Mangaser	Outstanding Achievement	KB	Stephanie Boateng	Outstanding Achievement 4Y
Amelia Ross	Faith in Action	KB	Kimberly Fernandes	Faith in Action 4Y
Khloe Schwarzer	Positive Work Habits	KB	Samuel Skoreyko	Positive Work Habits 4Y
Lachlan Denning	Bounce Back	KB	Maura Outim	Bounce Back 4Y
Lara Wylie	Outstanding Achievement	KY	Owen Halliburton	Outstanding Achievement 5B
Ruby Klassen	Faith in Action	KY	Brendon Apps	Faith in Action 5B
Jayden John	Positive Work Habits	KY	Holli Rodziewicz	Positive Work Habits 5B
John Paul Villenas	Bounce Back	KY	Lily Weldon	Bounce Back 5B
Tyler Oldfield	Outstanding Achievement	1B	Rianna Costa	Outstanding Achievement 5Y
Madalyn Bunce	Faith in Action	1B	Madison Bayley	Faith in Action 5Y
Jesraj Malhi	Positive Work Habits	1B	Cheyann Grimes	Positive Work Habits 5Y
Kaliah Gray	Bounce Back	1B	Ryan McCulloch	Bounce Back 5Y
Angela Gumwell	Outstanding Achievement	1Y	Kaitlyn Ross	Outstanding Achievement 6B
Hanni Choi	Faith in Action	1Y	Chelsea Weldon	Faith in Action 6B
Leo Wong	Positive Work Habits	1Y	Dominique Olesco	Positive Work Habits 6B
Carla Carino	Bounce Back	1Y	Hayden Bailey	Bounce Back 6B
Muk Madar	Outstanding Achievement	2B		
Alisha Thepsataphol	Faith in Action	2B		
Violet McKenzie	Positive Work Habits	2B		
Seth Akmeemana	Bounce Back	2B		
Catherine Obcemia	Outstanding Achievement	2Y		
Charbel Elias	Faith in Action	2Y		
Xavier Stamatakis	Positive Work Habits	2Y		
Jeriko De Guzman	Bounce Back	2Y		
Lily Wylie	Outstanding Achievement	3B		
Kurt Cook	Faith in Action	3B		
Cassidy Watson	Positive Work Habits	3B		
Dean Bannon	Bounce Back	3B		
Farleen Kaur	Outstanding Achievement	4B		
Lily Norris-Power	Faith in Action	4B		
Skye McAuley	Positive Work Habits	4B		
William Park	Bounce Back	4B		



School Travel Update



Transport
for NSW

School travel update

Application information - June 2017

Information for parents, guardians and students

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online School Portal for endorsing school travel applications.

You are now able to manage all your school travel needs online including applying for school travel passes and tracking the status of your application.

The application process has also been simplified so that a new or updated application for school travel passes is only needed when a student is:

- applying for a school travel pass for the first time
- requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).
- changing school or campus
- changing home address
- receiving an expiry notification
- repeating a school year
- changing their name
- requesting a new transport operator.

This means students who are progressing to year 3 and year 7 only need to reapply if they are changing circumstances.

Students who are not residents and are temporarily in Australia can also provide their visa subclass number and exchange program (if prompted) when applying online, making the application and approval process much faster.

Parents, guardians and students can apply or update their details online at:

www.transportnsw.info/school-students

If you do not have access to the internet contact 131 500 for assistance.

School Bus and Pedestrian Safety Promotion

“Slow down to 40 when bus lights flash – see a new video clip:

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/be-bus-aware/index.html>

School buses pick up and drop off children on roads all across NSW. Buses use signs and flashing lights to warn drivers that they are picking up and dropping off children. You must slow down to 40km/hr when bus lights flash and look out for children crossing the road. Be Bus Aware and help keep our kids safe.”

Community News

Youth Mass

Our next Youth Mass is on Saturday 29th July 2017 at 6pm
Join us for Mass followed by pizza in the parish hall
St Joseph's Church
12-22 Richmond Road
Kingswood 2747

Sky Youth Group for students in Year 6 to Year 12

Every Wednesdays from 3pm to 5pm in the parish hall
(School Term Only – Term 3 starts on 19th July 2017)
St Joseph's Church
12-22 Richmond Road
Kingswood 2747

Parish of Richmond & St Monica's Primary

St Monica's Fete

Nachos	Treasure Island	Rides
Sweet Treats	Fruit & Veggies	Slot Cars
Hot Dogs	Kids Art Gallery	Market Stalls
Wood Fire Pizza	Raffle Tickets	DIY Photo booth
Cappuccinos	Plants	Entertainment
Kids Cafe	White Elephant	ATM Onsite
All Day BBQ	Pre Loved Books	Showbags
Devonshire Teas		AND SO MUCH MORE...

Amazing prizes to be won on our Chocolate Wheel...
DON'T MISS OUT!

Saturday 5th August 2017
9am - 3pm
Cnr Bourke and Francis Streets, Richmond

Thankyou to our Major Sponsor Bennett Property

Cancer Council NSW Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to pack a lunch box.

With the kids back to school for Term 3, here are a few tips to make packing and eating lunches easy for you and your child.

- Allocate a drawer or area of the kitchen where lunch boxes and containers are kept, so you can streamline packing.
- If you get food coming home uneaten, ask your child why, as there might be a simple reason, like it's getting soggy in the lunch box, it takes too long to eat or you are packing a little too much for them.
- Remember to include a fork or spoon when needed.
- Prevent soggy sandwiches – pack fillings such as tomato and cucumber slices separately to be added to bread at lunch time, or pat slices dry with paper towel at home before adding to a sandwich.
- For small appetites or younger children, packing smaller serves can help; like cutting sandwiches into quarters and chopping up fruit.
- Open tinned food like corn, baked beans and tuna at home and send in the lunchbox in a plastic container. Tins can be hard to open at school and are sharp on little fingers.

For more information visit www.eatittoBeatit.com.au or join us at [facebook.com/eatittoBeatit](https://www.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.

NSW Health Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District

Eat It To Beat It

Dates for your Diary

<u>Week 2</u>	Friday 28th July	2:15pm Whole School Assembly
<u>Week 3</u>	Wednesday 2nd August	Year 5 Incursion
	Friday 4th August	Census Day 6:30pm Family Movie Night
<u>Week 4</u>	Monday 7th August	2:30pm Primary Liturgy Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop
	Tuesday 8th August	2:30pm Infants Liturgy Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop
	Friday 11th August	2:15pm Whole School Assembly
	Saturday 12th August	10am - 4pm Musical Working Bee
	Sunday 13th August	10am - 4pm Musical Working Bee

St Joseph's Birthdays



Happy Birthday to...

July - Preston, Tremayne, Harlum, Olivia, Kuer, Cassidy, Tyler, Violet, Emma-Lee, Uthman, Filip, Jostrick, Sascindra, Breanna, Maura, Joel, Logan

Baby News



Congratulations to Mrs Devine and Mrs Hoppitt who have both given birth to baby girls!

Both mothers and babies are doing well and have already met up for a playdate!

