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Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents/Carers,

As Fathers' Day approaches I felt that it was appropriate to write something about St. Joseph - Jesus' father and the patron saint of our school.



St Joseph was a carpenter, a working man. He wasn't rich. He was a compassionate, caring man. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his but still he took her as his wife.

He always looked after his family. When the angel came again to tell him that they were in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with his young wife and the baby and waited there until it was safe to return.

Joseph loved Jesus. He was his stepfather and loved him as his own son. He protected him, guided him and gave everything for him. Everything he was asked to do by God he did - not questioning the difficulty it presented.

Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe Joseph probably had died before Jesus entered public ministry. As the special saint of fathers, family, immigrants and workers he has a special relationship with our community.

Dear St. Joseph,

Please ask God to protect me from all my fears, console me and be with me when I work. Help me to persevere with a loyal spirit and be courageous like you. Please give me the grace to be a true servant in my family and in the world. Please watch over me as carefully as you watched over your family and help protect and guide me as you did with your adopted son.

Amen



Congratulations to the children who made it into the Diocesan Athletics' Team - Hayden, Logan, Cooper, Keane and Mark. Such a wonderful achievement.

Have a lovely week,

Trish Reilly

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Catholic Culture News

Year 4 Religious Literacy Assessment Part B Project

In the Gospel for this coming Sunday, Jesus asks Peter, "Who do you say I am?" to which Peter replies, 'You are the Christ,', 'the Son of the living God.' It is this living God that we teach the students about, it is the living God that we ask the students to follow and listen to in their lives.

It is the living God who is ready to accept our faults and forgive us when needed. The Year 4 students have been particularly focussing on God's willingness to forgive in the Religious Literacy Assessment which has just been completed. The students have completed some marvellous projects based on God's forgiveness and healing and they are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Father's Day Prayer and Breakfast

Just a reminder that notes indicating your attendance at the Father's Day prayer and breakfast are due today. We need to know who is attending for catering purposes.

Kindergarten Reminder

A reminder for kindy students to bring either their special family item or a photo of their special family item that tells a story of their family history. They need to be bought into school this week.

New School Phone Number



St Joseph's is in the process of changing to a new phone system. The new school phone number is **4726 4200**.

There will be 18 months of staged redirections and messages for calls to the 'old' school phone number.

For the first 6 months calls to the old number will be automatically redirected to the new number.

For the second set of 6 months, the call will be automatically redirected after a brief message that the number has changed.

For the last 6 months, callers to the old number get a recorded message that states the new number but then hangs up, so the caller has to manually dial the new number themselves.

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!

Students Leaving St Joseph's

A terms notice (10 school weeks) in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. The notice can be given any time during term for the next term. Where appropriate notice has been received a pro-rata credit can be calculated based on a pro-rata 40 week year.

One exception is that notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following years' enrolment ie the notice period of 10 school weeks will be waived in this circumstance.

We will commence using a new finance system in 2018. Part of the change will be that CEDP will be billing the school fees. Therefore, it will be an automatic billing of the 10 weeks if the required notice is not given.

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.

Attendance Update

At St Joseph's we are aiming for over 90% total school attendance. At the moment we are falling short of this at 78.1%.

We encourage children to be at school and on time every school day. However, if your child is sick please keep them at home.

Congratulations to Year 2 whose current attendance is at 90.6%.

Term 3 Attendance Competition

'Who helps you to be a St Joseph's HERO?' {Here Everyday, Ready On time}

All students are invited to submit *one A4 page* with a drawing and/or writing of who helps them to be a St Joseph's HERO. {Who wakes you up, gets you to school everyday? How do they help you? Drive you, walk with you, put you on the bus?} **Student's name and class need to be printed on the right hand bottom of the page.**

All submissions will be bound and made into our school St Joseph's HERO Book.

Every child submitting an *A4 page* for our HERO book will have their name entered into a 'Prize box'. We will then pull out 3 names for our major prizes.

Entries close Friday 15th September (week 9)

All A4 entries to be sent to the office via your classroom teacher.

Thank you

Mrs Brogan.

Did you know Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day just a little bit late doesn't seem much but			
He/she just missing,	That equals	Which is	and over 13 years of schooling that's
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	I day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years





Child Protection Reminder

A reminder to all parents in our community- if you have an issue with another child in the school you <u>must not</u> 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.

Uniform Policy Reminder

A reminder regarding the school uniform policy includes:

- Students are to be neatly and cleanly dressed at all times. Shoes should be clean and well presented.
- Hair is a very important aspect of your child's appearance.
- Hair is to be kept neat and tidy and appropriate for a school environment.
- Children must have appropriate haircuts. Coloured hair is not permitted, nor should hair be cut in steps, patterns or stairs, or have any other symbols, lines or patterns. No rat's tails, man buns or mohawks are permitted. Short hair needs to be of a consistent length, no shorter sides.
- Hair longer than shoulder length needs to be tied back. Only navy blue or yellow ribbons, elastics, hair slides/clips or scrunchies are permitted.
- Jewellery is also important to your child's appearance.
- Only one plain sleeper or stud is to be worn in each earlobe. No other earrings are permitted.
- A watch and one signet ring is permitted and a cross and chain or other symbols of our faith are permitted as long as they are kept inside the uniform. Any other jewellery is not permitted
- Makeup or nail polish of any description is not permitted.

Netball Gala Day

Senior Mixed - 1st (undefeated all day and played with only 6 players after Owen went home sick)

12 Year Girls - Had a great day and improved with each game, winning their last game!

10 Year Girls - Finished 2nd and only lost 2 games all day.

Thank you to all our parent helpers, particularly Lisa O'Rourke and Elisha Mitchell. Thank you to our umpires from Xavier, Emily and Brooke, and Alicia Bastin from Bede.

All students represented St Joseph's with pride and displayed great sportsmanship throughout the day.



Stage 3 Camp

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1 The Great Aussie Bush camp

Dear, parents/carers,

I went to the Great aussie bush Eamp with my classingles and years, we were on the bus talking to our friends until we reached the great dussie the bush Gamp. It looked So awsome and cool that is I just impedout top the bus.

We went out of the bus and packed our stuff inside the cabins and after that we saw our instruction for samp and i bet its gonna be a great expirience for all of us.

Throw some of the activities were great the grant swing, mud run, tree tops, succommon and more, our instructors names were brighton, grace.

group 3. The first activitie we did was the start slands mud run, that was so messy that me, and my freinds got scaled but



Camp - Summary

On the Thursday and Friday of

On the 17th and 18th of Augest year 5 and 6 went to the great dzz auzzie b Aussie Bush Gamp.

They did many fun activities they did

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run tree tops and comado Everyone
had a blast The giant Swing is a
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climbing was about 12m tight high.

The Great aussie bush camp is a Super duy
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heights, the giant swing rock climbing and
tree tops will help you and princing
is made just for team work.

The fartastic Great as bussie bush Gan provides 3 meals per day so don't worry if if you think your child will storve, well they won't.

The Great Aussie Bush Earns is the best.
From & Jade Mitchell in year 5.





Recount on Gold Aussie bush camp

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Community News

St Joseph's Church

Sky Youth Group for students in Year 6 to Year 12

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

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thanks & kind regards, Aruna Have a blessed day





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ONLY AVAILABLE AT LOWES PENRITH "Whilst Stock Last, not in conjunction with any other offer.

Lowes Penrith store will be closed for renovations from Monday 4th September to Monday 18th September. Parents will only be able to purchase uniforms on line over





OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Wednesday, September 6, 2017.

Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2019. Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au to reserve your place or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can become a Mercy Girl.

Dates for your Diary

Week 6 Book Week

Friday 25th August Book Week Celebrations

Week 7 Wednesday 30th August

Thursday 31st August Father's Day Stall

Friday 1st September 7:30am Father's Day Prayer and Breakfast

Father's Day Stall



Week 8 Friday 8th September

Staff Development Day - children do not attend school on this day

St Joseph's Birthdays



Happy Birthday to...

August - Alisha, Oliver, Mark, Elizabeth, Eleanor, Elijah, Lwandile, Charli, Maria, Jordan, Elliot, Callum, Mark, Cayden, Natalie, Jeriko, Khloe, Eva