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# St Joseph's Primary School

## Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all the Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles and Friends who attended our Father's Day Prayer and BBQ Breakfast. It was lovely to see how happy the children were to have their family with us at the school. A special thank you to all our staff members who started work very early that day to assist with the prayer preparations and bbq.

Thank you to the wonderful parent helpers of our Father's Day Stall. A lot of time and effort goes into preparing these events. The children love 'browsing and shopping' for the perfect gift!

Thank you to the Parent Association for organising the warm milo breakfast morning. The children enjoyed a nice, warm milo on a cold morning before starting their learning.

Thank you to all the children, parents and staff who dressed up for our Book Week celebrations. We had a wide variety of book characters in our Parade. It was a great day, with lots of visitors.



Our school musical, 'The Grunch' will be performed on the evenings of Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th September. Tickets are still available to purchase. Please contact the front office for details. We are needing volunteers before the shows to cook the bbq and sell drinks, sausage sandwiches, etc. If you are available to volunteer your time please contact the front office.



A reminder our Staff Development Day is on this Friday 8th September. Children do not attend school on this day.

Have a lovely week,

Mrs Trish Reilly

Thank you

# Catholic Culture News

## Sunday's Gospel - Why Pray?

At times, we are asked by children, "Why pray?". This coming Sunday's Gospel is one of the Gospel passages where Jesus answers this question.

*'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'*

Praying brings us into connection with our community and more importantly with God. It is the building of the connection of the children to God that is the role of parents in conjunction with the St Joseph's school community. Let us heed the words of the Gospel and join with our children in prayer as often as possible.

## Father's Day Prayer

A big thank you to all who attended our Father's Day prayer. It was wonderful to see the dads joining us in prayer to celebrate their vocation of fatherhood. To Montana, Levi, James, Kaitlyn, Amelia, Isobel, Chelsea and Lily, thank you for leading our community in prayer.



## Confirmation

We currently have 3 students participating in the Parish preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue the journey to full membership of the Catholic Church.

## Understanding Faith

Understanding Faith is a website that is a very sound resource for both parents and children who wish a greater understanding of the Catholic Faith. Should you wish to access the site, details are as follows:

Website: [www.understandingfaith.edu.au](http://www.understandingfaith.edu.au) (click Primary on the top right hand side of the page)

Username: ceo.parra.1769

Password: ceo.parra.2017

## 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**. The new school fax number is 4726 4299.



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.

## Child Protection Reminder

**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.**

## 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 80.9.

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 the following grades: Year 1 - 90.2%

Year 2 - 92.9%

Year 4 - 90.2%

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> September (week 9)

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

Thank you  
Mrs Brogan

every learner  
every day ☒

### When is sick too sick for school

If I am sick please call the school or write me a note to let the school know why I am not at school.

Send me to school if ...	Keep me home if ...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ I have the symptoms of a cold or hayfever</li><li>✓ I have a sprain, strain or pain and I can function (walk, talk and eat)</li><li>✓ If I have asthma, diabetes, epilepsy etc - school personnel are trained to manage my condition. Talk to the school about my health plan</li><li>✓ I haven't vomited or had diarrhoea for 24 hours</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ I have a temperature higher than 37 degrees</li><li>✓ I am vomiting or have diarrhoea</li><li>✓ My eyes are red, and crusty (conjunctivitis)</li><li>✓ I have influenza (flu) - combination fever, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches</li><li>✓ I have the symptoms of an infectious disease. Go to NSW Health - A-Z of infectious diseases for more information</li></ul>

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## Look what's happening at St Joseph's





## Building Works



## Parent Association News

Save the date:

Friday October 27th



- \* 10 Games of Bingo
- \* 10 Games of fun for the kids
- \* Fun & Laughter with the awesome Mr Tim
- \* Lucky door prize
- \* And amazing prizes kindly donated by
  - Coles
  - Cables Water Park
  - Lollipops Playland
  - Hoyts
  - Featherdale Wildlife Park
  - Unreal Mini Golf



**More details will be sent out first week of Term 4**

## Community News



Enrol now for 2018

Phone 4777 0900

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



**ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**BOYS DELUXE SHIRTS** ~~\$30.99~~ **\$15.99** EACH

**GIRLS BLOUSES.....** ~~\$35.99~~ **\$15.99** EACH

**SPORTS POLO.....** ~~\$42.99~~ **\$23.99** EACH

**SLOPPY JOES.....** ~~\$31.99~~ **\$19.99** EACH

**MICROFIBRE JACKET....** ~~\$50.99~~ **\$31.99** EACH

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

### Ballet Under the Stars

**4th November 7.30pm**

*Ballet Under the Stars is a free outdoor performance of world-class ballet in Penrith supported by our Strategic Partner Destination NSW and Major Partners Celestino and Penrith City Council. Experience the thrill of live ballet while enjoying the beautiful surrounds of the Sydney International Regatta Centre.*

Be captivated as The Australian Ballet performs an excerpt from the magical and highly acclaimed production *The Sleeping Beauty*, with its fairies and wood nymphs, bluebirds and storybook characters against the stunning backdrop of Penrith Lakes. The company will also perform a selection of divertissements (bite-sized works of about ten-minutes) that will showcase the speed, athleticism, diversity and grace of our dancers.

Bring your family and friends, a rug and a picnic and enjoy a spectacular evening with The Australian Ballet.



## Corpus Christi primary School Market Day

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017 - 10AM to 2PM

Stalls include:		
Licensed kids' clothes	Candles	Children's Craft
Fresh produce	Small gifts	Beauty Products
Jewellery	Plants	Sock monkeys
Family Fun:		
Face Painting	Magician	
Plaster painting	Spray tattoos	Jumping castle

Corpus Christi Primary School,  
90 Andromeda Drive, Cranebrook

RAIN, HAIL OR  
SHINE



For information on stall availability  
please email  
[corpuschristi@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:corpuschristi@parra.catholic.edu.au)  
 with subject 'Spring Market'

Food vendors: sausage sizzle   doughnuts   Gozleme  
ice-cream   cakes/slices   tea/coffee   scones



## Dates for your Diary

<b><u>Week 8</u></b>	<b>Friday 8th September</b>	Staff Development Day - children do not attend school on this day
<b><u>Week 9</u></b>		
<b><u>Week 10</u></b>	<b>Monday 18th September</b>	Musical Dress Rehearsal
	<b>Tuesday 19th September</b>	7pm Musical
	<b>Wednesday 20th September</b>	7pm Musical
	<b>Friday 22nd September</b>	2pm End of Term Award Assembly
		Last day of term 3
<b><u>Term 4</u></b>		
<b><u>Week 1</u></b>	<b>Monday 9th October</b>	First day back at school for students and staff
	<b>Thursday 12th October</b>	9:15am Kindy 2018 Orientation

## St Joseph's Birthdays



Happy Birthday to...

**September** - Ariana, Elise, Aaron, Leo, Jayden, Amelia, Skye, Zac, Movina, Lachlan, Lillian, Jennifer, Marley, Pallav, Tiana, Charlie, Tegan, Montana, Kristopher, Tristan, Isobel, Jade, Shamman