



Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a wonderful, busy Term Four. This time of the year is an opportunity to look back on our goals to determine how much we have achieved, to plan for an exciting Term 4 and to begin to look forward to 2018 and the directions we are heading.

This term brings lots of exciting events. Some will be the same as the last couple of years - others will be different. It is important to reflect, evaluate and decide what is best for all.

Kindergarten 2018 Orientation began last week. This year we are having 4 sessions for all new kindies. This will allow us to "get-to-know" them and their parents. Our Leaders for 2018 (current Year 5) did an amazing job of welcoming them and helping them to feel safe and happy. Vennessa, our Counsellor, encouraged the parents to mingle and then shared some words about how to support their children during this special time.

1,2 3 Magic began on Monday as well. A very enthusiastic group crammed into the interview room and shared their experiences as parents. A much bigger group learnt all about small, start and stop behaviours on Monday night. A big thank you to Vennessa and Veronica Jarrett from CEDP Behaviour team for generously giving their time to run this workshop. A surprise visitor, Father Andrew, learnt lots as well!

The Catholic Education Office has been extremely generous when allocating staff to St. Joseph's. This year we were able to have small numbers in class groups due to this generosity. Final details for 2018 are not yet available however, it seems that again, due to their support, we will be able to continue with the same number of teachers. This is a testament to the great work being done by teachers and the impact being seen on the learning of students. We will continue to have the benefit of Alison Busuttill, our Instructional Leader in K- 2. She will be joined by Michelle Sultana as Instructional Leader 3-6 - another bonus!

School based fees for St. Joseph's have been reviewed this year. In consultation with CEDP Finance Representatives it has been determined that they need to be reduced in 2018 to support families in our community. In order to do this we have decided that Swim School will not be run in 2018. Reductions have also been made in other areas that will be shared with the community when School fees are advertised at the end of the term. Classroom resources, excursions/incursions, technology have not been affected but rather allocated more resourcing. Please find the Catholic Education Diocesan Schedule for 2018 at the back of the newsletter.

Have a wonderful week,
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St Joseph's Primary School

2017 School Fees

2017 School Fees are now overdue.

We are transferring to a new finance program. To ensure the smooth running of this please finalise your 2017 school fees ASAP. If you are having difficulty in paying your school fees please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4726 4200.

Students Leaving St Joseph's



A term's 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.

New School Phone Number



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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.

Attendance Update



At St Joseph's we are aiming for over 90% total school attendance. Unfortunately we are only at 80% attendance at the moment. Congratulations to Year 2 who currently sit at 92.6% attendance!

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

If your child is sick and away from school for 3 or more consecutive days a doctor's certificate is required on their return.

Students with Mobile Phones



Students bringing mobile phones to school is not encouraged, however, if a student has to bring a phone to school they **MUST keep it on silent and in their school bags at all times**. The school takes no responsibility for mobile phones being lost, stolen or damaged. If a student needs to use their phone during school time they need to seek permission from their teacher.

Parent Association News



Friday October 27th 6.00pm BBQ 7.00pm Bingo/Games

Kindly organised by your Parents and Associates Committee

This fun family night will consist of 10 Games of Bingo, Fun Mixture of Games for all ages, Lucky Dips and Awesome Prizes.

Prizes are vouchers kindly donated from Hoyts, Officeworks, Coles, Lollipops Playland, Unreal Golf, Krispy Kreme, Dymocks, Inflatable World and Cables Water Park.

***** Start saving those .50c coins for the games and lucky dips *****

Bingo book (this is also your entry ticket to this fun night)	\$5.00ea		
Sausage Sandwich	\$2.00	Bottled Water	\$2.00
Lucky Dips	.50c	Poppers	\$1.00
Chips	.50c	Fun Games	.50c
Lollies	.50c	Bingo Pens	\$2.00

Children MUST be accompanied by a carer older than 18 years old.

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

Number attending @ \$5 = _____ min age 4 Bingo Pen @ \$2 = _____
(please include payment with this slip and return by October 19th)

To help with catering please indicate how many of the following you will be purchasing (payment on the night).

Sausage Sandwich Qty _____ Bottled Water Qty _____

Are you in year 6 and would like to help on the night, we are looking for 6-8 helpers

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

Uniform Policy Reminder

All students are required to wear the correct school uniform. The uniform helps promote a spirit of school community and also serves as a practical form of clothing for students at school.

If it is not possible for your child to wear their uniform, a brief letter of explanation is required. If a child is not observing uniform requirements, and no parental explanation is received, parents will be notified by their class teacher. Parents who have difficulty securing uniforms for their children may like to make this known to the Principal, who will try to arrange some assistance.

All items of school uniform (except shoes) are purchased from Lowes at Westfields, Penrith or through the second-hand uniform shop run by parents.

Girls All Season Uniform

- Lemon blouse with emblem
- Navy culottes
- Lemon ankle socks
- Navy blue stockings to be worn under culottes
- Black, enclosed leather shoes
- Sloppy joe V-neck with emblem
- Navy bootleg slacks
- Navy microfibre jacket with emblem
- Navy bucket hat with emblem

Boys All Season Uniform

- Blue short sleeve shirt with emblem
- Navy Blocker shorts
- Navy Blockers trousers
- Navy V-neck sloppy joe with emblem
- Navy ankle style socks
- Black, enclosed leather shoes
- Navy microfibre jacket with emblem
- Navy bucket hat with emblem

Sports Uniform - Boys and girls

To be worn only on designated Sports' Days

- Navy/gold polo with emblem
- Year 6 polo can be worn
- Navy microfibre stretch shorts with emblem
- Navy Microfibre Jacket with emblem
- Navy V-neck sloppy joe with emblem
- Navy Microfibre trackpants
- White socks
- Ankle height joggers/ sneakers
- Navy bucket hat with emblem

All articles of school clothing need to be clearly labelled with the student's name. Lost property is located in the cupboard near where walkers wait.

In addition, the following expectations apply to students at St. Joseph's.

- Students are to be neatly and cleanly dressed at all times. Shoes should be clean and well presented.
- Long sleeved skivvies not to be worn under short sleeve shirts. We encourage students to wear jackets over shirts for warmth instead.

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.

NO HAT/ PLAY IN THE SHADE

The school has the policy in place to protect the children from the harmful rays of the sun. If a child does not have their school hat on before school, 1st or 2nd lunch or for outside activities, or sports, they must sit or play in a shaded area.

School hats are available for purchase from Lowes or the second hand uniform shop.

Musical



Community News

Saturdays 14th & 28th October at 6pm



You're invited to come to the
St Joseph's Youth Mass.
Hang out, have fun and enjoy.



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.



Catherine McAuley Westmead Enrolments for Year 7 2019

Catherine McAuley Westmead is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2019. The closing date for Year 7 2019 applications 1st round offers is Friday, 6th April 2018.

Parents and their daughters have the opportunity to tour the school campus at one of our upcoming school tours specifically for Year 7 2019 applicants, but open to any year group.

**Wednesday 18th October and Monday 6th November 2017
9.15 – 11am**

These mornings will provide parents and students with 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.

Please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100 to book a place on a school tour.

Save The Date – The Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Afternoon will be held from 4.00pm – 7.00pm on Tuesday 13th March 2018.



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW FOR SYDNEY YOUTH ORCHESTRAS' WEEK-LONG OPEN MUSIC PROGRAM.

Young aspiring musicians are placed in large ensembles which match their abilities and extend their skills - come along for a unique opportunity to make friends and have fun.

A wonderful experience for young musicians of all ages. My son looks forward to it every year. He comes away very inspired and very happy having made some new friends who love music as much as he does. Thank you so much!

DAILY PROGRAM INCLUDES

Choir workshop for all participants, large ensemble rehearsals, instrumental tutorials, sectional preparation, master classes, music learning games, optional theory class and HSC preparation.

REGISTER ONLINE AT SYO.COM.AU



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Diocesan Fees Schedule 2018

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fees - 2018

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fee can be paid upfront at the start of the year or as three equal instalments. The fee is only charged for the first three (3) children currently enrolled in the diocese (in other words there is no additional Diocesan Tuition Fee for the fourth child attending a systemic school in the diocese or other participating Catholic schools - **see 'Sibling Discounts' below**). To work out how much the fee is for each child, check the table below.

The 2018 Annual Diocesan Tuition Fees are as follows:

ANNUAL FEES	No charge for 4th+ children	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$ 1,173	\$879	\$588
	Years 1 - 6	\$ 1,515	\$1,137	\$759
Secondary	Years 7 - 8	\$ 2,100	\$1,575	\$1,050
	Years 9 - 10	\$ 2,331	\$1,749	\$1,167
	Years 11 - 12	\$ 2,976	\$2,232	\$1,488

The 2018 instalment rate is as follows:

INSTALMENT FEES	Charged in Terms 1,2 & 3	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$391	\$293	\$196
	Years 1 - 6	\$505	\$379	\$253
Secondary	Years 7 - 8	\$700	\$525	\$350
	Years 9 - 10	\$777	\$583	\$389
	Years 11 - 12	\$992	\$744	\$496

Annual Diocesan Building Levy - 2018

All families with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College, Kingswood are required to pay the annual Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Building Levy. This levy has replaced the various building levies that parents previously paid to school building funds (managed by either parishes or schools). **The levy for 2018 is \$783 per family, payable in three equal instalments of \$261.**

Annual Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents - 2018

The Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents for 2018 is **\$1,935 per student, payable in three equal instalments of \$645**. The fee applies to new students on the following Visa numbers: 173, 401, 402, 411, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 426, 427, 428, 442, 456, 457, 459, 462, 476, 485, 497, 580, 600, 601, 651, 675, 676, 679, 685, 884, 944, 956, 976 and 977 including where any of these are the preceding visas for families on bridging visas 010 to 090.

Families charged this fee in 2013 will continue to be charged on a per family basis to the eldest student whilst the family has continuous current students.