

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 6

2nd March 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Sunday, we heard the parable of the fig tree – a wonderful insight into the mercy of God. Not bearing fruit for a third year in a row, the owner of the vineyard ordered it cut down as “why should it be taking up the ground?” The gardener, asked for “one more year” to nurture and feed the tree – a second chance – for the tree to bear fruit. God gives us second, third,... chances to learn to love him. God shares us in his mercy, without our even asking. How do we show mercy to others? When do we give another chance to those who disappoint or hurt us? We can all try harder to forgive and accept forgiveness.



This Sunday we will celebrate Catholic Education as we begin Catholic Schools Week at our school. At St Joseph's we support your child in their spiritual, academic, social and physical development. We value creativity and provide opportunities for self-expression.

Catholic schools are part of the wider Catholic community, the parish, and so we will begin the day with participating in the 10am Mass in our parish church. Classrooms will be open from 11:30am . Come and say hello to your child's teacher and visit their learning environment!

Full details of Sunday, including the Sausage Sizzle and Book Fair are attached. Join us in the celebration!!!

Thank you to Julie and Gordon Stacey for accepting the invitation to represent us on the Parents Representative Council, Diocese of Parramatta (PRC). For information on the work of the PRC, visit www.prc.catholic.edu.au

Easter Raffle tickets are going home this Friday. Please support this fundraising event organised by the Parent Association. Thank you to Mel, Belinda, Jenny, Sarah and helpers for coordinating the raffle and the bbq this Sunday. Your time and support is appreciated!

May we experience the mercy of God in our lives,

Fran Jackson
Principal

Staff Development Days Term 2

Tuesday 26th April and Wednesday 27th April
are Staff Development Days

Students are not to attend school on these days; however Joey's will be open.

Please contact Joey's on 4732 5771 if you need care for your child on this day.



Learning without Limits

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Catholic Culture News

Dear Parents/Carers,

Works of Mercy - "I Was in Prison and You Came to Me"

This week's focus on the works of mercy incorporate three works of mercy: *Visit the Imprisoned, Admonish Sinners and Pray for the Living and the Dead*. They have been combined because they are all concerned with some form of physical or spiritual imprisonment.

Sin limits our freedom. So when someone points out our sinfulness (admonishes us) they give us the opportunity to repent and grow in the Christian life. This admonishment needs to be performed with delicacy, love and at the right moment.

Praying for the living and the dead involves interceding for other people who are in need of prayers. This work of mercy also includes praying for our deceased family and friends. We can do this every day not just in November.

Visiting the imprisoned gives hope to people who feel dejected and despised. Sometimes the prison we are in is one of our own making. Through the care and hope generated by others, we can become liberated.

Mark Baird
Acting REC

St Joseph's Primary School Kingswood!
Celebrating
Catholic Schools Week
March 6th – 11th, 2016

Sunday 6th March

10am	Parish Mass
11:30am	Sausage Sizzle
11:30am - 1:30pm	Classroom Visits
11:30am - 1pm	School Tours for prospective enrolments
12pm - 1:45pm	Book Fair

Monday 7th March

9am	School Assembly
9:30am - 10am	Book Fair

Tuesday 8th March – Thursday 10th March

*Book Fair opened for parents during Open Classrooms

*Book Fair opened for children during Lunch 1

OPEN CLASSROOMS...

TIME	TUESDAY 8/3	WEDNESDAY 9/3	THURSDAY 10/3
SESSION ONE			
9:10am – 9:50am	Kindergarten English	Year 5Y Drama Literacy Year 5B Music	Year 3Y Drama Literacy Year 3B Music
	Year 5 English	Year 3 English	Year 2 English
9:50am – 10:30am	Kindergarten Mathematics	Year 5B Drama Literacy Year 5Y Music	Year 3B Drama Literacy Year 3Y Music
	Year 5 Mathematics	Year 3 Mathematics	Year 2 Mathematics

SESSION TWO

11:50 – 12:30pm	Year 2 Drama Literacy	Year 6Y Drama Literacy Year 6B Music	Year 4Y Drama Literacy Year 4B Music
	Year 1 English	Year 4 English	Year 6 English
12:30pm – 1:10pm	Year 2 Music	Year 6B Drama Literacy Year 6Y Music	Year 4B Drama Literacy Year 4Y Music
	Year 1 Mathematics	Year 4 Mathematics	Year 6 Mathematics

General News



Student Bus Passes for 2016

Application Forms for school bus and train passes are now completed online. Please go to www.transport.info/school-students



Fun Food Days

Zooper Dooper's will be on sale for 50c, every Friday up to and including 18th March.



Lowes School and Sports Shorts

Unfortunately some of the new school and sports shorts have been mistakenly embroidered with 'SJS' instead of 'SJK'. If you have purchased school and/or sport shorts for your child with the wrong embroidery please take them back to Lowes for a free replacement.



School Fees

Jenny will not be in the school office from Monday 7th March until Friday 18th March. If you have any school fee enquiries please see her before this Friday 4th March.

2016 School Photos - Save the Date

2016 School Photos will be held on Friday 20th May. Students are to wear full school uniform on this day. **Order forms will be distributed closer to the event.** Please find prices below. **DO NOT PLACE YOUR ORDER YET.**

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Perfect for 10x13mm frames

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Pastoral Care and Student Wellbeing Policy

Our policies and procedures for student wellbeing are based on the Positive Behaviour School framework putting the focus on student learning.

Expectations are articulated in our STaRS:

Safe
Thoughtful
actively
Responsible
Students

Expectations are explicitly taught to all students and individual plans are developed for students requiring more intensive support. All staff support students in living out the STaRS values.

In line with the Student Wellbeing Policy, discrimination, harassment or bullying are not permitted. Incidents arising pertaining to these matters need to be conveyed to the class teacher and will be dealt with in an appropriate manner.

For further details, visit the school website: www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au

Discipline Policy

St Joseph's discipline policy ensures procedural fairness, the hearing rule, and the right to an unbiased decision. St Joseph's staff neither use, nor sanction, corporal punishment. When an incident occurs which requires the individual to be disciplined, staff ensure that it is dealt with in an appropriate manner taking into consideration the above requirements.

Complaints and Grievances Procedures

From time to time concerns may arise in regard to the school between different stakeholders. The following procedures have been developed to effectively address any such concerns.

Parents

Complaints or grievances pertaining to classroom issues, or that relate to other children are to be dealt with by school personnel. It is not appropriate for parents to approach other parents, or their children, with the intention of resolving the issues.

The recommended procedure to be followed by parents is:

1. The first point of contact is the student's class teacher. Please contact the school office to make an appointment with the teacher concerned.
2. If parents are not satisfied with the solutions offered, or believe that they have not been given a fair hearing, they are encouraged to make an appointment with the Stage Co-ordinator or the Assistant Principal.
3. Should the issue remain unresolved after this time, an appointment is made with the Principal to further discuss the issues.

Please remember there usually are at least two sides to every story and whilst it is important to listen to the children, it is also important not to draw conclusions or make accusations until all the facts are known.

Students

The recommended procedure for students is:

1. If issues arise in the classroom, students are encouraged to speak to their class teacher in order to seek support in finding a resolution.
2. Students encountering problems on the playground are asked to talk to the staff member on duty at the time of the incident. If they believe that their concern has not been adequately addressed they are encouraged to speak to their class teacher.

All students at St. Joseph's are taught to adopt the school's Three Step Plan to find a resolution. This plan is displayed in each learning area, is discussed regularly in class and forms part of the Student Wellbeing Policy.

3. Students can also speak to the Co-ordinator, Assistant Principal or Principal, as well as any other staff member about issues they may have.



Photos at School

Due to privacy issues, photos taken at school should be taken of own children only.

Supervision at School

A reminder to parents that morning supervision at school commences at 8:20am. At afternoon dismissal, children remaining at Walkers and Kiss 'n Ride at 3:30pm will be taken to the Office, at which time parents will be contacted. Afternoon supervision concludes at 3:30pm. Children should not be at school before or after these times.

Reminder to Parents

Parents are reminded that, if entering the school grounds to attend assembly, classroom activities, etc, they are required to sign in at the office on arrival, and sign out on departure.

Online Child Protection Training

If parents are planning on assisting in the classroom, or on an excursion, they are required to first complete Child Protection Training. The training is undertaken over the internet at <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training>. Simply click the training link under "Volunteer" to undertake the training.

Working with Children Check

Previously parent helpers and volunteers only needed to complete the online Child Protection module; however it is now mandatory for **all volunteers to provide a Working With Children Check (WWCC) number, available from a NSW Motor Registry**. While there is a cost for paid employees, there is no fee for volunteers. No parents will be accepted as a volunteer/helper for excursions, sports days or other school events without providing their WWCC number. We ask you to give this your urgent attention.



Change of Home or Emergency Contact Details

If you have any changes to your home or emergency contact numbers, please contact the school office as soon as possible. In cases of sickness or emergency, it is important that we have the correct contact details for your child(ren)

Sports News

Congratulations to Lily in Year 2 who participated at Diocesan Swimming in 50m freestyle on Friday 26th February. She will now compete in NSWCPS MacKillop Swimming Championships on Thursday 31st March. Good luck Lily!



High School Open Night News

St Dominic's College

Sunday 6th March

10am Morning Session

10:30am School Tours

12:30pm Afternoon Session

1pm School Tours

54-97 Gascoigne St, Kingswood NSW 2747

Phone: (02) 4731 1933



Caroline Chisholm College, Glenmore Park provides Catholic Education for girls in Years 7 – 12

Enrolling now for 2017

An **Open Night** on Monday 7th March from 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm includes information sessions, displays, performances and tours.

All considering enrolment in 2017 are invited to attend.

For further information contact the College on 4737 5506.

Xavier College Open Night for prospective families for 2017

Tuesday 8th March
4.30pm-6.00pm

Emmaus Catholic College

OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 9th March, 2016

Come at 4pm for 1st tour and then presentation at 6pm OR come at 6pm for presentation then 2nd tour at 6.30 pm



Students and families from Years 5 and 6 are particularly welcome. Enrolment Applications for 2017 will be available that evening. For further details, please contact Mrs Biermann or Mrs Schembri at the College on 9670 4588

87-109 Bakers Lane, Kemps Creek

McCARTHY CATHOLIC COLLEGE Academic and Trade Training Centre (TTC) Enrolling now for 2017

Open Morning: Sunday 13 March 2016 **Time:** 9.30am to 11.30am

- Meet the Principal, staff and students
- Tours of the College facilities
- TTC information for senior study
- Enrolment packages available

Enquiries: 4735 3211

Address: 75 Mackellar Street, Emu Plains

Email: mccarthy@parra.catholic.edu.au

Website: www.mccarthyemuplains.catholic.edu.au

Community News

St Joseph's Catholic Church Kingswood—Mass Times

Cnr Joseph Street & Richmond Road, Kingswood Phone 4721 4080

Office Hours: 9:00am-2:00pm Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30am—1:30pm Friday

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil - 6pm
Sunday - 8.30am and 10.00am
Polish Mass - Saturday 4pm

Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday 8am
Saturday 8.30am



Sacrament Of Penance - Saturday after morning mass



Eucharistic Adoration - Before all masses

YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

CCSS Solo Parent Services' Younger Widowed Support Group is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age whether you are a parent or not.

Next gathering: 16th March

Please note change of Venue: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre, 1 Canyon Rd, Baulkham Hills

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Cost: \$5.00

Registration: Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

The poster features a red banner at the top with white text: "ANZAC DAWN SERVICE FUNDRAISER". Below it, in large yellow letters, is "A NIGHT TO REMEMBER". To the left is a silhouette of a person. In the center, a man and woman in sailor-style costumes are dancing on a stage. To the right, there's a blue diamond shape with yellow text: "Entertainment all night!" and "Buy a ticket or table NOW!". At the bottom left are logos for Penrith CBD Corporation and the Royal Australian Navy. At the bottom right is a small photo of a band.

Enjoy a night of entertainment & dancing while helping your community fundraise for the Penrith Dawn Service.

Friday 15th April
St Marys Band Club
Doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start

Tickets \$90 each or \$850 for table of ten
Includes 2 course meal, beer, wine, soft drink and dessert bar

For further information or to purchase tickets phone 4722 5556 or email gai@penrithcbdcorp.com.au



Music by the River will be held at Tench Reserve on Sunday 20 March, 11am to 4pm. Karleigh Rose, Zac Hakos, Brock Rodziewicz & Emily Anderson, Deers from Embers, Jarrah Ferris-Smith, Performance Academy and Chantelle Leishman will entertain at the event. There'll also be food for sale – so bring family, friends and a picnic blanket.

For more information contact events on 4732 7652

**PENRITH
CITY COUNCIL**

1300 736 836 | penrithcity.nsw.gov.au

The poster features the logo for Penrith City Children's Choir Inc., which includes a stylized "PCC" monogram and the text "Penrith City Children's Choir Inc.". Below the logo, it says "Boys and Girls, 7 – 13 years are invited to join Penrith City Children's Choir for its next project The Singing Game directed by Lucy McAlary".

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are invited to join

Penrith City
Children's Choir

for its next project
*The
Singing Game*
directed by Lucy McAlary

Sunday 20 March, 2.30pm – 5.00pm

If you love to sing, please join us!

No auditions.

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

St Joseph's Netball Club

Players needed aged 7, 8, 9 and 10 years

For further details please ring

Ray Geraghty 0412 061 335

Dates for your Diary

<u>Week 6</u>	Friday 4th February	Zooper Dooper's on sale 50c
	Sunday 6th March	Catholic Schools Week Celebrations begin
		10am Family Mass
		11:30am – 1pm School Tours for Prospective Enrolments
<u>Week 7</u>	Monday 7th March	9am Whole School Assembly
	Tuesday 8th March	9:10am – 1:10pm Open Classrooms please see attached timetable
	Wednesday 9th March	9:10am – 1:10pm Open Classrooms please see attached timetable
	Thursday 10th March	9:10am – 1:10pm Open Classrooms please see attached timetable
	Friday 11th March	Zooper Dooper's on sale 50c
<u>Week 8</u>	Monday 14th March	9am Assembly
	Thursday 17th March	St Patrick's Day
	Friday 18th March	Bullying No Way Day and Kidsmatter
		Easter Egg Donations to be handed to Parent Association
	Saturday 19th March	St Joseph's Day



2016 Easter long weekend
Friday 25th March until Monday 28th March
School resumes Tuesday 29th March