

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

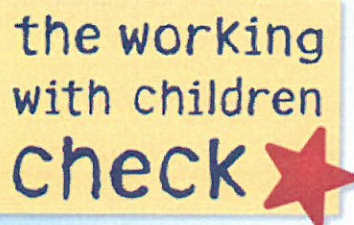
Term 1 Week 8

19th March 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

The story of St Joseph's Primary School began in the building that is now the church, so it was fitting that we began Catholic Schools Week by celebrating Sunday mass with our parish. St Joseph's Primary School owes much to our parish community, many of whom were the pioneers that enabled the school to be established and the hands that worked as the school grew to meet the needs of the Catholic community of Kingswood. Thank you Fr Andrew and parishioners for continuing to support our school community. Thank you all who participated to make this a wonderful community celebration.

Children enjoyed the visitors to their classrooms and took great pride in sharing their learning. Parents expressed their enjoyment at being in the classrooms. There will be another opportunity in Term 2 for classroom visits. Stay tuned!



Recently, I attended a professional learning day for Safeguarding and Wellbeing of Students. While previously parent helpers and volunteers only needed to complete the online Child Protection module, 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. Please read the attached fact sheet carefully. **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. This provision does not apply to tomorrow's Cross Country as parents will be "stationed" at checkpoints and teachers will be roving supervisors.

Friday is National Day Against Bullying. Bullying can take many forms, but should not be confused with altercations or disagreements. At St Joseph's we actively work against bullying and regularly work with parents to change a child's behaviour. Cyber bullying is an insidious form of bullying. Parents must be vigilant and monitor their child's social media use.



Our Award Assembly for Term 2 will be at 1.30pm on Monday 30th March. We will also draw the Easter Raffle at this time. Thank you to all the 'leprechauns in green' that brought in chocolate goodies for our Easter Raffle prizes. There will be some delectable baskets to win! Yum! Yum!

May the week bring many blessings and keep you safe.

Fran Jackson
Principal

QCS – Please return completed survey or do it online if you were selected to participate. Deadline extended to Wednesday 25th March. We need your involvement.



Learning without Limits

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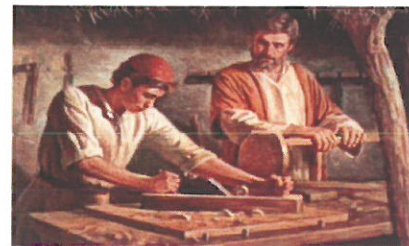
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Catholic Culture News

St Joseph's Feast Day

Not a lot is known about the patron saint of our school, what we do know comes from the bible. Here we learn that Joseph was obedient to God, respected his wife Mary and cared deeply for his son Jesus. As part of the Holy Family he provides a perfect example for us all to follow. So on his feast day we pray that as a community of believers we can be more obedient to God, respect each other and deepen our relationship with Jesus.



St Patrick's Day March 17 brings out the Irish in all of us. The day celebrates the patron saint of Ireland and is the day when the colour green is seen everywhere.

As fun as it is to dress in green, even eat green food, the day remains an important day in the Catholic calendar. St Patrick was responsible for spreading the message of Jesus to the Irish, who at the time were not followers of God. He provides an example to us all to have faith in God and to forgive others.

Our students wore green to remember this day, thank you for all of the donations of easter eggs for our raffle prizes.

Lent Week 4

Sarita was struggling to grow enough food for her family from her tiny farm plot. In 2007 with the assistance of a program run by Caritas Nepal, she started a fish-raising business with 11 others. Now they have a lifelong source of food and income. Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help people around the world to create life changing opportunities for the benefit of their communities.

If you wish to know any further information go to www.caritas.org.au

To date we have raised **\$218.05**. That is enough money to purchase poultry manure for 120 acres, so that farmers can fertilise their crops in Fiji.

We would like to encourage any interested parents, children and families to attend Mass at our parish. Mass is held daily at 8am and all are welcome. The church is located directly behind the school.



Additional Mass times:

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil - 6pm
Sunday - 8.30am and 10.00am

Polish Mass - Saturday 4pm

Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday 8am
Saturday 8.30am

Mark Aggar

Religious Education Coordinator

General News

**Uniform
SALE**

Clothing Pool

The school clothing pool is run by Parent Association volunteers. It will be open every Monday this term from 8.30am until after assembly. Pre loved uniforms are priced from \$2 - \$10.



Term 1 School Fees - Overdue

Term 1 school fees were due to be finalised 6th March. The first flexible payment plan instalment was also due 6th March.

If you have not paid your school fees account or entered into a flexible payment plan, please make your payment now. If you are experiencing any difficulty in making the payment please phone Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999 to discuss the matter.



Consent Forms

Consent Forms were sent home with every child last month. Please be aware that these forms included permission for raffle tickets to be sent home; photos and work of your child being published and **permission to attend excursions/incursions**. You will **not** receive a separate permission note for excursions, except for Individual Sports, Captivate Events, Swim School, Swimming Carnival and Stage 3 Camp. You will receive an information note closer to any excursions/incursions your child will participate in.

If you have not returned your child's Consent Form they will not be able to participate in any excursions/incursions. Please return this form ASAP.



Eat it to Beat it Parent Meeting

All parents/carers are welcome to a FREE Healthy Lunch Box Session on this Monday 23rd March, 9:30am – 10:15am (after assembly).

Medication Policy

We have noticed an increase number of children bringing medication to school without a note from their parents or doctor. Please refer to our Medication Policy below:



Regular Medication

It is preferable that medications be given outside of school hours by parents/carers. When medication is required to be administered during school hours, it should be provided to the school by parents in a pharmacy blister pack. If the parent is unable to deliver the medication to the school it is advisable that a responsible person be nominated by the parent to deliver it.

Authorisation forms need to be completed by parents and medical practitioners before any medication can be given to students. These are available on the school website.

Changes to Prescribed Medication

The school needs to be made aware of any changes to the student's medication. It is the responsibility of parents to inform the school of **any** changes of medication and for each change the relevant forms need to be completed and forwarded to the school to be kept on file.

Antibiotics

In relation to the administering of antibiotics during school hours, a written request to the school from a parent will be sufficient. It is important that any medication be submitted in its original packaging, with the student's name and details regarding administering the medication clearly marked. Please also note if the medication requires refrigeration.

General Points on the Administration of Medication

Any prescribed medication supplied to the school by parents must be in its original container, clearly marked with the:

- *Student's name*
- *name of the drug*
- *dosage*
- *frequency of administration*
- *prescribing doctor*

Prescribed medication is kept under lock and key at school until the time of administration, at 11.30am daily. This procedure allows for the minimisation of interruptions to classes.

Medication is administered by two nominated staff members at this set time and a written log is kept of all administration of prescribed medications.

Panadol, cough medicine or other over-the-counter medicines, including ointments and creams, will not be administered by school staff.

Medication Policy at St Joseph's is based on information provided by the Catholic Education Commission, NSW.

Learning News

What did you wish for? By Jasmine Lynch 4AA

I entered the cave not knowing anything about it. A man told me the cake was called the cake of wonders and that there was a magic lamp inside it. He told me to get the lamp and bring it back to him so I could get my reward. I finally found the lamp so I grabbed it and gave it to the man. Then a genie popped up and said that I could have three wishes.

My first wish was to have a million dollars. So I said to the genie that I wanted a million dollars. The genie said that I had to tell him a reason why.

I wanted to have a million dollars so I could buy lots and lots of toys, clothes and accessories. I also want lots of food for my family so we don't have to go to the shops anymore. My last reason why to have a million dollars is to go to lots of places around the world.

After my wish was granted I felt happy and delighted. A million dollars could provide my family so much.

Catholic Schools Week



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

McCarthy Catholic College Academic and Trade Training Centre (TTC) Enrolling now for 2016

Open Morning: Sunday 22 March 2015
Time: 9.00am to 11.30am
Enquiries: 4735 3211
Address: 75 Mackellar Street, Emu Plains
Email: mccarthy@parra.catholic.edu.au
Website: www.mccarthyemuplains.catholic.edu.au

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

Caroline Chisholm College, Glenmore Park

Provides Catholic Education for girls in Years 7 -12

Enrolling now for 2016

Applications Close 2nd April 2015

For further information contact the College on 4737 5506

NSW State Election 2015

2015 State Election

With less than two weeks before the state election, I urge you to contact your local MPs and candidates to talk to them about the importance of capital works funding for Catholic schools in western Sydney. Without capital works funding for Catholic schools, it will be difficult to meet growing enrolment demands for Catholic schooling. This will place an even greater burden on the tax payer if places for these children need to be found in government schools.

Recently, our Executive Director of Schools, Greg Whitby met with Minister Adrian Piccoli to urge him to consider the needs of the 25% of children and young people who attend Catholic schools in western Sydney. Although the meeting was positive, no commitment to capital works funding was made. I urge you to email your local STATE member, Stuart Ayres, and STATE opposition candidate, Emma Husar to tell them that capital works funding is an important issue for you in the upcoming election.



St Joseph's Netball

Limited spaces: we are looking for 6 and 7 year old girls only to play netball in 2015. Please contact Ray Geraghty on 0412 061 335 for details.



Dates for your Diary

Week 8

Friday 20th March

School Cross Country

National Day against Bullying

Ice Block Day – 50c

Sunday 22nd March

Reconciliation Meeting

Week 9

Monday 23rd March

9am Assembly

9:30am – 10:15am Eat it to Beat it Parent Meeting

12pm – 3pm Water Safety Road Show K – 6

Wednesday 25th March

Annunciation

Thursday 26th March

Easter Raffle tickets due back at school

Week 10

Monday 30th March

9am – 10am Reconciliation

1:30pm Term Award Assembly and Easter Raffle Drawn

Wednesday 1st April

School Photo Day

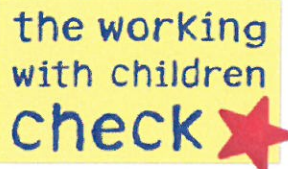
Thursday 2nd April - Last Day Term 1

Tuesday 21st April - First Day Back for Students Term 2

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How do I apply?

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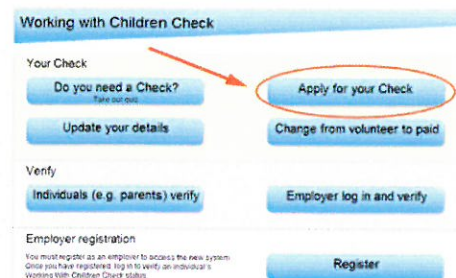
If you are starting a new **paid** job in child-related work in NSW, you need to apply for a Working With Children Check.

If you are currently employed or you volunteer in child related work, please see [FACT SHEET: Phase-in schedule](#) and [FACT SHEET: Exemptions](#) on our [Fact sheets and resources web page](#).

If you are applying from overseas or interstate, please see [FACT SHEET: Overseas applicants](#) or [FACT SHEET: Interstate applicants](#).

STEP 1: Complete an online application form

- Go to www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check and complete the online application form. If you do not have access to the internet, please telephone (02) 9286 7219 for assistance.
- Please make sure the details you provide are **EXACTLY THE SAME** as the details on your identity documents. If you have submitted the form with a mistake, please redo the form to avoid problems with the proof of identity requirement at step two.
- Ensure you select the correct category: paid or volunteer worker. The \$80 fee for paid workers is not refundable if you are a volunteer and you choose 'paid worker' by mistake. A Check for paid workers will cover both paid and volunteer work in NSW for five years.
- Once you have submitted the form, you will receive an application number that looks like this: APP1234567.



Scan to view our
[Online tutorials](#)

Need help? Watch the [online tutorial on YouTube](#). More video tutorials are available on our website: [Online tutorials](#).

STEP 2: Present proof of your identity

- Go to a NSW Motor Registry, RMS agency, or Service NSW office (not your local Council). Find a location at www.service.nsw.gov.au/service-centre.
- You will need your application number and [proof of your identity](#). You must have both of these items for your application to proceed.
- If you are in paid work, you will also be required to pay an \$80 fee for a five year clearance. See [FACT SHEET: Fee information](#).

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PLEASE NOTE: Before you go to submit your proof of identity

- You cannot submit proof of identity on behalf of someone else. You must appear in person with your own documentation.
- Proof of identity cannot be performed outside of NSW. It must be completed at a NSW Motor Registry, RMS Agency, or Service NSW office.
- Additional identity verification options are available for authorised carers and their adult household members who live interstate, and for those who are medically unable to attend a motor registry or RMS Agency. See [FACT SHEET Interstate or incapacitated authorised carers or householders: Identity verification options](#).

Receiving your results

You will receive your outcome and Working With Children Check number by email (or post if you do not have an email address). See also [FACT SHEET: When will I receive my results?](#) If you have not received your results within four weeks, please email your details and application number to check@kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au.

Find a NSW motor registry

Locations of Motor Registries, RMS Agency, or Service NSW offices can be found at www.service.nsw.gov.au/service-centre.

More information

For more information, please go to the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) available from at www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check.

If you have a question, please email check@kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au.

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