

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 4

13th May 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday we celebrated mothers with a special prayer and morning tea. Fr Andrew led our prayer, Kindergarten children led the reflection and Yr 6 student leaders hosted the morning tea. Teachers cooked the pancakes and Ms Nicholls baked the sensational cupcakes. Thank you to all who contributed to our celebration, especially the mothers who were able to join us on this special occasion. Hope you were all spoilt on Sunday!



On Sunday week, we will join with the parish community to celebrate Pentecost, often referred to as the birthday of the church. Scripture paints a vivid picture of the Spirit coming down on the apostles as tongues of fire, inflaming their hearts with the fervour of faith and the courage to speak to the multitudes in many languages. It was the first public evangelisation event by the followers of Christ. We too are called to be filled with the Spirit and proclaim the Good News. Join us for celebration of the Eucharist and an international lunch (bring a plate to share) at 10am Sunday 24th May.

Mrs Carter and Mrs Brogan accompanied our cross country squad to Eastern Creek last Tuesday for the Parramatta Diocese competition. The exemplary behaviour of our students was noted as was their sportsmanship. Congratulations to all our competitors, especially Ty Hickson for taking 7th place in his age group. Ty has been training before school and during the lunch breaks with Miss Treble. His commitment was rewarded. Well done!

National Assessment Program

Literacy and Numeracy

This week, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 throughout Australia will be participating in the National Assessment Program - Literacy And Numeracy (NAPLAN). This snapshot of student learning provides parents with a report of their child's learning achievement measured against both the school and the national achievement. NAPLAN also

provides the school with data of the strength of its learning programs. NAPLAN data is one of the tools we use to improve our learning programs and target student learning needs. Results are available later in the year. Teachers have ensured students remain calm and are well prepared for the testing format.



Year 6 students will be trialling the eSmart Digital Licence modules next week, to teach them about cyber safety. The program includes 12 online modules students have to complete, some with their parents, and cover a wide range of issues they will face in cyberspace. More information next newsletter.

Thank you to our Parent Association for organising the disco this Friday evening. All money raised this year will go towards iPads and other digital media for students to use in the classrooms. At our PA Committee meeting last week, I agreed to match dollar for dollar, the funds raised by the PA, so get behind them and let's raise the bar! Orders will be placed in \$10000 lots, so raise \$5000 and school will also spend \$5000. We can do this together!

Fran Jackson
Principal

School Disco
Friday 15th May
6:30pm – 8:30pm
Parent Helpers still needed



Learning without Limits

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Catholic Culture News

2015 Diocesan Works Fund Appeal

What is the DWF Appeal? Who do they help?

DWF reaches out to people in our local communities that are not supported by regular parish contributions. It provides opportunities to act together as one Church family and support ministries and services that individual parishes or schools cannot.



Every year schools across the Parramatta diocese are asked to contribute financially to the Diocesan Works Fund Appeal. The DWF provides financial assistance to many organisations that exist to support the work of the church in our community. One example of their work is to provide chaplains to our local Western Sydney University, others include counselling services to families in crisis. This year we are asking families to donate 5 cent pieces in what we are calling a '5c a-thon'. Mrs Jackson is providing a prize to the grade that brings in the most coins. So search around for those annoying five cent pieces that are lying around the house and not being used. They can be donated to a very worthy cause and help people in need.

Winter Appeal

Martin Rogers, a great friend to the St Joseph's community officially launched our Winter Appeal. He challenged students to share their energy and love with others through the donation of non-perishable food items. Once again we will be supporting two organisations through our donations this year, St Vincent de Paul and the Penrith Community Kitchen.

Items you can donate include: Cans of soup, noodles, pasta sauce, cans of fruit and cereal.



Upcoming Dates

Pentecost Mass with parish. Sunday May 24.
All families are invited to the 10am Mass.
Father Andrew is inviting people to bring a plate of international food to be shared after Mass. If you would like to fly a national flag please bring it to the Parish Office Saturday May 23.

Registrations for the Sacrament of Confirmation, are after the Sunday 10am Mass on the 14th June. This sacrament is available for students who have received the sacrament of Reconciliation and Communion.

Prayers from Year 2

Dear God,
Thank you for my family and to all the blessing and food you have given to us. And please take care of the poor people.
Amen (Faith)

Dear God,
Thank you for giving me a big heart so that I can share all my love that is inside with my family and friends. Thank you for helping me settle into St Joseph's and for the way my new friends welcomed me. Please encourage me to do well in my school work.
Amen (Chanel)

Mark Aggar
Religious Education Coordinator

General News

URGENT

This matter requires
**IMMEDIATE
ATTENTION**

If you received this product **MD 1534 Melt Wax Burner Set** for Mother's Day please return it to the school ASAP as it has been recalled by the manufacturer. You will be able to exchange the item for another gift (after next Monday's assembly) or request a refund. We apologise for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding regarding this matter.



2016 Enrolments

We are accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2016. Enrolment Forms are available at the school office and the school website. Please contact Karen Sprycha on 4732 3999 to arrange an interview.



School Uniform

2nd Hand Uniform's will be on sale every Monday this term after 8:30am. It will reopen after assembly until 9:30am.

Lost Property

Please ensure your child's name is on all their belongings. It is easier to return items to rightful owner if their name is on it.

Student Attendance

Late arrival to school

School hours are 8.50am to 3.00pm.

When students arrive, even 5 mins late, they have to "play catch up."

- Greetings have already been exchanged;
- Instructions have already been given;
- Learning has begun!

Late arrivals are recorded and appear on Student Reports. When no adult is present to sign late students in, it is recorded as "unexplained".

Parents/carers are urged to ensure students arrive on time at school each day.



Student absences

Parents must notify the school, in writing, when students have been unable to attend. Where an absence for sickness extends beyond one day, please notify the school with an approximate date of return. A medical certificate may be requested by the school if absences are frequent.

Extended leave – over 10 days, other than sick leave, requires an application to the principal prior to leave being taken. This is a legislative requirement.

Dismissal Procedures

There are three dismissal points at the school:

Bus Gate – ONLY for students catching buses;

Kiss 'N' Ride Gate – for students waiting to be picked up by car;

Walkers – for students picked up by parent/carers who either have left their cars to collect their children or are walking their children home.

Students not catching a bus or being collected by a car at Kiss'n'Ride, will be waiting in the Walkers area behind the admin building.

Our dismissal procedures are to keep our students safe and support teachers in managing the supervision of students. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Safety First on our Street

Some parents continue to abuse the safety rules when dropping off and collecting their children. A minute's poor decision can cause a lifetime of pain.

- The administration driveway is NOT for U-turns or dropping off and picking up children.
- Blocking the children's crossing is illegal.
- Blocking residents' driveways and the street, is inconsiderate to say the least.

Teachers are on duty until 3:30pm and no child is ever left alone to wait for parents. It stands to reason that not every one of our 300 students can all be collected at 3pm. Be prepared to wait or walk. Every parent, student and staff thank you for looking out for the safety of each one of our children. Please do your bit!



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 is 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.



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. This provision does not apply to the upcoming disco as parents and teachers will be roving supervisors and the Kindergarten excursion.



Learning News

Cave of Magic

By Rianna 3JS

Plan

Who: Guinea pig, me, evil money

Where: Deep dark cave

When: 1000000 years ago

Over a million years ago in a deep dark cave there lived the Genie of New South Wales.

Speeding along the bumpy pathway I tripped over a lamp.

It was as bright as a star. It was like it melted both my eyes.

It was in the dark scary cave.

I was bending my head down because I was soooooo terrified.

I ran as fast as a cheetah out of the cave with the lamp and had a good look at it.

The lamp was soooooo pretty. I got my jacket and wiped the dirt of it.

Suddenly when I finished wiping it was as bright as the moon.

A genie appeared.

The genie said, "I will grant you three wishes."

My first wish was to have a million dollars to give to the poor.

As soon as the genie granted my wish the money was alive and evil.

It went all over town to scare people.

As quick as a flash I ran to town to stop this mess.

I collected all of the money back and gave it to the guinea pig to fix.

I didn't get my other two wishes in case something bad happened.

Cave of Wonders

By Isobel 3LG

As quick as a flash I run into a cave and get out my torch. I see giant mountains of treasure with shiny jewellery. "No time to stop" I think to myself. Out of the blue I see a lava pool with stepping stones. I carefully jump to the end I climb a mountain. I finally see the magic lamp it's dusty so I rub it. Then poof a genie comes out there's smoke and blue. He says I can have three wishes. I wish for a unicorn with a pinwheel that when I blow it rainbows would come out. Okay my next wish is to have one hundred more wishes. He says he can't grant that. I feel sad there are so many things I want to wish for so I choose carefully. So my next wish will be to have another unicorn. My last wish is to have lots of money. He says that my wishes are granted. I am so happy that all my wishes were granted.

Year Two have been learning about the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. They have learnt how the women visited the tomb early on Easter Sunday morning and found that Jesus had risen, how they then rushed back to tell the other disciples and how the disciples ran to the tomb to see for themselves.



Extracurricular Activities

Cross Country



Our students are involved in a number of activities at the moment. Most events require significant preparation by students and teachers.

In Stage 3, training is well underway for both soccer and rugby league. The boys are practising as a team most days under the experienced guidance of Miss Treble and Mr Aggar. The Greg Alexander Shield Rugby League competition will be held on Tuesday May 26th at Hickeys Lane, Penrith.



S3 Rugby league

The soccer team will be supported by Miss Whitney on Thursday 21st May at Jamison Park, Penrith. Good luck boys!



S3 Boys Soccer

There are a number of Captivate events occurring this term. Our choir is rehearsing regularly with Mr Russell for the performances in week nine. The Year 6 Drama Ensemble are working hard and will

present 'Noah Dreary' at the Captivate Drama Showcase in week eight.



Musical Cast



Y6 Drama Ensemble

The combined primary band members have been rehearsing with Mr. Jackson for their concerts in week nine. Senior members of both the choir and band will represent our school at the Best Of Captivate showcase to be held at the Joan Sutherland Centre, Penrith.

Musical rehearsals have begun and are held each Tuesday afternoon after school. This year we are presenting 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies'. The students are already hard at work on both singing and dancing.

Liz Nicholls
Assistant Principal



Captivate Choir



Captivate Primary Band

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

MARRIAGE ANNULMENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Each year CCSS Solo Parent Services present an Information Session to help people understand the process of Marriage Annulments in the Catholic Church. The evening is open to anyone who is interested. **Venue:** Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd Orchard Hills **Date:** Tues 5th May **Time:** 7.30pm – 9.30pm. **Cost:** \$7.00. **Registration:** Rita or Eileen. PH: 9933 0205 or

Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

McCarthy Catholic College
75 Mackellar Street, Emu Plains

Trade Training Centre

INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 11, 2016:

Date: Wednesday 3 June 2015

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Start your trade and complete your HSC –
with **no** external examinations

Trades offered:

Automotive	Bricklaying
Electrical	Hairdressing
Childcare	Hospitality
Carpentry	Metal Fabrication

Enrolment Enquiries:

Mrs Katrina Gill - 4735 3211 (Option 1)

Holy Family Primary School, Luddenham
25th Anniversary Mass & Morning Tea

Friday 12th June
9.15am in the Church
Followed by Morning Tea in the School Hall

RSVP - 22nd May to
Marie, Monica or Despina in the School Office
For further information contact the
School Office on 4773 4485
Email - Luddenham@parra.catholic.edu.au



CATHOLICARE SOCIAL SERVICES
DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

SAVE THE DATE

Faith in Marriage

3rd Annual Marriage Conference

Sunday 23rd August 2015 • 9am – 3pm

at Our Lady of Mercy College, Victoria Road Parramatta

2015 Theme:

Marriage – A Culture of Love & Life

Speakers include: Reverend Father Peter Williams,
Jonathon Doyle and Lara & Tim Kirk

On-site child-minding available



Register your interest at marriage@ccss.org.au or call 02 9933 0222

Join Our Team **AFLAUSKICK.COM.AU**



The local AFL team the Penrith GIANTS would love to have you playing for them in 2015!

Location: Greygums Oval, Cranebrook

Time: 8.30AM – 10.00AM every Sunday morning.

It is an AFL program that involves modified games and learning extensively all the skills of AFL in a safe and enjoyable environment that caters for both boys and girls of all skill levels and ages.

For more information please contact Sophie on 8867 7403 or Sophie.mckibben@aflnswact.com.au



Under One Sky

THE AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Lawson Dance & Drum Workshop

Wed May 20
7:30pm
Lawson Public
School Hall

Blackheath Concert

Thu May 21, 7:30pm
Blackheath Community
Centre Hall
With Crowd Around Choir &
Lawson Public School Choir

Penrith Concert

Fri May 22, 7:30pm
Penrith Anglican College
Orchard Hills
With Warrimoo's Moo Choir

Blue Mountains
and Penrith



TICKETS and INFO
www.kwaya.org

Dates for your Diary

Week 4

Thursday 14th May

NAPLAN

Kindergarten Golden Ridge Excursion

Friday 15th May

School Disco 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Week 5

Monday 18th May

9am Whole School Assembly

6pm Year 6 Farewell Parent Meeting

7pm Parent Association Meeting

Tuesday 19th May

Year 5 Graffiti Workshop

Wednesday 20th May

Year 6 Student Leaders Grip Leadership

Captivate Combined Band Rehearsal Granville

Thursday 21st May

Captivate Combined Primary Choir Rehearsal Cranebrook

Stage 3 Boys Soccer

Week 6

Monday 25th May

9am Liturgy of the Word - Pentecost

Tuesday 26th May

Greg Alexander Shield

Friday 29th May

Fun Food Day – Sausage Sizzle

Have you moved house or changed your phone number? Have your emergency contact details changed? If so, please fill in the slip below and return it to the office. It is vital that we always have up-to-date contact details for you.

CHANGE OF DETAILS FORM

SURNAME: _____ **CHILD/CHILDREN'S NAME/S:** _____

New Address Details:

New Home Phone No:

New Mother's Mobile
No:

New Mother's Work
No:

New Father's Mobile
No:

New Father's Work:

Name:

Relationship to Child:

New Emergency Contact Details:

Phone: Home:

Work:

Mobile:**Date:**

Signature:

