

# St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 6

1<sup>st</sup> June 2016

Dear Parents,

Education is one of the main topics being discussed around these elections. Here is the response from our Executive Director, Greg Whitby:

## Radical Funding Freeze proposal

"Government and non-government schools deserve to be appropriately funded to ensure they achieve high quality outcomes for every student in every school.

The Centre for Policy Development's radical proposal to freeze funding for low fee Catholic schools would threaten parents' right to choose a faith-based education for their child.

Every student deserves a base level of educational funding in Australia. A funding freeze would put pressure on school fees at a time when many families in western Sydney are already struggling to make ends meet. Many parents who send their child to a Catholic school in western Sydney make big sacrifices to pay school fees because it is the best fit for their child's educational needs and religious preferences.

Catholic schools receive government funding because they play an integral role in providing education in the community. In western Sydney, Catholic schools educate one in four students. Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is one of the largest employers in western Sydney with over 5,000 staff. A funding freeze for low fee Catholic schools would not only have an adverse effect on our students and their families, but also our teachers and staff, local business and wider community. It would also put more pressure on the State government to cater for new public school places.

Students and families should not be disadvantaged for choosing a Catholic education for their child. We need to stop pitting non-government and government schools against each other and allow diversity and choice for families in the type of education they want for their children."

The community members of St Joseph's should be so proud for raising \$1416 in their Biggest Morning Tea last Thursday. The money raised will be given to the Cancer Council NSW.



A huge thank you to the dedicated band of parents who organized "best disco ever" on Friday night. The kids loved it! Thank you Elisha, Mel, Sarah, Belinda and countless helpers for working before, during and "after the ball is over" cleaning up. The kids say thank you!

Fran Jackson

## *Preloved Uniform Sale*

*Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June*

*2:30pm*

*Outside the Kindy rooms*



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# General News



## Penrith Community Kitchen needs your help!

Penrith Community Kitchen has been operating for 19 years. It is a community project staffed by volunteers. The kitchen is in desperate need of non-perishable foods. We are asking for donations of rice, pasta, canned soups and canned vegetables.

Please send your donations with your child to place in the basket in their classroom.

Thank you

Miss Durrington & the Mini Vinnie's Team



## **Australia's Biggest Morning Tea**

St Joseph's held a very successful Biggest Morning Tea last Thursday. We were able to raise \$1416 for this worthwhile cause.

We would like to thank: Studio 1000, Bruce, Bernard Purtell (TVSN), Catherine Serrao, Lisa Serrao, Ashu Aggarwal and Parents Club for donating items towards our raffle. Congratulations to the winners of the raffle!!

We would also like to thank Bakers Delight Centro, our wonderful Parents Club, community and staff, for coming together on the day and supporting this cause.



## **Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm**





## **Student Leaders Reception**



## **School Disco**



**Captivate News**

**Captivate tickets are on sale now.  
Please go to [www.captivate.catholic.edu.au](http://www.captivate.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



**CATHOLIC CARE SOCIAL SERVICES**  
Solo Parent Services

*By Your Side*

**Younger Widowed Support Group**



Has your spouse or partner died and are you searching for someone who understands the enormity of your loss and the impact this is having on your life and your children?

**Do you long to connect with others who have experienced a similar loss?**

Are you unsure of how to assist your children through their grief?  
**Would you like support as you deal with your changed circumstances?**

*We welcome you to our Monthly Support Group*

**VENUE:** Institute for Mission, 1 -5 Marion St, Blacktown  
**DATE:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each Month (Feb –Dec)  
**TIME:** 7.00pm – 9.00pm  
**COST:** \$5.00

**REGISTRATION**  
Solo Parent Services  
**PHONE:** Rita – 8822 2222  
**EMAIL:** [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

Visit [www.ccss.org.au](http://www.ccss.org.au)  [www.facebook.com/CCSSParramatta](https://www.facebook.com/CCSSParramatta)



## **SEMINAR**

### **Dealing With the Legal System**

**PRESENTED BY:**

**Mr. Richard Brading**

Principal Solicitor at Wesley Community Legal Service, Castlereagh Street, Sydney

At this Seminar you will learn

- How the Legal Process Works
- How to choose the best lawyer for your situation
- How best to prepare for and communicate with your Lawyer so as to minimize your legal fees,
- How to protect your rights regarding family assets.
- Options if you can't afford a lawyer or Representing yourself

#### **DATE**

Tuesday 7th June 2016

#### **TIME**

7.30pm—9.30pm

#### **VENUE**

CCSS Centre  
38 Prince St, Blacktown  
(Cnr First Ave)



**COST** \$7.00

**Further Details and Bookings**  
Solo Parent Services

**PH:** 8822 2222  
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## **CyberSafety presentation**

Xavier College will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2016 at 6pm** and all parents, carers and teachers are encouraged to attend.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a cyber safety education program that educates parents, carers and teachers on how people are using technology, the challenges they may face online, and how to help them overcome these in a safe and ethical way.

Please RSVP Xavier College Office 4777 0900 by Monday 20th June with number of Adults attending.





## Dates for your Diary

<b><u>Week 7</u></b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9am Whole School Assembly 3:30pm – 5pm School tours for Prospective Enrolments
	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Life Education
	<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Life Education Stage 3 Soccer
	<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Fun Food Day – Cheese & Bacon Rolls
<b><u>Week 8</u></b>	<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Queen's Holiday Public Holiday
	<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9am Whole School Assembly
<b><u>Week 9</u></b>	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9am Whole School Assembly
	<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Year 5 CARES excursion
	<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Year 5 Graffiti Workshop Captivate Concert
<b><u>Week 10</u></b>	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9am Term 2 Award Assembly
	<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 4 Penrith Lakes Excursion
	<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Last day Term 2

**Term 3 - School resumes for students Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

**FUN FOOD DAY**

**FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**Cheese and Bacon Rolls \$1.50**

**Poppers \$1**