

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 3

30th July 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week, we celebrate two important Catholic feasts for our parish and school.

Thursday 7th August, is the Feast of St Dominic, the founder of the "Order of Preachers" which dates back to 1216. Our parish priests, Fr Andrew OP and Fr Pawel OP belong to the Dominican Order as does Bishop Anthony Fisher OP.

Friday 8th August, is the Feast of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop, our first Australian Saint who founded the Religious Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. Our school was founded by these Sisters in 1963, after St Joseph's in Penrith was relocated and renamed St Nicholas of Myra. The Sisters of St Joseph were very active in our area. Mary Mackillop herself established OLOR School, St Mary's in 1880.

Both St Dominic and St Mary Mackillop led a deeply spiritual life and were devoted to the praying of the Rosary. St Dominic is attributed with spreading this Marian devotion through his preaching. Pope Pius XI stated that: *"The Rosary of Mary is the principle and foundation on which the very Order of Saint Dominic rests for making perfect the life of its members and obtaining the salvation of others."*¹⁴⁴

The habit worn by the Sisters of St Joseph included large rosary beads secured at the waist, symbolic of the importance of this prayer in their daily life. It was not unusual for the sisters to "say a decade" while working or walking during their day.

The Rosary meditates on the important events of the life of Jesus and acknowledges Mary's role as mother of Jesus and Help of Christians. The Rosary is a meditative prayer, inviting us to "sit with" the mystery of Christ. Try saying a decade in a spare moment while waiting or sitting in the car. It helps to put the ups and downs of life in perspective.

"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen"

Peace and joy!

Fran Jackson
Principal



*****This Friday 1st August – Census Day*****

If you know your child will be away on Friday please send a note into the school before this date.

If your child is away on this day please send a note into the school the next day your child returns.



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Religious Education News

Liturgies

On the 8th of August we will be celebrating the feast of St Mary Mackillop, Australia's first saint, in the MPA. Father Andrew will be leading us in the celebration. We are especially proud of her involvement in our school, as the Sisters of St Joseph founded St Joseph's Primary in 1963 and were a presence in the school until 1981.



We also acknowledge the feast of St Dominic on the 7th of August. Our Parish Priest, Father Andrew and his assistant Father Paul are both Dominicans as is our Bishop, Anthony. The Dominican order are renowned for their dedication to education, St Dominic was famous for his desire that everybody should learn to read so that eventually they could read the holy scriptures. Their motto is "To praise, to bless to preach" which is why he is often shown reading the bible in early art works.

Sunday the 10th of August we will also be holding a belated celebration of the feasts of St Joachim and Anne the Grandparents of Jesus. We will be combining this with our Family Fun Day to be held after the Mass.



Sacramental News

We are asking for prayers for the following students who are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation:

Luke Buhagiar, Natasha Satur, Jack Lewis, Emily Stacey, Luke Berg, Adrian Buhagiar, Sam Lewis.

We pray that as they journey through this process they will be guided in their learning by the Holy Spirit and be drawn closer to God.

Mark Aggar
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

General News

Kindergarten 2015 Enrolments

Kindergarten 2015 enrolments are now taking place - first round offers have been finalised however vacancies are still available.

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Year 6 Farewell Activities

As advised earlier in the year, the Year 6 Farewell Activities fee will be \$100. This has not been included in your school fees. Please pay this as soon as possible as we have had little response so far. To assist with the management of this cost parents may pay in instalments.

Fundraising News

Great Rotary Whitewater Duck Race 2014

The Rotary Whitewater Duck Race will be held on 13th September 2014 at 1pm. St Joseph's Primary School are selling 'Ownership Certificates' at \$5 each. From this the school will receive \$4 and you could win one of three great prizes. A great fundraiser for Rotary and St Joseph's! If you would like to purchase a ticket please see Jenny or Karen at the school office. Tickets are on sale until 29th August.

Learning News



Athletics Carnival

On Monday 21st July, St Joseph's Primary School students participated in the School Athletics Carnival. Students participated in a range of events and a number of students will be joining me at the Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday 8th August.



A big thank you to all the parents and staff who assisted on the day – it wouldn't have been such a success without you.

House Champions and Age Winners will be announced at our week 4 assembly.

Mrs Soliman



Athletics Carnival Recount By Year 5 students

On Monday 21st of July St Josephs had the athletics carnival. Everyone including teachers walked over to the oval to have a whole day of athletics, and fun.

Starting off, everyone arrived at school as normal and waited till the bell went. Year five and six went down to infants to pair up with a little kid. Year six went with Kinder and year five went with year one, my buddy was a little girl called Faith. She was so cute.

When we got there you could choose to run the 800 metre and I did, I came 4th. Straight after that the under eleven's had long jump, then 100 metre running, then 200 metre running, soon after the games with Mr Tim we had shot put then novelty.

It was a fun day and I enjoyed everything.

By Alex Miller 5CS

On Monday 21st of July St Joey's had a great day and all the children did too and the parents and the teachers. You want to know why? The athletics carnival was on. Everybody had a great time and a big shout out to the parents and teachers because without them it could not have happened.

By Jonah Sutherland-Stowers 5CS



On Monday the 21st of July we had our athletics carnival at St Joseph's. I was so excited. First we walked down to the oval with year 1 then we sat down in our class lines. Miss Treble called all the people who wanted to do the 800m race there were a lot of people racing.

First the ten year olds raced then eleven year olds then the twelves. They were epic races.

After we split up in our age groups the events were Long jump, 200m, 100m, shot put, games with Mr Tim then we had to get in our house groups and we had to cheer. MacKillop won for cheering.

It was a great day! ©

By Lwandile Ndlovu 5CS

Parent Association News

Parent Association Meeting – 7pm Monday 4th August

As Year 4 become more confident using their iPads to support their learning, the question of “Where to next?” arises. The iLean Project provided Year 4 students with the iPad they will use through to Year 6. How can we provide 2015 Year 4 & 6’s with the same opportunity?

While the school will always provide a core number of iPads for each class, it is not financially viable to fund a 1:1 program. The alternative, which a number of primary schools and most secondary schools have adopted, is “bring your own device” (BYOD).

There are many issues that need to be considered before we go down that path, and we invite all parents to attend the Parent Association Meeting where this topic will be discussed. Once a decision is made, it will impact on all students as they progress through the school, so make your voice heard, bring your questions, as a BYOD program is only successful when parents and the school work in partnership. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to send in your thoughts for consideration.

- Please come along to hear about BYOD (Bring your own Device) to school information as it will be an important part of our Children's (Stage 2 and 3) future learning habits.
- We would like expressions of interest in forming a Committee to look at changing parts of our school uniform, so please come along to have your say.



Family Fun Day

We need Volunteers to help out with baking cakes, cupcakes and slices for the Family Fun Day on the 10th August. These should be delivered to the school on the morning before 10am Mass.

We also need as many helpers on the day to run the cake, drink and BBQ stalls so that we have a successful day.

Please contact Marianne on 0439 690 760 to be part of the FUN.
See you all there.

Community News

Joey's Before and After School Care Inc

Friendly Reminder: It is a legal requirement to sign your child in and out of Joey's whenever they attend. Please make sure the gate is fully closed when entering and exiting the school – this is for the safety of children, staff and parents.

Joey's Before and After School Care Inc is a Child Care Benefit approved centre that is located on the school site. They have a flexible, relaxed, program catering to all ages and most interests with staff that are dedicated and caring. They value and encourage family input. Phone 4732 5771. Hours: Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays): 6.30am to 8.30am and 3.00pm to 6.30pm. Special 8.00am service is also available. Vacation Care programs run during school holidays from 7.00am to 6.00pm.

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2014 RSL ANZAC Art Awards Competition is now open for 2014.

The information below and on the website, <http://rslanzacart.photophuse.com/> provides full details about entry, eligibility and guidelines. As the Centenary of ANZAC draws closer, interest in this topic will no doubt increase so that students will become more aware of our military history. This year's competition will deliver one of the most exclusive art exhibitions in the State of NSW for 2015. The top 30 winning artworks will form the 2015 ANZAC Art Exhibition, with the theme of 'Gallipoli', and coordinating with the 100th anniversary of the famous battle.

Parish Playgroup

Parish Playgroup for children not yet at school is held on Mondays at 10.00am in the Parish Hall (Lieberman Room). Parents are welcome to attend our Monday morning assembly, have a cuppa afterwards and then go over to playgroup, or you can just go to Playgroup at 10.00am. We hope to see you there.

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

Faith in Marriage Conference will be held at OLMC Parramatta on Sunday 24 August. The cost is \$25/pp or \$50/couple and includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch. Childcare is available on site at the cost of \$30/family. **The marriage conference presents an invaluable opportunity for parents/couples of all life stages, to strengthen their marriages.**

'Managing the Bull' is a 6 week course, that builds resilience and self-esteem in bullied teens through games, activities and discussions. The course is held in a safe and supportive environment. **We welcome expressions of interest from any schools, or families who may be interested in learning more about this course, or having an in school presentation of some of the course contents.** Please email claire.gordon@ccss.org.au

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Dates for your Diary

Week 3

Friday 1st August – Census

Sunday 3rd August – Confirmation Meeting after 10am Mass

Week 4

Monday 4th August – School Assembly 9am

Monday 4th August – Year 6 Farewell Meeting 6pm; Parent Association Meeting 7pm

Friday 8th August – St Mary MacKillop liturgy in MPA 9am

Friday 8th August – Zone Athletics

Sunday 10th August – Family Fun & Grandparent's Day 10am – 3pm

Sunday 10th August - Confirmation Meeting after 10am Mass

Week 5

Monday 11th August – School Assembly 9am



Sunday 10th August 10am – 3pm

This year we will celebrate our Grandparents as part of our Family Fun Day.



- School Mass at 10am in the Church
- Student Performances in the MPA.
- Sausage sizzle, café and book fair.
- Classrooms will be open for visitors.

Come for an hour or stay for the whole day! There will be a special gift for all Grandparents attending on the day.