

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 4

5th August 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Tuesday the 4th of August...A wonderfully exciting day for St Joseph's...AARON BLABEY day! Our teachers have been working towards this day and preparing our students for more than six months. The level of excitement was amazing. At the beginning of the day, the entire school gathered in the MPA to greet Aaron. Mrs. Carter and some Year 5 students prepared an iMovie with students discussing their favourite books and characters. The Year 6 drama ensemble presented 'Noah Dreary' – one of Aaron's books. They received a standing ovation from Aaron for their amazing performance. Staff members were well into the spirit of the day, all dressing up as characters from Aaron's books.



Aaron presented three sessions throughout the day. All students were excited to have him read some of his best known books, including Pig the Pug, The Dreadful Fluff and Thelma the Unicorn. Even more exciting were the sneak previews of several new books – Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas, Pig the Winner and Can I Have a Cuddle. Aaron shared some of his drawing techniques and taught us the process of creating a book – from start to finish. Our students asked Aaron a multitude of questions about his life, writing, drawing, ideas, inspiration, favourite characters and so forth.

Aaron left us with some original drawings, many autographed books and a number of posters. Most importantly, he left both students and staff inspired to continue reading, writing and drawing. Thanks to the staff for their commitment in preparation. It was a truly amazing day and we were incredibly grateful for the opportunity to spend time with this award winning Australian author. Thanks Aaron



This Sunday, August 9th is our annual Family Fun Day. We begin by celebrating our Parish Mass at 10am. A number of our students will be involved in the Mass and all our families are not only invited but encouraged to attend. Following Mass there will be a number of activities. Classrooms will be open from the conclusion of Mass through to midday. Book Fair will run in the MPA from 12:15pm with student performances commencing at 12:30pm. Sausage sandwiches, cakes and drinks will be available to purchase throughout the day. Family Fun Day is a great opportunity to celebrate our school and parish community and enjoy the work and presentations of our talented students. We look

forward to seeing our families there.

Yours sincerely,
Liz Nicholls
Assistant Principal

Census Day - This Friday 7th August

If you know your child will be away from school on Friday you must send a note in before Friday.

If your child is unexpectedly away on Friday you must send a note into school on Monday



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Catholic Culture News

Dear Parents,

Family Fun Day

Sunday the 9th of August is our Family Fun Day. We are combining a belated celebration of the feasts of St Joachim and Anne (the Grandparents of Jesus) with our Family Fun Day to be held after the 10am Sunday Mass. A flyer has been sent home to all families and we would love to see as many school families as possible attend Mass to start the celebrations.

Children who expressed an interest in singing in a small choir at the 10am Mass need to return their notes this week to Mrs. Boyer.

St Joseph's Parish

Please, don't forget to make coming along to mass each weekend a priority. We have four masses over the weekend: Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 8:30am & 10:00am. Polish Mass- Saturday 4pm.

Faith Formation

Religious Literacy Assessment

During Week 3 & 4, students in Years 4 and 6 will take part in an online trial of the Religious Literacy Assessment. This will take part during class time in preparation for the official testing that will occur towards the end of term. Most students have already completed their trial last week and the remaining students are completing it this week.

Below is a sample of the types of questions included in this Religious Literacy Assessment:

Q. Name the four main parts of the Mass.

Introductory Rite

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Concluding Rite

Q. How is Jesus present in the Introductory Rite?

In the community gathered and in the priest

Q. How is Jesus present in the Liturgy of the word?

In the words read from the Bible

Q. How is Jesus present in the Liturgy of the Eucharist?

In the gifts of bread and wine which are changed into the body and blood of Christ

Parents, you may like to go through these questions and answers with your children at home and have a discussion around what happens in each part of the Mass.

Upcoming dates

Mary Mackillop Liturgy, Monday 10th August.

Mrs. Monique Boyer

Acting Religious Education Coordinator

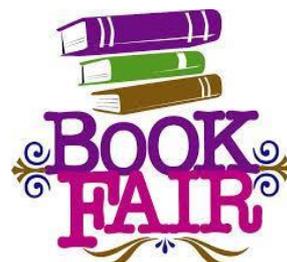
General News

Book Fair

There will be a book fair at the Family Fun Day. If you are unable to attend our Family Fun Day you may wish to choose books to purchase from the pamphlet handed out last week. Orders need to be placed online – www.scholastic.com.au/payment or via phone 1800 557 908.

Please return the completed form, with receipt number (no other payments are accepted), to the school office by Thursday 6th August (if you are not attending Family Fun Day) so we can fill your order.

Please note there will be many other books, other than those in the pamphlet, available on the day and can be purchased by cash or eftpos.



Family Fun Day - Volunteers Needed

We need Volunteers to help out with baking cakes, cupcakes and slices for the Family Fun Day on the 9th August. Cake boxes are available at the school office. These should be delivered to school on the morning before 10am Mass.

URGENT - 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.



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.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015



This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet (maximum 60 stickers per sheet) and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection

Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

i-Learn Information Evening - Monday 10th August 7pm



Next Monday night the Year 5 teachers are running an i-Learn Information session.

The purpose of this session is to introduce parents and carers to various apps/programs the students use within the i-learn program. We invite you to come along and see some of the interactive learning your child is involved in.

We look forward to seeing you!
Mrs McGannon and Mrs Carter

Fun Food Day

Our next Fun Food Day, a sausage sizzle, will be held on Friday 21st August. Sausage Sandwich \$2.50 and Popper Drinks \$1.00.



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REPORTING AUTHORITY

PRIVACY NOTICE

Information required to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA) for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child's school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the ACARA Act 2008 for one or both of the following purposes:

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au.

Mathematics News

Open investigations are a fun way to learn numerous solutions and answers for a task. For example you may find 10 or more different answers for the same task.

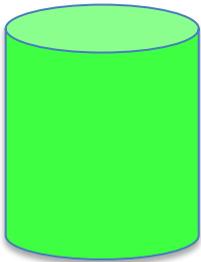
How many solutions can you and your family come up with? Perhaps children could verse parents or work in teams...

Have fun and let the challenge begin!
Mrs McGannon & Miss Durrington

Activity 1 – 3D Shapes

How many 3D shapes can you find in your house?

Record your solutions in a creative way eg. You could list them, draw them, put them in a table etc.



Activity 2 – Lucky Dip Difference

- Write 2 numbers of your choice
- Use whatever strategy you would like to work out the difference
- Show your working out and record your solutions
- Do as many as you can

Eg.

7

15

I can count on from 7 to find the difference. Eg $7 + 8 = 15$
The difference is 8

I can use subtraction eg. $15 - 7 = ?$

237

85

The difference between 237 and 85 is ?

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

Seminar – Understanding Family Law – Two Sessions

CCSS Solo Parent Services are holding two sessions for our Seminar on “Understanding Family Law”. The seminars on the following dates will cover the topics below:

Wednesday 22nd July – Understanding the Family Law Act – Focus on Divorce/Separation and Children’s needs.

Wednesday 12th August – Understanding the Family Law Act – Focus on Settlements/Property.

Venue for both Seminars: DAC, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown **Time:** 7.30pm – 9.30pm **Cost:** \$7.00 per session

Registration Essential: Solo Parent Services - Eileen or Rita - PH: 9933 0205 EMAIL: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Younger Widowed Support Group

Held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month for anyone who at a younger age has suffered the death of their spouse or partner. This is aimed for people under 55 with or without children.

Next Gathering: Tuesday 21st July. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm **Venue:** CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St,

Blacktown **Cost:** \$5.00 **Details:** Solo Parent Services - Eileen or Rita - PH: 9933 0205 EMAIL: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Nutrition Snippet

Cancer Council NSW

The simplest way

...to make Apple + Peach Pie.

Ingredients
2 medium apples, peeled and chopped -- 800g can peaches canned in juice, drained-- 6 sheets filo pastry -- spray oil --1 teaspoon sugar

Method
Preheat oven to 200°C -- Place apples in a microwave and oven proof dish and cover with a plate or cling film with holes in it. Microwave on HIGH (100%) for 1 minute. Carefully remove the plate or cling-film as the steam will be hot -- Add peaches to the oven-proof dish. Scrunch a sheet of filo pastry and arrange on top of the dish. Repeat with the rest of the filo sheets until the whole top of the dish is covered -- Lightly spray the pastry with oil, and sprinkle with sugar -- Bake for 25 minutes, until the pastry is golden and crispy -- *TIP: This recipe works for any fresh, frozen or canned fruit.*

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://www.facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.

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Eat It To Beat It

AFGS AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL GENERATION STARS

ALL OF OUR SOCCER PROGRAMS ARE BASED ON FUN, FRIENDLY, and ENJOYABLE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGE GROUPS AND SKILL LEVELS.

The head coach is BALLA CONDE. Balla is a former Guinea International Football Player with over 20 years of professional experience.

AFGS is associated with the HENRY LAWSON SOCCER CLUB.

Training Base situated at: PARKES AVENUE SPORTING COMPLEX Parkes Avenue, Werrington

AFGS provides one on one training, school holiday camps and team training.

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