

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 4

10th August 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for the welcome I have received from parents, students and staff here at St Joseph's. As you know Mrs Jackson is on sick leave at the moment and I have been asked to come here in her absence.

It was a delight to meet some of the parents last Tuesday evening at the Parents and Friends meeting. You have a thriving group who are working very hard in the best interests of the students and staff. The fund raising events they have planned and completed will ensure more facilities for the students. Congratulations.

I am pleased to be here on the week of the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Mary's love of education and her legacy of Josephite schools is something that will continue to be celebrated proudly in Australia, particularly at St Joseph's Kingswood.

It doesn't seem so very long ago St Mary of the Cross MacKillop was canonised on 17 October 2010 during a public ceremony in St Peter's Square at the Vatican. She is still the only Australian to be recognised by the Roman Catholic Church as a saint.

"May the spirit of unity and love reign amongst us"
Mary MacKillop 1884



God Bless,

Tricia Carr
Acting Principal

*Thank you to those parents who have sent in a note to the school if
their child was sick on Friday 5th August – Census Day.*

*If your child was away from school last Friday please send in a written
explanation to school ASAP.*




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School Fees

Term 3 School Fees

Term 3 school fees have been posted. If you haven't received your statement please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999.



'ZERO TOLERANCE'
OF ILLEGAL PARKING
IN SCHOOL ZONES TO
PROTECT YOUR CHILD

When it comes to the safety of vulnerable road users like school children, drivers found breaking the law will be met with zero tolerance. Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need you to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.

WHEN AN OFFENCE IS DETECTED A FINE AND 2 DEMERIT POINTS APPLY.

Illegal parking around schools endangers children's lives.

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FACT/S

If you've heard the expression "It's only a matter of time until someone gets hurt" then you understand why it is important for everyone to obey the road rules.

A child hit at an impact speed of 30km/hr has a 99% chance of surviving. At 70km/hr the chance of survival is less than 7%.

SOURCE: Australian Transport Safety Bureau

What does this mean?
You cannot stop in this area for any reason.

Why is it there?
To keep sight distance clear for drivers, children & other pedestrians to avoid crashes.



What does this mean?
You cannot stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

Why is it there?
To provide a safe place for buses to set down & pick up passengers.



What does this mean?
You can stop in this area to drop off or pick up passengers for a maximum of 2 minutes. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Why is it there?
To provide safe places for children to be picked up - usually associated with Kiss & Ride zones.



40 km/hr School Zones are provided to increase the safety of all pedestrians, but especially children, who are walking in the vicinity of schools. Obey the limit and be aware of the time of day.



Parking on footpaths/nature strips is an offence - fines can be issued that include the loss of 2 demerit points.

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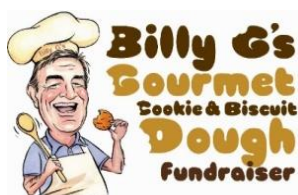
Complaints Handling Policy

Reminder for our school community: If, at any time, you find that you have a concern with St Joseph's Primary School, you are encouraged to come to the school and speak with the teacher/s, assistant principal and/or principal, to identify your concern.

It is our aim to work with all members of our school community to ensure we do the very best to provide a productive, safe and enjoyable learning experience for our students and professionally fulfilling experience for our staff.

If you would like to raise a concern, the Catholic Education Office has guidelines for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. Information about how to handle complaints either informally or formally is available from the school office and/or within the Complaint Handling Guidelines. These documents can be accessed on our [school website](#) or on the [CEDP website](#). Complaint forms are available in the school office and can be downloaded from Skoolbag.

Parent Association News



FUNDRAISING HAS NEVER TASTED SO GOOD! BAKE YOUR VERY OWN DELICIOUS COOKIES!!

St Joseph's is excited to announce that we have commenced our very own Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser. All funds raised will be used to purchase learning equipment for the school. The very moorish cookie dough is only available through fundraisers and is not sold in stores, so stock up!

Attached, please find the Billy G's Fundraiser order form that will assist you in collecting orders from family, friends & neighbours.

Paying for your orders

You have two options:

1. Return monies with the attached order form to your co-ordinator for yourself and multiple orders for family, friends, work colleagues and neighbours, or
2. **Order and pay online**

Go to www.australianfundraising.com.au/cookie dough and place your order and pay online.

You must return your order form with the online order and payment details together with prize ordered sections filled in so your co-ordinator can total the tubs of cookie dough and prizes required for delivery.

Billy G's is an Australian family owned and operated business. There are ten (10) delicious flavours including a new Gingerbread and Shortbread Biscuit dough, a cheese flavoured Doggie Dough that your favourite furry animals will go bonkers over and a Gluten Free Choc Chunk.

We have a fantastic incentive prize program available for each child when you buy or sell one or more tubs of cookie dough. These are shown in the attached order form.

- The cookie dough is packed in a reusable 1kg tub which makes 40 x 25g cookies. **33c-38c per cookie.**
- You can **RE-FREEZE** the cookie dough and thaw it out as you require for baking.
- You can keep the thawed cookie dough in your refrigerator for up to 4 weeks.

Billy G's Golden Lid Competition: will you be the lucky winner? Find a Billy G's Golden Sticker under the lid of a tub of cookie dough for your chance to win instant prizes.

Gold Coast Family Holiday Promotion: simply by purchasing or selling a tub of cookie dough you will have the chance to win a five (5) night holiday to the Gold Coast and either \$1,000 spending money or a \$1,000 Virgin Australian Gift Voucher. To enter, please go to www.australianfundraising.com.au/win.

Please return your brochure & payment to school by Tuesday 23rd August

Current scheduled day for pick up is Thursday 15th September

We thank you for making our Billy G's Fundraiser a huge success!

St Joseph's Parent Association

Fun Food Day

Friday 12th August 2016

Fun Food Day will be served at lunch 2.



Cheese and Bacon Rolls - \$1.50 each.

Juice Poppers - \$1.00 each.

Volunteers are required between 1:00pm and 2:00pm to help set up and serve.

Please contact Belinda on 0411 097 435

Father's Day Gift Donations

Would you like to donate gifts to the Father's Day stall, coming up on 1st September 2016?

If you have something that you think is a suitable gift for Father's Day, please drop it off at the school office before 25/08/16.

Please Note: No broken, faulty, damaged or expired items.

We will also have some purchased items for sale on the day, but would love to compliment these with your generous donations!

Thank you in advance!

Learning News

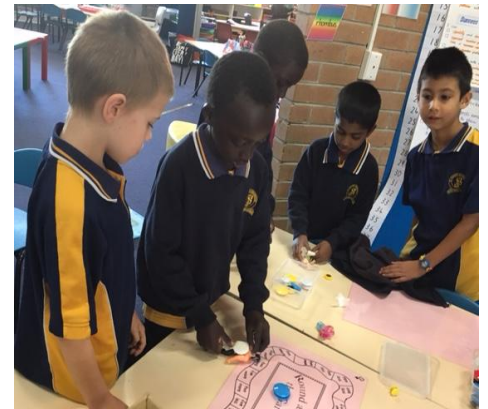
Year 1 STEM Activities

Year 1 have been working on STEM activities this term. In Week 1, we made Rubber Band Cars, Balloon Cars, and a Turbo Wheel. We also made a Tower of Cups and investigated how we could write a code for others to re-create our tower.

In Week 2, we investigated how to make a tower using Candy Conversation Hearts and measured how high we could make our towers and what strategies we could use to make our towers taller. We also used magnets to make a 'Superhero' move across a board: created 3D Objects using straws and pipe cleaners and made a Lego Pattern and wrote a code to match the pattern.

Everyone in Year 1 has had a great time constructing and problem solving issues that arose with their particular tasks. It has been a great experience to see the students cooperating with each other to solve problems and complete their tasks.

We are very excited about being able to use Bee-Bots in the classroom later this term and the opportunity to introduce the students to using codes and programming their Bots to follow a designated path.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten made Olympic torches with their Year 6 buddies.



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

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Free autism workshop for families in Penrith

Like all school-age students, children on the autism spectrum benefit from strong, positive relationships between the home and school. Positive Partnerships uses evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers in your local community.

Details for the upcoming 2 day workshop

Dates: 23/24th August 2016

A third half day will be offered to follow up with participants on the 7th September. Details for this session will be discussed at the workshop

Venue: Penrith Panthers. 123 Mulgoa Road, Penrith

Cost: Free - including resources, lunch, morning tea and refreshments

Full details and online registration at www.positivepartnerships.com.au

The workshop is funded as part of an Australian Government Department of Education initiative to support school-age children on the autism spectrum across Australia.

Dates for your Diary

Week 4

Thursday 11th August

Zone Athletics

Friday 12th August

Annabelle Spoon Tour

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th August

Fun Food Day – Cheese & Bacon Rolls

9am – 3pm Musical Working Bee

Week 5

Monday 15th August

9am Assumption Liturgy

Thursday 18th August

Year 1 excursion to Australian Arms

Thursday 18th – Friday 19th August

Stage 3 Camp

Week 6

Book Week

Monday 22nd August

9am Book Week Launch Assembly

Tuesday 23rd August

Netball Gala

Musical



Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th August
9am – 3pm

There is a lot of work that still needs to be done.
All parents/carers are invited to come along and
help for a few hours

