

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 5

14th August 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful community event we enjoyed last Sunday. Thank you to all who participated on the day. Special thanks to the parents who brought cakes for our 'Café', the ex-students who ran errands, painted faces, helped out where needed, our dynamic Parent Association leadership who organised and provided their service on the day, and staff that were able to attend and open classrooms for you to visit. Beginning the day with Mass spoke to our identity as a Catholic school - we are a very blessed community!

This Friday is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. There is no reference in any of the writings of the apostles or the early Church that refer to a burial place for Mary. Tradition, as early as 500AD, has taught the belief in the bodily assumption of Mary into heaven. We celebrate this on the 15th August. We will celebrate this special feast with Mass at 9.15am on Friday. All welcome.

There were few parents who attended our Parent Association meeting last week. We discussed the impact of a Bring Your Own Device policy at St Joseph's. I will be sending out a consultation paper to parents next week for you to consider so a decision can be made for 2015. At this stage, it is envisioned to only impact on students in Years 4 – 6, but need input from all as it will impact on all in the future.

Peace and joy!

Fran Jackson
Principal



Monday 18th August

...Money raised
will help us buy
new books for the
Library...

Story 'a-thon'



...Parents dress
up and come
along...

8:50 Book Week Launch in MPA

9:30 Story a-thon Activities

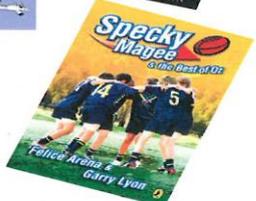
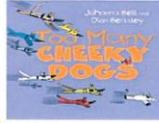
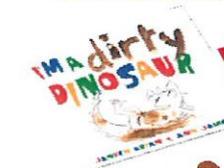
10:50 Picnic Lunch 1

11:30 Story a-thon Activities

1:30 Picnic Lunch 2

2:00 Sharing Celebration in MPA

Children
invited to
dress as a
book character
OR wear
sports uniform



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Religious Education News



The Assumption

This Friday, August 15, we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is one of the oldest feast days in the Church; its origins go back to the 6th Century. As a school community we will be remembering Mary's assumption into heaven with a special Mass in our church. All families are invited to join us for Mass at 9:15am.

Did you know ????

At our recent Sunday Mass celebrated for our Family Fun Day, Father Andrew was using a 'Thurible'. It is a special incense burner used in church. Father Andrew used it at Mass as a method of purification, in a similar way to Australian Aboriginal people when they have a smoking ceremony. It is seen as a symbol of the prayers of the faithful rising to heaven. The Thurible dates back to the early church and is now used on special occasions, when purifying the Gospel, the Eucharist or even Priests. It certainly added a mystical element to our celebration.



Mark Aggar
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

General News

ENROL NOW

Kindergarten 2015 Enrolments

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

Parent Reading Program

Thank you to all those parents who have been making the Parent Reading Program a success in the classrooms. If you would like to assist please contact Mrs Terrie Berg.



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Facebook

Please note that Facebook is not continuously monitored throughout the week and on the weekends. Please direct any questions or queries to the school office between 8am and 4pm, Monday to Friday.



The simplest way
to improve the health of your family and save money

Come to our FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop

Date: Monday 1st September
Time: 9:15am until 10:45am
Venue: St Joseph's Primary School Kingswood



Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer? This **free workshop** run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

- Save time and money making healthy meals
- Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters
- Get a free recipe book simply by attending

Don't miss out – registration is essential. To book your place please register no later than 28/8/14 by:
Calling or visiting the school front office or register online at www.cancercouncil.org.au/eatittoBeatit/register

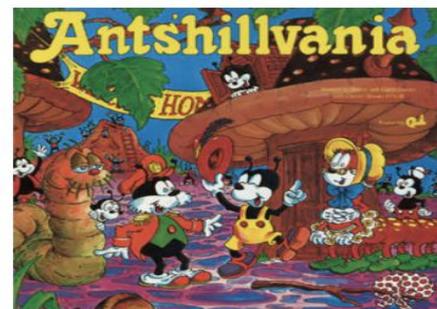
The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.



Health
Nepean Blue Mountains
Local Health District



St JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
presents



September 17th, 2014

4pm & 7pm

NRMA Science & Road Safety Day – Monday 1 September 2014



Our school will be hosting an NRMA Science & Road Safety Day, a new road safety program that will be delivered free of charge to our school by the National Roads & Motorists' Association with the aim of helping our students stay safe of the road.

This program involves students participating in road safety shows in the hall and completing road safety workbooks in the classroom to help the road safety messages stick.

The shows combine important road safety message with science. Messages such as “Wear their seatbelt” have a greater impact when children have a stronger understanding of the forces they experience when travelling in a car and what could happen to them should the car stop suddenly in a crash. In the science show, a crash test dummy – an egg – memorably

shows children how a seatbelt works to restraint passengers in a crash and more importantly why a seatbelt must be worn on each trip.

Parents play a vital role in keeping their children safe, and so we would like to invite you to come and watch the first show of the day to see what your children are learning and how you can reinforce these road safety messages at home.

After the day, your child will be bringing home the NRMA road safety workbook they have completed in class so take the opportunity to speak to them about what they have learned and what they can do to help keep their friends and family safe. Within each workbook is a 4-page parent insert on child road and bike safety for you as a handy reference guide at home.

The program is now in its second season and 40,000 students already enjoyed the program while learning more about road safety. We are one of 100 schools across NSW and ACT to be chosen to host a day in Season 2 and with your help we aim to make it a great success.

Sports News

Reminder!

Netball

Friendly Reminder: Please remember to bring in your notes and payment for Netball Gala Day ASAP.

Zone Athletics Carnival

On Friday 8th August, a group of students from our school joined me at the Zone Athletics Carnival in Rooty Hill. The students participated in a range of track and field events. All the students participated with enthusiasm and did their best in all events.

The following students were selected to represent St Joseph's Primary School at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival on the 22nd August, 2014.

Faustyna Chrobok
3rd 100m Snr Girls
4th 200m Snr Girls

Oliver Park
4th 100m Snr Boys

Logan Grant
4th 800m Jnr Boys

Jonathan Page
4th Jnr Shot Put

Francesca Pereira
2nd 100m 8yr Girls

Good luck to all the students attending the Diocesan Athletics Carnival and a special mention to the parent helpers on the day - your help was greatly appreciated!

Mrs Soliman



Family Fun and Grandparents Day News

A great big THANK YOU to parents, students, grandparents and visitors for coming and celebrating our Family Fun and Grandparents Day

Special thanks to staff and the Parent Association for their service and Father Andrew and Father Pawel for celebrating Mass with us and joining in the fun.

****Grandparent portraits are still available to buy for a gold coin donation****



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.

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

Catholic Care Parenting Groups

Group (Facilitators)	Dates	Time	Duration	Office/Centre	Address
Circle of Security – Jeanette Reid	Term 3 Mondays 21/7/14 8/9/14	10.00am To 12noon	8 weeks	Penrith CCSS – phone 4721 5331	326 High St, Penrith
Triple P Group - Natalie	Term 3 - Fridays 25/7/14 – 29/8/14	10.00am To 12 noon	6 weeks	St Patrick's Parish Centre, Blacktown 8822 2222	51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown
REACH – Julie Webster	Term 3 - Wednesdays, 30/7/14- 10/9/14	10am – 12noon	9 weeks	Penrith CCSS Office – 4721 5331	326 High Street, Penrith
123 Magic Annette and Karen	Term 4 16 th October – 30 th October	10am – 12.30pm	3 weeks	CatholicCare Penrith Family Support 02 4721 5331	326 High Street, Penrith.
123 Magic Natalie	Term 4 Wednesday, 5/11/14- 19/11/14	6pm -8pm	3 weeks	All Saints of Africa Centre, 8822 2222	63 Allawah Street,Blacktown
Circle of Security – Jeanette Reid	Term 4 Mondays 20/10/14 - 8/12/14	10am-12non	8 weeks	Penrith CCSS Office – 4721 5331	326 High Street, Penrith
Keeping Children Safe- Natalie & Fran	Term 4 - Fridays 17/10/14- 7/11/14	10.00am To 12.30pm	5 weeks	All Saints of Africa Centre-0421078108	63 Allawah St, Blacktown
Triple P Group Program – Fran	Term 4 – Thursdays – 9/10/14- 20/11/14	10am-12pm	6 weeks	St. Patricks Parish Centre, Blacktown 8822 2222	51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown.

Henry Lawson Hornet's - Softball Club

The Club is under new management and we are looking to recruit new players for the upcoming 2014/15 season commencing in September.

Benny Ball - ages 4/5/6 T-Ball - ages 7/8/9 Mod. Ball - ages 10/11/12 (dependent on DOB)

We are especially encouraging girls to register to take part in this fun and exciting team sport.

Games are played on Saturday's at the same time and location - Surveyor's Creek Sport Complex/Softball Diamond's @ Glenmore Park.

For enquiries or further details please contact **Jason: 0413 119220**

Dates for your Diary

Week 5

Thursday 14th August – Choir Eisteddfod

Friday 15th August – Feast of the Assumption of Mary Mass 9:15am

Sunday 17th August – Confirmation Meeting after 10am Mass

Week 6

Monday 18th August – Book Week Assembly 8:50am; Story Day Athon

Tuesday 19th August – Netball Gala Day

Thursday 21st August – Strings Eisteddfod

Friday 22nd August – Fun Food Day

Friday 22nd August – Diocesan Athletics

Friday 22nd August – Stage 3 NRL Session 1

Sunday 24th August - Confirmation Meeting after 10am Mass

Week 7

Monday 25th August – School Assembly 9am

