Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with sadness that I share the news of the passing of Fran's husband, John. John died last week with Fran and their three sons Kristian, Damian and Alex by his side. Please keep Fran, her sons and their extended family in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord And may perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.



Mrs Jackson will remain on leave until Term Four.

Liz Nicholls Acting Principal



"Praise be to the God and

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the Father of compassion

and the God of all comfort,

who comforts us in all our troubles."

2 Corinthians 1:3



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School News

It has been a busy time for St Joseph's students. Congratulations to the many students who represented our school at the Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday 7th August. Five students have made it to Diocesan level:



Jonah Sutherland-Stowers - Shot put Zaid Lehn - 100m, 200m and long jump Jonathon Page – Shot put Mading Mading - 800m Katie Borg – 200m

We wish these students all the best for the Diocesan carnival this Friday, 21st August.

Last Wednesday, St Joseph's competed in the Voice of Youth cluster final at Corpus Christi Primary School Cranebrook. Lucie Coulter, Natalia Larsen-Tai and Haylee Whitfield prepared their speeches diligently and spoke confidently. Well done to each of the girls for their great work.



Last Thursday, almost one hundred of our students travelled to the Joan Sutherland Centre to complete in the Penrith Eisteddfod. Our infants and primary choirs performed with great exuberance, each achieving third place. Special thanks to Mr Tim for his preparation of the students and the teachers who assisted with supervision on the day.



Our Musical Working Bee is this weekend, 22nd and 23rd August. The working bee will be held in the MPA and entry will be through the walker's gate near Kindergarten. We are very grateful for any help you may be able to provide. Please understand that we are not able to accommodate primary school aged and younger children on this day. There are WHS issues with children being in the MPA and we are unable to provide supervision in any other part of the school.

Parent Workshops - Maths

You are invited to our Term 3 Maths Workshops for Parents. Come to one or come to all!

Where:	Music Room		
When:	Week 725 th August	Week 81 st September	Week 9 8 th September
Time:	Tuesday 2:30pm -3:00pm		
<u>RSVP:</u>	Please complete the slip and return to school as soon as possible		

Parent Workshops - Maths

Parent(s) Name: _____ Child's Class: _____

Please circle the weeks you would like to come:

Week 7 – Card Games

Week 8 – Counting & Place Value

Week 9 - Dice Games

Catholic Culture News

Dear Parents,

<u>Family Fun Day</u>

On Sunday the 9th of August we held our annual Family Fun Day. The day started with parish Mass and it was wonderful to see so many school families attend. We appreciate all the students and their families who participated in the Mass, especially those who read or sang in the choir. It was a lovely way for the parish and school community to come together.



Whole School Liturgies

As a school community, over the past two weeks, we have celebrated two very important Liturgies of the Word. Last week we celebrated the Feast of Mary MacKillop, who is Australia's first saint and this week we celebrated the Assumption of Mary, who shares in the glory of God in heaven. Mary shows us that believing in God is a matter of complete faith and complete trust in God.



<u>Faith Formation</u> Religious Literacy Assessment

During Weeks 6 and 7, students in Years 4 and 6 will take part in an online Religious Literacy Assessment. This will take part during class time.

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

Q: What are some feast days of Mary?

- A: 1. The Annunciation.
 - 2. The Visitation.
 - 3. The Assumption.
 - 4. Our Lady Help of Christians

Q: What is another title of Mary?

- A: Queen of Peace.
- Q: Who is Mary's husband?
- A: Joseph.

Q: What are the prayers to Mary?

- A: 1. Hail Mary.
 - 2. Hail Holy Queen.
 - 3. The Angelus.
 - 4. The Rosary.

Q: What Prayer do we stop and pray at midday?

A: The Angelus because it reminds us of the Annunciation and Mary's "Yes" to God.

Parents, you may like to go through these questions and answers with your children at home and have a discussion together about Mary.

Upcoming dates

Father's Day Liturgy – Friday 4th September

Let us pray this week that like Mary we may open our hearts, our minds, and our lives to the greatness of God who can work in us.

Mrs Monique Boyer Acting Religious Education Coordinator



General News



<u>Contacting the School</u>

If you need to speak to a staff member please contact the school office between 8am and 4pm, Monday to Friday either on 4732 3999 or via the school email <u>stjosephskwood@parra.catholic.edu.au</u>. Alternatively, you can write a note to the staff member explaining why you need to speak to them and they will contact you as soon as possible.

Please note that Facebook is not continuously monitored throughout the week and on the weekends. Please DO NOT ask any questions or queries on Facebook.



<u>2016 Enrolments</u>

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

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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 <u>www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn</u>

<u>Father's Day Stall</u>

St Joseph's Father's Day Stall will be held on Thursday 3rd September. Items will be priced from \$1 up to \$10.





<u>Netball Gala Day</u>

Please return the netball gala note to school ASAP.

Pastoral Care and Student Wellbeing Policy

Our policies and procedures for student wellbeing are based on the Positive Behaviour School framework putting the focus on student learning.

Expectations are articulated in our STaRS:

Safe Thoughtful actively Responsible Students

Expectations are explicitly taught to all students and individual plans are developed for students requiring more intensive support. All staff support students in living out the STaRS values.

In line with the Student Wellbeing Policy, discrimination, harassment or bullying are not permitted. Incidents arising pertaining to these matters need to be conveyed to the class teacher and will be dealt with in an appropriate manner. For further details, visit the school website: www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au

Discipline Policy

St Joseph's discipline policy ensures procedural fairness, the hearing rule, and the right to an unbiased decision. St Joseph's staff neither use, nor sanction, corporal punishment. When an incident occurs which requires the individual to be disciplined, staff ensure that it is dealt with in an appropriate manner taking into consideration the above requirements.

Complaints and Grievances Procedures

From time to time concerns may arise in regard to the school between different stakeholders. The following procedures have been developed to effectively address any such concerns.

<u>Parents</u>

Complaints or grievances pertaining to classroom issues, or that relate to other children are to be dealt with by school personnel. It is not appropriate for parents to approach other parents, or their children, with the intention of resolving the issues. The recommended procedure to be followed by parents is:

1. The first point of contact is the student's class teacher. Please contact the school office to make an appointment with the teacher concerned.

2. If parents are not satisfied with the solutions offered, or believe that they have not been given a fair hearing, they are encouraged to make an appointment with the Stage Co-ordinator or the Assistant Principal.

3. Should the issue remain unresolved after this time, an appointment is made with the Principal to further discuss the issues. Please remember there usually are at least two sides to every story and whilst it is important to listen to the children, it is also important not to draw conclusions or make accusations until all the facts are known.

<u>Students</u>

The recommended procedure for students is:

1. If issues arise in the classroom, students are encouraged to speak to their class teacher in

order to seek support in finding a resolution.

2. Students encountering problems on the playground are asked to talk to the staff member on duty at the time of the incident. If they believe that their concern has not been adequately addressed they are encouraged to speak to their class teacher.

All students at St. Joseph's are taught to adopt the school's Three Step Plan to find a resolution. This plan is displayed in each learning area, is discussed regularly in class and forms part of the Student Wellbeing Policy.

3. Students can also speak to the Co-ordinator, Assistant Principal or Principal, as well as any other staff member about issues they may have.

<u>Photos at School</u>

Due to privacy issues, photos taken at school should be taken of own children only.

Supervision at School

A reminder to parents that morning supervision at school commences at 8:20am. At afternoon dismissal, children remaining at walkers at 3:15pm will be taken to Kiss 'n Ride. Children remaining at Kiss 'n Ride after 3:30pm will be taken to the Office, at which time parents will be contacted. Afternoon supervision concludes at 3:30pm. Children should not be at school before or after these times.

<u>Reminder to Parents</u>

Parents are reminded that, if entering the school grounds to attend assembly, classroom activities, etc, they are required to sign in at the office on arrival, and sign out on departure.

Online Child Protection Training

If parents are planning on assisting in the classroom, or on an excursion, they are required to first complete Child Protection Training. The training is undertaken over the internet at <u>http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training</u> Simply click the training link under "Volunteer" to undertake the training.

Working with Children Check

Previously parent helpers and volunteers only needed to complete the online Child Protection module; however it is now mandatory for **all volunteers to provide a Working With Children Check (WWCC) number, available from a NSW Motor Registry**. While there is a cost for paid employees, there is <u>no fee for volunteers</u>. No parents will be accepted as a volunteer/helper for excursions, sports days or other school events without providing their WWCC number. We ask you to give this your urgent attention. This provision does not apply to the upcoming disco as parents and teachers will be roving supervisors.

Change of Home or Emergency Contact Details

If you have any changes to your home or emergency contact numbers, please contact the school office as soon as possible. In cases of sickness or emergency, it is important that we have the correct contact details for your child(ren





Sports News

<u>Zone Carnival</u>

Congratulations to all 33 students who were selected for and attended the Athletics Zone Carnival on Friday 7thAugust. We had many students selected to participate in a range of both field and track events on the day. The day was a great success with all students participating well in their events and with lots of cheering and encouragement from one another. A big thank you to all the parents who assisted on the day.

A BIG congratulations to the following students who will be moving on to the next level:

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Katie Borg	11 Years 200 metres
Zaid Lehn	10 Years Junior boy runner
	100 metres
	200 metres
	Long Jump
Mading Mading	11 Years 800 metres
Jonathan Page	11 Years Shot Put
Jonah Sutherland-Stower	12 Years Shot Put



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



<u> Activity 3 – Odd or Even ?</u>

• How many odd and even numbers can you find in your life?

For example your age/age of people in your family, birthdays, siblings, pets, cousins, boys, girls, house number, phone number, arms, legs, eyes etc.
Find as many solutions as you can and record your answers.



<u> Activity 4 – Empty Number Lines</u>

The empty number line is a line with no numbers and is a visual representation for recording thinking strategies during the mental computation process.

The empty number line allows students to see the variety of ways that the same question can be solved. For example, to solve 157 + 36 one student may begin at 157, add 30, then 6 while another may start at 157 and break the 36 into 3 and 33. This turns the question into the problem of adding 33 to 160.



<u>Activity:</u> Design an interesting addition or subtraction word problem with your family and show how you used an empty number line to solve it





Saturday August 22nd 10am - 4pm Sunday August 23rd 10am - 3pm in the MPA!

W e will be preparing props, costumes, backdrops and curtains.

If you can spare an hour or two please come along!

Please understand we cannot provide supervision. The MPA will be full of paint, pins and scissors - so not safe for children.



Monday 24th August.





Gold Coin Donation to buy more books for our school!

METCOWE!

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



Eucharistic Adoration - Before all masses



Sacrament Of Penance - Saturday after morning mass



Corpus Christi Primary



<u>Corpus Christi Spring Market</u> Saturday 12th September 11am — 4pm Corpus Christi Primary School 62 Andromeda Drive, Cranebrook



GOSPEL CONCERT "SPIRIT OF JOY"

Presented in association with the "Sydney Sacred Music Festival"

AIM:

www.sydneysacredmusicfestival.org

DATE/TIME:

Saturday, 5th September 2015, 3pm to 5.30pm

LOCATION:

Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre 230 Fairlight Road Mulgoa NSW 2745

WHAT TO BRING:

- · Fold up chairs
- Picnic blanket
- Torch
- Picnic dinner-food also available to purchase.
- Mozzie spray-just in case

To bring people of all religious traditions together to feel the joy of God, through spiritually uplifting/upbeat music & song. Come share the joy!

Enquiries: manager@schoenstatt.org.au Phone: 02 4773 8338 Ext: 236 Accommodation available-contact above number.

TICKETS: Purchase at trybooking.com-link:

- http://www.trybooking.com/144537 • \$12 for adults
- \$8 for school age children
- \$35 for family: 2 adults-up to 4 school age children
- Children under 5 free

This is an outdoor event, please be prepared for changes in weather conditions.

PROCEEDS: Repairs & Maintenance of the Home of Light, a retreat style accommodation facility utilised by youth, community and religious groups.



Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Morning <u>Enrolments for Year 7 2017</u>

9.15am – 11am Thursday 3rd September and Tuesday 3rd November 2015

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2017.

Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on either of our two upcoming school tours especially for Year 7 2017 applicants but open to any year group.

Our Open Morning is a great opportunity to tour around our school grounds, view our fantastic facilities and meet our students and teachers. You will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action. Both children and adults are most welcome.

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like

to attend. Our school tours will leave at 9.15am and car parking will be available in the visitor's car parking area via Gate 3 from 9am onwards. Ask for details when making your booking.



Lots of parking available and wheel chair access Viv: 0421 608 735

Alcohol Free Zone

Viv: 0421 608 735 Natasha: 0405 577 437



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FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! Car Rally, Picnic, Raffle & Fun Games!

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Dates for your Diary

Week 6	Friday 21 st August	Stage 2 & 3 NRL Clinic
		Fun Food Day – Sausage Sizzle
	Saturday 22 nd August	10am – 4pm Musical Working Bee
<u>Week 7</u>	Sunday 23 rd August	10am – 3pm Musical Working Bee
	Monday 24 th August	Book Week Celebrations
		9am Whole School Assembly
	Tuesday 25 th August	Netball Gala Day
		2:30pm Parent Maths Workshop
Week 8	Monday 31 st August	9am Whole School Assembly
	Tuesday 1 st September	2:30pm Parent Maths Workshop
	Thursday 3 rd September	Father's Day Stall
		Year 1 excursion to Australian Arms Museum
	Friday 4 th September	Father's Day Breakfast & Liturgy
		Year 3 excursion to Cockatoo Island

Parent Association News

We have the following fundraising events coming up:

Friday 21st August Thursday 3rd September Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th September Friday 30th October 10:30am – 12:30pm 9am – 2pm 4:30pm – 7pm 5pm – 9pm Fun Food Day Sausage Sizzle Father's Day Stall School Musical Sausage Sizzle School Disco

We need volunteers for these events (times are approximate) please contact Marianne on 0439 690 760 or return the slip below

I am able to help on:

□ Friday 21st August

- □ Thursday 3rd September
- □ Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th September
- □ Friday 30th October

Fun Food Day Sausage Sizzle Father's Day Stall School Musical Sausage Sizzle School Disco