

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 2

14th October 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your prayers and good wishes on my recent bereavement. While this is a difficult journey for me and my family, prayer has kept us afloat and given us the hope and courage to face the future. Faith provides a strong bedrock for life. We give thanks!

My heartfelt thanks to Ms Nicholls for leading the school community while I was on leave. Thank you also to staff and parents who supported Ms Nicholls in the many activities during this time. St Joseph's is a wonderful, compassionate community.

A reading from the prophet Micah

*With what gift shall I come into Yahweh's presence and bow down before God on high?
Shall I come with holocausts, with calves one year old?
Will God be pleased with rams by the thousand, with libations of oil in torrents?
Must I give my first-born for what I have done wrong, the fruit of my body for my own sin?*

*What is good has been explained to you;
This is what Yahweh asks of you:*

Only this:

*To act justly,
To love tenderly
And to walk humbly with your God.*

Micah 6:6-8



Looking forward to a busy and fulfilling term.

Warm regards,
Fran Jackson
Principal

Fun Food Day
Every Friday in Term 4
Zooper Doopers 50c each



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Catholic Culture News

Dear Parents,

During October our school will have a strong focus on fundraising for Catholic Mission and their World Mission Month Appeal. During October our Religious Education units taught will also focus on Mission.

The 2015 schools appeal with the theme **'I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink'**, will focus on the work of Sister Rose Rasoavololona in providing physical water and spiritual support to the children of Madagascar—a country where access to clean water and proper sanitation is scarce, and sadly results in thousands of children dying from preventable diseases like diarrhoea each and every year.

During the whole month of October students at St. Joseph's will be invited to bring in any small change they are willing to spare and donate it to the Catholic Mission's **'I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink'** appeal. Students from the Stage 3 Mini Vinnie's group will collect the donations from classes and share our fundraising tally with the school at our Monday morning assembly each week.



Friday Week 2 Term 4 we will also be holding a **Crazy Hat Day** fundraiser to raise funds for the Diocese of Tagbilaran in the Philippines, which was devastated by an earthquake in 2013. World Youth Day Pilgrims from the Parramatta Diocese will spend four days working with young people in schools, parishes, and orphanages looking to rebuild and provide hope for the future. Our funds we raise on our **Crazy Hat Day** will go directly to this mission experience.



Mark Tuffy who is one of the Parramatta Diocese's World Youth Day Coordinators was our guest speaker on Monday 12th October, at our whole school assembly and he shared with the students a little about World Youth Day 2016 and how the funds we raise for our Crazy Hat Day will help those in the Philippines and in particular the Diocese of Tagbilaran.

We pray that during the month of October we will act in ways that will bring us closer to Jesus, for example, by sharing things with our siblings and family members, by helping others and by not being greedy. May we be wise when making choices over the next couple of weeks.

Mrs Monique Boyer
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

Mini Vinnie's News

What is Mini Vinnie's?

This year our school participated in the Winter Shield Appeal with such enthusiasm. As a school we donated items of food and blankets to help others in need for the winter months. We were so committed to the event that we invited a representative from the St Vincent De Paul Society to explain in detail how the society works and to explain exactly what they do.

From there, Penelope the representative who spoke to us, explained that you are not too young to make a difference. She discussed that some schools had implemented a Mini Vinnie's group in their school. The group is made up of students who are interested in continuing the work of St Vincent De Paul.

From here interested students from stage 3 who were willing to give up their time in seeing needs and doing something about it, were invited to make up the group. We started off by looking at what other schools were doing with Mini Vinnies.

After that we decided that we would have a focus for each term and that the focus for term three would be school based. We all had to go away and think about what we thought were important issues for students at our school. We had to present our ideas to the group and vote as a group for the idea we thought was most important.

As a group we voted that bullying would be the issue we would like to target. We all had to go away to draft proposals on what we could do about bullying at school. After so many great presentations we all agreed that helping people manage friendship problems was the way to go. We decided to implement a Peer Mediation Program.

Joey's Helping Hands was the name we created for our mediation program. After putting our proposal to Mrs Nicholls she accepted the ideas and agreed to the program operating one lunchtime a week with support from Mrs. Carter. Currently we are having weekly training sessions on peer mediation with Mrs. Carter so we will be ready to manage conflicts and start our program in the coming weeks.

As well as peer mediation, this term Mini Vinnies are coordinating "Mission for Madagascar". We are hoping to encourage our students and community to donate money so we can provide clean water for the people of Madagascar. Our goal is to raise \$824.00 to provide a water pump at a school so the children have clean, fresh drinking water like we do. Stay tuned for updates on how we are going and in the meantime spare a thought for those in need, spare a dollar to help make a difference!!

Stella, Katelyn and Sanya Mini Vinnies

General News



2016 Enrolments

We are accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2016. Enrolment Forms are available at the school office and the school website. **If a younger sibling will be attending Kindergarten at St Joseph's next year please return your enrolment form and documents ASAP.** Please contact Karen Sprycha on 4732 3999 to arrange an interview.

School Uniforms

Lowes at Penrith has kindly given the school vouchers for 15% off all school uniforms, valid until 15th November 2015. Vouchers are available from the front office. Alternatively, please call the school on 4732 3999 so we can send a voucher home.



Netball Gala Day Payment

If your child was supposed to attend the Netball Gala Day your \$10 payment has been credited towards your child's school fees. The only exception was if your child attended the Touch Football Gala Day where the \$10 was used for that day.



Crazy Hat Day

Friday 16th October 2015

Wear a crazy hat with your normal school uniform and bring in a gold coin donation for Mission Month. The funds we raise will be helping the parishes and schools in the Diocese of Tagbilaran, on Bohol Island in the Philippines.

This is the location for the Diocese of Parramatta's World Youth Day pilgrims who will have a mission experience there next year. In 2013 the Diocese of Tagbilaran, on Bohol Island in the Philippines suffered major damage from a cyclone that hit their island.



CRAZY HAT DAY



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

WHITE RIBBON DAY

TWILIGHT RIVER WALK

Wednesday 25
November 2015
5.30PM - 7.30PM

3.5KM WALK FROM WEIR RESERVE
TO TENCH RESERVE, PENRITH

SPEECHES & WHITE RIBBON OATH
READING COMMENCE 6.30PM AT
TENCH RESERVE

Penrith Council is proud to support White Ribbon Day to help bring an end to violence against women in our community. Join us and show your support at this free community event.

Current statistics show that nearly three women are killed every week by a former or current partner. Too many Australian women live with fear and violence. It could be your mother, wife, sister, daughter, friend, partner, colleague...Stopping the violence is everyone's responsibility.

Food stalls and live music at Tench Reserve until 7.30pm.

FREE SHUTTLE BUS BACK TO WEIR RESERVE FROM 6.30PM. WHITE RIBBON MERCHANDISE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE EVENT WITH ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO THE WHITE RIBBON FOUNDATION.

For more information contact Erin on 4732 8028.

In support of

Australia's campaign to
Stop violence against women

White Ribbon



White Ribbon Day, 25 November

Do your bit to help stop the violence against women

penrithcity.nsw.gov.au

Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Morning Enrolments for Year 7 2017

**9.15am – 11am
Tuesday 3rd November 2015**

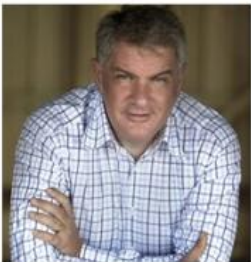
Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2017. Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on either of our two upcoming school tours especially for Year 7 2017 applicants but open to any year group.

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.

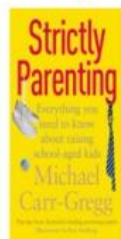
Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend. Our school tours will leave at 9.15am and car parking will be available in the visitor's car parking area via Gate 3 from 9am onwards. Ask for details when making your booking.

Special Parent Presentation

Hosted by
Parents Representative Council,
Parramatta Diocese (PRC)



Be at the heart of your child's learning.



**Saturday 17 October 2015,
2pm to 5pm**

St Andrew the Apostle Parish Centre,

40 Breakfast Road, Marayong

RSVP Thursday 15 October 2015 to

prcparraevents@hotmail.com

This is a FREE presentation for the benefit of
catholic school parents, friends and educators



"Love is our Mission"

The Theme for



DIOCESAN FAMILY SUNDAY Sunday, 18th October 2015

Parish Celebrations

Family Sunday will be celebrated at Masses in every Parish.

Afternoon Family Gathering

Time: 2.30pm – 6pm

Where: MacKillop Centre,
cnr Swanston & Collins St, St Marys

Talks will cover:

- Testimonies from Parramatta Diocese World Meeting of Families delegates
- Synod on the Family Update
- Blesseds Louis and Zelig Martin, (parents of St Therese) who will be canonised on October 18

Children will have their own activities on-site.

Sausage sizzle at the conclusion of the event.



Family and Life Office

Enquiries to
familife@parra.catholic.org.au or 8838 3440

Post-Separation Recovery Program

A series of seven workshops which help you begin to

- deal with intense emotions
- face & accept your changed life-situation,
- attend to your grief,
- learn lessons from the past
- redefine yourself
- forgive and let go
- set new goals & rebuild on a strong foundation

The Program

Each Session led by trained Facilitators follows a set agenda including Video Input, Personal Reflection, Journaling, Large & Small Group Sharing,

Non Exploitative

Non Directive

Non Judgemental

Venue: Diocesan Assembly Centre
1-5 Marion St
Blacktown

Time: 7.30pm – 9.45 pm

Dates: Seven Wednesdays
21st Oct- 2nd Dec, 2015

Fee: \$80.00



Bookings essential.

Solo Parent Services
Ph. 02 9933 0205
soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

*A 7 session course
about healing wounds
and recovering
self-confidence and hope.*

Venue: Diocesan Assembly Centre,
1 – 5 Marion St
Blacktown

Time: 7.30pm – 9.45 pm

Dates: Seven Wednesdays commencing 21st Oct 2015

Fee: \$80.00

Bookings essential.

For further information and registration.

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Post-Separation Recovery Program



*If you are separated or divorced,
and are unsure as you step out on your
new path,
then this self-help workshop
is designed for you.*

Dates for your Diary

Week 2

Wednesday 14th October

7pm Kindergarten 2016 Parent Meeting

Friday 16th October

Crazy Hat Fundraiser

Stage 2 Auskick

Ice Blocks 50c

Week 3

Monday 19th October

9am Assembly

Friday 23rd October

Stage 2 Auskick

Ice Blocks 50c

Week 4

Monday 26th October

9am Assembly

Wednesday 28th October

Stage 2 & 3 Basketball

Friday 30th October

Stage 2 Auskick

Diocesan Gymnastics

Ice Blocks 50c

School Disco

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Have you moved house or changed your phone number? Have your emergency contact details changed? If so, please fill in the slip below and return it to the office. It is vital that we always have up-to-date contact details for you.

CHANGE OF DETAILS FORM

SURNAME: **CHILD/CHILDREN'S NAME/S:**

New Address Details:

New Home Phone No:

New Mother's Mobile
No:

New Mother's Work
No:

New Father's Mobile
No:

New Father's Work:

	Name:	Relationship to Child:	
<u>New</u> Emergency Contact Details:	Phone: Home:	Work:	Mobile:

Date: **Signature:**

