

# St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 2

19<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Parents and Friends

" Love One another, bear with one another  
and let charity guide you in all your life."  
St. Mary MacKillop



I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well and that week 1 was a great week for your children. My name is John Laffan and I will be serving your community for the next nine weeks as 'Relieving Principal.'

I have been working in Catholic Education for 37 years and have served as Principal for just on 22 years. During that time I have worked in 3 schools that were founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Mary Mackillop has a lot to teach us in respect to her *faith, determination and courage*. Mary's order of religious sisters believed that *"Every child should be given the opportunity to learn, to succeed and most importantly to grow in the **Love of God**."*

" God loves those best who help the  
weak become whole." St.Mary MacKillop. 1906.

Term 4 is a vital term in a school year. Over the next week I will continue to work closely with Fr. Andrew and the teaching team in the selection of our 2017 **Leadership Team**. Over the last weeks in my association with Fr. Andrew and our parent representative, Mr. Pereira, I was taken by their collective belief and high hopes for the future of our school community. These hopes are shared and owned by the school community.

In only a short time I have been made to feel welcome by a professional community where the belief that '**every child will succeed and grow**' is highly valued. Our work in term 4 is clear, our Goal and Learning Framework will support;

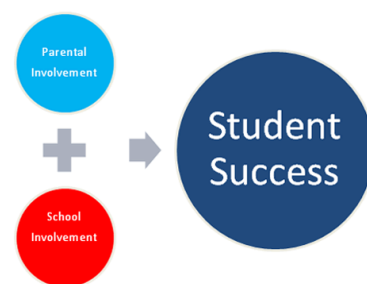
- Review of 2016 student growth data
- Review of our 2016 Implementation Plan. (Religious Education, Numeracy, Literacy)
- Collaborative planning of our 2017 Implementation Plan.
- Commence review of 'Welfare and Wellbeing Policy.'

All this work is supporting the ongoing professional development of our teaching team. The work is exciting and requires high levels of **collaborative planning and teamwork**.

Term 4 also sees a number of significant *celebrations* and *community events*. We will be welcoming new families at our **Kindergarten Information Night**, this is an important moment in building our *future*. Another major event is the **Year 6 Graduation**. I look forward to working with teachers, parents and students in celebrating 7 great years at St Joseph's.

I look forward to meeting you over the coming weeks. I warmly invite you to, school liturgies, parent meetings, assemblies and school events.

**John Laffan**  
Principal



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Staff Community  
St Joseph's Primary School  
94 Joseph Street  
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Dear Colleagues,

It is with much pleasure that I announce the appointment of Mrs Patricia Reilly as the new Principal of St Joseph's Primary Kingswood.

Trish is currently a member of the System Learning Team at the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta. In her present role as a Reading Recovery Tutor, Trish works closely with teachers to enable them to become more effective teachers of reading. Trish has also held the position of REC at Holy Family Emerton and Acting Assistant Principal at St Mary's Rydalmere.

Trish is looking forward to leading the learning community of St Joseph's Primary, collaborating with staff and parents in the development of learning and teaching programs to cater for the needs of all students.

I know you will join me in congratulating Trish on her appointment as Principal of St Joseph's Primary, Kingswood. She will take up her appointment Term 1, 2017.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Mrs Franziska Jackson for her leadership of the community for the past 8½ years. I thank Mrs Patricia Carr and Mr John Laffan for their contributions as Relieving Principal in Terms 3 and 4 respectively.

Finally, I express my appreciation to you for your continued contributions to the care and learning of our young people as we strive to provide them with a quality Catholic education.

Yours sincerely

**Gregory B Whitby**  
Executive Director of Schools  
Catholic Education Office  
Diocese of Parramatta

# General News

## School Fees

Thank you to those families who have paid their school fees for 2016.

For those families who have not finalised their school fees account, and are not on an approved fee arrangement, please pay your school fees account as soon as possible. If you cannot pay your fees please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999.



**The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will be sending out reminder notices in the coming weeks.**

## Captivate

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to announce that access to download and/or stream online the videos of ALL 7 Showcase 2016 performances is available to purchase now.

You can go straight to the booking site at <https://www.trybooking.com/MWPJ> or see some preview videos and get other information on the Captivate [website](#).

Video access costs \$10 and lets you view and download any (or all!) of the Showcase videos.

Please be aware that these videos are being sold for private use only. There are also plenty of photos on our [Facebook page](#) from Showcase. If you have any questions, do feel free to contact us.

Kind regards,  
Natasha Chong  
Captivate

**St Joseph's**

**HALLOWEEN**



**DISCO PARTY**

Snacks: \$0.50-\$2.00    Drinks: \$1.00-\$1.50    Novelties: \$1.00-\$4.50

All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are invited to enjoy a  
**Fancy Dress Halloween Disco!**  
(Sorry, no siblings or parents-except volunteers)

When: Friday 28 October 2016  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm  
Where: St Joseph's MPA  
Cost: \$5.00 per child  
RSVP: Tuesday 25 October 2016



Enquiries: PA Committee email [pa4stjosephs@gmail.com](mailto:pa4stjosephs@gmail.com)  
Mel Campbell 0411250549  
Belinda Klassen 0411097435  
Please Note: Parents must accompany children to and from the disco.  
Please do not drop children at the front gate. Children will need to be signed in and out of the disco. Parents are unable to stay at the disco, UNLESS they are a volunteer AND have completed the appropriate child protection training.

### Conditions of Entry

1. This dance is open only to current students and staff of St Joseph's school. Siblings not currently enrolled at St Joseph's are not permitted to be in attendance.
2. Parents will be unable to stay unless they are registered as a parent volunteer.
3. Volunteer parents will strictly supervise the disco and must have completed Child Protection Training.
4. Parents must accompany children to and from the disco.
5. On collecting your child, parents must produce the disco ticket and sign children out.
6. Tickets are not refundable.
7. Suitable footwear must be worn at all times.
8. Pocket or purse is advisable for the safekeeping of money.

**Volunteer Helpers:** Please return by Friday, 21 October 2016

If you would like to volunteer to help before, during or after the disco please kindly fill in your name and times available. All helpers are greatly appreciated and you will be allocated a job on the night.

**We do advise that younger children cannot accompany you, as their safety is our first consideration.**

Name:	Contact Number:
Child's Name:	Class:
<input type="checkbox"/> I have completed Child Protection Training (this needs to be done every two years) and can be completed online	
Signature:	
Please circle preferred time to help:	
Setting up 5.30 pm – 6.45pm	During Disco 6.15 pm to 8.45pm
	Cleaning up 8.30pm – 9pm

**Disco Permission Note:** Please return by Tuesday 25 October 2016

Please return signed permission note and correct money in an envelope marked 'Disco' to the school office by Tuesday 25 October 2016.

Child's Name:	Class:
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Amount Paid: \$	
I give permission for my child/ren to attend the whole school disco on Friday, 28 October 2016. I agree to accompany my child/ren to and from the disco and agree to sign them in and out.	
Signed:	(Parent/Guardian) Mobile Number:

# TERM 4 AT A GLANCE

## 2016

as at 12/10/2016

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
<b>October Wk 1</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> 9am Assembly	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> Mission Mass St Aptrick's Cathedral	15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup>
<b>October Wk 2</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> 9am Assembly Basketball	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> CPS Basketball Challenge
<b>October Wk 3</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> 9am Assembly	25 <sup>th</sup> Yr 4 Australiana Village excursion 7pm - K2017 Parent Information Night	26 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-8:30pm Halloween Disco	29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>October/Nov Wk 4</b>	31 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov All Saints Liturgy Melbourne Cup	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Yr 1 excursion Australian Museum	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup>
<b>November Wk 5</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> 9am Assembly 6pm Year 6 Parent Farewell Meeting 7pm PA Meeting	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup>
<b>November Wk 6</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> 9am Assembly	15 <sup>th</sup> Basketball Trials	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup>
<b>November Wk 7</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> 9am Assembly	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Nov/Dec Wk 8 Swim School</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> 9am Assembly K2017 Orientation	29 <sup>th</sup> K2017 Orientation	30 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> 1st Sunday Advent
<b>December Wk 9 Swim School</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> 9am Advent K2017 Orientation	6 <sup>th</sup> K2017 Orientation	7 <sup>th</sup> School Reports sent home	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> 2nd Sunday Advent
<b>December Wk 10</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> Swimming Carnival K-5 Yr 6 Fun Day	13 <sup>th</sup> 9am End of Term Awards 6pm Christmas Pageant	14 <sup>th</sup> 12pm Farewell Liturgy 6pm Yr 6 Farewell	15 <sup>th</sup> Talent Show	16 <sup>th</sup> Students last day for term 4	17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> 3rd Sunday Advent
<b>December Wk 11</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> SDD	20 <sup>th</sup> SDD	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent

### 2017 Dates

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Staff resume**  
**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Years 1 -6 resume**  
**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 – Kindergarten start**



# 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

## **YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP**

CCSS Solo Parent Services' Younger Widowed Support Group is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age whether you are a parent or not. **Next gathering:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

**Venue:** DAC, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm. **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or Email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

## **STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED**

CCSS Solo Parent Services "Stepping Beyond" Support Group, is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those navigating their way through a separation or divorce. **Next Gathering:** 25<sup>th</sup> October **Venue:** CCSS Centre, 38 Prince St, Blacktown.

**Time:** 7.30pm – 9.30pm. **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

## **REAL FESTIVAL**

A new event by Penrith City Council will transform the Nepean River into a hub of activity and entertainment for kids and families to enjoy from 4-5 November. The [Real Festival](http://realfestival.com.au) features a two-day program of river, environment, arts and lifestyle activities which will appeal to kids of all ages and provide families with hours of affordable fun.

After a long week of school (and work!) bring the kids down to Tench Reserve on Friday 4 November from 5pm and be amazed by illuminated and interactive art, roving and musical performers, circus and science activities and delicious cuisine served from a variety of food trucks. Then come back on Saturday 5 November from 10am for a performance by ABC2's Dirtgirl, free bike and kayak hire and lots of playful activities which promote fitness and physical movement.

Whether they have an adventurous spirit, an enquiring mind or an active imagination, there will be fun activities and experiences to suit kids of all ages. It's not all about the kids though! The Real Festival is about indulging in the things that matter and that make you happy - so there's plenty of great food, music, art and markets for those who enjoy a bit of shopping.

There's also a program of workshops, demonstrations and talks on the Saturday which will inspire you to look after your health and the environment. Some of these [require pre-registration](#), so book in early to secure your spot. The [Real Festival](http://realfestival.com.au) is a free, family-friendly event. Limited parking is available at the venue, plan ahead and take advantage of the [BUSWAYS Park & Ride shuttle](#). Learn more by visiting [realfestival.com.au](http://realfestival.com.au). #PenrithRealFest #visitpenrith We hope to see you there!



Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...to make overnight oats.

Make this simple recipe the night before, then rise and shine to a healthy breakfast.

**Overnight oats**  
Preparation time: 5 minutes  
Serves: 1



**Ingredients:**

- ½ cup oats (raw, unprocessed or toasted)
- 4-6 cubes of frozen mango
- ½ cup natural yoghurt
- ½ cup muesli
- ½ cup berries (whole or *puréed*)

**Method:**  
Layer ingredients in to a clean jar (salsa dip or coffee jars are ideal or use a plastic jar if you want a portable breakfast on the go). Store in the fridge overnight. Add some milk in the morning to get the consistency you like. Enjoy straight from the jar.

For more information visit [www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://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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Local Health District





Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...to pack a healthy lunch box.

Packing a healthy lunch box is as simple as including each of these food groups. And you can combine several in a single item.



Try a pita pocket (bread) with lamb kofta (meat) and tabbouleh (salad).

Or go for a tub of whole or *puréed* berries with natural yoghurt for a fruit and dairy combo.

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

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## Dates for your Diary

<b><u>Week 2</u></b>	<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	CPS Basketball Challenge
<b><u>Week 3</u></b>	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	9am Assembly
	<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Yr 4 Australian Pioneer Village Excursion 7pm Kindergarten 2017 Parent Information Night
	<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	6:30pm – 8:30pm Halloween Disco
<b><u>Week 4</u></b>	<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	9am All Saints Liturgy
	<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 1 excursion Australian Museum



Brock Rodziewicz from Year 6 will be performing at this festival.

If you are interested in going, keep an eye out for Brock.

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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                       |                   |                                 |                               |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>SURNAME:</b>                              |                   | <b>CHILD/CHILDREN'S NAME/S:</b> |                               |
| <u><b>New</b></u> Address Details:           |                   |                                 |                               |
| <u><b>New</b></u> Home Phone No:             |                   |                                 |                               |
| <u><b>New</b></u> Mother's Mobile No:        |                   |                                 |                               |
| <u><b>New</b></u> Mother's Work No:          |                   |                                 |                               |
| <u><b>New</b></u> Father's Mobile No:        |                   |                                 |                               |
| <u><b>New</b></u> Father's Work:             |                   |                                 |                               |
| <u><b>New</b></u> Emergency Contact Details: |                   | <b>Name:</b>                    | <b>Relationship to Child:</b> |
|                                              |                   | <b>Phone: Home:</b>             | <b>Work: Mobile:</b>          |
| <b>Date:</b>                                 | <b>Signature:</b> |                                 |                               |