

# St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 4

29<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we celebrate World Teachers' Day. It is celebrated in more than one hundred countries world-wide and was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society. World Teachers' Day offers a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks. Every day, our teachers are making a difference, educating and inspiring young minds. This year, we will celebrate World Teacher's day in New South Wales on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please take the time to be thankful for our hard working and dedicated teachers, especially on this day as we celebrate their commitment to the education of the next generation.



## A Prayer for Teachers

God of Love,

Thank you for every teacher who notices a child's special gift. Thank you for teachers who are listeners and gentle guides. Thank you for teachers who expect much and love enough to demand more. Thank you for the special teacher each one of us remembers.

God of Mercy,

Sustain teachers who give everything they have and feel abandoned when society expects too much. Strengthen teachers who assume the blame for so many problems beyond their control. Help exhausted teachers rest.

God of Strength,

Encourage teachers to care and inspire them to nourish. Motivate teachers to keep on learning for the fun of it and to make learning fun for children.

A teacher takes a hand,  
opens a mind and  
touches a heart.



We wonder at teachers who know how to quiet a class of five-year-olds or help young girls be empathetic. We admire teachers who empower struggling writers and teach maths, reading, religion, sport and science. We cannot even imagine how to help every single student achieve. Bless the people who are expected to accomplish these miracles and who know how to comfort children when miracles don't happen.

God of Justice, help our nation find a way to steward our vast wealth to support teachers in their special calling, wherever they teach and whatever the race or religion or gender or wealth of the children.

We pray these things in the name of our great teacher, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Liz Nicholls  
Acting Principal

*Fun Food Day*  
*Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October*  
*Ice Creams 50c - \$3*



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# Religious Education News

In Religious Education, all classes are completing their topic of mission. The children have learnt about what mission is, how can we be missionaries of God and why mission is important.

We participated in a Silly Sock Day last Friday to raise money for the Catholic Mission in Jamaica. As a school we raised over \$400 which will go a long way towards paying the salary of Religious teaching sisters for 6 months!

Thank you for helping Catholic Mission to "Sock it to Poverty."



## All Saints Day

On **Saturday, 1st November** the Catholic Church celebrates All Saints Day. We will join the wider Catholic community with a prayer service in the MPA on that day. All parents and families are invited.

## All Soul's Day

All Soul's Day is commemorated on the 2nd of November in the Church. However, as All Soul's Day falls on a Sunday, we will pray together as a community **Monday, 4th of November** in the MPA at 9am. This week, prayer cards are being sent home with each child and we ask that you write the name of a family member or friend who has passed away that you and your family would like to offer a prayer for. These will be hung in the MPA for the month of November and the names added to the Parish book of remembrance.

**Prayer for All Saints/Souls Day**  
9.00am, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

**First Week of Advent**  
9:00am, Monday, 24th November  
(Week 8)



## Mass Times

We would like to encourage any interested parents, children and families to attend Mass at our parish. Mass is held daily at 8am and all are welcome. The church is located directly behind the school.

### **Additional Mass times:**

Saturday Vigil - 6pm  
Sunday - 8.30am and 10.00am  
Polish Mass - Saturday 4pm

### **Weekday Masses**

Monday to Friday 8am  
Saturday 8.30am

## Farewell Bishop Anthony

Earlier this month we learned that Bishop Anthony has been appointed as the Archbishop of Sydney. He had a special vocation to young people, previously working as the World Youth Ambassador for Sydney. He has invited young people to celebrate his farewell Mass with him at St Patricks Church Blacktown November 8. Our school leaders have been invited to attend and will be joined by Liz Nicholls and Mark Aggar.



Mark Aggar - Religious Education Coordinator

# General News

## Sibling Information required for students attending St Doms

If you have a son who has transferred to St Doms during 2014 please advise us so that school fees accounts can be set up correctly for the sibling discount to be applied. Similarly if you don't feel you are receiving the correct sibling discount for your children please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999 to discuss the matter. Diocesan schools such as Xavier, have enrolment details matched to our enrolment details so they should be correct.

If you need to advise of a change re: St Doms please send us a note to confirm.

Thanks,  
Jenny Pendleton

# Learning News



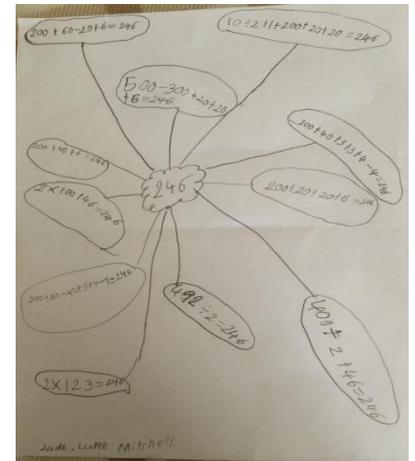
Congratulations to the Luke and Jade Mitchell and family for their amazing number busts.

Congratulations also to Tan D Kris Page, Ryan McCulloch and Isobel Garcia.

## Mathematics Challenge - Open Investigation

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!



## What Time Is It?



How many times in a twelve hour period does the sum of the digits on a digital clock equal 6? Record and describe how you worked this out.

eg. 4:11  
1:32

## Year 1 Writing

### Writing using Awesome Adjectives

#### Sailing on a Pirate Ship

By Mark 1RZ

Have you ever dreamed about living on a pirate ship? The pirate's bad captain spied a rich ship. Boom! They shot the cannon. The nasty pirates hopped onto the rich ship. Cling! The sword hit against each other. The greedy pirates stole the sparkling treasure and they kept it forever.

### The Very Crazy Sock

By Elijah 1RZ

The Very Crazy Sock is very crazy and does very crazy stuff. His colours are in a crazy way and he goes crazy about colours. He is very long. He is the craziest sock in the world. He has the craziest colours. The crazy sock likes to colour himself in very crazy colours and watch crazy movies. He plays crazy video games and types with his friends. Crazy drives his car very crazily. The Crazy Sock walks and talks crazy as well. He cuts stuff out and paints crazy sock flowers in crazy colours. The Crazy Sock has bees that are a little sock that flies around going crazy and the colours of the bees are crazy too. Crazy goes to school crazy and he goes crazy everywhere in the whole entire world.

# Sports News



## **Catholic Primary Schools Basketball Challenge**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October two teams of very dedicated basketballers gave up their weekend and travelled to Kiama to represent St Joseph's at the Catholic Schools basketball challenge for southern New South Wales. Our senior boys and girls played some fantastic basketball and were undefeated on Saturday. This put them in the top 8 of the table. The girls were ranked 8<sup>th</sup> and the boys 6<sup>th</sup>.

On Sunday, both teams played with great enthusiasm and pride but unfortunately were beaten.

A very big thank you to all the children who attended training for many weeks before the competition and for giving up your weekend to represent St Joseph's. Thank you also to Mr Graeme Pares and Miss Treble for giving up their time to coach our teams. We couldn't attend this competition without you. A huge thank you to the parents for being such wonderful chauffeurs and an outstanding cheer squad. We really appreciate it!

## **Parramatta Diocese Basketball Gala Day**

Last Tuesday, St Joseph's was represented by 5 very enthusiastic basketball teams. All the children represented our school with great pride and when they weren't playing basketball, they were cheering on our other teams. Our seniors became great team managers and assisted Miss Treble in organising our younger teams and showing them how the days run.

St Joseph's had some great results from all teams. Our Year 6 girls, Year 5 boys and our Year 3/4 boys were undefeated on the day, giving them 1st place. Our Year 6 boys lost 1 game coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> and our Year 3/4 girls came equal third.



Thank you to the parents who came along to cheer on our teams, especially to Graeme Pares and Danielle Schwarzer for coaching. Thank you also to Danielle for assisting our referees in any breaks you had during the day. A huge congratulation to Mrs Pennay for helping coordinate the carnival!

## **2015 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials**

Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2015 are invited to participate in the Inter-Diocesan MacKillop Primary School team sports trials during Term Four in 2014 and Term One in 2015. Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:



\*AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11 yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & Touch(B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website [www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au). This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2015 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by your child's school**. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **Please complete all fields and especially "Representative Experience"**.

**Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.**

**Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.**

**Please contact your school sports coordinator for any further information.**

Yours In Sport,  
Margaret Thornton  
Teaching Educator – Primary Sport  
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

# Community News

## Parish Playgroup

Parish Playgroup for children not yet at school is held on Mondays at 10.00am in the Parish Hall (Lieberman Room). Please bring something to share for morning tea. Enquiries to Father Pawel 4721 4080.

## S.K.Y Youth Group

The S.K.Y Youth Group meet every Wednesday from 3pm in the Parish Hall. All 12-17 years are most welcome.

## Stepping Beyond: Support for those Separated or Divorced

If you have been separated or divorced and would benefit from regular shared discussion evenings with others who are in a similar situation to you, come along to STEPPING BEYOND on the last Tuesday of each month at CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, at 7.30pm. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: [soloparentministry@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentministry@ccss.org.au) or Ph. 99330205

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## 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



## Our Lady of the Rosary School and Parish Fete Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 10am – 3pm

Rides; Jumping Castle; Face Painting; Harley Rides; Various Stalls;  
Games; BBQ; International Food; Chocolate Wheel

\*\*12pm: Ex-Students Photo \*\*1pm: Panthers Supporters Gear Auction \*\*3pm: Raffle Drawn

## Greystanes Charity Craft Market and Antique Valuation

The eighth Greystanes Charity Craft Market and Antique Valuation is on Saturday, 22 November from 8am to 2pm in Camilleri Hall. It is one month before Christmas, so be assured the Market will have special gift ideas. There are over 35 stalls from all over Sydney, selling quality gifts, baby wear, home-made décor, kitchen goods, edible treats, scarves and bags, jewellery, violets and plants and much more. A unique drawcard of the Craft Market is the professional Antique Valuations, available from 8.30am. Everyone is encouraged to bring along special treasures or family heirlooms and paintings to have them valued. Instead of bringing large paintings with you, the valuation can be done from a photo of the painting and artist signature. Each valuation costs \$5.00. This is a great social day out for the whole family with traditional Devonshire teas and a fantastic sausage sizzle serving breakfast and lunch from 8am. Profits from the Craft Market will be donated to CareFlight.

For further information please contact:

[events@olqp.org.au](mailto:events@olqp.org.au)

[www.facebook.com/OLQPEvents](http://www.facebook.com/OLQPEvents)

[www.olqp.org.au](http://www.olqp.org.au)



**SPECIAL PROMOTION FOR**

**ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**SPECIAL SALES**

**WEEK**

**PENRITH STORE**

FROM 24/11/2014 TO 30/11/2014

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**RECEIVE 20% DISCOUNT**

Off the regular price on all uniform items for  
St Joseph's Primary

**PLUS**

**BONUS EZY-WAY 5% DISCOUNT**

additional for Lowes Ezy-Way customers

**OR 5% REWARDS**

Lowes Rewards Card holders receive in-store Gift Vouchers  
to the value of 5% of their purchase

**PLUS**

Lowes will pay your school annual **5% rebate** on every  
uniform purchased in-store.

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## Key points to remember around schools

### 6 Driving and parking safely near the school

School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrian and vehicular traffic outside the school.

Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days.

Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate.

Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children's safety in mind.

NEVER double park as it puts children at risk.

Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Slow down near the school crossing.

At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.

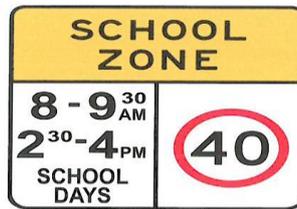
Always park and turn legally around the school. **Avoid dangerous manoeuvres** such as U-turns and three-point turns.

Always **give way to pedestrians** particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Avoid parking across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park.

Using your school's drop off and pick up facility will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

Avoid parking in or near the school bus bay.



For the latest penalties – fines and the loss of demerit points – visit [rms.nsw.gov.au](http://rms.nsw.gov.au)

For more information visit [roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au)



Road safety

## Key points to remember around schools

### 7 Safety around school crossings

Ensure that your child always uses the school crossing as this is the safest point of entry to the school.

Where there is a **school crossing supervisor** at a school crossing, pedestrians must wait on the footpath, at least one step back from the edge of the road, until the school crossing supervisor indicates that it is safe to cross.

Drivers must not proceed until the crossing supervisor's hand-held sign is no longer displayed, or until the crossing supervisor indicates that the motorist may proceed through the crossing.

At an **unsupervised children's crossing** when 'CHILDREN CROSSING' flags are displayed, drivers must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross at the crossing. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is completely clear of pedestrians.

Drivers need to know that a children's crossing is a part-time crossing that operates before and after school hours, and at times when children are using the crossing, such as for excursions or during lunchtimes.



### 8 40km/h school zones

The 40km/h school zone slows traffic in the vicinity of the school.

Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8am and 9.30am and from 2.30pm till 4pm. The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.

A 40km/h school zone operates on all gazetted school days including staff development days (pupil free days).

While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits **MUST** be adhered to during NSW Government determined school terms.

Gazetted school term dates for 2014 and 2015 are listed below. These can be found at [roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au) website and the websites of the NSW Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards and the NSW Department of Education and Communities.

#### Dragon's teeth road markings

To increase motorists' awareness of 40km/h school zones, triangular dragon's teeth road markings indicate that the vehicle is entering a school zone.

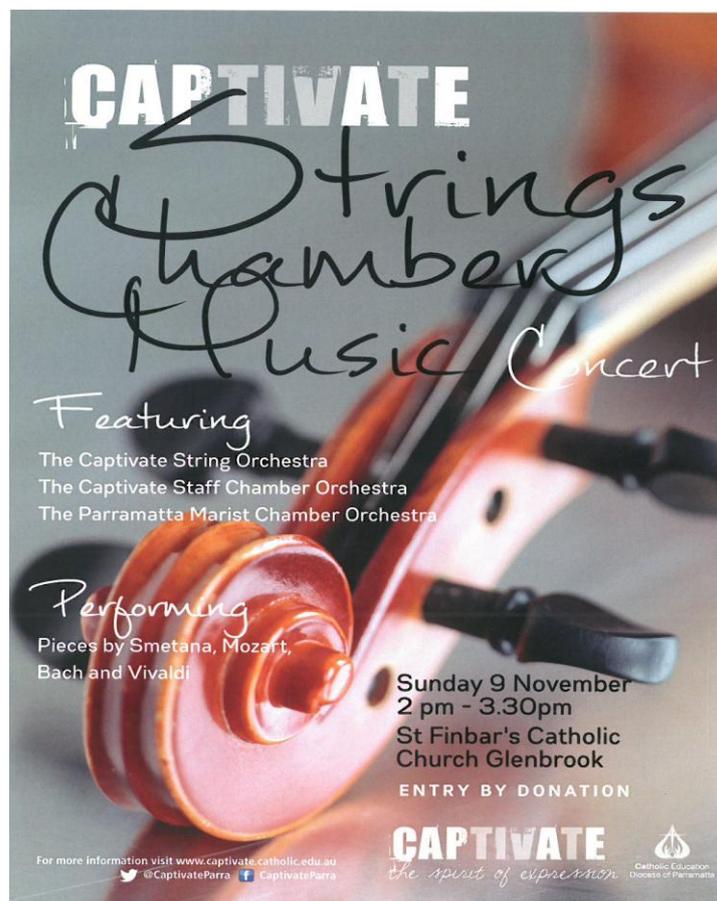
For information about fines and demerit points – visit [rms.nsw.gov.au](http://rms.nsw.gov.au)

#### GAZETTED SCHOOL TERM DATES

	2014	2015
TERM 1	28 January to 11 April	27 January to 2 April
TERM 2	28 April to 27 June	20 April to 26 June
TERM 3	14 July to 19 September	13 July to 18 September
TERM 4	7 October to 19 December	6 October to 18 December

For more information visit [roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au)





## Dates for your Diary

### **Week 4**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – World Teacher's Day; Gymnastics: Fun Food Day (Ice Creams 50c - \$3)

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – All Saints Day

### **Week 5**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – All Souls Day

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Assembly 9am

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – R U OK? Day

### **Week 6**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – Assembly 9am

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Remembrance Day Prayer 11am

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Kindergarten 2015 Story Time 2:30pm