

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6

16th November 2016

Dear Parents and Friends,

*"Who you are is love.
Do what you were made to do.
Love God and love all that God has created." Rohr*



All the staff have been very busy working on school reports, Year 6 farewell, Kindergarten 2017 orientation, as well as all their normal 'teacher duties'.

I would like to share some of my reflections of St Joseph's Primary School

'Over the past 4 weeks I have grown to admire and appreciate the strength and dedication within our school community. Given the great changes that have taken place, there continues to beat a professional, spiritual and communal heart, a beat that is 'strong and constant.'

Each Monday our teachers in association with Fr. Andrew facilitate an assembly that celebrates student success and growth. At these assemblies Fr. Andrew shares the Gospel and supports student understanding in reflecting on 'What Jesus is telling us' and 'What Jesus is asking us to do.' Each and every Monday we reinforce positive behaviour, acceptance and tolerance of difference. At these assemblies I have been taken by the student's collective engagement and sincere appreciation of the successes of their peers.

When I review the work of our school team, my appraisal suggests a high level of 'Unity of Purpose.' Each day we begin with Case Management meetings. These meetings allow for class teachers to bring forward students who are requiring a higher level of support in ensuring successful outcomes in learning. At these meetings school leadership, Leading educators and Teaching Educators review all data and collaboratively plan next steps in a student's Personal plan.

You may remember in my earlier newsletters I spoke of our term 4 Goal in creating our 2017 Action Plan. This goal included the building and empowering of 'Action Teams.' Over the past two weeks our teaching teams have spent time reviewing 2016 plans, all small and big data and planning next steps in supporting professional learning and student growth. In 2017 we will continue our work in, Writing, Number and Knowledge of our Church through Scripture and Prayer

While Goals and strategies are vital to our success, the 'High Yield' is seeing a teaching team that is 'Leading the Learning.' In 2017 our teachers will continue to grow a consistent pedagogy that draws from contemporary practice. As I worked through a variety of team strategies I was struck by the high levels of passion and trust shown by my colleagues in challenging ideas and bringing forward professional needs. Above all our teachers all have one thing in common and that is a Belief that, "all children can will succeed and grow."

Over these few weeks I have been struck by a 'Parent Community' that holds great belief and hope for our work and for our future. I have enjoyed working with parents at assemblies, Disco Nights, Parents and Friends and the Year 6 Graduation. All of these parents have shown a willingness to work in cooperation in ensuring the continued growth of our school.

Finally these few weeks have allowed for the securing of our 2017 Leadership and Staffing positions. Mrs Patricia Reilly, (Principal), Ms Lisa Howell Assistant Principal) and Mr Phillip Magerison (Religious Education Coordinator) bring rich and varied experiences in education and leadership. Over these past weeks these leaders have been working closely with our teaching team in review and planning for 2017.

As you can see our future is not only planned it is assured.'

Wishing you all a blessed week,

John Laffan
Relieving Principal

*Zooper Doopers on sale
every Friday until the
end of term 50c*



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General News



Will you be leaving St Joseph's at the end of 2016?

We understand that family circumstances change and children sometimes need to change schools. If you know that you will not be attending St Joseph's in 2017, please advise Mr Laffan by completing an Exit Form, available from the school office.

Please note, that concerns regarding financial difficulties **are not** a reason for seeking another school, as the Catholic Education Office and St Joseph's can and will assist families with meeting these costs when genuine financial difficulties arise.



Opal Pass Applications

Students who are progressing from Year 2 to Year 3 in 2017 are required to fill in a new Opal Pass Application. Please go to:

www.transportnsw.info/school-students

Once completed, please print, sign and return it to school for submission. Opal Passes will be posted to the students mailing address.



Back to School 2017

If your child will be late in returning to St Joseph's next year please notify the school office in writing, noting the day your child will return to school.



Uniform Sale

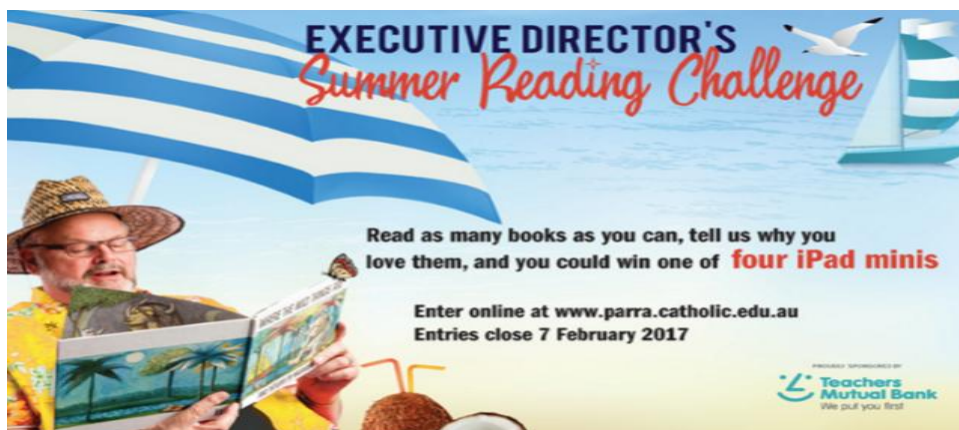
Pre loved Uniform Sale will be held from 8:30am – 10:30am on the following dates:

Monday 28th November;

Tuesday 29th November;

Monday 5th December;

Tuesday 6th December



2017 Start of School Dates

Friday 27th January – Staff return to school

Monday 30th January – Years 1 – 6 return to school

Tuesday 31st January – Kindergarten start school

Learning News

Year 6 students have been studying various gospel passages and were asked to create a poem, song or prayer based on the scripture.

Dear God,

Thank you for creating the flood. But I feel that there should be another one. So many people have sinned, and have not reconciled. Although, if it weren't for you, everyone I know would be sinners. I pray that you give them the courage to turn to you in prayer and reconciliation.

I am thankful that you commanded Noah to take two of every animal. I love having pets, going to the zoo and being able to appreciate fauna. Thank you.

From,
Rylee and Charlotte B

Year 1 went on an excursion to The Australian Museum and St Mary's Cathedral



Remembrance Day



Sports News

Gymnastics





Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta

2017 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials

Any Primary students enrolled in Parramatta Diocesan Schools in Year 5 and 6 in 2017 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term One/Two in 2017 (Winter Sports - AFL, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League League, Rugby Union & Touch).

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2017 be invited to attend.**

Parramatta Diocesan trials in 2017 will be held in the following sports:

*AFL (boys), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), & 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. This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2017 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. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

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".**

Please ensure that the **SUBMIT button** has been pressed upon completing the form and notification email will be sent to the parent/guardian listed on the form confirming this expression of interest has been received.

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.

Winter Sports Registrations close Friday 3rd February 5pm.

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

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



Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ P/Code _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Retreat Selected

Title: _____

Dates ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

Cost: _____

Please submit completed Registration form to
St Joseph's Centre Baulkham Hills
by post, fax or email.

St Joseph's, 64 MacKillop Drive, Baulkham Hills
PO Box 7386 Baulkham Hills BC NSW 2153
Phone: 02 9634 2317 Fax: 02 9899 4249

Email: frontdesk@stjosephscentre.org.au

Cheques payable to the Spirituality Ministry
of the Sisters of St Joseph.

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Be Nurtured and Nourished

Overview

WEEKEND RETREATS

ONE OF THESE RETREATS COULD BE THE
RIGHT ONE FOR YOU

Sometimes you need...

Time out from your day to day life

*Some new insights,
directions and inspiration*

*A break to go within,
reconnect with self and Your God*

*Opportunities to immerse yourself
in nature*

To look after the whole person, you, we need to
consider the mental, emotional, physical
and spiritual.

Often the spiritual is through faith based practice
or other groups. To truly step forward and allow
ourselves the gift of time with self,
means to connect within.

These retreats aim to provide spiritually curious and
open individuals with an experience of listening to
fresh insights, reflection, some creative responses
and prayer experiences.

We invite you to give yourself permission to step out
of your world and look after you for a change.

SHOP & SAVE FOR CHRISTMAS

EXCLUSIVE 1 DAY OFFER TO ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS

20% OFF

SCHOOLWEAR AND EVERYTHING ELSE

THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

INSTORE & ONLINE

AVAILABLE INSTORE & ONLINE

*Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Floor stock only. Styles and colours may vary from store to store. No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount. Excludes gift cards. Offer ends midnight (AEST) 17/11/16. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.

GET YOUR KIDS INTO THE FUN OF T20BLAST

**FUN, SAFE & ACTIVE
IT'S CRICKET & IT'S A BLAST!**

ALL KIDS RECEIVE A
BONUS PLAYER PACK
WHEN THEY REGISTER

Penrith CC and Cricket NSW bring you Milo T20 Blast & Milo In2Cricket!

Both at Howell Oval Starting 19/11/16

Milo T20 Blast

Price: \$99

Saturday's from 8:00am - 9:30am

Contact Jake on 0418749185

Milo In2Cricket

Price: \$99

Saturday's from 8:30am - 9:30am



VISIT PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU/T20BLAST TO FIND OUT MORE



Dates for your Diary

<u>Week 6</u>	Friday 18th November	Zooper Doopers 50c
<u>Week 7</u>	Monday 21st November	9am Assembly
	Friday 25th November	Parent thank you morning tea Zooper Doopers 50c
<u>Week 8</u>	Monday 28th November	Swim School 9am Advent 10am Kindergarten 2017 Orientation
	Tuesday 29th November	Swim School 10am Kindergarten 2017 Orientation
	Wednesday 30th November	Swim School
	Thursday 1st December	Swim School
	Friday 2nd December	Swim School Zooper Doopers 50c
<u>Week 9</u>	Monday 5th December	Swim School 9am Advent 10am Kindergarten 2017 Orientation
	Tuesday 6th December	Swim School 10am Kindergarten 2017 Orientation
	Wednesday 7th December	Swim School School Reports sent home
	Thursday 8th December	Swim School
	Friday 9th December	Swim School Zooper Doopers 50c
<u>Week 10</u>	Monday 12th December	Swimming Carnival K-5 Year 6 Fun Day
	Tuesday 13th December	Term Award Assembly 6pm Family BBQ 7pm Christmas Pageant
	Wednesday 14th December	12pm Year 6 Farewell Liturgy
	Friday 16th December	Last day of school for students