

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 8

27th November 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Thursday, I attended the Principals' Retreat at Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. Our guest speaker was Sherry Weddell from the USA. Sherry has been travelling the world, encouraging Catholics to be more open about their faith, to not be embarrassed about naming God, to say the name of Jesus confidently.

What do we understand about being Christian, a follower of Christ? It's more than "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Mat 22:39. Loving "your neighbour" is a direct flow-on from "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." Christ showed compassion and love to others as a sign of God's love for them; to make God's kingdom real in our world. It's not WHAT we do but WHY we do it that changes an ordinary action into an encounter with God.

In Athens, there is a large marble outcrop, overlooking Athens, below the Acropolis, called the Areopagus. It was here that St Paul was brought before the councillors to account for his "babbling about Resurrection." St Paul was as zealous in his proclaiming the Gospel as he was in persecuting Christians before his conversion.

Paul addressed all those gathered: "Athenians.....as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you." (Acts 17:22-23)

Paul proclaimed the God revealed through Jesus Christ, "In him we live and move and have our being." Paul proclaimed an all-encompassing, Trinitarian God who created, redeemed and continues to sanctify our world. What do we know about this Christian God? Are we his disciples, willing to share his good news with others? It's a challenge for us all.



Peace and Joy as we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas,

Fran Jackson
Principal

St Joseph's Facebook

Our school site is for us to share good news stories and also remind parents of upcoming events. 'Likes' are always welcome, as are affirmations of our students and school. It is not a chat room or forum for grievances. Please contact the school for clarification of events and procedures. Newsletters and Term Calendars are available on the school's website www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au



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Religious Education News

What's happening in RE this month?

In Religious Education, all classes are focusing on Advent. What is Advent? Advent is a time of waiting, hope and preparation. For a quick outline of Advent follow the attached link.

<http://bustedhalo.com/video/advent-in-two-minutes>

The Gospel this Sunday speaks about waiting and what we are to do while waiting. Jesus uses the story of a house; whose master has gone away leaving his servants to wait for his return. He warns that while the master is gone his servants are to stay awake, for they will not know when the master will return.

At assembly on Monday, I shared the excitement I enjoyed when I was younger, attempting to stay awake to celebrate New Year's Eve. My motivation for staying awake was to get revenge on my father; who never let me make any noise in the house because he was a shift worker and was often sleeping during the day.

There was nothing we enjoyed more than banging on mum's old pots and pans with a wooden spoon as we walked down the street yelling "Happy New Year". I had no trouble staying awake knowing that I could be as noisy as I wanted to and there was nothing my dad could do to stop me!

These days I have a different motivation for "Staying Awake". It has to do with the anticipation around the birth of the baby Jesus. I am no longer driven by revenge. Instead I am motivated by HOPE! I am now placing my trust in the love that is represented in the birth of Jesus so long ago.

As we lit our candle on Monday, we were reminded to stay awake. So during this busy time of year, take some time to stop and reflect on how you might prepare to welcome the message of Hope into your lives.

Upcoming dates!

Advent Prayer Week Two

9:00 am Monday 1st December.

Advent Prayer

Week Three

9:00am Monday, 8th December

Hope



Christmas Celebration

December 16th

We will be celebrating the story of Christmas in the MPA.

Each grade will perform a different part of the Christmas Story. We will have live music and wonderful singing from our students.

Our Parent Helpers will also be selling sausage sandwiches on the night.

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:

Weekend Masses

Polish Mass - Saturday 4pm

Saturday Vigil - 6pm

Sunday - 8.30am and 10.00am

Mark Aggar - Religious Education Coordinator

Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday 8am

Saturday 8.30am



General News

Thank you to all our Parent Helpers for 2014! We couldn't run our school without our wonderful parent helpers. Our excursions, discos, fun food days, reading programs, father's day stall, mother's day stall, family fun day, sporting events and carnivals only run successfully through your support.

Thank
You



Enrolments For 2015

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 2015, please advise Mrs Jackson and complete 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.

If you know of anyone considering a Catholic school education for their child here at St Joseph's from 2015, in any grade, please encourage them to contact us as soon as possible to assist us with our planning for 2015.

Outstanding Fees Payments

Our financial rollover for 2014 takes place in the first week of December so please finalise all outstanding payments by the end of November.

2nd Hand Uniform Shop

The 2nd Hand Uniform Shop will be open in the MPA:

1st December 8:30am – 11am

If you have any clean, pre loved uniforms that are no longer needed please feel free to drop them into the front office so we can add them to our 2nd Hand Uniform Shop.

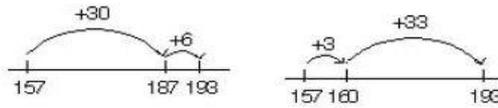
Learning News

Mathematics News

Empty Number Lines

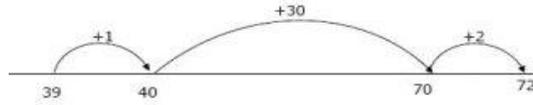
The empty number line is a line with no numbers and is a visual representation for recording thinking strategies during the mental computation process. Many opportunities to use empty number lines to solve problems increases children's confidence in their ability and leads easily towards mental calculations without paper.

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.



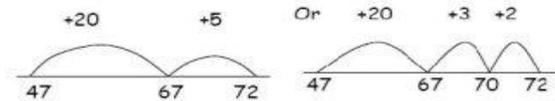
Using the empty number line to solve word problems

Subtraction: I need \$72 to buy a skateboard. I have \$39. How many more \$ do I need to save?



39 is placed near the start of the empty number line and 72 near the end. We can count up in 'friendly' jumps to reach 72. First a jump of 1 to reach 40 (multiples of ten are easy numbers to jump to and from), then a jump of 30 to reach 70 and finally a jump of 2 to reach our target of 72. I need to save \$33.

Addition: A sunflower is 47 cm tall. It grows another 25cm. How tall is it?



Challenge: Design an interesting addition or subtraction word problem with your family and illustrate how you used an empty number line to solve it on paper.

Captivate Strings Chamber Music Concert

Faustyna, Milinda and Riannon did a fantastic job performing at the Captivate Strings Chamber Music Concert.



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. All 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 or Ph. 99330205

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

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Sacrament Of Penance - Saturday after morning mass



Eucharistic Adoration - Before all masses

Nepean Community & Neighbourhood Services

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Do you have a child with ADHD or ADD?

Meet other parents who understand the struggles and joys of parenting a child with ADD or ADHD. Come along for a chat about life with ADD/ADHD, emotional support, ideas and resources, parenting tools, and the latest research.

3rd Monday of the month

7:30pm to 9pm

South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre

3 Trent St, South Penrith (behind Southlands Shopping Centre)

Questions? Call Narelle on 0409986121

ADHD Support Group Nepean-Penrith Area



SPECIAL PROMOTION FOR

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

**SPECIAL SALES
WEEK**

PENRITH STORE

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

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.

Joeys Christmas Vacation Care December 2014- January 2015

Thursday 18 th December 2014 \$37.50 BYO Lunch	Water Day Bring in your swimmers, towel and a change of clothes to Joeys today as we will be getting drenched! Water fights, sponge throwing and sprinkler fun.
Friday 19 th December 2014 \$37.50 BYO Lunch	DVD and Pyjama Day Bring in your favourite (PG) DVD and come in your cool and comfy pyjamas for a day of lying around getting relaxed for the weekend.
Monday 22 nd December 2014 \$37.50 + \$16.00 =\$53.50 BYO Lunch	Christmas Stuffers Day! We will be having Stuffers coming back to Joey's due to overwhelming interest. *Each child will get one Christmas character to stuff*
Tuesday 23 rd December 2014 \$37.50 + \$3.00 = \$ 40.50 Lunch Supplied	Christmas Party/ Cooking Day Last day of Joeys for the year! Come and celebrate with the carers, we will be cooking yummy Christmas treats and playing party games all day long!
JOEYS CLOSED	<u>Joeys Will be Closed from 24th December 2014 until 12th January 2015</u>
Monday 12 th January 2015 \$37.50 BYO Lunch	Sports Day Wear your running shoes today and remember to bring your hat and bottle of water for our fun filled day of sports and outdoor activities
Tuesday 13 th January 2015 \$37.50 + \$25.00 =\$62.50 BYO Lunch	Star Buffet Lunch Today we will be going by private bus to Penrith RSL to have lunch at star buffet. (If there is certain food you would NOT like your child eating please let carer know.)
Wednesday 14 th January 2015 \$37.50+\$3.00 =\$40.50 Lunch Supplied	Cooking Day We will be cookin' up a storm in Joey's kitchen today! We will be making something special for lunch! We will also be making other treats. Yum Yum
Thursday 15 th January 2015 \$37.50 + \$20.00 =\$57.50 BYO Lunch	Movie Day We will be travelling by Train to Penrith Hoyts to see one of the latest released movies. *Please pack all snacks and drinks in a plastic bag that we can throw out at the movies
Friday 16 th January 2015 \$37.50 BYO Lunch	Board Games Day Bring in your favourite board game today to play with your friends. *Please label all games*
Monday 19 th January 2015 \$37.50 + \$35.00 =\$72.50 Lunch Supplied	AMF Bowling and Laser Tag We will be travelling by private bus to Batt Street Penrith to play a round of bowling and laser tag We will return by 3:00pm
Tuesday 20 th January 2015 \$37.50 BYO Lunch	Beach Party themed water day Come dressed in your beach gear and get ready to spend the day at "Joeys' beach." Please bring swimmers, towel and change of clothes.
Wednesday 21 st January 2015 \$37.50 + 20.00 =\$57.50 BYO Lunch	Movie Day We will be travelling by Train to Penrith Hoyts to see one of the latest released movies. *Please pack all snacks and drinks in a plastic bag that we can throw out at the movies
Thursday 22 nd January 2015 \$37.50 + \$25 =\$62.50 BYO Lunch	Bingo Day Today we will be travelling by private bus to Penrith RSL to play some KIDS bingo!
Friday 23 rd January 2015 \$37.50 BYO Lunch	Dress up Day Today you can dress up as anything you would like. Fashion runway and prizes for best dressed!
Monday 26 th January 2015	<u>Joeys will be closed for Australia Day.</u>
Tuesday 27 th January 2015 \$37.50 BYO Lunch	Australia Day BBQ Today at Joeys we will be celebrating the beautiful country we live in. Come and have a sausage sizzle, salad and lamingtons.

Joeys Vacation Care Information

- Joeys is open 7am – 6pm during the school holidays.
- Make sure bring a hat and bottled water EVERYDAY!
- We supply breakfast, morning tea and afternoon tea.
- Children need to bring their own lunch as well as any additional snacks that they may want.
- Once you make your booking, you must pay for the day regardless of whether you attend or not.
- Casual Fee – \$40 per day (plus extras) if booking after the beginning of Vacation Care
- **JOEY'S IS A NUT FREE CENTRE!**

BOOKING DAY: Friday 21st December 2014

Please note: week starting 12th January will only go ahead if we get numbers

Dates for your Diary

Week 8

Thursday 27th November – CWL Christmas Concert 10:45am;

Kindergarten 2015 Story Time 2:30pm

Friday 28th November – Fun Food Day Zooper Doopers 50c

Week 9

Monday 1st December – Advent Liturgy 9am; Kindergarten 2015 Orientation 10am

Thursday 4th December – Kindergarten 2015 Story Time 2:30pm

Friday 5th December - Fun Food Day Zooper Doopers 50c

Week 10

Monday 8th December – Swimming Carnival Kindergarten – Year 5

Tuesday 9th December – Advent Liturgy 9am

Thursday 11th December – Captivate Christmas Concert – Springwood

Friday 12th December – Year 6 Farewell Liturgy 12pm; Year 6 Farewell Dinner 6:30pm

Week 11

Monday 15th December – Advent Liturgy 9am; Year 6 Fun Day

Tuesday 16th December – End of Term Assembly 9am; Community BBQ 6pm; Pageant 7pm

Wednesday 17th December – Talent Quest; **Last day Term 4 for students!**

2015 Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 27th January 2015 – Staff back at school

Wednesday 28th January 2015 – Years 1 to 6 students back to school

Thursday 29th January 2015 – Kindergarten start school