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St Joseph's Primary School

Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have already witnessed the great work that the teachers are doing to improve the learning outcomes of the children by providing engaging and challenging learning opportunities, particularly within Literacy and Numeracy. I regularly visit classrooms and will share some of the great learning I see in the newsletter.

Literacy and numeracy are essential skills that people need to succeed in their everyday lives. As a parent or carer, you will have already made a significant contribution to supporting your child's learning from an early age through to their schooling years.

Your role as a parent or carer is vital in teaching Literacy and Numeracy.

You might not realise it, but you are already contributing to the development of your child's literacy and numeracy skills through regular and simple activities. For example in literacy; discussing the meaning of new words and phrases, the main ideas in books or events in a newspaper story.

For numeracy, examples such as talking about saving pocket money, having a budget for shopping and estimating the time it will take to travel from one place to another.

Improving your child's understanding and the use of these skills will help to increase their enthusiasm to actively participate in the classroom. It will effectively build on the foundation of numeracy skills they have already gained in earlier years. Ensuring that your child feels confident talking to you and their teachers about their school work will enhance their opportunity to thrive in the 21st century.

What is literacy?

Literacy is the ability to read, view, write, design, speak and listen in a way that allows us to communicate effectively and to make sense of the world.

Why is literacy important?

Literacy is vital to ensuring your child has the best chance to succeed in their schooling and everyday life. Literacy allows us to make sense of a range of written, visual and spoken texts including books, newspapers, magazines, timetables, DVDs, television and radio programs, signs, maps, conversations and instructions.

Literacy Hint – It all starts with reading aloud to your child. You cannot overestimate the importance of this. The more words your child hears from the beginning of their life, the bigger their vocabulary will be — which will pave the way when they learn to read for themselves. Listening comprehension comes before reading comprehension.

What is numeracy?

To be numerate is to confidently and effectively use mathematics to meet the everyday demands of life.

Why is numeracy important?

Numeracy enables you to develop logical thinking and reasoning strategies in your daily life. We need numeracy to solve problems and make sense of time, numbers, patterns and shapes for activities like cooking, reading a map or bill, reading instructions and even playing sport.

Numeracy Hint – Look for opportunities to talk about numbers. For example, read speed signs as you are driving along the road, talk about the patterns in house numbers, look at and read phone numbers. And number plates on cars. Encourage your child to count often. Count forwards and backwards and begin at various numbers, not always zero.

Take care,
Trish



Catholic Culture News



Holy Week School Liturgies

- Monday 26th March 2:15pm Palm Sunday Liturgy, organised by Kindergarten
- Wednesday 28th March 2:30pm Holy Thursday Liturgy, organised by Year 4
- Thursday 29th March 2:30pm Good Friday Liturgy, organised by Year 2
- Tuesday 3rd April 2:30pm The Resurrection Liturgy, organised by Year 1

All family and friends are invited to attend

Staff Professional Learning

The staff at St Joseph's have been busy with their Professional Learning:

- All teachers - Digital Technology Support
- Trish Reilly - Working with Intellectual and Speech Disabilities
- Adelle Scott and Celeste Collimore - Numeracy Day
- Lisa Howell and Gabrielle Whitney - R3
- Bernadette Purtell and Catriona Pennay - EMU Training
- Lisa Howell and Gabrielle Whitney - R3
- Trish Reilly and Louise Grech - ASPECT Professional Learning

2019 Enrolments

**Kindergarten 2019 Enrolments
are now being accepted.**

Please advise family and friends to contact the school to
book their enrolment interview now!

Attendance

At St Joseph's we are aiming for over 90% total school attendance. Unfortunately we are only at 86.9% at the moment. Congratulations to KB at 90.8%.

We encourage children to be at school and on time every school day. However, if your child is sick please keep them at home. If your child is sick and away from school for 3 or more consecutive days a doctor's certificate is required on their return.

Mrs Brogan is on leave until the end of the term. If you have any attendance questions please contact Karen on 4726 4200. We wish Mrs Brogan a speedy recovery

Fortnightly Attendance Awards go to: 2 Yellow and 5 Blue - Congratulations!

Did you know			
Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day just a little bit late doesn't seem much but			
He/she just missing,	That equals ..	Which is ...	and over 13 years of schooling that's ...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

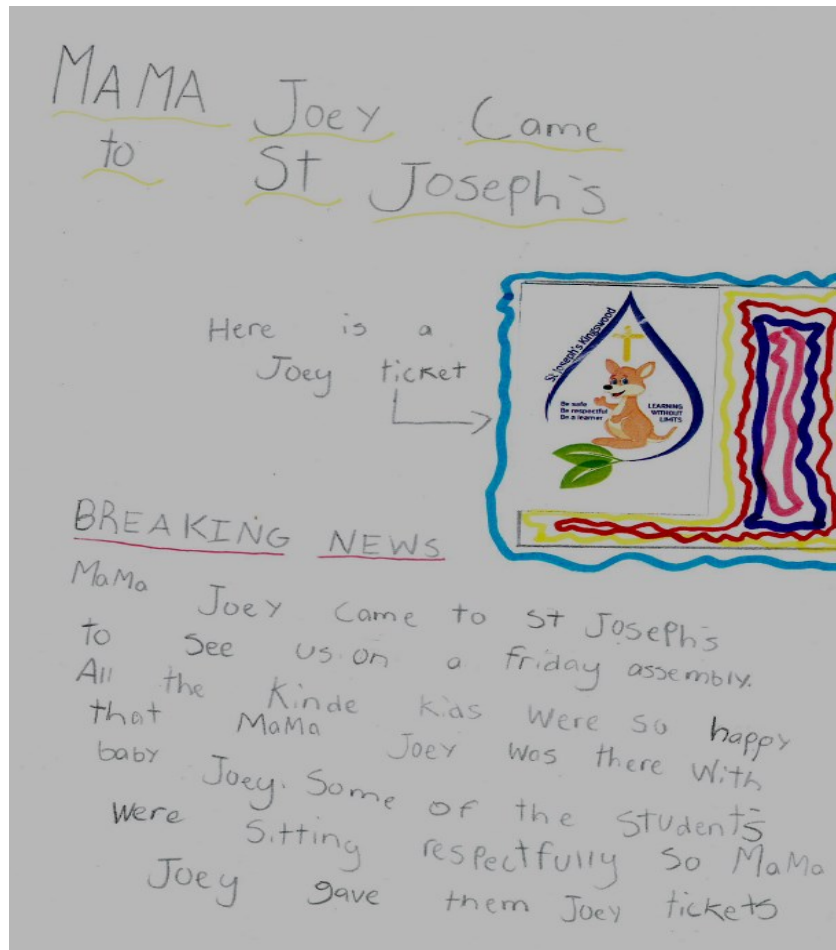
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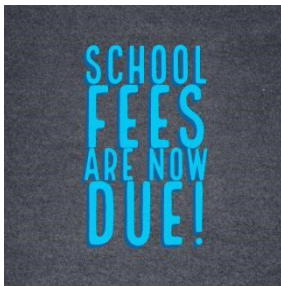
Skoolbag



Thank you to Movina in Year 5 for her newsletter article on Mama Joey.



School Fees



Correct school fees statements should have been received by now. Any families who have not received their fee statement please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4726 4200.

When making a BPay statement please remember to use the correct Biller Code: 535138.

Term 1 payments are now due. If you are experiencing difficulty in making your payment, or if you require any other assistance regarding fees, please also contact Jenny Pendleton.

Before and After School Supervision

Before school supervision commences at 8.20am. No responsibility can be taken for children arriving before that time. Children arriving before this time are expected to sit in the designated area until the teacher on morning supervision opens the school gate at 8.20.

After school supervision concludes at 3:30pm. Please ensure you have collected your children from school by this time.

Joey's Before and After School services are available if you are in need of safe, supervised childcare. Please contact Jacki on 4732 5771

Sporting Achievement

Tristan and Keane play in an indoor soccer team together, Under 10's All Stars at St Marys Indoor, and they won their final last week making them champions of their age group.



On 2nd March 3 of our students represented Parramatta Diocese at the Mackillop Basketball trials in Wollongong. Chanel, Cheyann and Jade had all trialled late in 2017 and were selected in the Parramatta Basketball trials. In Wollongong, the girls played 4 games against teams from all over southern NSW. Our St Joseph's representatives played very well and the team won all 4 games.

We are very proud of all our girls and especially Chanel Bastin, who has been selected to represent Mackillop at the NSW Championships later in the year. We wish Chanel all the best in her next competition.

Joey Jump News

In Week 6 Kindergarten reached Joey Jump 2 and had crazy sock day. There were lots of children with stripy legs and some even had animals on their legs!

Year 4 chose to have 10 minutes of Chrome book time as their reward for Joey Jump 1. They chose to go on 'Quick Draw' and 'Cool Maths Games' as their preferred options on Chrome book.

Year 1 News! We had Joey jump two during the week 6. We had ten minutes free play and they could be outside or inside. It was a great opportunity to get to know the children more as they could just chat for hours as they played. They also enjoyed having the run of the playground.

And then...In Week 7 Year 1 reached Joey Jump 3 and had crazy hair and hat day.

Here are some pictures of Year 3 enjoying their Joey Jump 2 reward...an afternoon of Just Dance! Fun was had by all, including Mrs Maloney and Mrs McGannon, who were also busting some moves!



Learning in Year 1



The Year 1 children at St Joseph's received a package from Blossom and Fredrick the fairies. The package contained all the ingredients to make "fairylicious" fairy bread. The girls and boys really enjoyed making fairy bread, they discussed the steps involved and wrote the recipe. What a wonderful hands on learning experience that meets outcomes from the English Syllabus of Speaking and Listening and Writing and Representing. The experience also touched on Fractions and Decimals outcomes from the Mathematics Syllabus when the children cut their fairy bread into halves, quarters and for some eighths.



St Joseph's Day



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21 March 2018

Ms Trish Riley
Principal
St Joseph's Primary School

Via Email: stjosephskwood@parra.catholic.edu.au

Dear Ms Riley

Joseph Street, Kingswood – Proposed Provision of 'No Stopping' Signage

During a signs and lines audit, Council's Traffic Engineers identified that the signage at the pedestrian facility on Joseph Street, Kingswood, opposite St Joseph's Primary School requires amendment. The current facility is at a permanent raised threshold pedestrian crossing, however there are currently 'No Stopping' zone signs installed for school times and school days only.

Council's Local Traffic Committee, at its meeting on 5 February 2018, considered a report on "Joseph Street, Kingswood – Proposed Provision of 'No Stopping' Signage".

At its Ordinary Meeting on 25 February 2018, Council resolved, on the recommendation of the Committee, that the existing 'No Stopping 8:00am – 9:30am & 2:30pm – 4:00pm school days' zones installed on both sides of the raised threshold pedestrian crossing on Joseph Street, Kingswood, between Richmond Road and Walter Street, be replaced with full-time 'No Stopping' zones as shown on Appendix 1.

Submitted for your information. Should you have any queries regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Traffic Administration Officer on (02) 4732 7998, during business hours.

Yours faithfully

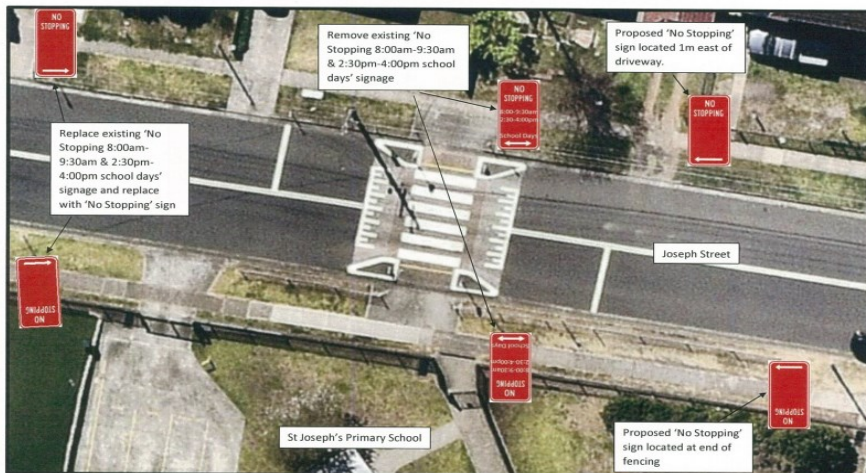


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Attach

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Appendix 1: Joseph Street, Kingswood – Proposed Provision of 'No Stopping' Signage

Community News



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, 25 MARCH

Masses: Saturday (Mass in Polish) 4:00 pm
 Saturday (Vigil) 6:00 pm
 Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:00 am

MONDAY, 26 MARCH TO WEDNESDAY, 28 MARCH

Mass: 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION MONDAY, 26 MARCH

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

HOLY THURSDAY, 29 MARCH

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12:00 am

GOOD FRIDAY, 30 MARCH

11:00 am Stations of the Cross
 3:00 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord
 Adoration of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, 31 MARCH

7:45 pm Solemn Easter Vigil Ceremonies and Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, 1 APRIL

Masses: 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm (Mass in Polish)

Stepping Beyond Support Group for Separated / Divorced Adults



- Are you separated or divorced?
- Have your emotions overwhelmed you at times?
- Are you struggling with the impact this is having on your life?
- Is communication difficult with your ex-partner?
- Do you find it difficult to support your children through this process?
- Would you like support as you deal with your changed circumstances?

If you relate to any of the above, please call PH: 8843 2530 or e-mail Rita at soloparentservices@ccss.org.au for more information about our Support Group.



VENUE: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta
 DATE: Last Tuesday of each Month (Jan - Nov)
 TIME: 7.00pm - 9.00pm
 COST: \$5.00

Younger Widowed Support Group



- Has your spouse or partner died and are you searching for someone who understands the enormity of your loss?
- Are you overwhelmed with the impact this is having on your life?
- Do you long to connect with others who have experienced a similar loss?
- Are you unsure of how to assist your children through their grief?
- Would you like support as you deal with your changed circumstances?

If so please call PH: 8843 2530 or

E-mail: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au us find out more about our monthly support group



VENUE: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta
 DATE: 3rd Tuesday of each Month (Feb - Dec)
 TIME: 7.00pm - 9.00pm
 COST: \$5.00

Dates for your Diary

Week 9

Monday 26th March

Easter Raffle Drawn

2:15pm Palm Sunday Liturgy

Wednesday 28th March

2:30pm Holy Thursday Liturgy

Thursday 29th March

2:30pm Good Friday Liturgy

Friday 30th March

Good Friday - no school this day

Saturday 31st March

Easter Saturday

Week 10

Sunday 1st April

Easter Sunday

Monday 2nd April

Easter Monday - no school on this day

Tuesday 3rd April

School resumes

2:30pm The Resurrection Liturgy

Wednesday 4th April

Cross Country

Week 11

Friday 13th April

2pm End of Term Award Assembly

Last day of term

Term 2

Week 1

Monday 30th April

First day back at school

Anzac Day Liturgy

St Joseph's Birthdays



Happy Birthday to...

March

Arus, Ally, Junior, Danni, Samuel, Samantha, Lily, Latesha, Matur, Bion, Ashton, Vincent, Zachary, Dreisson, Angela, Scarlett, Jairemy, Jewel, Janelle, Lucy, Jack, Lara, Mark, Faith, Akon