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# St Joseph's Primary School

## Message From Mrs Reilly...

To parents/caregivers,

As the term comes to an end it is the perfect opportunity to reflect on the many things that have happened.

The launch of PBS4L was definitely my highlight. We had a wonderful community celebration of the PBS4L framework and were totally entertained by Mumma Joey and Joey. The playground is a safe and respectful environment where all children know how to play safely and respectfully. They are continually being rewarded with Joey tokens for displaying the expected behaviours and have already enjoyed lots of Joey Jump awards.

Our End of Term Awards are now going to reflect the PBS4L framework. The Awards will be Joey Awards that identify students who are showing that they can be safe, respectful and a learner. We also have a St. Mary Mackillop Award as she is so much a part of the history of St. Joseph's.

**Joey Award for being a safe student** - this student displays safe behaviour in the classroom and on the playground. In words and actions they ensure that they are safe but also ensure the safety of others.

**Joey award for being respectful** - this student shows respect to everyone. They treat everyone in the St. Joseph's community with respect. They show respect to the school environment by caring for it. They respect themselves and their learning and at all times share their gifts with others.

**Joey award for being a learner** - this student values every learning opportunity. They are committed to doing their best and celebrate their educational achievements.

**St. Mary Mackillop Award** - this student aspires to be like Mary Mackillop by never seeing a need without doing something about it. They are kind, thoughtful and care for all.

We'll be celebrating the first **Kingswood Kindness Day** (KK Day) next Tuesday. This special day fits in beautifully with our PBS4L framework and will happen many times throughout the year. It is aimed at our children and how they interact with their classmates and teachers. We'll highlight all the positive things that are happening in our school. Students are encouraged to share acts of kindness they have done during the day eg let their classmate go ahead of them, not pushing in, saying thank you, asking someone to play with them, congratulating their friends for good work, greeting someone etc. You may also like to celebrate the acts of kindness that are happening at home.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term. Many of you were able to join us for our celebrations of liturgy and learning at St. Joseph's. Let's continue to show our children how much we value them and their learning.

Take care,  
Trish



## Holy Week Liturgies



## School Fees Reminder

Thank you to the families who have paid their school fees accounts for Term 1.

Term 1 fees should be paid by now unless on a Flexible Payment Plan.

Reminder letters for outstanding fees are scheduled for next week. To minimise the need for follow up of outstanding accounts, please pay outstanding Term 1 fees now.

If you are experiencing difficulty finalising your school fees account, please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4726 4200.



## 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 Kindergarten at 90.7% and Year 2 at 93.3%.

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.

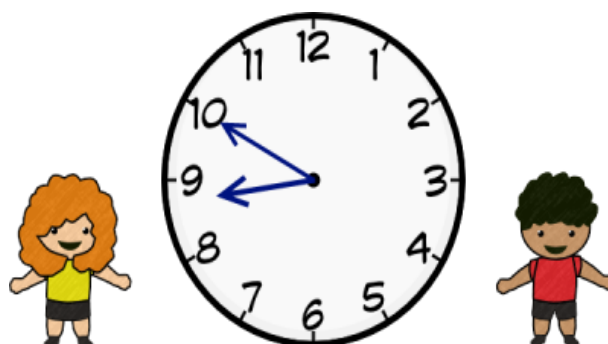
Fortnightly Attendance Awards go to: 6 Blue and 6 Yellow. They both had 6 days out of 9 at 100% attendance and only 5 children away in total during those other 3 days. Congratulations!

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

every learner  
every day



Children who are late to school - A reminder school starts at 8:50am. If your child arrives at school after this time please make your way to the office to sign them in (even if the gates are still open). Many children are being marked absent by their teacher as they have arrived late and not been signed in at the office. The class roll is a legal document and needs to be accurate. Thank you for your understanding.



## Phones and Devices

Mobile Phones need to be left in the office before school and then collected as the students leave in the afternoon.

No responsibility for any phone, devices brought to school.





## Easter Raffle Winners

Congratulations to our Easter raffle winners! All prizes have been collected.

- 1st - Celine 1Y
- 2nd - Elise 1Y
- 3rd - John (Mia 2B)
- 4th - Levi (Elise 1Y)
- 5th - Hanni 2B
- 6th - Mikayla 1Y
- 7th - XXXX 4B
- 8th - Eva 1B
- 9th - Bion 1B
- 10th - Stacie (Mitchell KB)
- 11th - Jacob 3B
- 12th - Lacey 4B



### Class Prizes

- KB - Mitchell
- 1B - Danni
- 1Y - Mikayla
- 2B - Indiana
- 2Y - Adwoa
- 3B - Narden
- 3Y - Trent
- 4B - Tyler
- 5B - Movina
- 5Y - Tristan
- 6B - Isobel
- 6Y - Jade



Thank you for all the donations, the parent helpers and student leaders for making our Easter raffle a success.

## 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

## Introducing our Year 3 Teachers

**Cheryl McGannon** - Hi everyone my name is Cheryl McGannon and I am one of the Year 3 teachers. I feel very blessed to be a part of the wonderful community at St Joseph's Primary School. I have 2 beautiful grandsons and a funny little dog called Zoe. Zoe sometimes steals my shoes and you know how much I love my shoes.

I am very excited to be with the wonderful learners in 3B for 2018.

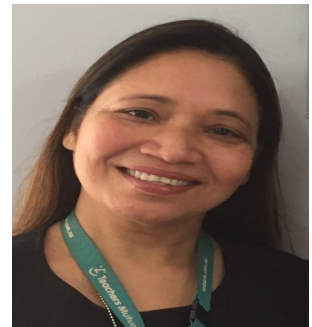
**Larry Maloney** - Hello families, my name is Larry Maloney and I am blessed to be teaching 3Y for 2018. I am a mother of three beautiful children and I also have a new puppy and beloved family cat of whom I often speak more about than my children! I love to dance, swim, walk and read and am very excited to be at St Joseph's!



**Bernadette Purtell** - Hi everyone, having taught Kindy for the last four years this is a big change for me. I am very happy that I have the opportunity to work with the Year 3 and 4 teachers and students in my new role as the diversity teacher. I have three children of my own and I love watching movies. I recently went on a holiday to India and had a wonderful time.

## Introducing our Year 4 Teacher

**Ashu Aggarwal** - Hi everyone. I am teaching 4 Blue this year. I have been teaching at St Joseph's for the past few years and I enjoy being a part of this community. I am married and have two beautiful children. Our family also owns a cute little dog named Bronzo. In addition to teaching, I love travelling with my family and experiencing new foods and cultures. Luckily, I have an amazing class and am looking forward to having a great year with my students.



## Staff Professional Learning

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

- Catriona Pennay - OPL Training
- Karen Sprycha - Qualtrics Survey Training
- Jennifer Saaib and Gabrielle Whitney - FIAT Training
- Rose Keane, Catriona Pennay, Louise Grech - Reading Recovery OPL
- Terrie Berg, Rose Keane, Celeste Collimore, Adelle Scott, Kathleen McNally, Naomi Mico - Early Years Assessment and LNAP testing and analysis of data



## Cross Country

St Joseph's Cross Country was held yesterday. Congratulations to the following students who made the qualifying times and are now eligible to compete at Eastern Creek on 2nd May.

Muk M	Mark Y
Leo W	Callum H
Lincoln M	Jaxon E-C
Pallav G	Kris P
Zac R	Akon T
Jordan Y	Narden S
Jaxon K	Keira E
Zac D	Lacey H
Nirvan G	Adowa B-A
Keane Q	Amy J
Jack V	Chanel B
Kognin M	Cheyann G



## Learning in Year 4

### Plants in Action in Year 4

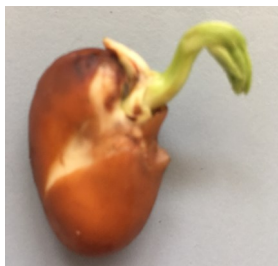
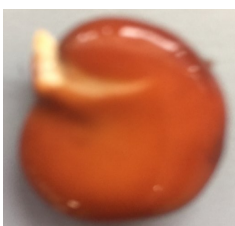
Our Science and Technology Unit for Term 1 is 'Plants in Action'. On the first day of our bean seed germination, we observed a dry and wet seed. Mrs Aggarwal soaked a few seeds in water and we pressed them on the inside of a plastic cup. We watched the seeds grow and recorded our observations in our Science journals and chrome books. After a few days we could see the first root or radicle burst through the seed coat.

Soon afterwards, the first shoot started to emerge and this started to grow upwards. The process of germination had started.

We then planted our seeds in soil and now our plants are growing tall and beautiful! Recently we used string and bamboo cane supports to keep our plants upright.

We learnt that when a plant has leaves and roots, the plant can make its own food and no longer depends on the food supply from the seed.

We are now eagerly waiting to see flowers and eventually beans on our plants!!





## Parent Association News

**Zooper Doopers  
50c - on sale  
Wednesday 11th April**

### **2nd Hand Uniform Sale Wednesday 11th April 2pm - 3pm**

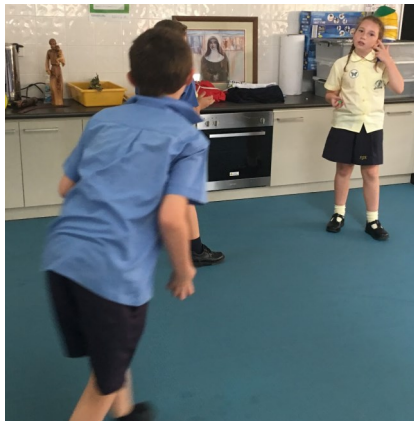
With winter coming up it is a good time to purchase school jumpers, jackets and long pants for your child. If you cannot attend at this time please contact the school office with what you need and the parent association will see if they have the items available.

## Interest Clubs

Thanks to our teachers who give up their lunchtimes to run interest clubs for the children of St. Joseph's

Beyblade Club  
Basketball  
Dance  
Computer  
Singing

Ms Walker  
Mrs Pennay  
Mrs Maloney  
Mrs McGannon  
Miss Saaib



## Excursion Permission Notes

All external excursions require a permission note for each child. An excursion permission note is a legal requirement therefore if your child does not return their signed permission note **before** the excursion they will be unable to attend.

Thank you for your understanding.



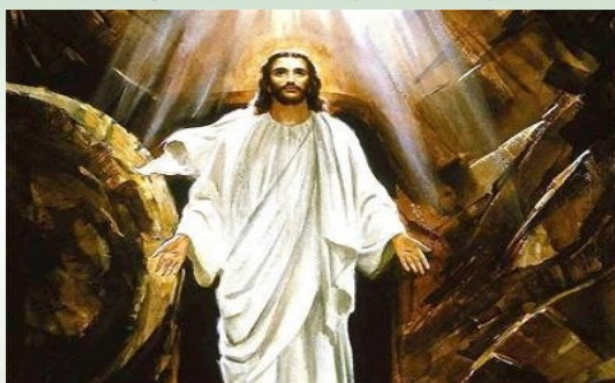
## Kindergarten and Year 1 Literacy Interviews

Kindergarten and Year 1 teachers are organising Literacy Parent Interviews for the beginning of next term. There will be an online booking system for parents to log on and book a time to meet with their child's teacher. More information to come next week.



## Community News

**Saturday, 21st of April at 6pm**



**You're invited to come to the  
St Joseph's Youth Mass.  
Hang out, have fun and eat pizza.**



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Nutrition Snippet

### The simplest way

...to make zucchini and corn fritters

#### Ingredients

- 2 zucchinis, grated & liquid squeezed out
- 1 cup frozen or canned corn kernels
- 1 cup red capsicum, finely diced
- 4 eggs
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- ½ cup chopped, fresh dill
- 6 tbsp wholemeal flour
- Olive oil spray



#### Method

1. Place the zucchini, corn, capsicum, eggs, Parmesan, dill and flour in a bowl. Mix well.
2. Spray a large fry pan with olive oil and heat over a medium heat. Working in batches, fill an ice-cream scoop (or large spoon) with the mixture and drop onto the pan. Flatten the fritters out slightly with a fork. Cook for approximately 4 minutes or until brown, flip and continue to cook until that side is brown and cooked through.

Visit [healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au) for  
recipes & information you can trust.

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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## Dates for your Diary

### Week 11

Tuesday 10th April

Kingswood Kindness Day

Friday 13th April

Kingswood Commonwealth Games

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

#### Week 2

Wednesday 9th May

Mother's Day Stall

Friday 11th May

Mother's Day Liturgy

## St Joseph's Birthdays



## Happy Birthday to...

**April - Lily, Gabriel, Fuianina, Elsie, Holli, Achilles, Izabella, Farleen, Jack, Cameron, Ella Grace, Jessica, Dominic**



Thank you to everyone who have bought in Coles Sports for Schools vouchers. Whilst Coles are no longer giving them out we are still able to collect them up until the end of term.

Thank you for your support.

