



Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday was such an exciting time at St Joseph's when we launched Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L). It was a day of learning, games, playing, cooperating, sharing, caring, respecting, being safe, laughing, belonging, yummy food and lots of fun.

We began the day with two hours of learning. After Lunch 1 we broke into mixed K-6 groups who rotated through lots of fun activities where they worked together, helped and supported each other.



We then had a yummy lunch prepared so beautifully by our parent/ grandparent helpers - thanks so much for generously donating your time. We really appreciate it. Lots of our mums and dads came along to eat with us.



After lunch there was time to play with our friends and buddies.



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St Joseph's Primary School

Then we went into the MPA for our special assembly. We were lead by Ms Howell and our school captains and were shown how to be safe, to be respectful and to be learners. The role plays help us to understand the expectations of our school.



It was so exciting - we got to meet Mumma Joey and Joey. Joey told Ms Howell that all students who are safe, respectful learners on the playground can get a Joey token. We were also given a poster that we can sign to say that we promise to try our best to be Safe, Respectful Learners. Joey also gave us some lollies to remind us about the fantastic day we had.



And now we are earning Joey Jump Awards because we are all Safe, Respectful Learners.



Catholic Culture News

Sacramental Programs 2018

Dates for this year's Sacramental programs, run by the Parish, are as follows:

Reconciliation: 6pm Thursday 22nd March

Sessions: 18th February (registration); 25th February; 4th,11th,18th March

First Communion: Sunday 3rd June (Feast of Corpus Christi)

Sessions: 8th April (registration); 15th & 29th April; 6th,13th,20th,27th May (27th May Rehearsal)

Confirmation: 7pm Tuesday 23rd October

Sessions: 22nd July (registration); 29th July; 5th,19th,26th August; 2nd,9th,16th,23rd,30th September; 7th,14th,21st October (21st Oct Rehearsal)

More information is available from the Parish Office and we will keep you updated in future school newsletters.

Phil Margerison

Religious Education Coordinator

Attendance

We'd like to thank each and every one of you for contributing to our high Attendance percentage rates thus far!

Thankyou to all parents, grandparents and carers contacting our school through skoolbag, email, phone calls and notes to classroom teachers advising of your child's absence. Please remember if your child is absent for 3 consecutive days, we require a medical certificate.

If you have any questions regarding attendance matters, please contact either Mrs Brogan or Mrs Sprycha on 4726 4200.

Congratulations 5 Blue and 1 Blue for achieving 100% Attendance for 8 days over weeks 2 and 3. That's an enormous effort! So proud of each and every one of you!



Swimming Update

Thank you to all the students who attended St Joseph's Twilight Swimming Carnival.



Congratulations to Lily, Lily and Zac who made it into Zone.



Congratulations to Lily who made it into Diocesan, good luck for Friday!



2018 Sport Days

Children are required to wear their sports uniform on their allocated days. Correct sports uniform must be worn along with appropriate shoes. Hats must be worn at all times when outside.

Kinder.....Tuesday and Friday
Year 1.....Tuesday and Friday
Year 2.....Tuesday and Thursday
Year 3Thursday and Friday
Year 4Wednesday and Friday
Year 5Wednesday and Friday
Year 6Wednesday and Friday

2018 School Fees

All school fee statements have been posted by the CEDP.

Please note the wrong Biller Code is on the statements. Please use Biller Code 535138 when paying school fees to St Joseph's.

FFPS - Parents will have the opportunity this year to take up the FFP offer online and by post. Forms should be returned to Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta by 9th March.

If you have any queries regarding fees please contact Mrs Jenny Pendleton at the school office on 4726 4200.

Hairstyle Reminder

Hair is a very important aspect of your child's appearance.

- Hair is to be kept neat and tidy and appropriate for a school environment.
- Children must have appropriate haircuts. Coloured hair is not permitted, nor should hair be cut in steps, patterns or stairs, or have any other symbols, lines or patterns. No rat's tails, man buns or mohawks are permitted. Short hair needs to be of a consistent length, no shorter sides.
- Hair longer than shoulder length needs to be tied back. Only navy blue or yellow ribbons, elastics, hair slides/clips or scrunchies are permitted.
- BIG BOWS ARE NOT PERMITTED

Staff Professional Learning

The staff of St Joseph's have been busy with their Professional Learning.

Catriona Pennay and Bernie Purtell - EMU Training

Trish Reilly - Principals' Mentoring

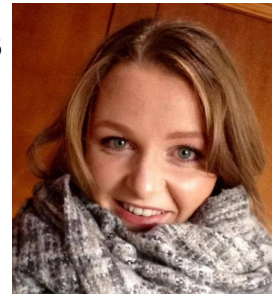
Introducing our Year 1 Teachers

Adelle Scott

Adelle has grown up on a farm in Melbourne and has only lived in NSW for 3 months.

She is a new teacher and is very excited to be teaching the lovely 1 Yellow. Adelle lived in France last year and loves travelling to new places and meeting new people

She can speak French, loves playing netball, drawing, painting and singing! Her goal for this year is give everything a go and try her best, just like the goal she has for her students!



Celeste Collimore

Hi! I am teaching 1 Blue this year. I have been teaching in Primary schools for 6 years. Most of which has been in the Sydney Diocese. I have been working with children for 14 years in different fields, such as, Early Childhood Centres, private nanny and Before and After School Care Manager. I am a classically trained soprano, however, my husband and I perform in a rock and roll band on the weekends. Our little daughter often comes with us, and loves to sing into the microphone too. I am thrilled to join the St. Joseph's team and am looking forward to a great year.



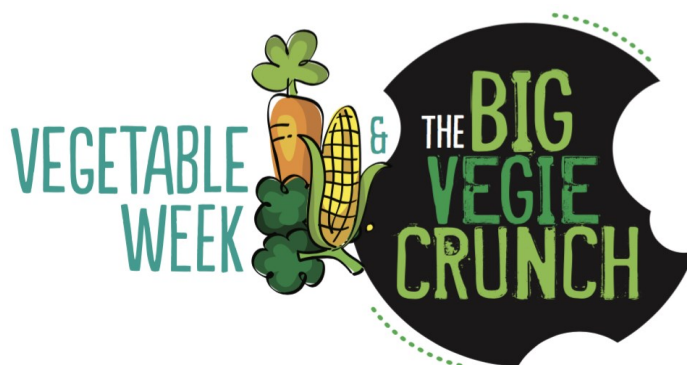
Vegetable Week

Vegetable Week will run over Week 5 of Term 1 - from Monday 26 February to Friday 2 March 2018 – with The Big Vegie Crunch being held during Crunch'n'Sip **on Thursday 1 March**.

Vegetable Week is a quick, easy, school-based event that aims to increase students' knowledge, exposure and positive attitudes towards vegetables.

The Big Vegie Crunch is the exciting record breaking focus of Vegetable Week. It is an attempt to get as many NSW primary school students crunching vegetables together as possible. Last year 29,067 NSW primary school students crunched simultaneously. Help us to break this record in 2018!

Make sure your child has vegies for Crunch'n'Sip during Vegie Week.



Community News



Xavier College Open Night will be held on Tuesday March 6, 2018 from 4pm - 6pm.

Prospective Students and Families are welcome to attend.

McCARTHY CATHOLIC COLLEGE

75 Mackellar Street, Emu Plains

Enrolling now for 2019

Open Evening: Tuesday 6 March 2018

Time: 4.00pm to 7.00pm

Meet the Principal, staff and student leaders

Tours of the College facilities

Trade Training Centre information

Enrolment packages available

Presentations at 4.15pm, 5.00pm and 5.45pm

Enquiries: 4735 3211

Like us on Facebook: McCarthyCC

Website: www.mccarthyemuplains.catholic.edu.au

Joey's Netball

Joey's Netball are looking for players aged

7 - 14years.

For further enquiries please contact

Ray Geraghty on 0412 061 335

	<p>Emmaus Catholic College</p> <p>OPEN NIGHT Wednesday 28th February, 2018</p> <p>Students will be showcasing what occurs in the learning environment at Emmaus Catholic College</p> <p>General Information 6pm – 6.30 pm</p> <p>Tours of the College 6.30pm – 8.30 pm</p> <p>Venue: Sr Patricia Tully Centre (Hall) 87-109 Bakers Lane, Kemps Creek</p> <p>Contact: 02 9670 8300</p>
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St Dominic's College

OPEN DAY 2018

Sunday the 4th of March

You are invited to join us for our Annual Open Day at the College from 10am to 2.30pm.

The morning session starts at 10:00am, followed by a tour of the College at 10:30am.

The afternoon session starts at 12:30pm followed by a tour of the College at 1:00pm.

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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to swap unhealthy snacks.

Visit the Healthy Swaps section of our new Healthy Lunch Box website for tips and recipe inspiration on swapping out unhealthy lunch box snacks - healthylunchbox.com.au/recipes/healthy-swaps

Try swapping store bought muesli bars with homemade chewy fruit and seed bars, fruit loaf or banana pikelets.



Swap lollies and chocolate bars with dried fruit, bliss balls, celery boats with sultanas or reduced fat custard tubs.

Swap out sweet and flavoured biscuits with homemade veggie or fruit muffins or biscuits, wholemeal crackers with hummus or baked pita bread with veggie dip.

Visit 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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Eat It To Beat It

Dates for your Diary

<u>Week 4</u>	22nd & 23rd February Friday 23rd February	Stage 3 Camp Diocesan Swimming
<u>Week 5</u>	26th February - 2nd March Friday 2nd March	Vegie Week Whole School Assembly
<u>Week 6</u>	5th - 9th March Monday 5th March Tuesday 6th March	Catholic Schools Week and Book Fair Open Classrooms 9am-11am & 3:30pm-5pm Open Day for new enrolments



St Joseph's Birthdays



Happy Birthday to...

February - Celine, Melissa, Jenna, Kenyon, Xara, Ayieda, Hanni, Ruby, Julian, Owen, Reece, Achou, Mia, Lincoln, Ryleigh, Manyang, Yohan, Aviahana, Sabrina, Dominique, Tristan