

Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Catholic Schools' Week began at St. Joseph's on Monday with an enthusiastic group of parents and friends working with their children to learn about numeracy activities. Lunch was followed by a prayer celebrating the theme of 'Every learner, every day: TRANSFORMING LEARNING' here at St. Joseph's.

We welcomed many visitors to our school on Tuesday. They took the opportunity to come and learn about all the great things St. Joseph's has to offer. They noticed that the children were so happy and engrossed in their learning, that the teachers were professional and actively engaging with all the children in the room and that the classrooms were vibrant, colourful and informative environments.

I shared some information about why they should come to St. Joseph's and not another school. What do we have to offer that others don't?

- **A new beginning:** St Joseph's began in 1963 and has had lots of new beginnings over the years. In 2017 a new leadership team was appointed with a vision for St. Joseph's as a safe, respectful learning community. We are committed to this vision and are working hard to ensure that it is a reality for every member of our school.
- **Focus on learning:** Learning is the reason why we come to school each day. We are committed to ensuring that each child, each day is learning, is improving, is stretching themselves to greater heights. We support this learning through our focus on teacher learning. We have three Instructional Leaders who work with teachers to analyse data, model teaching strategies, observe lessons, give feedback, plan and program.
- **Diversity is the Norm:** At St. Joseph's we believe that each child is an individual who has their own talents and needs. Each child learns differently and requires different support whether additional help or extension. Each stage has at least one Diversity teacher who works with the classroom teachers to meet each child's individual needs
- **Interventions:** At St. Joseph's we have many intensive interventions to support students. In Year 1 we have 4 Reading Recovery teachers working 1:1 with 10 students. There are 2 EMU teachers supporting numeracy for 9 students. In Years 3 and 4 R2 groups are offered to extend and support students whilst in Years 5 and 6 8 students access R3.
- **PBS4L:** The launch of PBS4L has been an exciting innovation in ensuring our vision of a safe, respectful learning community
- **Technology:** Every child in Years 3 to 6 has their own Chromebook. K-2 has access to ipads- especially during reading groups. Every teacher has their own ipad which is used as a tool to support teaching and student engagement.
- **Small class sizes:** We are able to ensure that class sizes are small at St. Joseph's. Many of the class groups have a ratio of 1 teacher for every 16 students. This ensures that each child's needs are being met.
- **Refurbishment project:** The new Kindergarten space is the beginning of the refurbishment of the entire school. We are currently out to tender for work to begin on the Stage 2 building and hope that Stage 3 many commence at the end of the year. Work on the grounds of the school is also being planned.

There are many other reasons why St. Joseph's is the best school to send you child - I just ran out of time!!!

Thanks to each and every one of you for making St. Joseph's such a special place to be.

Take care,
Trish

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St Joseph's Primary School

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)

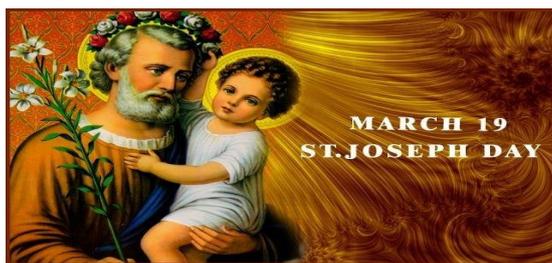
Sessions: 8th April (registration); 15th & 29th April; 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th May (27th May Rehearsal)

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.

Upcoming Liturgies - times to be advised



Monday 19th March

St Joseph's Day Liturgy



Monday 26th March

Palm Sunday Liturgy

Wednesday 28th March

Holy Thursday Liturgy

Thursday 29th March

Good Friday Liturgy

Tuesday 3rd April

The Resurrection Liturgy

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 87.9% at the moment. Congratulations to Kindergarten at 91.5% and Year 3 at 90.1%

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: 1 Yellow and 5 Yellow - Congratulations!



Stage 3 Camp to Canberra

Students from our school recently undertook an educational tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

The students visited:

- The Australian War Memorial
- Questacon
- The National Botanical Gardens
- Parliament House – A tour of both Houses of Parliament followed by a role play of being a Member of Parliament
- Old Parliament House – National Electoral Education Centre – To learn about our electoral system
- CSIRO Discovery



We thank the Australian Government for their contribution towards the costs of this excursion.

Swimming

During Friday's assembly we congratulated the following students on their wonderful achievements in swimming in 2018, Lily Weldon (11 Years Girls Champion), Lily Wylie (Junior Girls Champion), Keane Quinn, Zac Rubelj (Junior Boys Champion), Charlie Zhu and Latisha Powell all of whom achieved many first and second places at our school swimming trials earlier in February.

Lily Weldon, Lily Wylie and Zac Rubelj qualified to represent St Joseph's at the Nepean Zone Carnival and had great success, although Lily Weldon was unable to swim on the day due to injuries. Lily Wylie progressed to represent the Nepean Zone at Diocesan level, a most wonderful achievement. The dedication and enthusiasm of all our swimmers is most commendable, making both your families and your school very proud.



Parent Association News



Introducing our Year 2 Teachers

Louise Grech - Hi my name is Louise Grech. I have been a teacher at St Joseph's since 2013. I am currently working as one of the Reading Recovery teachers and our Diversity Leader. I enjoy watching funny movies and spending time with my family and friends. I have a naughty little dog called Bobby.

Naomi Mico - Hi! I am one of the year 2 teachers for 2018 and I'm so lucky to be part of St Joseph's Primary School! I have been teaching in the Parramatta Diocese for the past 10 years. I love reading, bushwalking and watching funny movies on a rainy day. I am learning to crochet but still trying to become good at it. So far I have made two colourful blankets. My favourite place to visit is the Blue Mountains, where I grew up. I have three sons and our family enjoy spending time at the beach together. I can't wait for all the exciting adventures at St Joseph's this year!

Kathleen McNally - Hi, I'm delighted to be teaching 2 Blue this year with some familiar and new faces in the room. I have been teaching for the last ten years in various schools during which time I had my four children. Previously, I've worked as a nanny in Italy and in adult education in Ireland. I love cooking (and eating!), travelling and reading. During the summer, I play on a mixed soccer team and am yet to score a goal! It's exciting to be a part of the St Joseph's team working with a fantastic group of children and teachers.



Staff Professional Learning

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

- Alison Busuttil, Trish Reilly, Lisa Howell and Michelle Sultana - MAI Analysis
- Lisa Howell and Gabrielle Whitney - R3 Training
- Catriona Pennay, Rose Keane and Louise Grech - Reading Recovery Training

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

Lost Property



Lost property is located in the metal cupboard in the undercroft. If your child is missing any property please have a look here. Please ensure your child's name is clearly marked on EVERYTHING

Privacy Consent

Consent for raffle tickets AND for the use of students' image and/or works needs to be collected under Commonwealth Government under the *Privacy Act (2014)*. Please note: Consent only needs to be collected ONCE for the duration of the student's enrolment. This is completed on the enrolment form.



However, if you wish to change consent for raffle tickets to be sent home or for the use of students' image and/or works, please notify the school in writing or request a new consent form.

Homework

Each child has received information on homework for their particular year group. At St. Joseph's we want every child to read each night, to engage in outside school activities and to have time to rejuvenate in preparation for the next school day. The homework that is set is not compulsory.



Toys at School



Children may bring toys/balls to school to play with at lunchtime. Unfortunately if they are lost or broken no responsibility can be taken.

Beyblades can only be brought to school for Beyblade Challenge on Tuesdays at Lunch 2. Ms Walker has kindly offered to run this challenge. Stadiums will be provided.



Year 6 Sports Shirts



Year 6 Sports Shirts are in the process of being ordered.
More information to come...

New School Website

Check out the new St Joseph's Primary School website.

Go to:

<http://www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au/>



Complaints Handling Policy

Complaints Handling Policy Reminder for our school community:

If, at any time, you find that you have a concern with St Joseph's Primary School, you are encouraged to come to the school and speak with the teacher/s, assistant principal and/or principal, to identify your concern.

It is our aim to work with all members of our school community to ensure we do the very best to provide a productive, safe and enjoyable learning experience for our students and professionally fulfilling experience for our staff.

If you would like to raise a concern, the Catholic Education Office has guidelines for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. Information about how to handle complaints either informally or formally is available from the school office and/or within the Complaint Handling Guidelines. These documents can be accessed on our school website or on the CEDP website.

Complaint forms are available in the school office and can be downloaded from Skoolbag.



Community News

Joey's Netball

Joey's Netball are looking for players aged
7 - 14years.

For further enquiries please contact
Ray Geraghty on 0412 061 335



NSW Government will provide \$100 to help contribute to the cost of each child's participation in sport and active recreation

\$100 Sporting Voucher

The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the new Active Kids program. From 31st January 2018, parents, guardians and carers can

apply for a \$100 voucher per calendar year for each student enrolled in school. The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities. The voucher can be used at any time during the calendar year it was issued. Please click on the following link:

<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>



OLMC OPEN DAY

SUNDAY MARCH 11, 2018

10am – 2pm

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta
www.olmc.nsw.edu.au

expanding beyond what we know we can be

A colorful poster for Caroline Chisholm College's 2019 enrolments. The background features geometric shapes in shades of blue, pink, and teal. The text is white and yellow. It includes details about an open night and tours. At the bottom, three female students in school uniforms are smiling. The college's name and logo are in the top right corner.

YOU ARE INVITED Caroline Chisholm COLLEGE

2019 ENROLMENTS
FOR GIRLS YEARS 7-12
Open night: Monday 12th March 2018 (5:30 - 7:30pm)

Tours of the college 5:30 - 7:30
Principal's information sessions
6pm & 7pm

Further information can be obtained on our website www.ccglenmorepark.nsw.edu.au

Follow us on

90 - 98 The Lakes Drive Glenmore Park
Enrolment packages can be obtained at the college on the night
4737 5500

Dates for your Diary

Week 7

Wednesday 14th March

Easter Egg Collection

Stage 3 Graffiti Education Program

Friday 16th March

Easter Raffle Tickets to be returned

2pm 2nd Hand Uniform Shop

2:15pm Whole School Assembly

Week 8

Monday 19th March

St Joseph's Day Liturgy

Wednesday 21st March

Harmony Day

Week 9

Monday 26th March

Easter Raffle Drawn

Palm Sunday Liturgy

Wednesday 28th March

Holy Thursday Liturgy

Thursday 29th March

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

The Resurrection 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