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# St Joseph's Primary School

## Message From Mrs Reilly...

Welcome back to Term 2. We have started the term with lots of excitement, enthusiasm and learning.

Already lots to celebrate:

- 100% Attendance on Wednesday
- St. Joseph's Attendance data was celebrated by CEDP leadership at the WISC Conference held in Hornsby on Friday
- The refurbishment of the Stage 2 Learning Space has commenced
- Basketball and netball courts have been repainted, hopscotch playground markings painted and new backboards have been installed
- Library has been painted and reorganised
- Lots of helpers volunteered to help at the Mothers' Day stall

Looking forward to a term full of even more opportunities to celebrate:

- Mothers' Day breakfast and prayer
- The Kingswood Gallery of Fine Arts - a celebration of family and an opportunity for you to have a tour of the classrooms and library.
- Fun Fair being run by Year 6 to raise money for Catholic Care
- Soccer Gala Days
- Assemblies
- Naidoc Day
- Classroom invitations
- Excursions
- Numeracy workshops for parents

plus lots more!!

We share these celebrations and lots of learning with you by putting photos on Facebook. Kindy and Year 1 have recently shared some exciting things that are happening in their classrooms. Have a look and follow us - <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephsprimaryschoolkingswood>

I'd also like to take this opportunity to reinforce the importance of working together as a partnership between home and school. Research has shown that student achievement improves the more parents are involved with their child's school. We both want the very best for your child and in order to achieve this we need to be a team.

In Term 1 and 2 there are formal opportunities to meet with your child's teacher:

- Goal setting meetings at the beginning of the year
- Literacy meetings for Kindy and Year 1 last week
- Parent/Child meetings in Week 10 this term

We would also like to invite you to contact the Office to organise a meeting with your child's teacher at any time but especially when:

- You have any concerns or questions
- You are interested to find out how their learning is going
- You are concerned about their learning
- They are upset about something happening at school
- They are finding it difficult to solve friendship issues
- There are major changes at home
- You are not sure about their homework
- You would like to know how you can support them with their learning at home

Let's work together to ensure that your child is a safe, happy learner.

Take care,  
Trish

# NAPLAN

Next week, students in Years 3 and 5 will undertake assessments in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy, known as NAPLAN.

## Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN tests are just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance. NAPLAN tests also provide schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

## How can I help my child prepare for NAPLAN?

Help your child prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring them that the tests are just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers have been ensuring students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance. NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress.

## What if my child is absent from school on test days?

Where possible, we may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 18 May 2018. Please contact your child's teacher if you are aware they will be absent for one or more days during NAPLAN week.

Date	Grade	Test
Tuesday 15 May	Year 3 and Year 5	Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday 16 May	Year 3 and Year 5	Reading
Thursday 17 May	Year 3 and Year 5	Numeracy

## How is my child's performance measured?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia. A NAPLAN report will be issued later in the year.

## How are NAPLAN test results used?

- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.

## Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- Contact your child's teacher or Mrs Reilly
- Contact your local test administration authority at [nap.edu.au/TAA](http://nap.edu.au/TAA)
- Visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au)

# School Fees



Term 2 School fees statements are being sent out next week. All fees are due 6th June unless you are on a payment arrangement. If you are having financial difficulties please contact the school office on 4726 4200 to make an appointment with Jenny or Trish.

# Attendance

Welcome to Term Two. Thank you for getting your children to school every day and on time, we've had a great start to this term. Check out our Attendance Notice Board under the COLA area for the latest news. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office.



## Attendance - Family Fun Activity!

### Using the words - Every Learner , Everyday

Be as creative as you like...

You might like to write a form of poetry, Acrostic, Haiku, Cinquain , Free Verse... your choice!

You might write a wrap or a jingle.

You might decide to draw or write what 'Every Learner, Everyday' means to you (and your family).

Your work might be published on our Facebook page ,in our school newsletter or displayed around the school!

You might even get to share at assembly!

Get creative. Most importantly have fun! End date for your work will be Thursday 31st May, 2018.

Don't forget to add your name and class.

Marie Brogan

## 2019 Enrolments

**Kindergarten 2019 Enrolments are now being accepted**

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

## Cross Country

Congratulations to the following students on their great dedication, perseverance and well-deserved results at the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country at Eastern Creek Raceway last Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> - Muk, Lincoln, Zac, Akon, Kiera, Amy, Jaxon and Kris who all finished within the top 100 places.

A special mention needs to be made of our top three students Jack, Jade and Cheyann who finished in 30<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> places respectively.

Thanks to Mrs Vella and Mrs Mitchell who helped in the grandstand whilst I was with our students in the marshalling area. Thanks to all the parents who came early or stayed late to cheer and encourage our students. I am already looking forward to next years' competition.

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## The Kingswood Gallery of Fine Arts



The children of St Joseph's Primary School would like to invite their families to celebrate Bishop Vincent's Family Day with the Grand Opening of :

### *The Kingswood Gallery of Fine Arts.*

This is an opportunity for families to view exquisite masterpieces made by the children. The Gallery will also be opened officially by Mrs Patricia Reilly with a prayer in the MPA at 2pm on 15th May 2018.

GALLERY OPENING TIME: 2pm  
CLOSING TIME : 3.15pm  
ENTRY FEE : Gold coin donation

We look forward to seeing you there.  
Yours Excitedly,

The children and Staff of St Joseph's Primary School.



## 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 5 Teachers

**Gabrielle Whitney** - Hi my name is Gabrielle Whitney, this will be my fourth year at St Joseph's and I am currently the year 5 teacher. I love exercising, love the gym and love doing anything that is adrenaline pumping.



**Jennifer Saaib** - Hi my name is Jennifer Saaib, this is my third year at St Joseph's and I am currently teaching year 5. I love adventure and spending time with my amazing little nephew Samuel :) For the last 4 years I have been blessed to have the opportunity to have gone on missionary work around the Philippines and recently Lebanon to serve the poorest of the poor. My photo is an image of my past trip to the Philippines. I am passionate about cooking and love a good jam session with a microphone and guitar.

## Year 6 End of Year Activities



To celebrate the end of their Primary School years, the Year Six students traditionally participate in several end of year events. These include: Fun Day; Liturgy/Graduation; Disco; Farewell

We would like interested parents to come along to a planning meeting to discuss these events. **This will be your opportunity to put your ideas and suggestions forward and nominate yourself to be on the committee.**

Once all events are confirmed the committee will meet to start organising.

If you are interested in attending this initial meeting to contact your child's class teacher ASAP.

## 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.

A friendly reminder Kindergarten excursion notes are due back this Friday 11th May.

Thank you for your understanding.



# Head Lice Notification

The school has been advised by several parents that nits/head lice have been present in their child's hair. **If you notice your child has head lice please advise the school on the first outbreak so we can send out a notification to parents.**

Please check your child's hair for nits/lice tonight. If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended.

**Time from infestation to eggs hatching:** Usually 7-10 days

**Symptoms:** Itchy scalp, white specks near the base of the hairs, lice may be found on the scalp.

**How can I prevent spread?** Family, friends and classroom contacts should be examined and treated if infested. Clothing and bedding should be washed in hot water.

## **Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice**

As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.

- regularly check your children's hair
- teach older children to check their own hair
- tie back and braid long hair
- keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

## **Removing head lice and nits**

You'll need:

- a bottle of cheap hair conditioner
- a towel
- a thick tooth comb
- a fine tooth comb
- a roll of paper towels.

### **STEPS:**

- **Sit your child on a chair or stool** in front of you. Wrap a towel around their shoulders to catch conditioner spill. (You may want to put a video or TV show on, as this process can take a while.)
- **Apply a cheap, pale coloured conditioner** generously to your child's hair. Work it through to coat every strand of hair. For long hair, it may be easier to tie one side of the hair off, and work in sections.
- Head lice breathe through small openings along their abdomens. By coating the hair and therefore the louse in something thick and slimy, these openings close over, shutting down the louse's breathing for about 20 minutes – long enough for them to stay still and be combed out.
- After you've applied the conditioner, **use a large comb to part small sections of the hair**, starting from the nape and working upwards toward the crown.
- When the hair is detangled and manageable, **use a fine lice comb and run through each section several times**. Eggs are often found behind the ears and toward the back of the head. By combing from the bottom of the back of the head up, towards the top and front of the head, you're more likely to find the head lice.
- After each comb out, **wipe the conditioner on the paper towel**. If your child has head lice, you will see them on the towel (they're a little like small, brown, chia or sesame seeds.)
- **Keep combing each section** of hair until no further lice or eggs appear on the paper towel. Often you will see lots of old egg casings that may take a while to remove.
- Once you have combed and re-combed each section of hair, either re-plait or tie it back if it's long enough.
- Head lice often congregate on the crown of the head, so it's not until you reach these last sections of hair that you'll find adult lice. However, heads that are severely infected will have adult lice everywhere.
- **Repeat at least twice over the next few days**, until you can't find any more in the conditioner. You'll never be able to get all the head lice and eggs out the first time. However, in the days after your first treatment, the eggs will hatch and you'll be able to catch the crawling nymphs (young lice).

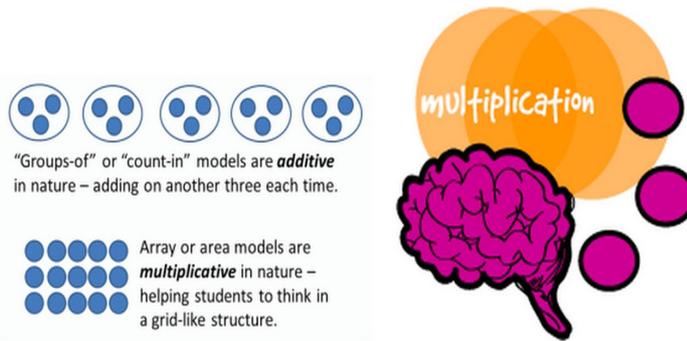
# Learning Matters

## Multiplicative Thinking

It is an exciting time at St Josephs during Term 2. Teachers are exploring the links between current classroom practice and teacher understanding of the difficult transitions in multiplicative thinking.

Multiplicative Thinking is characterised by:

- A capacity to work flexibly and efficiently with an extended range of numbers (for example, larger whole numbers, decimals, common fractions, ratio and percent)
- An ability to recognise and solve a range of problems involving multiplication or division including direct and indirect proportion
- The means to communicate this effectively in a variety of ways (for example, words, diagrams, symbolic expressions and written algorithms)
- Students will be involved in various activities during their numeracy lessons throughout the year to help them gain a better understanding of using Maths in everyday life.



## Homework

Each class has access to homework through either Google Classroom or on sheets that have been sent home. This homework is voluntary as families have many other commitments that make time for homework difficult. Please speak to your child about their homework. If you have further questions make a time to speak to your child's teacher.

## Defibrillator

St Joseph's now has a defibrillator located in the administration office. All staff are trained yearly in CPR and know how to use this equipment. If you are at the school and notice someone has taken ill and may need CPR please contact the office immediately.



# Interest Clubs

Again this term there are lots of different extracurricular activities being run by teachers during lunchtimes. These activities are designed to give opportunities to children to develop skills not necessarily being taught in the classroom. They are also LOTS OF FUN!

## Monday:

Lunch 1 - iPads/Chromebooks  
Lunch 2 - Drama

## Tuesday:

Lunch 1 - Beyblades club  
Lunch 2 - Choir / Beyblades club

## Wednesday:

Lunch 1- Stem activities  
Lunch 2 - Coding club

## Thursday:

Lunch 1 - Dance club

## Friday:

Lunch 1- Basketball Stage 2  
Lunch 2- FIDES / Aboriginal activities

Encourage your child to participate if they are interested. Thanks teachers for giving up your lunch breaks to run these sessions.



STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. STEM Club is held every Wednesday in Year 4 room during lunch one and is open for all students to join. Students have had the opportunity to create their own patterns and build various things using **Legos!** The feedback from students so far has been positive, many stating that they really enjoy STEM as it is **SUPER FUN!** Stem is an engaging and fun club where students are able to work together and learn new things. There are many smiling faces by the end of the session with many students eager to know what's in store for next week!



# School Photos

School photos will be taken next Friday 18th May.

- Children need to wear full school uniform on this day (NOT sports uniform).
- Sibling photos will be taken before school from 8:20am in the MPA.
- If you make an online order you **DO NOT** need to send the photo envelope to school.
- If you are paying cash, please ensure correct money is in the envelope and it is handed to the school **BEFORE** Friday.
- The code for online orders is **P4JPDJ8K5**

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## High School Information

### Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Morning

9.15 – 11am

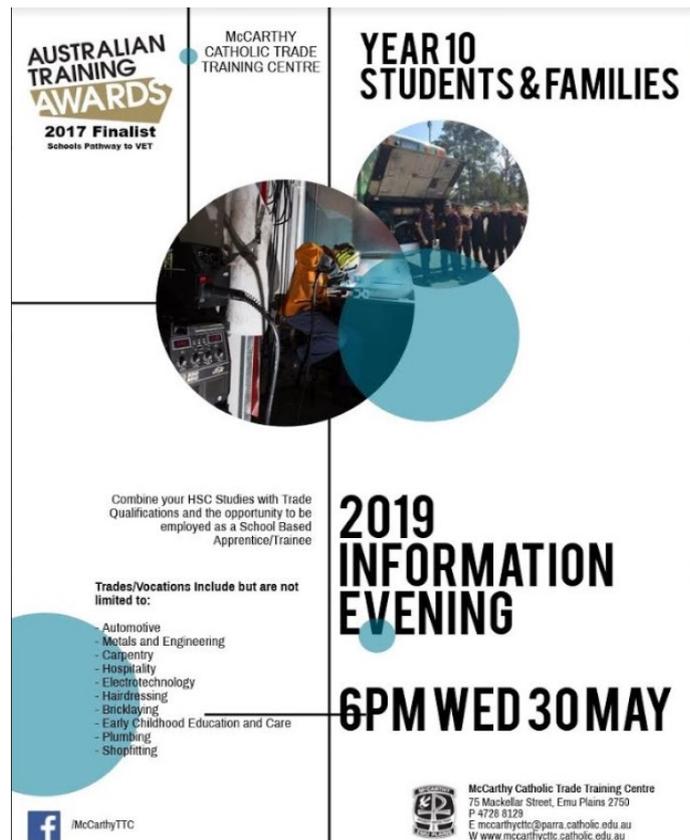
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### Enrolments for Year 7 2020

Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on our upcoming school tour especially for Year 7 2020 applicants but open to any year group. School tours later in the year get very crowded so beat the rush!

Our Open Morning is a great opportunity to tour around our school grounds, view our fantastic facilities and meet our students and teachers. You will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action. Both children and adults are most welcome.

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend. Our school tours will leave at 9.15am and car parking will be available in the visitor's car parking area via Gate 3 from 9am onwards. Ask for details when making your booking.



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- Metals and Engineering
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- Hospitality
- Electrotechnology
- Hairdressing
- Bricklaying
- Early Childhood Education and Care
- Plumbing
- Shopfitting

2019 INFORMATION EVENING

6PM WED 30 MAY

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E mccarthytcc@parra.catholic.edu.au  
W www.mccarthytcc.catholic.edu.au

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## Mother's Day Stall



Thank you to our volunteers who helped with the Mother's Day Stall, without all your organisation skills and assistance the children would be unable to purchase a wonderful gift for Mother's Day.

## Extended Leave



A friendly reminder if your family are taking Leave for more than 5 days an Extended Leave form needs to be completed and signed by Mrs Reilly. Please ensure this is done in plenty of time before your holiday. This is a government requirement. Thank you for your understanding.

## Dates for your Diary

<b><u>Week 2</u></b>	Friday 11th May	7:30am Mother's Day Breakfast 8:50am Mother's Day Liturgy 2:15pm Whole School Assembly
<b><u>Week 3</u></b>	Tuesday 15th May Wednesday 16th May Thursday 17th May Friday 18th May	Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN Kindergarten Excursion Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN School Photos
<b><u>Week 4</u></b>	Friday 25th May	2:15pm Whole School Assembly
<b><u>Week 5</u></b>	<b>Friday 1st June- Staff Development Day</b> <b>Students do not attend school on this day</b>	

## St Joseph's Birthdays



### Happy Birthday to...

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

**May** - Kuol, Joy, Adwoa Birago, Brendon, Christopher, Melody, William, Chloe, Angelina, Chanel, Rianna, Amy, Cooper, Isabella, Jaxon, Patrice, Samuel, Muk

## St Joseph's News

Congratulations to Jaxon in Year 5 on the birth of his new baby sister!

Don't forget if you have exciting family news please email the details to [stjosephskwood@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stjosephskwood@parra.catholic.edu.au)

