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# St Joseph's Primary School

## Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Last week around Australia we celebrated Reconciliation Week. Reconciliation Australia invites all Australians to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories, to share that knowledge and help us grow as a nation. In that spirit we share this prayer:



*Holy Father, God of Love You are the Creator of this land and of all good things.*

*We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history and the suffering of our peoples, and we ask your forgiveness.*

*We thank you for the survival of indigenous cultures.*

*Our hope is in you because you gave your Son Jesus to reconcile the world to you.*

*We pray for your strength and grace to forgive, accept and love one another, as you love us and forgive and accept us in the sacrifice of your Son.*

*Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history so that we may build a better future for our nation.*

*Teach us to respect all cultures.*

*Teach us to care for our land and waters.*

*Help us to share justly the resources of this land. Help us to bring about spiritual and social change to improve the quality of life for all groups in our communities, especially the disadvantaged.*

*Help young people to find true dignity and self esteem by your Spirit.*

*May your power and love be the foundations on which we build our families, our communities and our nation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Prepared by Wontulp-Bi-Buya Indigenous Theology Working Group

### **Tell Them From Me Survey**

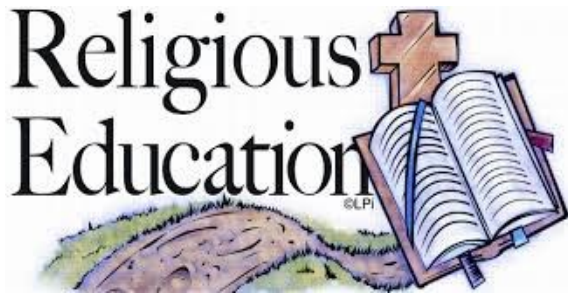
Thank you so much to the 51 parents/caregivers who completed the TTFM survey. Your reflections and honesty will help us to improve what we are doing at St. Joseph's. We will hopefully be able to share results in the next newsletter.



Enjoy the long weekend,  
Trish Reilly  
Principal

# Catholic Culture

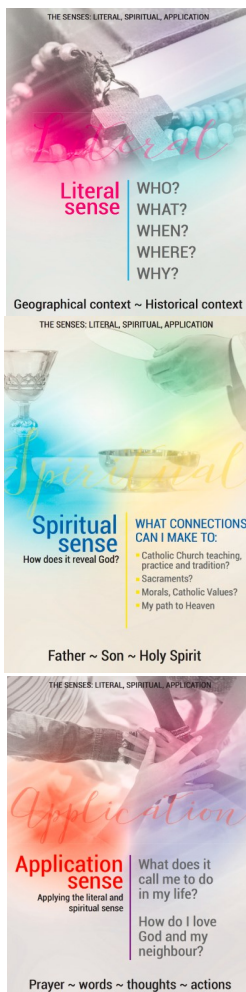
Congratulations to the St Joseph's students who made the Sacrament of First Holy Communion over the weekend - Jaxon, Angelina, Callum, Brodie, Cameron and Eleanor.



## ***Our School Formation goal :***

***Students will increase their knowledge and understanding of Christian Life as fostered by St Joseph and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.***

As a way of achieving this goal we are beginning to introduce The Three Senses of Scripture. It is a way to unpack scripture and delve deeper into its meaning and purpose. Ultimately scripture is inviting us to respond to this new learning which will be evident in our thoughts, words and actions.



1. Literal Sense. To understand the Literal Sense we need to understand the information presented 'on the page'. We need to be successful in locating the following information.

2. Spiritual Sense. To understand the Spiritual Sense of a piece of scripture we need to see between the lines and discern a deeper meaning and make connections with Catholic teaching, practice and tradition.

3. Application. The Application Sense is pondering how the Literal and Spiritual Sense applies to your life. What does the Scripture call me to and to reflect on ways that I will love God and my neighbour today and in the weeks ahead.

After reading the Scripture story as a family think of the following questions:  
WHERE IS GOD REVEALED IN THE SCRIPTURE? (SPIRITUAL SENSE)  
HOW CAN YOU USE YOUR AWARENESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE IN YOUR LIFE? (APPLICATION SENSE)

## School Fees



Thank you to those families who have finalised their Term 1 school fees accounts. Term 2 fees were due 6th June. Please assist us by finalising any outstanding fees as follow up of overdue accounts is costly and time consuming. If you are experiencing any difficulty in maintaining your fees account please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4726 4200.

## Attendance

Last fortnight's attendance trophies went to 2Y and 5B, Congratulations!

If your child is absent please contact the school to advise the reason. This can be done via Skoolbag, Signed Note, Phone Call or Doctor's Certificate.

If your child is absent for 3 or more days due to illness a Doctor's Certificate is required.

Any leave taken needs to be preapproved by Mrs Reilly.

## School Uniform

All uniforms must be worn neatly and correctly. We encourage children to wear jackets and jumpers over their shirts rather than long sleeve skivvies underneath. If children need to wear long sleeved skivvies they must be white, yellow or navy blue - not multi-coloured.

Children can wear **navy blue** beanies, scarves and gloves whilst on the playground. No other colours can be worn. These must be removed when children enter their classroom.

## Maths Day

Maths Day Coming Soon!!!

Families Welcome

When: Monday 25th June

What: 11:30am - 1:30pm	Maths Rotation
1:30pm - 2pm	Picnic Lunch with Families
2:15pm - 2:50pm	Sharing Assembly

More information to come...



## 2019 Enrolments

### Kindergarten 2019 Enrolments are now being accepted

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

## Stage 3 Soccer

Congratulations to Maura, Maria, Marley, Holli, Lily, Lily, Samantha, Cheyann and Jade who proudly represented our school at the Diocesan Girls Soccer Gala Day at Jamison Park last Tuesday. Although circumstances were against us and we were able to field only nine players on the day, our girls never gave up. Each girl performed her best against opposition teams with eleven a-side. With each game, our girls gained greater experience playing together as a team. It was fantastic to watch them developing their skills and confidence throughout the day, some fantastic goal keeping and passing was a delight to watch.



I'd like to thank the parents who attended and cheered for our girls, students Luke and Ryley from Xavier College who gave up their time to referee on behalf of our school (I'm assured that they would rather have been at school....?) and to Ms McLaughlan for training the girls.

Moreno Faccin  
Year 6 Teacher



Congratulations to Stage 3 boys soccer team. They played in the rain for 3 games and it didn't dampen their spirits. The boys won 4 games and lost 4 games. They showed great sportsmanship and had a lot of fun.

Jennifer Saaib, Year 5 Teacher

## Semester One Interviews

Our interviews will take place at the end of this semester. All grades will be in Week 10. All parents/caregivers need to make an appointment to see their child's teacher.

The bookings will open on Friday 15th June at 8:00am. A note will be sent home on Thursday 14th June with details on how to book.

Please bring your child along to the interview in all grades, as well as bringing your child's report – reports will be going home on Friday 22nd June. If you have any questions do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.



## Counsellor's Corner

### **PBS4L - Helping your child have success on Joey's Journey at SJK**

All the students at St Joseph's have enjoyed various Joey Jump celebrations and awards for being Safe and Respectful Learners. Here are a few tips that you might be able to use to help your child succeed on Joey's Journey.

Ask your child to share:

1. When they showed **safety** and **respect** during the day?
2. Which piece of **learning** they enjoyed the most?
3. How many Joey's did they receive for being on Joey's journey?

### **Big Feelings - Helping your child name and manage some of the feelings from school**

At St Joseph's we use the language of "How to fix things including - Big Feelings" to acknowledge our students reactions to situations - sometimes it can be -

- "super-excitement" of winning the Attendance Award or a Joey Jump celebration
- "Sad feelings" around the outcome of a game or being first to line up
- "Disappointment" around friendships

We try not to pick the feeling, for example instead of saying "When you were walking away from your friends you looked really angry", staff practice emotion coaching - "I can see there are some big feelings, we can talk about what happened with your friends, so we can fix it and get back into play/learning" - older students will name "yes I feel really annoyed/angry etc..", however younger students need more prompts and older students need some guidance to explore the feelings they name.

At home when your child expresses feelings about a situation at school it would build their emotional language and ability to problem solve if you could try asking the following questions:

1. "It must be really hard to have these feelings"
2. "Thank you for being honest with me"
3. "How did you work with the teacher to fix the problem?"
4. "How can we help let go of the day and enjoy our home time?"

Your children are amazing at coming up with solutions when they have calmed their big feelings, I am sure you will be proud of the types of things they share with you.

## Parent Association News

### **Fun Food Day**

Friday 15th June

Cheese and Bacon Rolls \$1

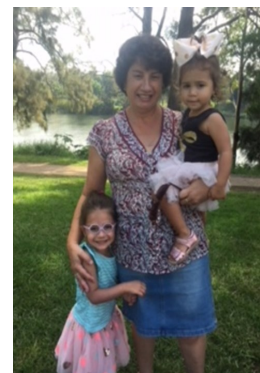
Poppers \$2

## Meet Mrs Serrao

Hi my name is Jeanette Serrao. I am a long - standing member of the St Joey's community. Firstly as a member of the Parish, then as a parent and part of the Parents Club and after that as a teacher.

I have been teaching at St Joseph's since 1991 as a Casual Teacher, then permanent Teacher and have now gone to Part Time as part of the Diversity Team supporting Year 5 and 6.

I love travelling, sewing and patchwork and spending time with my family and especially my two beautiful grandchildren.



## Teacher Learning

- Miss Grech and Mrs Purtell - Personalised Plans
- Mrs Reilly, Miss Howell, Mrs Busuttil, Mrs Sultana - Leadership Course
- Mrs Collimore and Ms Scott - Literacy inservice Read, Write and Talk
- Mrs McGannon, Mrs Maloney, Mrs Sultana - Fractions Workshops
- Ms Scott and Mrs Maloney - Beginning Teachers' Day
- Mrs Reilly - System Leadership Meeting

## Staff Development Day

Last Friday the staff worked very hard learning together. We began the day fine-tuning our Learning Intentions and Success Criteria. We then revisited Reading Comprehension and how Readers' Circle and Think Alouds support this skill. In the afternoon we worked on procedures for our PBS4L framework. An exhausting but very productive and worthwhile day.



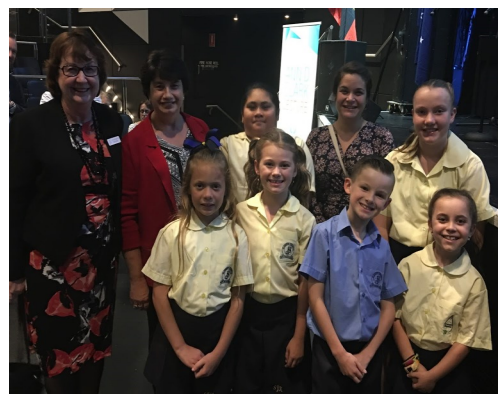
## Primary School Leaders Civic Reception

Our Year 6 Captains attended the Primary School Leaders Civic Reception at Penrith Panthers with the many other Penrith schools. This was an opportunity for them to be recognised for their leadership and contributions to the school community.



## Ann D Clark Lecture

Congratulations to the students who represented St. Joseph's at the Diocesan Ann D Clark Lecture last week. Special thanks to their parents for bringing them to the Evans theatre. Thanks also to Mrs Serrao and Mrs Collimore for preparing them so well.



## 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.



## Interest Clubs

We have some great clubs on offer as extra-curricular activities this term. Encourage your child to attend if they are interested in joining in the fun. Our children are indeed fortunate to have these extra opportunities.

<b>Monday:</b>	Lunch 1 - iPads/Chromebooks	Lunch 2 - Drama
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Lunch 1 - Beyblades club	Lunch 2 - Choir / Beyblades club
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Lunch 1- Stem activities	Lunch 2 - Coding club
<b>Thursday:</b>	Lunch 1 - Dance club	
<b>Friday:</b>	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.



## Stage 2 Building

The Stage 2 building is well underway and we are hoping for completion by the end of the term.



## Cyber Safety



Are you looking for a quick, easy reference tool to help you with Cyber Safety? We can highly recommend the "iparent" resource available from the office of the E-safety Commissioner – visit it here <https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/screen-smart-tour>.

It is a 10 minute interactive tour is for parents of pre-teens and young teens (10 to 14 years). It has plenty of tips and practical steps along the way so you can help your child explore safely and manage online issues should they arise. This is especially important at this age as they strive for independence and peer acceptance.

## Bishops Family Day

Congratulations to the Year 6 students who ran the Fair to raise funds for Bishop Vincent and Catholicare. \$808 was raised to support families in need. Well done.



# Community News



## Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Morning

9.15 – 11am  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### Enrolments for Year 7 2020

Catherine McAuley is now accepting 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. This is the last school tour until November.

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.

# MUSICAL OPPOSITES

SUNDAY 17 JUNE, 11AM Q THEATRE

### TICKETS

Child (under 16)	\$24
Infant (under 2)	Free
Adult	\$33
Family (2+2)	\$88

### BOOKINGS

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or 02 4723 7600



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### OFFICE OF SPORT

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

- ✓ New friendships
- ✓ Great value
- ✓ Fun
- ✓ Safe

Have an active holiday adventure at one of our exciting residential camps these winter school holidays!



### BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!

For the best holiday fun, our popular residential camps get kids and teens outdoors, learning new skills and making new friends. Our residential programs include:

- 24 hour supervision
- Instructor led activities
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Supervised transport (where applicable)

### Residential programs for winter 2018

#### For kids:

- Adventurer (Broken Bay, Milson Island and Myuna Bay)

#### For teens:

- Adventurer (Broken Bay)

Check out our website for a range of day programs in your local area.

DON'T MISS OUT  
BOOK NOW BEFORE PLACES FILL

For further information phone the Office of Sport on 13 13 02 or book online at

[sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays](http://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays)



Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...to stock lunch box basics.

Stocking the fridge, freezer and pantry with lunch box staples really helps with preparing quick and easy healthy lunches. It can also help save time during the morning rush!



Suggested lunch box staples include:

- Dried fruit – apricots, banana chips, currants, sultanas, raisins, dates
- Canned fruit in natural juice
- Baked beans
- Canned cannellini beans, chickpeas and lentils
- Pepitas
- Canned tuna or salmon
- Cheese block – cut into cubes or slices.
- Wholegrain crackers
- Crispbread or corn thins;
- Long-life milk poppers;
- Cottage cheese
- Hummus
- Natural yoghurt tubs
- Boiled eggs
- Healthy baked snacks from the freezer
- Wholegrain pasta
- Wholegrain/ wholemeal bread and wraps.

For more information visit

[www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au)

or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://facebook.com/eatittobeatit)



## Dates for your Diary

<b><u>Week 6</u></b>	Friday 8th June	Athletics Carnival <b><u>POSTPONED</u></b>
<b><u>Week 7</u></b>	Monday 11th June Friday 15th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday Fun Food Day 2:15pm Whole School Assembly
<b><u>Week 8</u></b>	Thursday 21st June Friday 22nd June	Athletics Carnival Reports go home 2:15pm Whole School Assembly
<b><u>Week 9</u></b>	Monday 25th June	Maths Day
<b><u>Week 10</u></b>	Monday 2nd to Friday 6th July Friday 6th July	Parent Teacher Interviews 2pm End of Term Award Assembly

**Term 3 school resumes Monday 23rd July**

## St Joseph's Birthdays



Happy Birthday to...

**June** - Azalea, Decoda, Nicholas, Bishan, Levi, Trent, John Paul, Allirah, Balnoor, Madeline, Michelle, Kaliah, Kane, Kimberly, Kaleb, Angela, Megan, Jacob, Ram