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St Joseph's Primary School

Message From Mrs Reilly...

Welcome back to Term 3. We've already had an exciting start!!

After three attempts, we finally had an absolutely beautiful day for our Primary Athletics' Carnival and Infant's Games Day. The children were all excited to show how well they could run, jump, hit and throw on the day. They supported each other, congratulated and praised their classmates for trying their best and showed respect to everyone. Thanks to all the parents who were able to help and to those who came to cheer and encourage. Special thanks to Mr Faccin, Mrs Pennay, Mr McGinnis and Mrs Busuttil for all the organisation and setting up.

We have been hosting students from China who are learning to speak English and have the opportunity to experience school in Australia. Our children are also enjoying the experience as it opens their eyes to how small our world really is and how much in common our countries have.

Welcome to Mrs Marcia Ferguson and Mrs Maggie Skamvougeras who are working together on Year 6. We also welcome Mr Gary McGinnis who will be teaching sport and releasing teachers for learning conversations. Mrs Larny Maloney will be on leave until August 13th as she has badly injured her arm whilst assisting at a car accident. Hope you're feeling better Mrs Maloney.

The stage 2 building refurbishment is complete!! The children moved in last Thursday and have thoroughly enjoyed learning in their new space. We are waiting for the new furniture which should be delivered in a few weeks. Special thanks to Mrs Aggarwal, Mrs McGannon, Mrs Purtell and Mrs Sultana who came to school last Saturday to set the spaces up beautifully for the children. Why not come to school on Sunday at 10am and have a look at the space?

We have received a grant from CEDP for landscaping, especially targeting the front of the school. I am currently working with a landscape designer and CEDP facilities officers to create a welcoming, easily maintained and beautiful outdoor space.

Painters were also busy painting the MPA during the holidays. We were able to secure a very good price to do this and the result is a bright, fresh and inviting space. We are looking for someone to lay the recycled carpet tiles from the Stage 2 building. Are you able to help?

Some parents have asked for structured homework opportunities. We have investigated various online resources and have identified Matific as a possible solution. We will be participating in a free trial of this program for 30 days. This will give us an indication of interest.

Parents have asked for opportunities outside normal work hours to be involved at school. This Sunday is your opportunity!! Classrooms will be open between 10am and 11am for you to have an individualized tour given by your child. You can then join in the fun at the Parish Winter Fair.

Another opportunity for you to join in the fun at St. Joseph's is on next Wednesday, 8th August. We will be celebrating the Feast of St. Mary Mackillop and the many gifts our grandparents share with us. Come along at 11.30 to join in the fun!!

Looking forward to sharing lots more excitement during the term.

Take care,
Trish

Attendance

Last Wednesday marked 100 days of Learning for 2018. We are proud to announce that we had 72 students celebrating 99 - 100% attendance for the entire 100 days! That's almost 1 in 3 students! These students enjoyed some 'smarties' because they are 100 days smarter.



Congratulations to the Most Outstanding Attendance Trophy recipients for Term 2 - Year 2 (infants) and Year 3 (primary) both grades were above 90%.

A reminder a medical certificate is required if your child has 3 consecutive days off school due to illness. Thank you to those notifying the school when their child is unwell/absent.

There will be an Attendance Competition coming very soon... keep an eye on the Attendance Board for further details.

Sport Days for Term 3

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Children to wear sports uniform on these days

Kindy - Tuesday and Friday

Year 2 - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4 - Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 6 - Wednesday and Friday

Year 1 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 3 - Monday and Thursday

Year 5 - Monday and Wednesday

2019 Enrolments

**Kindergarten 2019 Enrolments
are now being accepted**

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

PBS4L Update

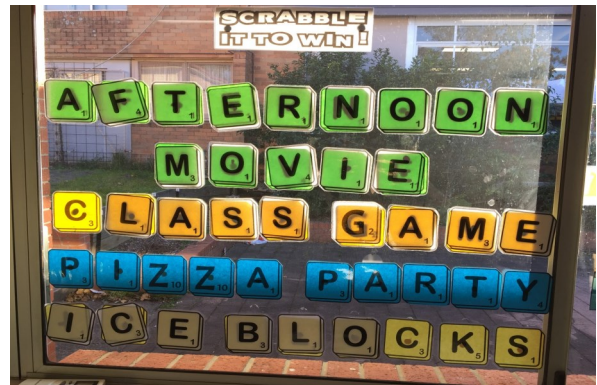


Right Place, Right Time, Right Thing

At St. Joseph's, one of the key ways for students to be on Joey's Journey as Safe, Respectful Learners is to be in the ***right place at the right time doing the right thing***. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are aware of this goal and what it looks like in class and on the playground.

Ways to be in the ***right place at the right time doing the right thing*** ...

- When the bell goes "Where do we need to be?" - Students need to be lining up in their designated area to meet their teachers - and the praise given will be "Well done everyone. You are in the **right place at the right time** - you are all ready to learn".
- When the teacher directs the class to the floor for the start of a learning session then that is the **right place at the right time**. If they are listening to the teacher then they are doing the **right thing**, and this can earn class based rewards (stamps, minion jumps, letters on a word puzzle, raffle tickets and many more).
- When the teacher directs the students back to their tables to work and they get started on their work straight away, the same praise is given "**right place, right time, right thing - what great learners**". Students will then receive the class based rewards.



Teachers will prompt students who are not achieving this goal with time to practice, re-teaching opportunities, and the class based system of managing non-compliant behaviours if needed.

You can help your children practice this through discussion and play at home. For example, if you all sit at the dinner table to eat together and everyone is at the table eating "Yay, we are all in the right place at the right time, doing the right thing!"

Our goal is always to get them back on track, back on
Joey's Journey of being Safe, Respectful Learners.

Mobile Phones

Thank you to our Year 6 students who are leaving their phones in the Office whilst they are at school and then collecting them again at the end of the day. They realise how important it is to ensure that their phones are safe, they are safe because no one can access them and they are not a distraction.



Teachers Learning



- Literacy - Adelle Scott and Celeste Collimore
- NAPLAN Online - Lisa Howell and Cheryl McGannon

Meet our new Year 6 Teachers

Maggie Skamvougeras

Hi, I'm Maggie Skamvougeras (Maggie being short for Magdalene). When I was in Primary school, a teacher called me Maggie one day and it stuck! I grew up in Western Sydney and that is where I am currently living and raising my family. I attended Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary School, Freeman Catholic College and then All Saints Senior College. After I completed High School, I attended the University of Western Sydney where I completed a Bachelor of Arts (majoring in English), followed by a Masters in Teaching (Primary) from the Australian Catholic University. I started my teaching career at St Margaret Marys in Merrylands, where I taught infants for many years.

My husband and I have been married for ten years and have three little girls - 5, 2.5 and 14 months. On the weekends (after dancing lessons!) we like to be outdoors and visit places that we haven't been to before - the girls call this 'going on adventures'. During the Christmas holidays, we are going on our first family holiday as a family of 5!



Marcia Ferguson

I grew up in rural New Zealand, on the Southern Coast. This meant that my childhood was filled with riding my horses along the beach and through the bush as well as being an active member of the local surf club. I come from a very sporty family. So this meant having a go at a wide range of sports - especially through primary school as if we wanted a school team, everyone had to play (we only had 40 students at my primary school!)

After going to University in Dunedin, I was lucky enough to gain employment at a very small school in a mining town called Nightcaps. I only had 8 students in my class!

Over my 16 years of teaching in New Zealand, I was able to teach from the bottom of the South Island to the top of the North Island. I taught from 5 year old up to 15 year olds, in country and city schools. I think of all my schools in New Zealand, my favourite would have been Tuakau College - a rural school that was only an hours drive to Auckland and Hamilton (and only a 10 minute drive from home!)



Two years ago, my husband decided to take on a job in Sydney, so we spent 18 months living in two separate countries! Our two children (Riley, 12 and Aria, 3) missed spending time with their Dad, so we decided to all pack up and move here just in time for Christmas last year! It was a bit of a shock arriving just in time for the heat wave.

Athletics Carnival

Last Tuesday we, at last, were able to hold our primary athletics carnival. The infants enjoyed a Fun Day at school. Beautiful weather, picnic lunch and lots of fun!!!

We were able to hold all events including 100m, 200m and 800m, long jump and shot put. We saw lots of talent amongst our students and some of these children will have the opportunity to compete at the Zone athletics carnival on 10th August.

We wish the following competitors lots of luck and hope they enjoy competing at the next level of competition: Chanel Bastin, Adwoa Boamah-Addai, Adut Chol, Junior Conde, Matur Dal, Faith De Guzman, Zachary Donzow, Alex Douglas, Pallav Giddaluri, Cheyann Grimes, Lacey Holdsworth, Mark Johnson, Muk Madar, Kaleb McKenzie, Jade Mitchell, William Nketsia, Kris Page, Natalie Page, Mackenzie Pemberton, Keane Quinn, Sabrina Ristovski-Bremez, Angela Rodriguez-Diaz, Dominic Ryan, Izabella Saluk-Lucre, Megan Stacey, Akon Terketh, Jack Vella, Fui Washburn, Lily Weldon, Edmond Williams, Hannah-Lois Williams, Lily Wiley, Jordan Yanga, Mark Yanga.



Morning Drop Off



A reminder that there is no supervision for your children before 8.20am. If your child arrives before this time no responsibility can be taken for their safety. Please contact Joey's for before school supervision.

The teachers on Morning Duty on the top playground need to lock the gates and supervise the children as they walk to the pavers area. **The gates will be locked when the music commences** to enable them to achieve this.

Please make sure you have dropped your children off by **8.45am** to ensure they can enter from the top playground. If the gates are locked your children can enter through the gate near the Office.

Captivate

Some students from Years 3-6 have been working hard rehearsing songs for the Captivate Showcase each Tuesday at school.

On Monday 30th July, 17 St Joseph's students attended the Combined Primary Choir Captivate Rehearsal with 300 other students from different Catholic Schools in the Diocese. Later next month they will be performing with many other students in the Diocese at Homebush.



Student News

Lucy (Year 4) spent some of her holidays completing a CPR course. She is so proud of completing the course and becoming a nationally accredited first aid officer. Well done Lucy!



Here is a photo of Sienna (Year 3). She won her Bronze and Silver medal for her hard work learning piano at her music studio. Sienna loves piano and is working hard towards winning her gold medal!

Grandparents Day

Grandparents' Day and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day Wednesday 8th August 2018

All grandparents and parents are invited to join the school community in celebrating Grandparents' Day and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day

Outline of the day

11:30am Liturgy followed by Open Classrooms

1pm Lunch

1:30pm Student Performances

We are offering a \$5 Meal Deal for children and guests.

Payment to be made on the day.

Please complete the form below and return to school by
Thursday 2nd August for catering purposes.

We need volunteers to help cook the bbq.

If you are able to assist on the day and be at school by 11:30am to start cooking please contact the school office on 4726 4200.

Pre order Meal Deal - \$5 each. Please pay on the day.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Sausage Sandwiches x _____ (how many)

Popper Juice x _____ (how many)

Matific

Trial to commence soon

We will be participating in a 30 day trial of Matific, an exciting new online Maths resource that is specifically designed for K - 6 students. Matific is an educational and fun online tool which helps to solidify mathematical concepts. It has over 1,500 interactive activities which are linked to the curriculum.

Your child's teacher will assign activities and can designate whether they are to be completed at school or at home. The teacher will be able to track and monitor your child's progress. Your child will be able to access Matific both at school or at home.

Please ensure that your home PC or Mac is using the most up to date internet browser (Chrome is recommended).

If using an: 1) iPad – please ensure you have the latest IOS installed and download “Matific for School” from the app store. 2) Android tablet – please ensure you have downloaded the latest version of “Matific” from the Google Play store

Cyber Safety Parents Information Night

Cyber Safety Parents Information Night
Wednesday 15th August
6:30pm
MPA

For more information please go to:

<https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/>

ThinkUKnow for parents, carers and teachers

ThinkUKnow is a free, evidence-based cyber safety program that provides presentations to Australian parents, carers and teachers and students. It provides information on the technologies young people use, the challenges they may face, and importantly, how they can be overcome.

We aim to provide you with the tools to create a safer online environment for young people in your care. Our presentations cover what young people [SAY](#), [SEE](#) and [DO](#) online.

The presentations cover topics such as social media reputation management, cyberbullying, 'sexting', online grooming, online gaming, inappropriate content, privacy management, identity theft, how to protect your devices, and how to report matters when things go wrong.

Community News

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WINTER FETE

SUN 5 AUG 9AM-3PM
ST. JOSEPH PARISH GROUNDS
12 RICHMOND RD, KINGSWOOD

CAKE STALL
BBQ FOOD STALL
FILIPINO FOOD STALL
POLISH FOOD
BOOKS & RECORDS STALL
INDIAN FOOD STALL
HOMEWARES STALL
PLANT STALL
GAMES

GREAT FAMILY DAY OUT!

JUMPING CASTLE
CHOCOLATE WHEEL
INDIAN ENTERTAINMENT
MODULATION BAND

Sunday 5th August

10am - 11am

Open Classrooms during the Winter



Parenting Courses and Services - Term 3, 2018



What's available Term 3 2018?

Having one of those days? Tired of yelling at the kids? Or just want to know more? FREE Practical tips for everyday parenting

Keeping Children Safe Workshop

Triple P Discussion Groups—Evenings

Triple P course - South Penrith

Triple P course - Kingswood Public School

Individual parenting services

Parenting In Penrith (Facebook)

<https://handsheartsminds.wordpress.com/>

Bookings are essential

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Dates for your Diary

<u>Week 2</u>	Friday 3rd August	Staff Development Day Children DO NOT attend school on this day. There will be no staff on the premises. CENSUS
<u>Week 3</u>	Sunday 5th August	9am - 3pm St Joseph's Parish Winter Fete 10am - 11am Open Classrooms
	Wednesday 8th August	Grandparents Day St Mary MacKillop Feast Day
	Friday 10th August	Stage 3 Faith in Action excursion Stage 3 Winter Sleep Out Zone Athletics
<u>Week 4</u>	Wednesday 15th August	Feast of the Assumption - Mass 11:30am 6:30pm Think U Know Cyber Safety for Parents
	Thursday 16th August	Voice of Youth Cluster Final
	Friday 17th August	2:15pm Whole School Assembly
<u>Week 5</u>	Book Week - Find Your Treasure	
	Monday 20th August	Captivate Rehearsal
	Tuesday 21st August	Captivate Performance
	Wednesday 22nd August	Captivate Performance

St Joseph's Birthdays



Happy Birthday to...

August - Cayden, Eva, Isabela, Marly, Klarise, Mark, Lwandile, Elijah, Maria, Jordan, Jeriko. Oliver, Khloe, Eleanor, Elliot, Callum, Alisha, Charli, Gabrielle