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St Joseph's Primary School

Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

2018 has been an exciting year with lots of success, fun and learning. I'd like to begin by thanking you for your support and encouragement. It is by working together that we have achieved so much.

Our children want to come to school as evidenced by our Attendance rates - on average 84%. We are currently sitting 5% higher than this time last year. The smiles on their faces when they arrive and during the day are all signs of their happiness.

The launch of PBS4L has been a fantastic success. We have clear expectations about what is expected with students' behaviour. Incidents on the playground and in the classroom have decreased dramatically as we all know how to be safe, respectful learners. Our Kingswood Kindness Days remind us to be kind to each other all the time which has helped to ensure that this is expected.

Success with academic results has also been a milestone for this year. Our NAPLAN growth between Year 3 and Year 5 was well above state average and was one of the highest in the Parramatta Diocese. Early Years Assessment results again showed dramatic improvement and have been applauded by CEDP representatives. PAT-R (which measures comprehension) results are all above average and again have been identified by CEDP as showing great growth.

The school environment has had a lot of money spent on it to ensure that great teaching and learning can take place. The Administration building was painted and recarpeted, the library was painted and new furniture purchased. The MPA was painted, new air conditioners and a new projector installed. The Kindy space was ready to move into at the beginning of the year and new furniture followed soon after. The Stage 2 building work commenced pretty quickly after that and the children were able to move into that building in Term 3 to a building that had good acoustics and flexible learning spaces to enable great learning to take place. A new shade area at Kiss 'n' ride and then the landscaping project which began in Term 4. This project shows both the school and the wider community that we want the very best for our children and are proud of being part of this wonderful school. The sign which helps with communication and the retaining wall/ artificial grass area which will be another space to play will be completed during the holidays. (I did ask for the Dream Field to be extended but apparently the removal of the dirt would have cost \$100,000) The Stage 3 space renovation will hopefully commence in January!!

I would also like to thank all the wonderful staff who make St. Joseph's the fantastic place it is. It is their commitment, professionalism, hard work and caring that enable us to achieve so much. I particularly want to thank the staff who are leaving St. Joseph's for their contributions. Some of you have been at St. Joseph's a long time, others just a year - thank you for sharing with us your gifts and your kindness. We wish you all the very best in your new roles.

We farewell the following staff who have made wonderful contributions to our St. Joseph's community.

Mrs. Ashu Aggarwal - Ashu has been teaching at St. Joseph's for 18 years. After a 6 week secondment at St. Luke's at Marsden Park Ashu has accepted a position as a Mathematics teacher in Stage 4.

Ms Jennifer Saaib - Jen has decided to take leave from full-time teaching. We will still see her smiling face in 2019 as a casual teacher.

Mrs Larny Maloney - Larny has accepted a position at St. Bernadette's, Lalor Park

Ms. Celeste Collimore - Celeste has been offered a permanent position at St. Francis of Assisi, Glendenning.

Mrs Danielle Mowbray - Danielle is leaving St. Joseph's to await the birth of her third child.

Mrs Maggie Skamvougeras - Maggie will be continuing in 2019 in supporting St. Joseph's as a casual teacher

Mrs Marcia Ferguson - Marcia will be returning to New Zealand to take up a position in a school in Auckland.

Mr Conner Burke - Connor has been supporting us with IT. He has accepted a position in a Sydney based IT firm.

Mrs Ann-Maree Bridge - Ann-Maree has been working at St Joseph's for several years as our Aboriginal Education Assistant.



We welcome the following staff:

Mrs Deb Kemp - We welcome Deb as St. Joseph's Religious Education Coordinator. She has previously taught at St. Joseph's and has since been teaching at St. Mary's, Rydalmere. She has been in many acting leadership roles and is looking forward to coming back to St. Joseph's.

Ms Maddison Balzano - Maddison has completed her teacher training this year. She has been doing a lot of casual work here at St. Joseph's and is looking forward to working with the Kindergarten team.

Mrs Rosemary Smith - Rosemary joins us from Chisolm, Bligh Park. She is currently completing Reading Recovery training and will be working with the Year 2 team.

Ms Amy Green - Amy has been teaching this year at Bethany, Glenmore Park. She's looking forward to working with our Year 4 students.

I am looking forward to 2019 with many new successes, new adventures and especially new learnings. Wishing you and your family all the blessings of Christmas and New Year.

Enjoy and keep safe,
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Staffing for 2019

Kindy team - Terrie Berg, Louise Sultana, Maddison Balzano

Year 1 team - Sarah Walker, Rose Keane, Bernadette Purtell, Catriona Pennay

Year 2 team - Naomi Mico, Kathleen McNally, Rosemary Smith

Year 3 team - Cheryl McGannon, Deb Kemp

Year 4 team - Adelle Scott, Amy Green, Michelle Sultana

Year 5 team - Moreno Faccin, Jeanette Serrao/Claire Devine, Gabby Whitney

Year 6 team - Vicki Geraghty / Amy Hoppitt, Jeanette Serrao/Claire Devine, Gabrielle Whitney

RFF - Catriona Pennay, Gabrielle Whitney

From Mrs Aggarwal...

Year 2000 - I arrived in Australia and started working at St Joseph's. Brimming with excitement and energy. 18 years later, as I embark on a new direction in my career I'm lucky enough to say that I am leaving with the same sense of wonder and enthusiasm. The fact that I am able to leave on such a positive note is testament to the love and support I have received from the Joeys community past and present.

As teachers we are in a privileged position to be a part of and invited into the lives of so many families. Thank you to all the families who have welcomed me into the lives of their children. They have helped me to grow as a person and trusted their loved ones in my care. To my colleagues who have moulded me and shaped me to the teacher I am today, I am eternally grateful. To my students, for the love, laughter, excursions, camps and special classroom 'moments' and for challenging me to be a better teacher, I can't say thank you enough! My favourite moments are when my past students see me around and come and say hello. It gives me an immense sense of pride and satisfaction to see how they have grown, matured, and where life has taken them.

Without your love and support, I wouldn't be able to take the next step in my life's journey. It is difficult to leave as I have made numerous friends over the years, but I know that the friendships I have formed are something that will stay with me for a very long time.

I will carry the memories of my time at Joeys in my heart as I leave and join St Luke's Catholic College at Marsden Park.

Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing holiday and a Merry Christmas.

Take care

Ashu Aggarwal



End of Year Awards

On Monday afternoon at 2pm we will be celebrating with families and friends the achievements of many students.

We have introduced a special annual award that encapsulates all that is St. Joseph's.

The **St. Joseph Award** is presented to the student in each year group who:

Academic - tries their best all the time, strives for improvement

Social - is a kind and caring class member who is proactive in helping others

Behaviour - displays exemplary behaviour - follows rules but also supports others to make good choices

Personality - brings a smile and a positive attitude each day

We will also have the End of Term Awards:

For being a safe student at St. Joseph's

For being a respectful St. Joseph's student

St. Mary Mackillop Award : For never seeing a need without doing something about it

Congratulations to those students who will be presented with these awards.



We are all on Joey's Journey of being Safe, Respectful Learners




At St. Joseph's, students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are being taught explicitly how to be safe, respectful learners in the classroom and on the playground. The Matrix below includes the areas of focus in our PDHPE lessons.

Throughout the year we have been practising playground procedures like packing up our equipment at the bell and lining up in the right place at the right time. We have also been practising our skills in being safe, respectful learners in the classroom.

Teachers provide students with time to practice, prompts and re-teaching opportunities when needed. Teachers focus their praise on positive actions! Students earn 'Joeys' for their grade as a reward for showing these safe and respectful behaviours on the playground.

Why not have a conversation with your child about how they are safe, respectful learners at St Joseph's? Ask about their latest Joey Jump reward!!

St Joseph's PBS4L Matrix

	Be Respectful	Be Safe	Be a Learner
All settings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use my manners Speak nicely and listen to each other Look after my own and other's property Cooperate with others Use equipment appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep my hands and feet to myself Use school property correctly Be in the right place, right time. Walk on footpaths, down stairs and in learning spaces When the music starts, line up in the right area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to and follow teacher instructions Listen while others are speaking Accept responsibility for my learning/ actions Always try my best
Play Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect other children's games Share the area and equipment with others Include others Follow the rules of games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put rubbish in the bin Wear a hat where needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be a problem solver Line up when the music is on

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Attendance News

Outstanding Attendance Awards for Week 6 went to 2Y and 4B.

Please remember supervision of students commences at 8:20am everyday, please ensure your children arrive before the bell. This helps set them up for a settled day. Thank you to those of you that have been making the extra effort to ensure your children beat the bell... We've noticed and really appreciate it!



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.

Leaving St Joseph's

A term's notice (10 school weeks) in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. The notice can be given any time during term for the next term. Where appropriate notice has been received a pro-rata credit can be calculated based on a pro-rata 40 week year.



One exception is that notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following years' enrolment ie the notice period of 10 school weeks will be waived in this circumstance.

If you know your child will be leaving St Joseph's at the end of the year, apart from Year 6, please advise the school as soon as possible.

School Fees



Thank you to those families who have paid their school fee accounts.

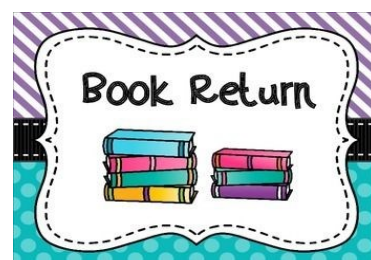
If you have not finalised your account please do so as a matter of urgency. ALL outstanding school fees must be finalised by Friday 14th December. No payments will be accepted through the office after this date.

If you are on a payment arrangement, due to be completed on the 29th January 2019, please continue your payments throughout the holidays.

If you are having difficulty in paying your school fees please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4726 4200.

Returning Books

Friendly reminder to please ensure all school library books and readers have been returned to school by the end of term.



Mathematics Assessment Interview 2019

The Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI) is a time for your child's teacher to get to know your child as a learner, through a one-to-one interview. Each child will have the opportunity to share their strengths and areas of challenge in the four number domains of counting, place value, addition & subtraction and multiplication & division.

In order for us to allocate the 30 minute time slot, it would be greatly appreciated if you could nominate a time, either on Tuesday 29th or Wednesday 30th January 2019, where you could bring your child in for their interview, using the electronic booking system outlined below.

Please go to
www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter the Access Code: **dvrq2**

Please select the year your child is going into for 2019, then teacher 1, 2, 3 or 4. It doesn't matter which teacher you choose as long as it collates with the year your child will be going into.

A confirmation will be sent to your email address so please print and keep it in a safe place to remember your appointment date and time. If you lose this information, it can be retrieved again using your email address.

St Joseph's Parish Christmas Mass Times

Monday 24th December	6pm
Tuesday 25th December	Midnight Mass 9am 11am Polish Mass



Reconciliation Times

Every Saturday after 8:30am Mass

Monday 17th December	9am - 12pm 5pm - 7:30pm
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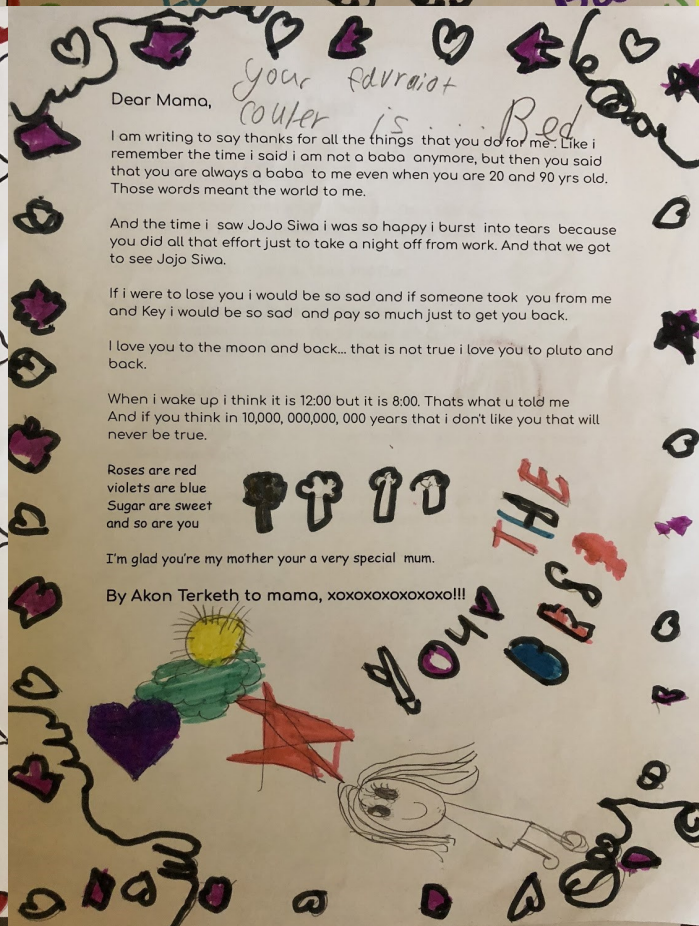
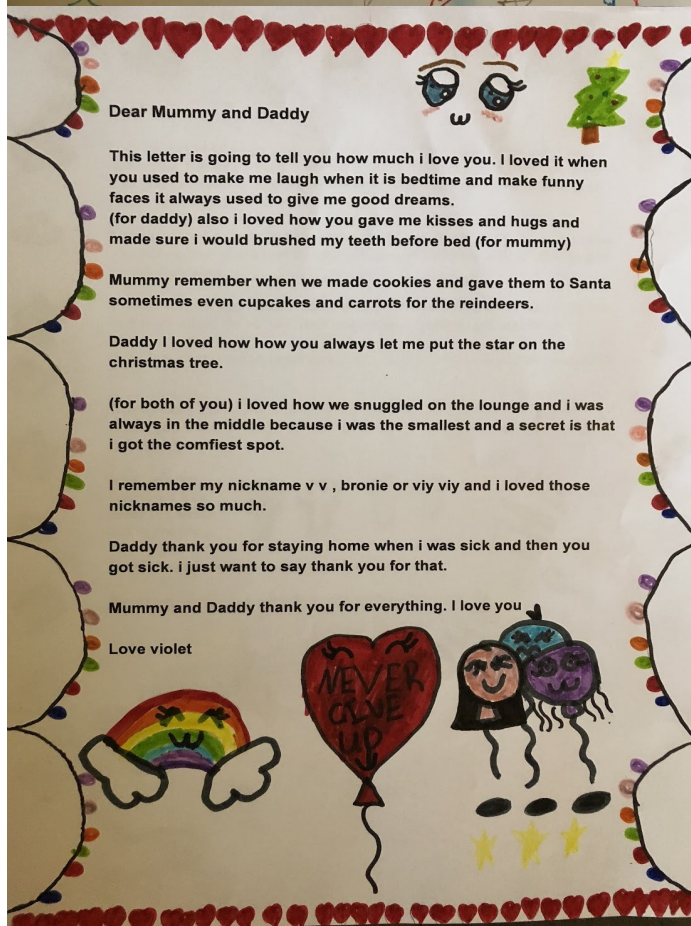
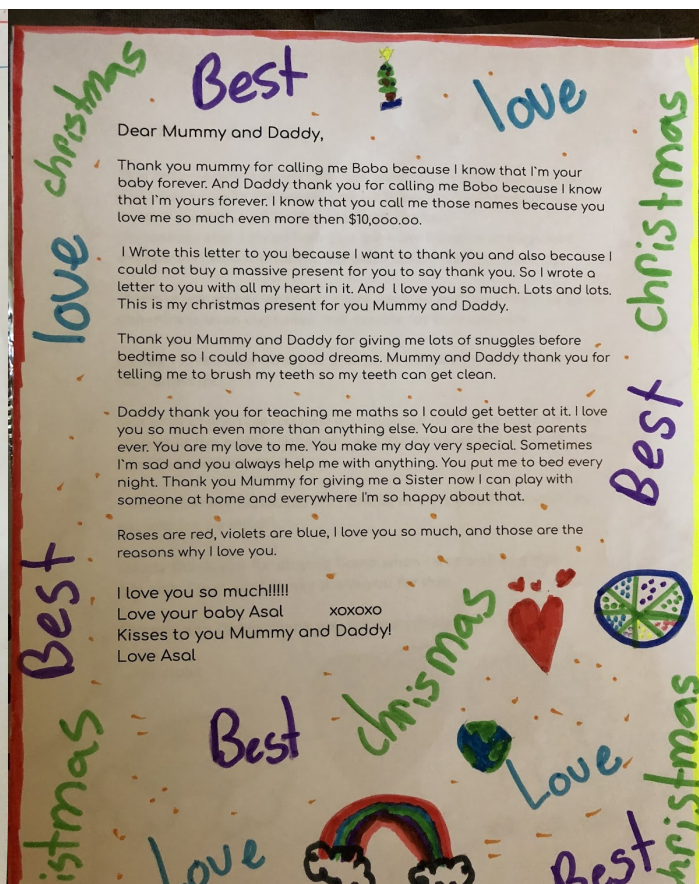
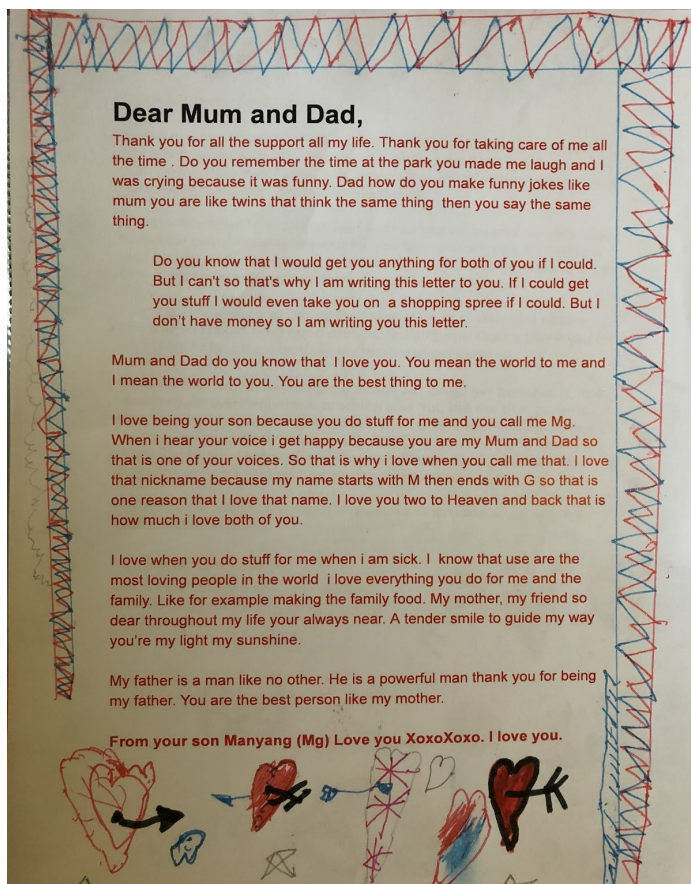
St Joseph's Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

December - Nirvan, Jayden, Ruhani, Indiana, Sienna, Kognin, Charbel, Apuol, Anaarkali, Cheyann, Mikayla

Learning In Year 3

3 Blue have been writing letters for their parents to tell them how special they are and to thank them for everything that they do.



Learning in Year 4

As part of the Year Four Religious Education unit this term the students have been asked to make a Kris Kringle gift for one of their peers. The students picked a name out of a box and have been busy making their gift. The year four students have really thought about what their chosen person may like and have put a lot of effort into making them. This activity has helped foster the Christmas spirit of goodwill in the year four classroom and the students are waiting with anticipation to receive their Kris Kringle gift next week.



Gymnastics Timetable

8:50am – 9:30am - Years 5 and 6

9:30am – 10:10am - 3B and Year 4

10:10am – 10:50am - 3Y and Year 2

11:30am – 12:10pm - Year 1

12:10pm – 12:50pm - Kindy

All Welcome



2018 in Review

A new group of Kindy's started school at St. Joseph's in their beautiful new space.



Joey came to visit when we launched PBS4L. Does your child know about being a Safe, Respectful Learner? How many Joey Jump Awards have their class won this year?



Representing our school - in singing, public speaking and sport



Lots of sport!!
Come along tomorrow and have a look at what your child has learnt in gymnastics.



Lots of celebrating as a community



Lots of building



New Kindy's came to get ready for next year



Dates for your Diary

<u>Week 9</u>	Thursday 13th December	6pm Christmas Concert
<u>Week 10</u>	Monday 17th December	Year 6 Fun Day
		2pm End of Term Award Assembly
	Tuesday 18th December	Year 6 Dinner/Disco
	Wednesday 19th December	Year 6 Farewell Assembly
		LAST DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS

Wishing everyone a safe, happy, holy Christmas and New Year

School returns for all students Thursday 31st January 2019

2019

<u>Week 1</u>	Tuesday 29th January	Staff return to school
		MAI Testing
	Wednesday 30th January	MAI Testing
	Thursday 31st January	ALL students start school
<u>Week 2</u>	Tuesday 5th February	Twilight Swimming Carnival

St Joseph's Social Media

Did you know St Joseph's have many media platforms to keep yourself updated with school events, photos, newsletters, notes, etc



Facebook - St Joseph's Primary School, Kingswood. NSW

School Website - <http://www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au/>



Twitter - @stjosephskwood



Skoolbag - St Joseph's Primary Sydney



YouTube - St Joseph's Primary Kingswood

If you would like to opt out on your child's photo, work and name being published please put your request in writing and send it to the school office.

If at any time you change your mind regarding publishing please put your request in writing and send it to the school office.