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Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Thank you to the 71 parents/carers who responded to the Tell Them From Me Survey. We had one of the best response rates in the Diocese which shows how much you care about the school and the direction it is heading.

Results from the Survey showed that we are heading in a good direction with lots of positive responses. The following diagram shows where we are in relation to other schools in the Diocese.



We are doing really well at ensuring parents are welcomed and informed. It showed that St. Joseph's is focused on safety, is inclusive and is supporting learning and positive behaviour.

The survey identified that students are having issues with cyberbullying. This is an issue that we need to work together on. The issues are occuring out of school hours but are impacting on children's' learning and social interactions. We have had the Police come and speak to our Stage 3 children about this issue, put information in the Newsletter and on Facebook and continue to educate our students to be safe. We will continue to inform you of how to support your children to keep safe online.

Comments made by parents also identified that there is confusion about homework. Reading each night is the most beneficial task your child can do. Reading helps their writing, spelling and comprehension to improve. Just like riding a bike, playing the guitar etc the more you do it the better you get. Books read for pleasure are just as important to your child's literacy development as books sent home. Encourage them to use the school and classroom libraries.

Homework has always been available for students, however, it is a choice. The reason for this is that parents need to support children in doing homework and many are too busy with work and extracurricular activities. Homework also looks very different to the homework sheets you had to do when you were at school. Every child's learning needs are met through activities that support what is happening in the classroom. Please find homework details for each grade further in the newsletter.

Parents also asked that we give more notice when school events are happening and offer other times to enable working parents to attend. We've tried to plan ahead for Term 3 and have scheduled Celebration of Learning events in the morning at 8.30am to enable parents to attend and then go to work. Please take note of these dates and times. They are also on the school calendar on the website www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au

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Parents also want to find out more about what their children are doing at school. Celebration of Learning opportunities and newsletters as well as Facebook are platforms that share with you some of the things that are happening. This term many classes showed you how we learn about Mathematics by doing the activities with you. Please make a time to meet with your child's teacher if you would like to find out more about your child's goals and successes.

Reports went home on Wednesday. These reports complement the 3-way conferences that you attended with your child in the middle of the term. If you would like a time to discuss your child's report with their classroom teacher please contact the Office.

I'd like to thank you for your support and the interest you show in your child/children's learning. Looking forward to seeing you at our morning Celebration of Learning events and other exciting community events happening next term.

Have a safe and restful break, Trish

Catholic Culture News

Sacrament Information for 2019 at St Joseph's Parish

- Registration for Sacrament of Confirmation Sun 28th July 2019 after 10:00am Mass
- Sacrament of Confirmation 10:00am Sunday 3rd November 2019

If you have any questions regarding the Sacraments please contact the parish office on 4721 4080.

Winter Sleep Out

On what was a very, very cold night we had a great turnout from students and teachers participating in our winter sleepout. The night began with a beautiful adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church. Following by an inspiring talk from Mary Eve who is social worker supporting people who are homeless and battling mental illness. She has also been involved in mission work with Ms Saaib. The students then had a special surprise visit from Mrs Serrao and all contributed to what will be a lovely patchwork quilt that will be donated to a family in the community. Ms Howell then shared with us some of her amazing photos from her pilgrimage which gave students some contextual understanding of the places in the Bible. A fantastic evening but I'm sure everyone was thankful to God for their lovely warm beds the following night.



Thank you to those who donated. We raised just over \$300 plus lots of warm clothes to donate to the community.

2020 Kindergarten Enrolments

Kindergarten 2020 Enrolments are now being accepted.

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



Counsellor's Corner

During the primary school years our children experience many changes and we sometimes forget what the milestones are and what expectations fall within their age group. This week in counsellors corner I thought it would be good to highlight the developmental milestones for the age group of children we have at St Joseph's on Joey's Journey.



Childhood Milestones

Childhood and adolescence are incredible, challenging and transformative years for humans. It can be helpful to know what to expect from your child or teenager during these years. Below is a general guide.

Ages 3-5 years

During this age group, large developments and improvements are usually observed in the areas of play, speech, motor, cognitive and social development. A good resource to check on these milestones includes your GP, community nurse or <u>raisingchildren.net.au</u>.

Ages 5-8 years

Increased sense of privacy is common at this age. Children start to settle into the school routine and rules, and will begin to form more concrete friendships. Children may enjoy choosing their extracurricular activities or taking on small responsibilities at home and school. Motor skills will become more refined, rather than major changes.

Age 9-12 years

An increased sense of privacy and a want for independence is common. Your child may start to prefer spending time with friends than family. Their friends will usually be of the same gender at this age. Your child may also begin to show signs of puberty (oily skin, acne, body odour). Most boys start puberty between 9 and 15 years of age. This may indicate a need for basic sex education for your child.

Specific, popular culture interests may begin, and your child may spend a lot of time focusing on these interests, such as music or their favourite actor. It can be helpful for your child to be allocated chores during this age, as well as keep on top of homework and school requirements. https://bravehearts.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Counselling_ChildhoodMilestonesForParents_2014-1.pdf

School Fees

TERM 2 SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS ARE OVERDUE. Due to the high cost and the time it takes to follow up outstanding accounts, we would appreciate your assistance in finalising your Term 2 school fee accounts ASAP.

If you are experiencing difficulty making your payment please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4726 4200.



Attendance News

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you out of concern for the safety of students arriving at school before 8:20am, the time designated for student arrival and staff supervision.

Students not enrolled in Joey's Before and After school care are considered to be in the care of parents or carers before 8:20am. Students on the school premises prior to 8:20am do so at your risk and will not be supervised. This particularly includes those children who wait on the silver seats in the front of the school. This area is not secure and there is no supervision for your children.

Joey's provides a \$7.50 (less with rebate) per day service for students arriving from 7.45am. We ask that you ensure your children's safety and take advantage of this service.

The school commences supervision and care for students and permits student arrival on school premises from 8:20am each school day.

As you know, the safety and wellbeing of students is our priority. If you would like to discuss these arrangements, please contact me on 4726 4200.

Kind regards,

Trish Reilly



Homework

	Reading expectation	Other voluntary homework	How to access
Kindy	Read reader every night	Storybox	<u>https://storyboxlibrary.com.au/</u> Username: Joey Password: Joey
Year 1	Read every night	Storybox	https://storyboxlibrary.com.au/ Username: Joey Password: Joey
Year 2	Read every night	Storybox	https://storyboxlibrary.com.au/ Username: Joey Password: Joey
Year 3	Read every night	English and Maths tasks Storybox	- Tasks available on Google Classroom class code - 7jxffe - Hard copies available in classroom to take home <u>https://storyboxlibrary.com.au/</u> Username: joey Password: joey
Year 4	15 minutes	Some extra activities on Google Classroom Online maths game -Prodigy - You DO NOT have to become a member. It's free. no need to purchase	All have access on their google account for Google Classroom Parent request for print out of Google Classroom activities Type in Prodigy maths on Google. Students login with google using their school account
Year 5	Reading approx 15-20 minutes per night on 4 nights per week of own choice of text	Adding to, or researching for, other Key Learning Areas. Even a small fact or interesting information	Often the current work will be on "Google Classroom" and may be added directly there or students may choose to bring their findings/information to school written on paper and then can be incorporated into their classroom learning. Children log in using their school account
Year 6	Read 15-20mins each night (a text of choice)	Prodigy Maths Game Storybox Extra Activities - Google Classroom	Prodigy - Students have individual logins using school accounts <u>https://storyboxlibrary.com.au/</u> Username: Joey Password: Joey - Tasks available on Google Classroom class code - 77qwx7t <i>(Students already have access)</i>

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the children who have already completed the challenge. The holidays are a great time for you to read, read, read.

The library will be open on Monday, 15th July from 9am - 10am. Please take advantage of this opportunity to borrow some more books for you to enjoy.

Why not have a look on Storybox for books they'd like to read. https://storyboxlibrary.com.au/

Username: Joey Password: Joey

NAIDOC

NAIDOC Week is an opportunity to celebrate the importance of our Aboriginal heritage and the important contribution Penrith's Aboriginal population makes to our community, making it a richer and more vibrant city.

This year's theme is 'Voice. Treaty. Truth. Let's work together for a shared future' which aims to emphasise and celebrate the importance of working together equally for a united future.

Penrith City Council and the NAIDOC planning committee are proud to once again host a fun and inclusive day of celebrations at Jamison Park on Friday 12 July between 9.30am and 3pm to celebrate NAIDOC Week.

Grab your friends and colleagues and celebrate with a free BBQ, fun activities, mixed netball and touch football competitions, performances and more. Kids are welcome to come along and enjoy face painting and youth activities.

Upcoming Events for Term 3

Date	Event	Responsible	Notes					
Week 2								
Wednesday 30th July	Stage 2 soccer gala day catch up	Miss Whitney						
Thursday 1st August	Author visit	Mrs Kemp/Mrs Busuttil						
Friday 2nd August	Assembly	Year 5	2:15pm					
Week 3								
Thursday 8th August	Mary MacKillop Liturgy 2pm	Year 3						
Friday 9# August	Zone Athletics							
Week 4	Week 4							
Monday 12th August	VOY Cluster final	Year 5 & 6						
Tuesday 13th August	Education Mass	Student Leaders						
Thursday 15th August	Assumption Mass	Year 5 & 6						
Friday 16th August	Assembly	Year 4						
Week 5								
Friday 23rd August	Book Week / Grandparents' Day	Year 1 & 2	Parade/Prayer					
Week 6								
Wednesday 28th August	Netball Gala Day	Ma Howell & Miss Scott						
Friday 30th August	Fathers' Day Breakfast and Prayer	Year 3						
Week 7								
Monday 2 nd Sept	Ripples Water Safety Road Show							
Wednesday 4th Sept	Year 4 COL	Year 4	8:30-9:00am					
Thursday 5th Sept	Year 3 Excursion							
Thursday 5th Sept	Year 2 COL	Year 2	8:30 – 9:00am					
Friday 6th Sept	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY							
Week 8								
Thursday 12th Sept	Kindy COL	Kindy	8:30-9:00am					
Friday 13th Sept	Assembly	Year 2	2:15pm					
Friday 13th Sept	Year 6 COL	Year 6	8:30-9:00am					
Week 9								
Wednesday 16th October	VOY Semi	Year 5 & 6						
Week 10								
24 ^{sh} September	VOY Grand final	Amy/Jen						
Friday 27th September	End of Term Award Assembly	Year 6 Leaders	2pm					

Community News



SALES ENDS JULY 31ST 2019. *T&Cs apply. Savings off orignial prices. While stocks last. Cannot be used with any other offer.

WHERE I CAN BE MYSELF, TRY NEW THINGS AND HAVE FUN

FIND OUT MORE: aplacetogrow.org.au A PLACE

Things to do in the Holidays Visit Penrith

https://docs.google.com/document/d/ 1v61D1vwGePFg1Jlr_ATmthHxpvC2 dlsny60dlvEbGYs/edit?usp=sharing



Dates for your Diary					
<u>Week 10</u>	Friday 5th July	2pm End of Term Award Assembly Last day of Term 2			
Term 3 Monday 22nd July - Students return to school					
<u>Week 1</u>	Monday 22nd July	First day back at school for staff and students			
<u>Week 2</u>	Tuesday 30th July Friday 2nd August	Stage 2 Girls and Boys Soccer Gala Day 2:15pm Whole School Assembly - Year 5			
<u>Week 3</u>	Thursday 8th August Friday 9th August	2pm Mary MacKillop Feast Day Liturgy Zone Athletics			

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

You Tube 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.

St Joseph's Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

July - Cassidy, Elijah, Jostrick, Tyler, Malek, Shannon, Jade, Eoin, Olivia, Maura, Amanda, Preston, Violet, Tremayne, Harlum, Leo