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# St Joseph's Primary School

## Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents/Guardians

Last week we celebrated World Kindness Day which complemented beautifully our *"Be the 1 in kind"* slogan. *The purpose of World Kindness Day is to highlight good deeds in the community, focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness that binds us. On this day we made our school and the world a better place by celebrating acts of kindness.*

We encourage you to celebrate kindness at home, in our neighbourhood and in our school community. We are the role models for our children, they watch our behaviour, they listen to our words, they copy our example.



How can we show our children to be kind?

- Applaud our children when we see them being kind
- Watch out for small acts of kindness that you can do - at our Celebration of Learning a Kindy mum noticed a child was disappointed his mum couldn't be there - she took a photo of his work and sent it to her. She brought a smile to his face!!
- Make sure we speak kindly about others - kind words or no words
- Respect everyone - especially those who may seem different to ourselves
- Teach your children that they don't have to be friends with everyone but they need to respect and be kind to all
- Be kind to ourselves - value the gifts each of us bring.

Take care,  
Trish

## From the REC

As we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our Saviour, let us share in the hopes and dreams for our loved ones and their future as Mary did when she received the news that she would be the mother of Jesus:

Luke 1:46-55

### Mary's Song of Praise

46 And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."



St Joseph's Primary School  
Kingswood

End of Year  
Thanksgiving Mass  
29th November 2019 - 12pm  
St Joseph's Parish Church



Please join us in celebrating a wonderful year of learning

#### Christmas concert

Our Christmas concert will be held on Thursday, 12th December starting at 6pm - students to arrive at 5.45pm.

Every child will be performing in the beautiful "Christmas Star" story. They are asked to wear Christmas clothes.

## School Fees

Please finalise any outstanding accounts ASAP unless on an authorised payment arrangement. Most payment arrangements should be nearing completion. If you are experiencing any difficulties with finalising 2019 fees accounts or have any queries regarding school fees please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4726 4200.

Last day for any payments in the office (cash/eftpos) by Monday 16th December. Please continue BPay, BPoint or Centrelink payments as arranged.

## 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 i.e 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, please advise the school as soon as possible. Year 6 have been sent home with an Exit Form today, please fill in and return it to school by Friday 29th November.

## Staffing Updates

**Year 2** - Mrs Mico and Mrs McNally will be taking leave in Weeks 9 and 10. They will be having a farewell celebration for Year 2 during Week 8.

### Staffing changes

There are many changes to the staff at St. Joseph's in 2020.

We say farewell:



- After 3 years at St. Joseph's **Lisa Howell** will be leaving to take a Principal's position at St. Monica's, North Parramatta.
- **Vicki Geraghty** has been at St. Joseph's for the past 36 years. She began as a TA, studied and then became a teacher. Vicki has made enormous contributions to our school community. She has touched the lives of hundreds of children and has helped them to discover their gifts and talents. The staff have farewelled Vicki and celebrated her commitment and dedication to St. Joseph's.
- **Naomi Mico** has been at St. Joseph's for the past two and a half years working in Kindergarten and Year 2. She is moving to the Northern beaches and has been employed in a catholic school in that area.
- **Adelle Scott** came to St. Joseph's from Melbourne 2 years ago. She has taught on Year 1 and Year 4. She is off on an adventure around Australia. We're hoping she'll drive past the school next year and pop in for a visit.
- **Maddison Balzano** has had a wonderful year teaching Kindergarten. She has been appointed in a permanent position at Werrington County Public School.

We wish all of these staff members every success as they embark on their new ventures. We really appreciate all the contributions they have made to the St. Joseph's community, the difference they have made to many of our children and the commitment, professionalism and dedication they have shown.

We welcome:

- **Rochelle Borg** who has been appointed as Assistant Principal at St. Joseph's commencing in 2020. Rochelle is currently on the Leadership team at John XXIII, Stanhope Gardens. She brings many years of experience to our community.
- **Celeste Collimore** who was at St. Joseph's last year. She has missed us so much she has decided to come back to St. Joseph's.
- **Megan Connolly** who also brings lots of experience from St. Nick's, Penrith.
- **Angela Fufaro** who comes from Holy Family, Luddenham.
- **Vicki McGrath** who is looking forward to working here at St. Joseph's.



### Meet the teacher

Where possible, students will be meeting their 2020 teacher on Monday 16th December at 11.30am. Additional information will be shared on this day.

Very soon we will start to formulate classes for 2020. If you have any concerns regarding your child's class placement, please inform Mrs Reilly, in writing, no later than Friday 29th November. Whilst we endeavour to take into account your considerations, final decision are made by the school.

## Thank you

A great big thank you to all the parents who have helped this year. Those who have helped at excursions, covered books, helped at our Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day stalls, sold Zooper Doopers, organised the 2nd Hand Uniform shop and organised events.

Thanks to those who have made the effort to come to our Celebration of Learning afternoons, celebration days and assemblies. You all contribute to making our school a better place.



## Counsellor's Corner

### Showing Respect

As we come to the end of the year it is important we all support the children in showing respect to each other in their friendships and with teachers in their learning and of course at home. Being respectful is a key value during learning time and at play, we encourage respect in the way we talk to each other and share space with each other. We encourage all children to report concerns around behaviour that is leading to upset, this includes verbal and physical behaviour - with the view that asking for help shares the responsibility and allows teachers, in class and on duty, the opportunity to respond to the concerns and to provide support.



To help model respect and to show support for each other, we encourage students to use kind words and to be the "I" in KIND. Showing friendship means in words and actions - including others and joining in play respectfully. To teachers and adults it means responding when they are called, answering questions and working together to solve problems.

## Attendance

A reminder that supervision commences at 8.20am. Children arriving before this time ARE NOT SUPERVISED and are therefore not safe. We encourage parents to put the best interests of their child first and enrol them in Joey's Before and After School Care to ensure their safety.

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.

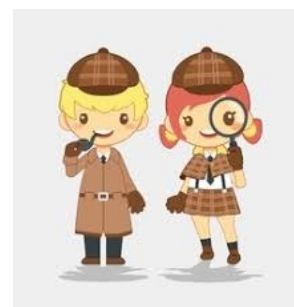
## Library Books

Calling all book finding detectives!!

We are searching for any library books or readers!!

Find them, put them in your bag, give them to your teacher and receive 3 Joeys for your class.

Start detecting.





## Maths Mayhem

# MATHS MAYHEM

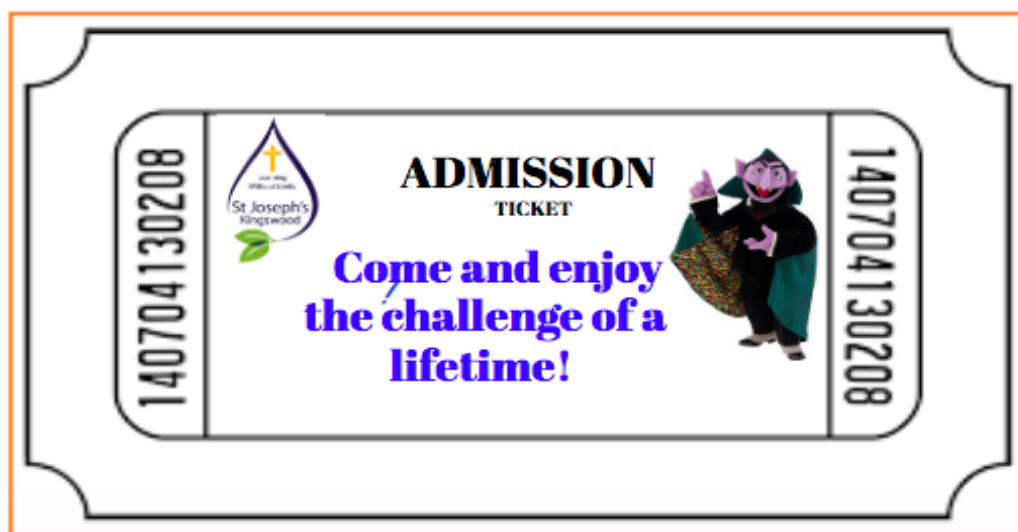
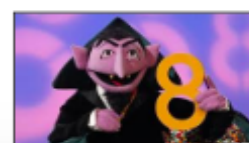
You are invited to come along and watch your children participate in Maths Mayhem.

When: Friday  
22/11/2019

Where: St Joseph's MPA

Please come and join the children.

Kinder	9am
Yr 1 & Yr 2 B	10am
Yr 2 Y & Yr 3	11.30am
Yr 4 & 5	12.30pm
Assembly	2.15pm



## Whole School Assembly

Come along to our Assembly tomorrow. Lots of highlights of our Maths Mayhem Day, merit awards and a special performance from our choir. Starting at 2.15pm.



### End of Year Assembly

Our End of Year Award Ceremony will be held on Friday 6th December from 2pm. Everyone welcome.

## Year 6 End of Year Activities

Monday 16th December	Motiv8 Fun Day at school
Tuesday 17th December	12pm Year 6 Graduation Mass at school 6:30pm Dinner/Disco at Gaels Club
Wednesday 18th December	2pm Year 6 Prayer and Farewell



## Basketball Gala Day

A big congratulations to the children who represented St Joseph's at the annual basketball gala day on Monday 4th November. We had some great success on the day, but most of all we had great fun. All St Joseph's children represented St Joseph's with pride and great sportsmanship. Congratulations to each and every one of you for the day.

Also a big thank you to the parents who helped us with scoring on the day and cheered the children on.

Mrs Pennay, Miss Green and Miss Saaib



## McCarthy Name Change

From the beginning of the 2020 new school year, McCarthy Catholic College will be known as Penola Catholic College Emu Plains. This transition is due to, McCarthy Catholic Trade Training Centre becoming part of the CathWest Innovation College from 2020, which will have a campus at McCarthy Emu Plains and Loyola, Mt Druitt. The College community welcomes this news as a significant step celebrating Australia's first saint starting a school in Penola to enable education to be accessed by children and adults.

Penola Catholic College will continue to serve students from Year 7 to Year 12. Penola Catholic College name recognises the strength that this proud learning community draws from values and example of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

The history of the College and the McCarthy name will continue to be recognised and acknowledged in a variety of ways at Penola Catholic College, as well as at the McCarthy campus of CathWest Innovation College.

We are looking forward to walking in the footsteps of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop as we continue this exciting journey as Penola Catholic College in 2020.

Ms T Cairns

Principal Leader

## 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.

## St Joseph's Birthdays

### Happy Birthday to...

**November:** Mitchell, Kaiden, Olivia, Tiarnah, Cooper, Mathew, Madalyn, Edmond, Hannah-Lois, Logan, Brodie, Nyagon, Jaimee, Mason, Viola, Levi, Aguang, Anai, Yuni

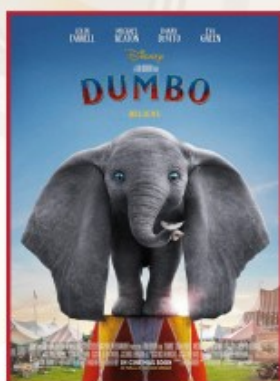
**December:** Apuol, Jayden, Kognin, Boston, Ruhani, Scarlet, Nirvan, Charbel, Anaarkali, Sienna, Zaine, Indiana, Mikayla, Gorjok, Nathan



# Community News

## Cinema IN THE PARK

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER



**TIME:** 6pm until late, movie commences at dusk.

**WHERE:** Regatta Park, River Road, Emu Plains

**FEATURE FILM:** 'Dumbo'

Kids activities & food for sale.

For more information phone 1300 736 836.

FREE EVENT

**PENRITH CITY COUNCIL**

[penrith.city/events](http://penrith.city/events)

**Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

... to make healthy party food.

Celebration season is upon us – but party food doesn't have to be unhealthy. Fruit and veg are bright and colourful and make the perfect ingredient for special party foods. Try these fun ideas:

- Watermelon fruit salad bowl
- Pita bread Christmas trees
- Frozen yoghurt pops
- Watermelon cookie cutter shapes
- Banana and strawberry candy cane



[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)

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## The simplest way

... to keep food safe in summer.

Foods such as meat, fish, poultry and eggs; cooked pasta, noodles and rice; and dairy items such as milk, yoghurt, custard and cheese need to be kept very cold.



- Use a cooler bag and ice brick or frozen water bottle to keep food cold in the lunch box.
- Freeze items such as sandwich bread, milk poppers, and home-made muffins. They will be thawed and ready to eat at lunch time and keep other lunch box items cold.
- If preparing lunches the night before, store in the fridge or freezer.
- Don't store food in an insulated bag in the fridge, it stops the cold air reaching the food.
- For food that has just been cooked, cool it in the fridge overnight before packing.

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)

## Term 1 - 2020 Go4Fun is coming to Penrith PCYC & Regentville Public School!



**GO4FUN**  
HEALTHY ACTIVE HAPPY KIDS



A **free** after-school health program for 7- 13 kids who are above a healthy weight and their families.

- Weekly games and activities for kids in the pool
- Fun, interactive discussions and activities about healthy foods, physical activity, behaviour change and self-esteem
- Practical skills such as meal planning, label reading and a supermarket tour!

**Wednesdays, 4:30 - 6:30PM**  
(starting 29 Jan 2020)  
**PENRITH PCYC**

**Fridays, 4:00 - 6:00PM**  
(starting 31 Jan 2020)  
**REGENTVILLE**

**REGISTRATIONS OPEN - CALL 1800 780 900**



## Dates for your Diary

<b><u>Week 6</u></b>	Friday 22nd November	Maths Mayhem Day 2:15pm Whole School Assembly
<b><u>Week 7</u></b>	Friday 29th November	12pm Thanksgiving Mass
<b><u>Week 8</u></b>	Monday 2nd December Tuesday 3rd December Friday 6th December	Year 5 Xavier Student for a Day Swimming Time Trials 2pm End of Term Awards
<b><u>Week 9</u></b>	Monday 9th December Thursday 12th December	Kindergarten Incursion Christmas Concert
<b><u>Week 10</u></b>	Monday 16th December  Tuesday 17th December  Wednesday 18th December  Thursday 19th December Friday 20th December	Year 6 Fun Day 11:30am Meet the Teacher 12pm Year 6 Graduation Mass 6:30pm Year 6 Dinner Disco 2pm Year 6 Prayer and Farewell Last day of school for students Staff Development Day Staff Development Day



# 2020

<b><u>Week 1</u></b>	Monday 27th January Tuesday 28th January  Wednesday 29th January  Thursday 30th January	Public Holiday Staff Development Day MAI Testing - online booking Staff Development Day MAI Testing - online booking <b>School commences for ALL students</b>
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