



Message From Mrs Reilly...

Welcome back and looking forward to a fantastic 2020.

A special welcome to all our new students, especially our new Kinders, who I am sure will feel very happy to become part of the community at St. Joseph's. We also welcome our new Assistant Principal, Mrs Rochelle Borg, Ms Meg Connolly, Mrs Angela Furfaro, Mrs Vicki McGrath and welcome back to Ms Celeste Collimore.

In 2020 we will be helping each child find the power they have within. Our goal is to empower our students to be assessment - capable learners who are in control of their learning. They need to know that they have special gifts and talents within themselves that will give them the power to learn and to problem solve. They need to know that it's OK to make mistakes as this helps them to develop these special powers. Importantly, they need to see learning as fun,

During Catholic Schools Week (5th March - 6th March) we will be learning about all the different jobs our students can aspire to when they grow up. We are asking for parent/family/friend volunteers to come to school and speak to small groups about their particular jobs. We're looking for a variety of different workers - policemen/women, firefighters, hairdressers, accountants, mechanics, carpenters etc Bring along some photos of your job and be prepared to answer lots of questions. Please contact the Office if you are available.

Looking forward to working with you all throughout the year.



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St Joseph's Primary School

Learning with Mrs Borg



2020 a year of new beginnings, new friendships and new learning opportunities.

Our learning spaces have come alive over the past two weeks with students who are eager to learn and accept the challenge of unlocking their power to reach their learning goals.

I feel truly blessed to join the St Joseph's community and would like to thank parents, students and teachers for welcoming me so warmly. Congratulations to all families for ensuring that our students arrive on time ready to begin their learning at 8:50am. The teachers and I have already started to get to know each and every student's gifts and talents

and we look forward to providing every opportunity for our children to grow in their faith and love of learning.

A new learning journey has begun, together we can achieve so much and make 2020 a rewarding year.

Catholic Culture with Mrs Kemp

Opening School Mass

You are warmly invited to join the school community for our Celebration of the Eucharist to officially welcome the 2020 school year.

This will also be an opportunity to recognise the School leaders and Captains for 2020 and for them to receive their badges.

When - Friday 14th February

Time 9.15

Where: Church

Looking forward to celebrate with you

Prayer For The Beginning Of The New School Year

Dear Lord, as we begin this new school year, we gather once again as your community of believers.

We thank you for the energy and the spirit that you renewed in us through the summer months.

We thank you for the time to enjoy our family and friends and to reflect on what is important in our lives.

Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and love so that, with the inspiration of your Spirit, we may continue to grow in our faith. Help us to fulfil Your hope for us with honest intentions and works of faith.

Let us be gentle with ourselves and bring laughter, joy and love to others.

We ask this in Your name.

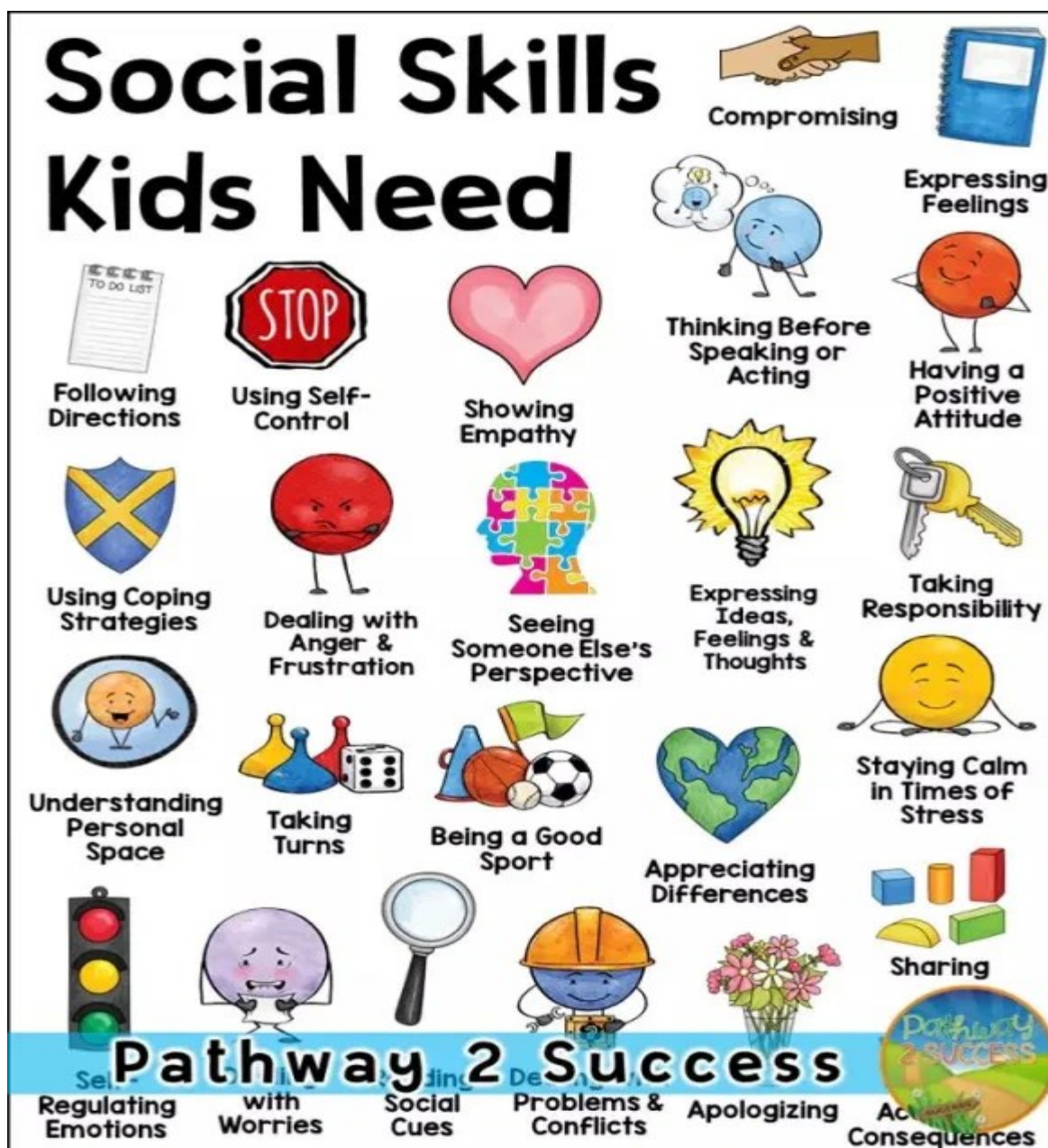
Amen

Counsellor's Corner

Welcome to the new year!! It is so exciting to have everyone on Joey's Journey along the yellow brick road - working towards finding their "power within".

Social skills are a great way to build success at school in learning and play here are some ideas that you can encourage with your children to build success:

1. Encourage your child to look at your face when they hear their name "I love seeing your eyes, I know you are listening"
2. Try and learn the names of some children in your child's class and ask about what games they like to play "Did you play with.....what was your favourite game?"
3. Look into play dates so they can practice taking turns, asking questions and HAVING FUN - if time is an issue you can play together to practice these same skills - Guess Who, connect 4, UNO all help with building social skills and fair player skills
4. Also a family games night where you can model the skills above as well as good winning and gracious losing - you are their best teachers!!



Teacher Professional Learning

Oracy Project - Ali Busuttil is working with academics from Wollongong University to learn about language acquisition and development

Numeracy planning - teachers have been planning with the Teaching Educator to analyse the MAIs

Next week all of the Primary teachers will be working with The Literacy Teaching Educator to plan their reading and writing programs.

Attendance

Attendance Matters - Welcome to Term 1.

Just a reminder we have school supervision on both playgrounds from 8.20am every morning. If your child is unwell please notify the school via the Skoolbag app ,send an email or call the school office. If your child is absent for 3 consecutive days, we ask that you please provide a medical certificate.

Please ensure your child arrives at school by 8.45am, so that they are ready to go into class for 8.50am to start their school day. Arriving late causes disruption to both your child and the entire class.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's attendance please feel free to contact the office on 47264200.

Thank you for your support

Sport

Sport Uniform Days Term 1 2020

Children are required to wear their sports uniform on their allocated days.

Correct sports uniform must be worn along with appropriate shoes.

Hats must be worn at all times when outside.

Kindergarten -	Tuesday and Friday
Year 1 -	Monday and Thursday
Year 2 -	Tuesday and Friday
Year 3 -	Wednesday and Friday
Year 4 -	Wednesday and Friday
Year 5 -	Thursday and Friday
Year 6 -	Wednesday and Friday

General Information

Student Medical Information

If your child/ren suffer from asthma or have a medical condition and you have not informed the school office, could you please do so as soon as possible. For example, if your child suffers for asthma, please supply an updated Asthma Action Plan from your child's doctor. All medication must be brought to the school office by a parent and a medication form needs to be completed by the parent.

Photo Permission

From time to time photos and / or video footage of your child will be taken at school and school events. These photos and video footage may be used in the school newsletter, diocesan newsletter, in newspapers, brochures, advertising, websites or in publications. If you do not wish for photos or videos of your child to be published or shown on the website please notify the school office in writing by Friday, 14th February, 2020.

Allergies

As you may or may not be aware there are a number of children attending our school who have severe allergies to many different foods. This means that if these children come in contact with any food products they will have a severe allergic reaction. Foods such as peanut butter and nutella are particularly dangerous to many of these children.

We ask that you remind your child/ren to not share their lunch or any other food with another child.

Change of Details

If you have moved house or changed your contact details, please notify the school office as soon as possible to update your details in case of an emergency. Any person who may collect your child needs to be recorded as an Emergency Contact.

IT User Agreements

Each time a student enters a new stage, they are required to complete a ICT user agreement. These guidelines support safe and responsible use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) and social media. These guidelines are for both students and parents. Please read over these with your child and send back the completed agreement to the class teacher.

School Fees 2020

The school fees statement should be sent home within the next week. There will be a number of options for you to pay the school fees. Eg Bpay, Bpoint, Eftpos, Centrepay as well as Cash. You can pay weekly fortnightly, monthly or by term. If you would like to choose one of the suggested options, please fill out the paperwork that is sent to you with the statement. If none of the suggested options work for you, please call Jenny Pendleton on 4726 4200 to discuss other ways of managing the fees.

For families on existing Bpoint, Bpay or any other arrangements, please check that the amount outstanding will be covered by your current arrangement. For most families you will need to make an adjustment to the amount you are paying. For any enquiries about this matter please do hesitate to contact Jenny Pendleton on 4726 4200 .

Wet Weather Dismissal procedure

If it is raining around normal dismissal time, SJK will notify parents via Facebook and Skoolbag of our wet weather dismissal procedure.

To ensure all families and students are safely dismissed, parents will be able to pick up their child/ren from the classroom at 2:45pm. Teachers will escort all students who attend after school care at Joey's as well as ensure students who normally catch the bus are supervised until their bus arrives.

During wet weather dismissal, Kiss 'n' Ride will be closed. At 2:55pm all students will be supervised in the Year 5 Learning Space until 3:30pm. Parents arriving after 2:55pm, will be greeted by the teachers on duty, who will assist them in collecting their child/ren.

Thank you

School Census Day - Friday 14th February

Friday 14th February is School Census Day. All children should attend school on this day and absence should only be if it is absolutely necessary.

If you know your child will be away on Friday 14th February, please email stjosephskwood@parra.catholic.edu.au advising the reason for the absence and when they will return. This is of course a requirement that applies to everyday of the school year, however, Census data is directly related to Government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mobile Phone Policy

Students bringing mobile phones to school is not encouraged, however, if a student has to bring a phone to school they MUST keep it on silent and in their school bags at all times. The school takes no responsibility for mobile phones being lost, stolen or damaged. If a student needs to use their phone during school time they need to seek permission from their teacher.

Open Days

Please invite families and friends to come along to our Open Day Tours
March 3rd, 2020 at 9am and 4pm.
Everyone welcome

Morning Drop Off and Afternoon Pick Up

This is a friendly reminder to NOT park across our neighbours driveways, this includes NO PARKING in the unit block next door.

If you are lining up for Kiss n Ride and the line is across the school administration driveway please drive around the block and rejoin the line when it is shorter.

These are legal requirements. Police regularly patrol the area.

Crunch 'n' Sip

Crunch'n'sip for **Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2** will be eaten during a lesson break / read aloud time during the morning block.

Years 3,4,5 and 6 students will eat their Crunch'n'sip when they arrive at school. This is the perfect opportunity for them to sit with their friends and prepare for the day through healthy eating and drinking.

Staff List 2020

2020 Staff

Parish Priest	Fr Andrew Fornal OP
Principal	Mrs Patricia Reilly
Assistant Principal	Mrs Rochelle Borg
Religious Education Coordinator	Mrs Deborah Kemp
Instructional Leader	Mrs Alison Busuttil
Leaders of Learning	Mrs Michelle Sultana Mrs Rose Keane
Diversity Leader	Mrs Kathleen McNally
Counsellor	Ms Vennessa Goode
EARLY STAGE 1 Kindergarten team	Mrs Rosie Smith Ms Celeste Collimore Mrs Jeanette Serrao Mrs Bernadette Purtell
STAGE 1 Year 1 team	Mrs Rose Keane Mrs Angela Furfaro Mrs Brooke McDonald
Year 2 team	Miss Gabrielle Whitney Miss Megan Connolly
Diversity	Mrs Bernadette Purtell Reading Recovery Ms Sarah Walker EMU Mrs Kathleen McNally EMU Mrs Louise Sultana Reading Recovery
STAGE 2 Year 3	Mrs Terrie Berg Miss Amy Green
Year 4	Mrs Vicki McGrath Mrs Deborah Kemp
Diversity	Mrs Michelle Sultana
STAGE 3 Year 5	Mrs Catriona Pennay Mrs Cheryl McGannon Mrs Amy Hoppitt (Wed - Fri)
Year 6	Miss Jennifer Saaib
Library	Mrs Sarah Walker
RFF	Mr Moreno Faccin Ms Sarah Walker Mrs Amy Hoppitt Mrs Brooke McDonald
Office Manager /Finance	Ms Jenny Pendleton
Administration /SSO	Mrs Karen Sprycha
Classroom Aides	Mrs Marie Brogan Mrs Marianne Wilson Mrs Julie Fehon Mrs Pauline Gatt
ICT Support	Mr Rhys Sandstrom
Library Technician	Miss Jennifer Peto (Tuesday/Wednesday)
Maintenance	Mr Stephen Crye Mr Andrew Busuttil

Community News



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to cook with kids.

Providing lots of opportunities for kids to be involved in the kitchen is a great way to raise healthy eaters, teach them life skills and boost their development.



Young kids can:

- Wash fruit and vegies
- Tear foods like lettuce or bread
- Use scissors to trim vegies
- Add premeasured ingredients
- Stir and sprinkle

Older kids can:

- Use measuring cups, spoons and scales
- Use equipment like salad spinners, and blenders under supervision
- Prep easy to chop foods with kid's knives
- Be in charge of preparing simple recipes

healthylunchbox.com.au



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to make healthy drinks interesting.

Plain tap water is the best drink choice. It's cheap and quenches your thirst. However, if you're looking for something different here are some good options:



- Plain milk
- Sparkling water
- Milk blended with fruit of your choice for a delicious filling smoothie
- Water flavoured with slices of lemon, strawberries or mint

Try to avoid sugar sweetened drinks such as soft drinks, iced tea, flavoured water and fruit drink as they do not contain any nutrients our bodies need but add a lot of kilojoules which can lead to weight gain. If having juice, have only a small serve and consider diluting with water or ice.

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St Joseph's Social Media

Did you know St Joseph's have many social 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.

Dates for your Diary

<u>Week 2</u>	Friday 7th February	2:15pm Whole School Assembly
<u>Week 3</u>	Wednesday 12th February	Year 6 Lifted Up Live Concert
	Thursday 13th February	Sorry Day
	Friday 14th February	9:15am Opening School Mass Census
<u>Week 4</u>	Tuesday 18th February	Zone Swimming Carnival
	Thursday 20th February	Diocesan Swimming Carnival
	Friday 21st February	Breakfast Club 2:15pm Whole School Assembly
<u>Week 5</u>	Wednesday 26th February	Ash Wednesday
<u>Week 6</u>	Catholic Schools Week	
	Tuesday 3rd March	9am & 4pm Open Day for new enrolments
	Friday 6th March	Year 3 Excursion Breakfast Club 2:15pm Assembly

St Joseph's Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

January: Samanyu, Desmond, Lachlan, Dean, Andrew, Emily, Ruby, Jesraj, Ayen, Narden, Xavier, Jordan, Yuan Gabriel, Charlie, Lacey, Aneuhok

February: Celine, Jackson, Melissa, Xara, Arshpreet, Ayieda, Phoenix, Aviya, Ruby, Havish, Enoch, Reece, Achou, Caden, Jaey, Alariyah, Lincoln, Manyang, Rishva, Porch, Yohan, Aviahana