

## Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have enjoyed celebrating Catholic School Week. Catholic Schools Week is a national celebration of Catholic education and an opportunity to recognize the importance, the value, and the contributions of Catholic education to the Church and the world.

Our focus was on exploring where our learning will take us in the future. We have had many visitors speaking to us about their education and how it influenced the jobs they have today. We've asked lots of questions and learnt lots of new things. I'd like to thank all of our guests for giving up their time and sharing their stories with us.

We also had several opportunities to "show off" our school. A small and enthusiastic group of interested people came along to our Open Day on Tuesday. They were very impressed with our learning spaces and the great things that St. Joseph's offers. Our Celebration of Learning on Thursday afternoon was a GREAT CELEBRATION! Thank you to the many families and friends who braved the wet weather to share in their child's learning and their child's goals.

Our hotdog and popper day to raise funds for Our Lady Star of the Sea was a another great success. Thanks to the staff who organised the day and to our wonderful volunteers who prepared the food. We raised \$763 through all our fundraising. The raffle for our beautiful painting has been a marvellous success. The winner will be drawn this afternoon at our Assembly.



We're looking forward to ending the week with our Assembly which includes a special Catholic Schools ' Week prayer.

Thank you so much for joining us this week. The joy, enthusiasm and commitment you show your children when you share these times with them has a huge impact on their attitude towards their learning. We're looking forward to our next celebration on St. Joseph's Feast Day 19th March.

Take care,  
Trish



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# St Joseph's Primary School

# Learning with Mrs Borg

## Making reading irresistible!

As we know reading is a skill for life. When kids like reading, they do more of it and this boosts their reading skills and school success. At SJK fostering our student's reading skills, stamina and love of reading is a key focus each and every day.

There are many things you can do at home to continue build your child's reading success:

- Read aloud to your child every day - reading aloud not only gives you important quality time with your child, it exposes them to new ideas, concepts and vocabulary.
- Having conversations when reading with children helps them develop higher level thinking and language skills - while reading books aloud, ask your child questions and talk about the content of the story together.
- Have special family reading time - carve out some time each week when family members gather together to read.
- Ask for your child's opinions about what they are reading - show them that you're interested in learning more about the books they like.
- Be an irresistible reader yourself - when your child sees you reading, they want to join you.
- Read a wide variety of texts - children improve their reading skills by practicing with a wide variety of reading material, including magazines, newspapers, poetry, websites and picture books
- Make reading **FUN, FUN, FUN.**



## Top tips to develop your child's higher order thinking skills

Advanced thinking skills will help your child in school and in life. When your child builds her critical thinking skills, they will be able to analyse, critique and evaluate information that they read or hear.



For example, when reading together, ask:

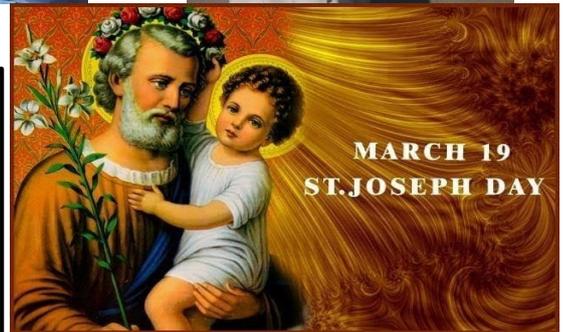
- What do you think will happen next?
- What do you think about a particular character?
- Why do you think the story ended the way it did?
- Can you think of a different ending for the story?
- How does that make you feel?
- Can you retell or summarise the text in your own words?
- Why do you think the author chose to include a particular event in the story?
- Using the pictures can you create your own story?

# Catholic Culture with Mrs Kemp

We began the season of Lent with a indulgent Shrove Tuesday of stacks of pancakes, enjoyed by students and families.



*19th March - St Joseph's Feast Day  
Morning Liturgy  
Lunch and Games at Werrington Lakes*



*Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.*

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,  
and they will support you on their hands  
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,  
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

*How will you simplify your life and walk with Jesus in the desert?  
How will you resist the temptation to turn away from God?*

# PBS4L



We are all on Joey's Journey and can't wait to share our Joey Jump celebrations with you all.

Please remind your children that being  
Safe, Respectful, Learners  
will earn them Joeys on the playground and in the classroom!

We will be sharing our celebrations with you  
in the newsletter and on Facebook.

## Joey Jump Awards

Your child's grade will be celebrated for reaching Joey Jump 1, 2 and 3!  
We are all excited and we look forward to sharing photos of our celebrations!



Year 2 reached their Joey Jump 3 this week. By being safe respectful learners over the last 5 weeks, we earned a class party on Friday afternoon.

## Counsellor's Corner

### Right Place Right Time Right Thing

At St Joseph 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.

At school we have the same celebrations - when the bell goes "where do we need to be" - students need to be lining up in their designated area to meet their teacher's - 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".

The same explicit praise is given in class - 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.

Teacher's 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 students back on track, and back on **Joey's Journey of being Safe, Respectful Learners**.

## Teacher Professional Learning

Many teachers have had wonderful opportunities to participate in Professional Learning over the past four weeks. They are now using these strategies in their learning spaces.

- Exploring Complex Texts Years 5 and 6 teachers
- Oracy Project Launch Kindy teachers
- Assistant Principal Meeting Mrs Borg
- System Leadership Meeting RE Curriculum Mrs Kemp and Mrs Reilly
- Reframing Readers resourcefully Mrs Borg
- FIAT gathering Ms Saaib and Ms Green
- K-2 Numeracy Sequences Kindy, Year 1 and 2 teachers
- Literacy block Primary teachers
- Numeracy planning K-6



## Attendance

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Congratulations to 6 Blue and 1 Blue, our Attendance Trophy recipients for weeks 3 and 4 for best Attendance. Please checkout the Attendance notice board outside the MPA for daily updates. There will be a special reward at the end of Term 1 for the classes with the best attendance. Naturally, if your child is genuinely unwell please keep them home and either fill in an absent note on Skoolbag, phone or email the school to notify of the reason for absence. If your child is absence for 3 consecutive days, please supply a doctor's certificate. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's attendance please contact the office and leave a message.



**Attendance  
Matters**

*Every student. Every day.*

# Sport with Mr Faccin

## Term One Sport

During Term One we were proudly represented at the Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival by Levi, Harlum, Olivia, Reece, Zac, Keira, Marley and Dreisson. These students were great ambassadors for our school demonstrating a drive to achieve and outstanding sportsman. Thanks to the parents who took time out of work to support and enable the children to participate on the day.

Our school Cross Country trials will be held on the afternoon of Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> commencing at 3:30pm. This is a competitor's trials only. Students who wish to participate in this trial must be competent runners aged 8 or over, who can run between 2 and 3km, without stopping, within the allocated qualifying time for their age. I look forward to sending a competitive team to the Diocesan Cross Country on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Term Two Sport

In Term Two we look forward to participating in the Stage 2 (June 24<sup>th</sup>) both Boys and Girls and Stage 3 (May 27<sup>th</sup> Girls and June 3<sup>rd</sup> Boys) Soccer Gala Days. More information will be coming out about these early Term Two.

## Representative Sport

If your child plays at a high level in their chosen sport (district Representative or higher) please remember to login to Catholic Schools NSW <https://csnsw.sport/> to keep up to date with the latest team trials. It is only through this portal that you are able to nominate your child to be considered for a place in the trials.

## School Physical Education

This term our physical education program has covered a wide range of skills across the grade. It is wonderful to see the students striving to achieve their best and make great progress in each of the successive lessons. I wish to commend the students on the way they have participated during sport when we have had to change venue given the extremely hot or wet weather we have experienced this term.



## General Information



### SJK Breakfast Club

A TASTE OF CHRIST

The Faith in Action Team invites students K-6 to join the SJK Breakfast Club every even week Fridays at 8:20am in the MPA.

The club provides an opportunity to engage in prayer as a community of disciples of Christ. After prayer we will join in conversation and breakfast.

### Mobile phones - Watches

Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must leave them in the Office before school, switched off. If students choose not to comply with this request and leave phones in their school bags no responsibility is taken for them being used inappropriately/stolen/damaged. Parents will be required to take responsibility for any damage that occurs.

This is also the case for any watches that can receive calls, messages, notifications or play games. These must be left in the Office and then collected at the end of the day. They are a distraction to students who need to concentrate on their learning.

We appreciate your support in ensuring these procedures are followed.

### School Fees

School fee statements have been sent out by Catholic Education Office Diocese of Parramatta. If you have not received your statement by now please contact the school office to investigate further.

If you are experiencing any financial difficulty please don't hesitate to contact Jenny Pendleton on 4726 4200 to discuss your options for managing your account. All communication regarding school fees is treated strictly as confidential.

## Hair Policy

Hair is to be clean and neatly cut. The following guidelines for students apply:

### Girls

Shoulder length or longer hair must be tied back.

Ribbons or scrunchies in school colours only must be worn.

Hair colouring is not permitted. This includes streaks, colour, dyes or excessive gel.

Decorative headbands are not permitted.

### Boys

Neat and simple haircuts.

No undercuts, shaved heads, number ones, rats' tails, man buns or ponytails.

Hair colouring is not permitted. This includes streaks, colour, dyes or excessive gel.

## Jewellery Policy

### Girls

Girls may wear simple gold/silver stud earrings only. No other forms of facial rings are permitted.

Watches and medical bracelets are the only wrist accessories permitted.

Jewellery such as bangles, bracelets or anklets are not permitted.

Coloured nail polish or make-up is not permitted.

### Boys

No form of facial rings are permitted.

Watches and medical bracelets are the only wrist accessories permitted.

## 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.

# Catholic Schools Week



# Community News



## Welcome to the Penrith City Children's Choir (7 – 13 years)

March 2020 Project

### Singing Day

Lucy McAlary, Director

Sunday 29 March, 3.00pm – 5.30pm

Enjoy an exuberant afternoon of singing, moving and playing instruments. All members, old and new, will enjoy the hilarious round 'My Dad's Car', the hypnotic Israeli song 'Haida' and the driving rhythm of 'The Earth is Our Mother'. Through this wide-ranging and colourful repertoire we develop vocal technique, musicianship and part-singing skills in an encouraging and joyful learning environment supported by experienced adult mentors.

A great introductory 'taster' for new members.

Friends and family are invited to attend an informal performance at the end of the workshop.

## Penrith City Children's Choir – Singing Day 2020

Lucy McAlary, Director

### Workshop:

Sunday 29 March 3.00 – 5.30pm  
Venue: Penrith Public School  
Bring: A drink and snack and a hat.

### Informal performance

Sunday 29 March 5.15pm  
Venue: Penrith Public School  
Tickets: No charge for the performance. Family and friends invited.

Applications close Tuesday 24 March

You can send your application:

- by email to [pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au](mailto:pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au)
- in person to Penrith Public School [mark envelope: ATTN Suzanne Armstrong]

Cost: \$25 per child. Family reductions: \$40 for two children; \$50 for three children.  
[NB: Penrith Public School students are eligible to pay half price fees.]

Payment can be made:

- online: Penrith City Choir Acct details: BSB: 512 170 Ac: 100228558. In 'field' enter PCCC and your child's surname. Please bring a copy of the receipt on the first day.
- in person (cash or cheque/money order made out to Penrith City Choir) to Penrith Public School. [mark envelope: ATTN Suzanne Armstrong]

Financial assistance can be provided, if necessary. Please contact the Administrator to discuss. Places are at the discretion of the Director, Lucy McAlary.

PCCC is mentored by Penrith City Choir and gratefully acknowledges generous support from Penrith PS.

For any other information contact the PCCC Administrator, Suzanne Armstrong  
0450 091 367 or [pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au](mailto:pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au)



Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way ... to boost your fruit and veg.

Canned and frozen fruit and veg are good choices.



Choose canned fruit **in juice not in syrup.**

Choose **reduced salt** canned veg.

### Top Tips:

- Pack a canned fruit tub in the lunch box
- Add a can of kidney beans to taco mince

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



Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way ... to wash away germs.

Washing hands before eating is important.



1. Wet hands with warm water
2. Apply soap
3. Lather & Scrub for 20 seconds
4. Rinse hands with warm water for 20 seconds
5. Turn off tap
6. Dry hands thoroughly

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

## Dates for your Diary

<b><u>Week 6</u></b>	Friday 6th March	Year 3 Excursion Breakfast Club 2:15pm Assembly
<b><u>Week 7</u></b>	Monday 9th March Thursday 12th March	2pm Kindergarten COL Open Classroom Stage 3 Graffiti Workshop
<b><u>Week 8</u></b>	Thursday 19th March  Friday 20th March	St Joseph's Feast Day 9am Liturgy 10:30am Fun Day 8:20am Breakfast Club 2:15pm Whole School Assembly
<b><u>Week 9</u></b>	Wednesday 25th March Thursday 26th March	Year 1 Excursion to Featherdale 3:30pm Cross Country
<b><u>Week 10</u></b>	Friday 3rd April	8:20am Breakfast Club 2pm End of Term Award Assembly
<b><u>Week 11</u></b>	Thursday 9th April Friday 10th April Sunday 12th April	Last day of school for Term 1 Good Friday Easter

**First day back at school for Term 2  
Monday 27th April**

## St Joseph's Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

**March:** Khailel, James, Seth, Akuol, Arus, Danni, Dylan, Ekampreet, Matur, Braxton, Bion, Ashton, Vincent, Zachary, Lila, Ezekiel, Gianna, Dreisson, Angela, Scarlett. Shanaya, Jairemy, Janelle, Lucy, Akon