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# St Joseph's Primary School

## Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We miss you!!

We really can't wait until you can come onto the school grounds and join in the fun and the celebrations!!

We've been putting up lots of photos on Facebook to help to keep you informed about what we're doing and I know you've been hearing lots from your children about all the excitement.

Just in case you missed it - some of the excitement for this term:

**Gymnastics** - The children are all excited about participating in lots of balancing, jumping, rolling and weight bearing activities. We love the way they are challenging themselves to do better each time they attempt the activities.



**Virtual Writers' Festival** - Weeks of writing, re-writing and then constructing our final product to share with you. We hope you've taken the time to read some of the wonderful stories our children have written. We loved listening to our guest authors presenting their stories on Facebook.



**Book Week Celebrations** - Thanks so much for the effort you put into ensuring your children looked absolutely wonderful. We had lots of fun parading around for each other - hope you saw the footage on Facebook!! The Infants then had a guest storyteller and the primary had an impromptu dance party. Lots of fun.



**Kindy Orientation** - We've had our first COVID Kindy Orientation. Our new Kindy's were able to come for a short visit. Parents had 10 minutes to sign them in and then were required to leave the site. Children and carers did a fantastic job of saying goodbye. The little ones had a great time playing, listening to the story of the Rainbow Fish and creating their own fish. Can't wait till next Monday when they come again.



**Crazy Sock Day** - A chance for us to think about others in our world who are not as lucky as we are. Lots of fun with an important message of outreach and caring.



We will continue to celebrate throughout the term. Opportunities for fun, sharing and celebration will be shared with you via Facebook.

Take care,  
Trish



## Counsellor's Corner

### Big Feelings - Helping your child name and manage some of the feelings from school

At St Joseph's we use the language of "How to fix things including - Big Feelings" to acknowledge our students reactions to situations - sometimes it can be -

- "super-excitement" of winning the Attendance Award or a Joey Jump celebration
- "Sad feelings" around the outcome of a game or not being first to line up
- "Disappointment" around friendships
- Anger at not being heard or missing out

We try not to pick or name the feeling, for example instead of saying "When you were walking away from your friends you looked really angry", staff practice **emotion coaching** - "**I can see there are some big feelings**", "**I am sorry things are so hard right now**", "lets see how we can fix it and get back into play/learning" - older students will name "yes I feel really annoyed/angry etc..", however younger students need more prompts and older students need some guidance to explore the feelings they name.

At home when your child expresses feelings about a situation at school it would build their emotional language and ability to problem solve if you could try asking the following questions:

1. "It must be really hard to have these feelings"
2. "Thank you for being honest with me"
3. "How did you work with the teacher to fix the problem?"
4. "How can we help let go of the day and enjoy our home time?"

Your children are amazing at coming up with solutions when they have calmed their big feelings, I am sure you will be proud of the types of things they share with you.

Practicing dealing with big feelings and finding ways to use our words helps everyone solve problems in a safe and respectful way.

## School Fees

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta have not been following up outstanding school fees the usual way. Reminder letters have not been sent out and families have been asked to pay what they can, when they can afford to make the payment.

If you are able to make your school fees payment that is excellent. For families who are struggling due to reduced income or loss of employment please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4726 4200 or through the school email to discuss what options are available to you.

## 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.

## Attendance

What a great start to term 4!



Thank you for getting your children to school everyday and on time.

A friendly reminder if your child is sick (sore throat, runny nose, temperature, headache, sore stomach, etc) please keep them at home from school. There is a lot of illness going around at the moment. Please remember to notify the school if your child is absent.

Attendance award winners for Weeks 1 & 2 are Year 1 and Year 6! Congratulations.



## School Photos

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:**

**Tuesday 3 November 2020**

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Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by **advancedlife**. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at **[www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)** using our school's unique **9 digit advancedorder code**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please contact us at [www.advancedlife.com.au/contact](http://www.advancedlife.com.au/contact)

**\* ALL students must wear full school uniform.**

**\* SIBLING PHOTOS will be taken before school, from 8:20am in the MPA.**

# School Travel 2021

## School Travel for 2021



### 2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

\*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

### New Concession Entitlement Cards

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
- Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

## Community News

### Sunsmart Snippet

#### Slop on sunscreen



Apply SPF 30 or higher sunscreen generously, re-apply every two hours.

Apply 20 minutes before going outside.

Adults use about a teaspoon for the face, neck and ears; a teaspoon for each arm and leg; and a teaspoon each for the front and back of the body.

[www.sunsmartnsw.com.au](http://www.sunsmartnsw.com.au)



### Girl Guides meet near you!

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#### Cambridge Gardens Junior Guide Unit

(For girls 6–9 years old)

**Thursdays 6.30 – 8.30pm**

#### Cambridge Gardens Guide Unit

(For girls 10–13 years old)

**Mondays 6.30 – 8.30pm**

**Cambridge Gardens Guide Hall  
32 Trinity Dr Cambridge Gardens**

Contact - Heather Rankin to a free come and try  
Phone - 0419 768 909

Email - [rankinranch.heather@bigpond.com](mailto:rankinranch.heather@bigpond.com)

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## Foodbank Contacts

2020 has been a difficult year for a lot of people, as we are heading towards the Christmas season you may be needing some extra support. Below are some numbers from Foodbank organisations that can assist with groceries. Please feel free to call them to see what they can offer you.

Transformation Edge - Jamisontown 4731 2419

Christian Mission - Penrith 4704 8809

Westcare - Penrith 4731 3455



## Dates for your Diary

### **Week 3**

Friday 30th October

World Teachers Day

### **Week 4**

Monday 2nd November

9:10am Kindergarten 2021 Orientation

Tuesday 3rd November

School Photo Day

Wednesday 4th November

Year 1 Incursion

### **Week 5**

NAIDOC Week

Monday 9th November

9:10am Kindergarten 2021 Orientation

Wednesday 11th November

Remembrance Day

## St Joseph's Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

**October:** Nikita, Lucia, Gursehaj, Adut, Caleb, Akon, Zayde, Keira, Joseph, Zolfekar, Ellyse, Akua, Vincent, Clarisse, Asal, Zachary, Ekampreet, Harper, Natalie, Alice

## 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.