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# St Joseph's Primary School

## Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

There has been a lot happening at St. Joseph's these past few weeks.

The teachers have been very busy preparing the children's Semester 2 reports. These reports will give you information on your child's learning in Terms 3 and 4. I would like to thank them for the many extra hours they have spent in attending to this very important task.

The reports are looking a little different this year -

- Students are still given an A-E grade for the Key Learning Areas. These grades are based on assessment tasks, classwork, written and oral contributions. Let's Celebrate when we get a C!!
- Students are also given an effort grade. This reflects how engaged they are in their learning.
- Teachers have identified three skills in Religious Education, Literacy and Numeracy your child has achieved. Celebrate these successes with your child.
- Teachers have also identified a goal for your child in Literacy and Numeracy. This goal will be used by their 2021 teacher as a focus for their learning.

The work habits and attitudes towards page is now grouped under the headings of:

- Being a learner
- Being a respectful learner
- Being a safe learner

Reports will be sent out in Week 9. An opportunity for you to engage with your child about their learning.

### Meet the teacher

Where possible, students will be meeting their 2021 teacher on Monday 14th 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 me, in writing, no late than Friday 29th November. Whilst we endeavour to take into account your considerations, final decision are made by the school.

The next few weeks are very busy. Make sure you keep an eye on Skoolbag for information. Facebook has lots of photos of the amazing learning that is happening at St. Joseph's.

We would like to acknowledge the generous grant we received from the Australian Government. The 2020 Local Schools Community Funding of \$19,810 has been used to purchase new playground equipment for the Infants playground. The project will be finalised January 2021.

Take care,  
Trish

## Religious Education and Formation News



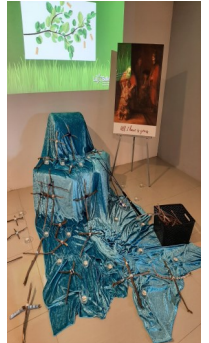
Congratulations to our students who made their 1st Holy Communion last Sunday on the Feast Day of Christ the King. We know that preparing for this sacrament takes commitment and reflection of the heart. We hope to see many more students enrolling next year for this very special sacrament. Dates will be advertised early next year for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion.



### Stage 3 Formation and Leadership Retreats

Both year 5 and year 6 participated in their own leadership and formation days earlier this term.

Year 6 utilised our parish facilities engaging in a day of reflecting on discipleship as they embark on their next journey into high school. We thank Philippe from the Lasallian Ministry in assisting in facilitating the day, Fr Andrew for his wonderful words of encouragement and praise of our Year 6 students and Mrs Reilly for being present throughout the day with our students.



Year 5 travelled to the beautiful grounds of Winbourne at Mulgoa to engage in a day of exploring leadership qualities. They had many opportunities to reflect using scripture and engaged in challenging activities that required honest, wisdom and courage. All students and teachers who attended had a great day and we hope to make this a regular calendar event for our students in Stage 3.



We wish all our families a hope filled season of Advent. The first Sunday of Advent commences on Sunday with the Gospel from Mark titled **‘Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come’**”.

## Student Wellbeing

Our staff continue to be vigilant with monitoring and acting regarding children who appear to be unwell. Please keep your child at home if you think they are sick, runny nose, cough, headache etc. If a child presents as unwell at school, they will be isolated from other children and staff in the sick bay or an area of the office. Parents will be contacted to collect their child immediately and children will need to undergo a COVID-19 test before they can return to school. We understand that this may be difficult but it is in the best interests of the school community as a whole.

As a school, at St Joseph's we continue to promote personal hygiene for all our students and staff including:

- Washing of hands frequently with soap and water.
- Using the hand sanitiser. (Hand sanitisers in all spaces.)
- Covering their nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoiding touching their face.
- Placing used tissues straight into the bin.
- Daily clean of all surfaces and touch points by cleaners.
- Increasing the amount of fresh air available indoors by opening windows and doors.
- Students bringing their own water bottles with their names clearly labelled. Bubblers are available for students to use and are cleaned every day.

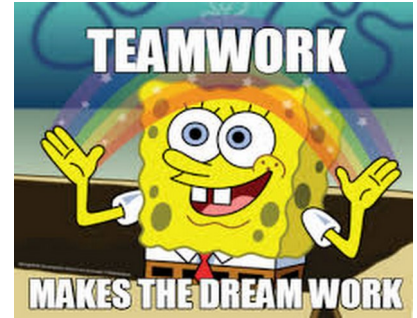
## Counsellor's Corner

**Getting ready to finish of the year!!** Tips for ending the year on a happier note.

As we all know this time of year is when children become more tired and irritated and very ready for both holidays and the next step in the learning journey. It is a time when they find it easy to remember and talk about the negative times at school and to forget the things they are learning or the fun experiences they are having. To help out with a positive end to 2017 we would encourage you to try and use the following at home:

1. Encourage a good sleep routine
2. Ask for one thing they learned today
3. Ask for one thing they enjoyed on the playground

Hopefully this will help everyone have a positive end to this year.



## School Fees

2020 has been a difficult year for many families in our community. I would like to thank the families who have maintained their school fees accounts even though times have been tough.

If you have not been able to maintain your payments and would like to discuss the matter or require some assistance please contact Jenny Pendleton by phone or through the school email.

2021 school fees accounts will be out in early February so it would be great to resolve any issues for 2020 before those extra fees are added onto your account.

Please note that no payments can be accepted in the school office by cash or card after Friday 11th December. You can, however, continue paying school fee accounts via Bpay, Direct Debit and Centrelink.

## 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



Unfortunately the road changes will be here for a long time to come so please allow extra time for traffic. Thank you to those getting their children to school before the bell. It's being noticed and is making a difference.

A reminder if your child is absent for 3 days or more please provide a medical certificate. Thank you to those parents/carers that notify the school when their child is absent...this can be done through Skoolbag, email or a phone call.

Attendance winners for Weeks 4 and 5 are Years 2 and 5!

Most improved awards to Year 4 and Year 1!



## Community News

### Sunsmart Snippet

Seek shade at home



Shade alone can reduce UV exposure by up to 75%

Priority areas for shade at home:

- Outdoor eating areas, decks and patios
- Sandpits and play equipment
- Pool areas

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



### Nutrition Snippet

BE FOOD SAFE.

Did you know that food poisoning is more common in summer?



Bacteria love hot and humid weather.

Always pack an ice brick or frozen water bottle in the lunch box.

Find more helpful tips at:

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



## 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



# Yarn Up

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR **YARN UP**

Bringing the Yarn Up into the Catholic community allows for further opportunities to connect with traditional ways of sharing cultural knowledge, building relationships and understanding our role in the community. Executive Director Greg Whitby and Director Learning Maura Manning will be joining us for an open forum and discussion.

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta Jarara Indigenous Education team invites you to share in this experience

### WHERE

**Holy Family Primary School Hall**  
252 Luxford Rd, Emerton

### WHEN

**Monday 7 December 2020**

**10:00am-12:00pm**

We will have limited spaces due to COVID-19 and social distancing protocols will be in place. We will also provide a Zoom link if you wish to join us remotely.

Light refreshments will be available.

Please RSVP to Julie Waddell at [jwaddell2@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jwaddell2@parra.catholic.edu.au) or call 0428 504 157 to confirm your attendance **no later than**

**Thursday 3 December 2020**

## Dates for your Diary

<b><u>Week 8</u></b>	Thursday 3rd December	Years 3 & 4 Science Incursion
<b><u>Week 9</u></b>	Thursday 10th December	Year 6 Graduation and Dinner/Disco
	Friday 11th December	Infants Featherdale Incursion
<b><u>Week 10</u></b>	Monday 14th December	Year 6 Fun Day - Ninja 101
		Meet the Teacher
	Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Concert
	Wednesday 16th December	Last day of school for students
<b><u>Week 1 2021</u></b>		
Wednesday 27th January	Staff Development Day and MAI's	
Thursday 28th January	Staff Development Day and MAI's	
Friday 29th January	ALL students return to school 8:20am - 3pm	

## St Joseph's Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

**November:** Kaiden, Mitchell, Olivia, Cooper, Tiarnah, Madalyn, Mathew, Tamia, Edmond, Isla, Hannah-Lois, Brodie, Nyagon, Liam, Jaimee, Mason, Levi, Aguang, Anai, Kandice, Yuni

## 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.