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# St Joseph's Primary School

## Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The Easter holiday break has arrived. A term of lots of hard work and learning has come to an end and it's time for your children to relax, to re-energize and to celebrate this special time of the year.

The holidays are a great time to have some family fun together. You can use your Dine and Discover vouchers for something special.

[Dine & Discover NSW Vouchers](#)

Why not check out all the fun happening at Panthers? Go to Ticketek for details:

- Bop Till You Drop Disco
- Sesame Street Bingo
- Sports Clinic <http://bit.ly/Sports-Clinic-Apr21>

Featherdale Wildlife Park has free entry for children - just a short drive to Doonside. [GET CLOSER AT FEATHERDALE these School Holidays](#)

Catch a train to Parramatta and then the Rivercat into Sydney - lots to see and talk about on the way

Visit the library for a Magic show [Children & Young People - Penrith](#)

The weather is still nice and warm - perfect swimming weather. Ripples are running intensive swimming lessons that are great exercise, a wonderful skill and lots of fun.

[School Holiday Intensive Program - Ripples NSW](#)

Go for a bushwalk - how many creatures can you find?

[Fresh Air and Feathered Friends](#)

The holidays are also a great time to catch up with your child's learning. A chance to give your child a head start for Term 2.

- Why not challenge yourself to listen to your child read one book each day?
- If your child is in Kindy, Year 1 or Year 2 they have a PM log in and the great opportunity to read on their ipad.

Everyone can access Story Box Library [Login](#)

User name: Joey

Password: Joey

Why not read a book together - one page each? A great bonding and together time.

The Easter season is a time to reflect on the events of Easter Week. Check our Facebook page for reflections on this special time.

Looking forward to Term 2 and hopefully many opportunities for you to join us to celebrate learning.

Keep safe and take care,  
Trish

## RE News

*Dates for the diary:*

**Easter Masses at the Parish:**

Saturday Vigil      7:30pm  
Easter Sunday      7:30am  
                             10:00am

**Registrations for 1st Holy Communion:  
11th April at 10am mass**

**Holy Communion Sacrament 11th June**

**School Easter Liturgy of the Word**

23rd April - 2pm-3pm  
Parents are welcome!

We are looking forward to celebrating all our special events with parents from term 2. Please keep a lookout for Skoolbag app notices which enable us to keep parents informed regularly.

Congratulations to our Stage 3 leaders who showed great assistance during our feast day activities. They were true examples of "Being More" as adopted by the year's Project Compassion. Thanks to all the families who supported their children in doing some extra chores around the house and neighbourhood so they could give generously. I know Kindy is onto their 2nd money box of donations!

***Next term's school focus scripture: The Road to Emmaus***



## Enrolments 2022

Enrolment Interviews for 2022 are now open and spots are filling fast.  
Please contact the school office on 4726 4200 to arrange your interview.  
Please note - siblings of our school also need to attend an enrolment interview.

We ended up with Kindergarten 2021 being a full grade, with the school having to start a waiting list for extra enrolments. We anticipate the same to happen again for 2022.

Please do not delay booking your interview. We do not want anyone to miss out on a spot, especially siblings.



# Counsellor's Corner

Hello St Joseph families

As we head into holidays which is a time for everyone to recharge and do more of the things we can't do during the term, it is often a time for more on-line games and activities - not all of which as adults (except those who are really clever) we might play. I thought it would be good to think about On-Line safety, remember if:

- a game is making them lose sleep (nightmares) it might be too old for them,
- if they are finding older friends it makes them vulnerable (trolls),
- if they are secretive about the game - they probably know you wouldn't like it

These would be the time to talk about having a break and trying something different, the information below outlines various strategies and ideas about safe on-line play and where to get more resources.

**Online Safety** and your child (children) it is important to remember they are in Primary school they are aged between 4 and 12 years of age - if you think about what they are responsible for now, how they problem solve at home and deal with emotions are they coping, are they balancing their successes and struggles - socially and emotionally.

Now think about them **online** - are they ready for what age appropriate games offer them, are they ready for those things that are for older years, social media rules require no access to social media of any kind below **13 years of age** to adhere to the **Children's Online Privacy Protection Act Rule (COPPA Rule)**. Please read the following information and consider how to have these conversations with your family.

## The Raising Children Network suggests the following games for children: 3-11 years

If your child is younger, the best games:

- reward creativity and planning – for example, Minecraft
- help your child learn about rules and strategy – for example, Fifa
- encourage your child to take turns and play with others as part of a team in the same room, rather than online – for example, Wii Sports
- have different levels of difficulty, so games can evolve and your child can progress through stages – for example, Fruit Ninja
- make it easy to play in short bursts, take breaks and save progress – for example, games that have frequently occurring levels, like Angry Birds, let you do this
- have simple controls – younger children can get frustrated if they can't work the controls
- have positive messages about gender and diversity – for example, Playworld Superheroes.

At younger ages, it's a good idea to choose games with a G rating and avoid games that involve playing with others online.

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/preschoolers/play-learning/screen-time-healthy-screen-use/video-games-apps>

## Safety Online - Basic media rules - Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat

Social media is for 13+. If you go on a website, you obey their rules. By going on social media if you're under 13, you're violating their terms and conditions/rules. Generally, the 13-year age requirement is not necessarily because the site is unsafe for children to use but to comply with The **Children's Online Privacy Protection Act Rule (COPPA Rule)**, which came into effect in April 2000, aims to give parents control over what information is collected from their **children online**, which prevents collection and storage of personal information from children under 13 years of age.

Consider the following points about your child to make your mind up - remember what is said online cannot be taken away, things they say, record and share are out there forever. Think about how your child copes with feedback generally, think about how well they share or keep things private to themselves and then think about the following information.

Is your child able to withstand negative online experiences?

If you think your child would be very upset by a negative experience online, you may need to guide them closely if you allow them to establish a social media account.

Look through online profiles and public feeds together, and talk about how some people behave differently online. Teach them how to filter abusive comments, block and report people.

Does your child understand what is safe to share online?

If you are concerned your child may post personal information that allows people to identify and locate them — even after you have talked through the dangers — then they may need your help to use social media sites.

Talk about the risks of 'checking in', tagging people in photos, sharing nude or sexually suggestive pictures, meeting online friends in person, making offensive comments, and what is not acceptable.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/are-they-old-enough>

Happy Easter and I will see you next term

From Miss Goode



# Cross Country

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the Cross Country. The following students made it into Diocesan Cross Country to be held next term:



Trent, Zac, Violet , Makoi, Muk, Khloe, Harlum, Leo, Lachlan, Jesraj





## Attendance



What a term we've had! Continuing with COVID from last year, then we had floods just recently...lets pray that Term 2 runs smoothly for us all!!!

It's been noticed that the majority of students coming in late to school is because of traffic. Please keep in mind that our roads will be like this for a very long time. Leaving home 10 minutes earlier should help with having your children arrive at school on time. When your children arrive late it disrupts not only their learning but those of their peers. School supervision starts at 8:20am every morning.

Congratulations to our Most Outstanding Attendance Award winners for Term 1 - Year 2 and Year 6.



Wishing you all a blessed, safe and restful Easter break.

## School Fees



Term 1 school fees are overdue. **Thank you to those families who have already paid their Term 1 fees.** To those families who haven't paid please make your payments ASAP. If you have set up a payment arrangement through Bpoint, Bpay or Centrepay, thank you for maintaining this arrangement. Reminder letters have been sent by head office and they will be followed up, possibly during the Easter holidays. If you are experiencing any financial difficulty please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4726 4200.

## Community News

### Foodbank Contacts

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

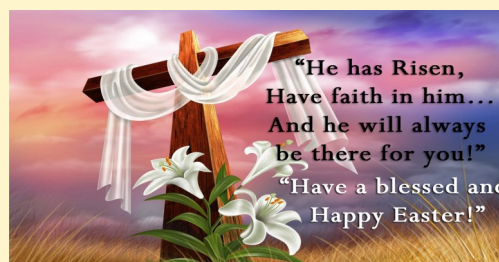
Christian Mission - Penrith 4704 8809

Westcare - Penrith 4731 3455

## Dates for your Diary

### Week 10

Thursday 1st April	Last day Term 2 for staff and students
Friday 2nd April	Good Friday
Saturday 3rd April	Easter Saturday
Sunday 4th April	Easter Sunday



### Term 2

### Week 1

Monday 19th April	Staff Development Day - NO students attend school on this day
Tuesday 20th April	First day back for students

### Week 2

Thursday 29th April	Stage 3 Camp
Friday 30th April	Stage 3 Camp

## St Joseph's Birthdays

### Happy Birthday to...

**April:** Zane, Emmanuella, David, Gabe, Cody, Drake, Tyler, Matilda, Lily, Simrik, CAMreon, Ella Grace, Grant Dru, Jessica, Janelle, Sofia, Dominic

## 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.