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St Joseph's Primary School

Message From Mrs Reilly...

Welcome Back to School!!!

What a great 'start' to the term. We welcomed lots of smiling and excited children back to school. Thank you to everyone for all your work during lockdown and home schooling, the staff couldn't have done it without you!

Semester 2 Reports

In Week 10 of this term our Semester 2 Reports will be sent home to all families. With the interruptions to learning this semester due to COVID, our reports will look a little different. There will be a focus on English, Mathematics and Religious Education as well as an indication of your child's learning dispositions and traits whilst learning remotely and upon their return to face-to-face learning.

Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge



With the summer holidays fast approaching, Mr Greg Whitby is launching his annual Summer Reading Challenge and inviting all students to read, read, read over the break!

Reading sparks our imagination and creativity and is also a great way for students to continue to learn outside of the classroom. Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, a piece of poetry, book, e-book or animated novel. Students can access the e-books from our student e-book platforms SORA or Wheelers.

Taking part in the Executive Director's Summer Reading challenge is easy! Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it. The more a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of the two \$500 JB Hi-Fi vouchers or one of the 30 runner-up gift vouchers to the value of \$30. Students can enter [online](#) by visiting the CEDP website.

Entries open on 1st November 2021 and close 5:00pm on 25th February 2022. Terms and Conditions can be found [here](#).

Happy Reading SJK!

Religious News

Well it's been a busy start to our term!

October is World Mission month - "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). The Pope's message is clear that we must shout out loud the message of Jesus and not be silenced. Whether we notice an injustice in our community or further abroad, the Pope asks us, as all of God's people, to speak up and acknowledge the right to human dignity for all people. At St Joseph's we acknowledged the month with our annual Crazy Sock Day and an afternoon prayer liturgy. It was lovely to have so many students from all the grades contribute to the liturgy even though it was still via zoom from their classrooms!

We also were able to finally deliver all the generous donations we received back in Term 2 for the Jesuit Refugee Service. This outreach project was led by our Stage 3 leaders and although we were not able to have students attend the Foodbank Service to help with delivery due the current restrictions we were able to live zoom when I arrived with Miss Bailey. Anne from the Jesuit Refugee Service was extremely appreciative and thanked our students and community for their wonderful donations and support. Unfortunately the service was not able to run during the lockdown period so there will be approximately 900 families receiving deliveries from the service in the coming weeks of much needed food and grocery items.

Congratulations to the following students making their confirmation on the 7th November.

Keira Esteban
Charli Hofmeier
Clarisse Lim

We also have some ex-students from last year's Yr 6 cohort making their confirmation too. Please contact the Parish office for 2022 sacramental enquiries (02) 4721 4080.



Counsellor's Corner

Being the "I" in KIND

As we return to school we will balance some wobbly feelings around our friendships, playtime and learning and that is OK! We need to remember to show kindness to ourselves, our friends and our teacher's. Being the "I" in KIND will make the return smoother.



Kindness feels good, being nice promotes happiness - these elements at school will help our children have success on Joey's Journey.

Here are some tips:

1. **Brighten someone's day.** Model a warm "hello" that kids can repeat when they greet their caregiver, playmates, or teacher each morning.
2. **Remember others.** Help kids call, email, Skype, or FaceTime grandma and grandpa.
3. **Inspire giving.** Set aside canned goods, cookies, juice, and cereal. Take your kids along when you deliver items to the local food bank.
4. **Embrace gratitude.** Remind kids to put the sitter, the librarian, or the parent in charge of carpool onto their I-need-to-thank-them list.
5. **Reward efforts.** Dole out a thank you and a warm hug when kids pick up toys or books they weren't responsible for dropping.
6. **Tell them to smile like crazy.** It's a terrific way to make others feels great.

(<https://www.highlights.com/parents/articles/kindness-happiness-connection>)

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On Joey's Journey remember.....

I am **safe**

I am in the right place at the right time

I am **respectful**

I listen to the teacher

I am a **learner**

I am ready to do my work



Term 4 Sport Uniform and Library Days

Grade	Sport Uniform	Library
Kindergarten	Thursday Friday	Thursday
Year 1	Wednesday Friday	Friday
Year 2	Wednesday Friday	2B - Tuesday 2Y - Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday Friday	Thursday
Year 4	Monday Friday	Thursday
Year 5	Thursday Friday	Thursday
Year 6	Thursday Friday	Wednesday

School Fees

Term 3 fees are overdue and are subject to referral to head office for collection, if not paid, or being paid off on an approved payment arrangement.

If you have been asked to supply paperwork for the assessment of your school fees account please supply asap.

If you are experiencing any difficulty in making your school fees payment please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4726 4200.

Cashless Payments

NO MORE CASH ACCEPTED

We are no longer able to accept any cash at St Joseph's. The only option for making payments in the office is through Eftpos.

In 2022, there will be a new payment system for things like gala days, fundraising and missions. Details of the new payment system with instructions will be sent out in early 2022.

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 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.

Attendance

Illness - In order to protect your child and all children in the school we are mandated to follow directives handed down by CEDP and NSW Health.

"Advice from NSW Health is that parents and carers should not send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest cold or flu-like symptoms. Schools will make arrangements for students who are unwell or have cold or flu-like symptoms to be sent home. Students and staff with cold or flu-like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school."

If you get a call from a staff member to pick your child up from school due to illness please DO NOT abuse them.

They are following the directives from CEDP and NSW Health.

If your child suffers from asthma or hay fever please get a letter from your doctor stating this is the reason why they have COVID symptoms.

This is a directive from NSW Health. The school must follow this directive to ensure all children are safe. We do not have any option than to follow this directive. If you have any queries please contact NSW Health 137788 or the National Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080.

We'd like to thank everyone for the smooth transition back to school over the past 2 weeks. The students have all returned excited to see their friends and staff! We've equally enjoyed seeing them walk through the gates each morning. We'd also like to acknowledge and thank those families keeping their children home when they're unwell and having them undergo a covid test just to be safe, we really appreciate it.

Just a reminder, school supervision starts at 8.20am on both playgrounds, so please have your children at school before the bell (8.45am). They really enjoy connecting with their friends before the school day starts and it sets them up for a great day of learning. Traffic has increased, so please allow enough time to allow your children not to feel rushed upon arrival. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support. Stay safe.

Drink Bottles

DRINK BOTTLES: Due to covid rules and restrictions the bubblers are not currently available for use. Please ensure your child bring a drink bottle filled with water to school every day. There are opportunities to refill their bottles during the day.

School Travel

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their 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 that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

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

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **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.

School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to [transportnsw.info](#). This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at [transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel](#)
Enquiries can be submitted at [transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback](#)

Medication

It has been recommended to the school that all student medication now be given to the school in blister packs.

Any student that has regular medication has to be given to us in a blister pack. These are easy to obtain from your local chemist.

Thank you for your understanding.



Birthday Celebrations

We love celebrating all our students birthdays! Unfortunately due to COVID requirements we need to change our policy. We currently cannot accept cupcakes or donuts and ask if you would like to celebrate please supply your child with individually wrapped lollies or chocolates to share with their classmates - for example freddo frogs, small boxes of smarties, small packets of m&m's, etc.

Thank you for your understanding.



St Joseph's Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

August - Alisha, Elliot, Jeriko, Charli, Aleisha, Gabrielle, Khloe, Eva, Kira, Klarise, Xand, Slade, Desmond, Atem, Jaiveer, Ashton, Oliver, Jordyn, Marial, Emmitt

September - Tegan, Marley, Zac, Sallinia, Jared, Amish, Mila, Aaron, Ariana, Amelia, Jayden, Elise, Travis, Jing, David, Ethan, Jared, Anthony, Madeleine, Cooper, Aiden, Jacob, Syon, Stefania, Kitra, Ayden, Ryan, Samaara, Ryan, Shalom, Henry, Buot

October - Keira, Asal, Clarisse, Adut, Zolfekar, Lucia, Zayde, Alice, Gursehaj, Vincent, Ekampreet, Harper, Akon, Joseph, Ellyse, Akua, Phoebe, Kaashvi

Kiss 'n' Ride Reminders

We encourage you to use Kiss n Ride to pick your child up at the end of the day.

Please ensure you have a large clear sign with your child's name, **written in black text**, ready to display in the window when in the Kiss n Ride line. This will enable our teachers to let your child know you are here to pick them up.

If the Kiss n Ride line is too long you will need to drive around the block and join the line again. Please do not line up across and past the administration driveway. If police are monitoring the area you will get booked.

There are staff on Kiss n Ride duty from 3pm - 3:30pm.

Kiss & Ride



NO PARKING

Drop-off or Pick-up Only

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

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

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO COVID AND CHANGING OF RESTRICTIONS ALL DATES GIVEN ARE ONLY TENTATIVE UNTIL CLOSER TO THE TIME.

Week 6	Thursday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Week 8	Thursday 25th November	Thanksgiving Liturgy
Week 10	Tuesday 7th December	Meet the 2022 Teacher
	Wednesday 8th December	Andrew Chinn Concert
	Thursday 9th December	Year 6 Graduation Mass & Dinner/Disco
	Friday 10th December	Whole School Fun Day
Week 11	Monday 13th December	Year 6 Fun Day
	Tuesday 14th December	End of Year Awards
	Wednesday 15th December	Last Day of School for Students

Change of Details

Have you moved house or changed your phone number? Have your emergency contact details changed? If so, please fill in the slip below and return it to the school office.

It is vital we have up to date contact details.

Change of details form 2021
SURNAME:
CHILD/CHILDREN'S NAMES:
CLASS:
<u>New</u> Address Details:
<u>New</u> Home Phone Number:
<u>New</u> Mother's Mobile:
<u>New</u> Mother's Work Number:
<u>New</u> Mother's Email:
<u>New</u> Father's Mobile:
<u>New</u> Father's Work Number:
<u>New</u> Father's Email:
<u>New</u> Emergency Contact Details
Name:
Relationship to Child:
Phone Number:
Signature:
Date: