



St Joseph's Primary School

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Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It is throughout these difficult times that we can turn to St. Joseph for inspiration and protection.

Who was St. Joseph?

A beloved father

Joseph was the husband of Mary and the father of Jesus on earth.

A tender and loving father

Joseph saw Jesus grow daily "in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favour" (Lk 2:52) *He taught Jesus to walk, to talk, to respect others. He taught him how to use his hands and to be a carpenter.*

An obedient father

Joseph always did as God commanded him despite having concerns. He married Mary, escaped with his family to Egypt and when ordered to return to Israel did so. He trusted in God and always did what was asked of him.

An accepting father

Joseph accepted everything that was asked of him. He did not understand why he was being asked to do these things but he trusted that it would all work out. "Son of David, do not be afraid!" (Mt 1:20)

A creatively courageous father

As Joseph obeyed the will of God he needed to be courageous and a creative problem solver. When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem there was no accommodation. Joseph found somewhere for her to give birth to Jesus. He would have had to find somewhere for them to live whilst they were in Egypt, find work, find food. In the face of adversity he always searched for a solution.

A working father

Joseph has always been associated with workers. He was committed to supporting his family.

A father in the shadows

Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person.

St Joseph can be an inspiration for us during the difficult times in our lives. This past week has been very difficult for many families in our school community. I have seen you show courage, patience, respect and acceptance of something that cannot be changed. I have seen you put your children and their health and safety first despite being a great burden on yourselves. I have seen you comfort and protect the children in your care.

Thank you.

Trish

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*



2022

Very soon we will start to formulate classes for 2022. If you have any concerns regarding your child's class placement, please email the school email, no later than Wednesday 1st December. Whilst we endeavour to take into account your considerations, final decisions are made by the school.

Farewell

We farewell the following staff who have been valuable and much loved members of the St. Joseph's community. We thank them for everything they have done for our school.

Mrs Rose Keane who will be leaving to take up a leadership position at St Anthony's, Girraween.

Mrs Kathleen McNally who is exploring several exciting opportunities for 2022.

Ms Amy Green who has accepted a position at Corpus Christi, Cranebrook.



We **welcome** the following staff:

Ms Jen Crowley - Principal

Mr Alan Eisenhuth- Coordinator 2 and classroom teacher

Ms Zoe Astbury - Kindergarten teacher

Ms Victoria Dennett- Classroom teacher

Counsellor's Corner

At this stage in the term - especially with the difficulties our community continues to face with COVID-19 I thought it would be helpful to offer some mindfulness activities, I know we have used these throughout lockdown so thought this might help during our current changes. The teachers have been focused on building social and emotional awareness through our lessons that focus on raising awareness of each child's strengths, talents and gifts and skills to be grateful to each other and build each other's self-esteem up. Mindfulness is a way to allow time to focus on "self-care" and building calm into the day.

The wobbly times and slower mornings for some children can become overwhelming at home -students might need extra hugs and kisses and so might you!!

I am hoping these Youtube clips might be helpful in supporting the development of mindfulness and meditation practices at home. These are brief 3 and 5 minutes and provide options that you and your children might like at home.

[3 Minutes Body Scan Meditation - Mindfulness For Kids And Adults](#)

[Guided Meditation for Anxiety and Stress Relief | Meditation for Kids](#)

Sit down and see which you all prefer and remember it is only a few moments - this time allows everyone to "reset" and re-connect and get back to fun!!

I hope this is helpful, take care and stay safe
Miss Goode

2022 School Captains

Congratulations to our 2022 School Captains:

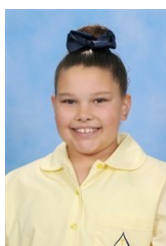
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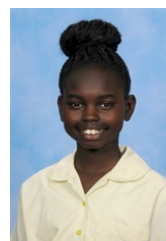
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- Charli



- Aneuhok



School Fees

OVERDUE

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



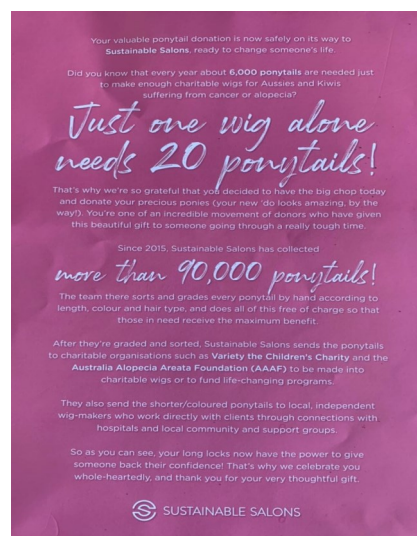
Every student. Every day.

Thank you to all of those families getting their children to school before the bell!
This practice makes for a more settled and happy day for all as it means no class interruptions and more time for learning!
It's all a matter of routine, getting organised and leaving home with enough time for everyone to arrive calm and happy.
We're noticing more children are beating the bell in the mornings which is wonderful!
Thank you, we really appreciate your efforts.

Student News

Congratulations to Elise in Year 4 for donating her hair to make wigs for people who have lost their hair due to cancer. We are very proud of you Elise!

"Never see a need without doing something about it."



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](#)

Athletics and Cross Country Awards

UPDATED ATHLETICS AWARD ASSEMBLY

Our Athletics Award Assemblies were originally scheduled for next week, however, due to a number of students working remotely, our assemblies will now be held in **Week 10** on the following dates:

Monday 6th December - Senior Athletics & Cross Country Awards

Thursday 9th December - Junior Athletics & Cross Country Awards

Our assemblies are to celebrate the sporting achievements of our students during our Cross Country and Athletics Carnival held earlier this year. Both assemblies will begin at 2:30pm.

Following recent advice, our assembly format has changed and will now be **celebrated via zoom**. Parents and families **will not** be able to come together onsite as we had originally planned. Parents of students receiving an award and other St Joseph's families will be able to view the assembly via the following zoom link.

<https://parracatholic.zoom.us/j/66276383464?pwd=UUhoMINRd2g1MkNqWGpsOWszb0ZVQT09>

Password: 444192

2022 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team Trials

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: For those students who are going to be in years 5 or 6 in 2022 ONLY.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) for the 2022 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials has opened up via the online platform through CEDP.

Parents may complete this form [https:// www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au/](https://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au/) to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed. Please make note of the closing dates and Trials as these are run through CEDP and no allowances can be made after the closing dates.

Summer Reading Challenge



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S

Summer
READING
challenge

WIN A \$500 GIFT VOUCHER!
Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and you could win one of two \$500 JB Hi-Fi vouchers or one of thirty gift vouchers valued at \$30 each.

THE MORE BOOKS YOU READ, THE MORE CHANCES YOU HAVE TO WIN.

Enter online
www.parra.catholic.edu.au.

CEDP
CATHOLIC EDUCATION
DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

Competition opens on 1 November 2021 and closes at 5pm on 25 February 2022. Terms and Conditions apply.

St Joseph's Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

November - Kaiden, Mitchell, Olivia, Cooper, Tiarnah, Oliver, Madalyn, Mathew, Isla, Tamia, Brodie, Nyagon, Liam, Kai, Mason, Aguang, Anai, Matthew, Kandice, Yuni

December - Leon, Sancia, Apuol, Jayden, Jae, Boston, Ruhani, Scarlet, Aiden, Charbel, Tripsu, Sienna, Klæ-Marie, Hazel, Saisha, Zaine, Indiana, Mikayla, Nathan, Othniel

Community News



SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES




WEEK 1 - DEC	WEEK 2 - JAN	WEEK 3 - JAN	WEEK 4 - JAN	WEEK 5 - JAN
MON 20TH Christmas Art & Craft Ninja Warrior Euro Handball Christmas Art & Craft TUES 21ST Basketball Skills Christmas Art & Craft Minute 2 Win it Christmas Art & Craft WED 22ND Christmas Art & Craft Soccer Skills Team Building Games Christmas Art & Craft THURS 23RD Christmas dress up DAY Christmas Games Snow Making Christmas Art & Craft	TUES 4TH Multi Sport Cup Team building Games Paint Attack Drawing Skills WED 5TH BoxingFun Lego building Science Experiments THURS 6TH Circus Art & Craft Carnival Games Circus Tricks Circus Art & Craft FRI 7TH Gymnastics Scavenger Hunt Mosaic Art Gymnastics	MON 10TH PCYC police Ninja Warrior Quizroom Games Board Games TUES 11TH Paper Plate Tennis Sports Art & Craft Cricket NSW Multi Sport WED 12TH Ultimate Frisbee Team building Games Drawing Tissue Box Monsters THURS 13TH Movie Review Play Acting Interactive Games Movie Trivia FRI 14TH Gymnastics Pot Plant Painting Paddle Pop Art Gymnastics	MON 17TH Ninja Warrior Tabletop Sports Dot Tree Art Paper Plate Animals TUES 18TH Handball Comp Origami Bunnings hockey WED 19TH Olympic Flag Design Mini Olympics Multi Sport Cup Olympic Bingo THURS 20TH Volleyball Soccer Skills Portrait Art Lava Lamp Making FRI 21ST Gymnastics Creative Art Minute 2 Win it Gymnastics	MON 24TH Boxing Fun Ninja Warrior PCYC Talent Show TUES 25TH Australia Day Games Australia Day Art & Craft WED 26TH CLOSED THURS 27TH OzTag Kickball Drawing Art Paper Plate Animals FRI 28TH Gymnastics Art & Craft Scavenger Hunt Gymnastics



All activities run 9am to 4pm for children aged 5-14 years old.

ALL School Holiday Activities accept a Creative Kids Voucher





SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



\$40 PER DAY | 5 DAYS FOR \$170
Payment must be made at time of booking.

HOW TO BOOK IN

Current PCYC membership is required for each child that attends the program

Scan the QR code below



Fill out the Booking Form & return to the club or via email below

Penrith@pcycnsw.org.au
100 Station St, Penrith




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.

Skoolbag Issues

There have been some reports of the Skoolbag app not working for some parents.

If you are having difficulty with the app please ensure it is up to date and you have the latest version on your phone. In some instances you may need to delete the app and re install it.

If, after trying these things, it still doesn't work please contact the school so we can contact Skoolbag about the issue.

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 10	Tuesday 7th December	Meet the 2022 Teacher
	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

2022

Friday 28th January & Monday 31st January	Staff Development Day MAI Meetings
Tuesday 1st February	8:50am Years 1 - 6 return to school
Wednesday 2nd February	8:50am Kindergarten start school