



Message From Ms Crowley...

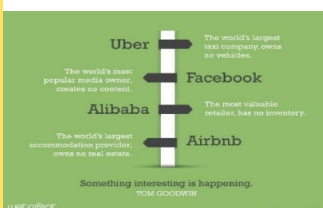
We acknowledge the Darug people,
the traditional custodians whose land we educate our students

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

"We are currently preparing our students for jobs that don't exist, using technologies that haven't been invented, in order to solve problems we don't even know are problems yet."-Karl Fisch-



What a huge responsibility our teachers have in educating your children for an unknown future! At St. Joseph's, we are trying



very hard to set your children (our students) up for success. Our current Kindergarten students will finish their High School education in October 2034. We are ensuring our students have the key skills and competencies to undertake any work challenge in 2035 when they start their tertiary education or enter the workforce. They need to be creative problem solvers, collaborative and articulate team members that can think critically about the issues being presented. This is the world we are living in. This is not the future; this is what is happening right now.

Currently NSW is going through a major curriculum reform where the aim is to build strong foundations in the early years, focus on deep learning, strengthening post schooling pathways and is accessible and inclusive for all students. St Joseph's is one of four primary schools in the diocese that will be trialling the new K-2 English and Maths Syllabus this term prior to full implementation later this year.

The government has allocated additional funding to many schools across Australia to counteract the effects of COVID19 restrictions in 2021. St. Joseph's has been blessed to receive some funding and we have employed an additional experienced teacher to provide small group intensive lessons to students in Years 3-6. Mrs Kate Bentham comes to us as an experienced teacher in providing intervention and additional learning support in schools within the Sydney Diocese and we are excited to have her join our community.



On Thursday 17th February, the NSW Government relaxed a number of Covid-19 restrictions. Importantly, at this time, mask wearing for staff and visitors to the school remains in place. Also in the coming week we will receive a third delivery of Rapid Antigen Test (RATs). These will be sent home as soon as they arrive at school.

Starting next week our Year Five & Year Six students will receive a visit from the Principals of Caroline Chisholm and St Dominics as well as Xavier and Penola College. These visits are to promote our feeder high schools in the diocese and for students to ask questions to support their transition to high school next year.

Catholic Schools week begins on the 6th March and as part of this week of celebration we will be holding two open days to promote and share with prospective families the wonderful learning spaces and what we offer here at St Joseph's. The first day is Tuesday 8th March at 4:00 pm and the second on Thursday 10th March at 5:00 pm. We ask that visitors please wear a mask when attending.

Staff Development Day - Friday 25th March - On Friday 25th March the staff at St Joseph's will be involved in a staff development day with a focus on religious education and spiritual formation. This will mean the school will be closed and it will be a pupil free day for students. If you require care for your child please contact Jacki at Joeys on 4732 5771.

Thank you for your continued support of our Covid safe measures at school and for supporting your child to be at school on time.

Stay safe and God bless. Ms Jennifer Crowley Principal

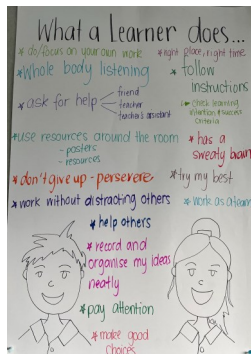
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St Joseph's Primary School

Message from Mrs Borg...

We are safe, respectful LEARNERS at St Joseph's!

Over the past few weeks, it has been wonderful to see all of our teachers and students working collaboratively to develop what it means to be a learner at St Joseph's. Our students, along with their teachers, use a range of diverse tools to immerse themselves in all learning opportunities to achieve their goals.



Being curious and open to new ideas, preserving with challenging tasks, demonstrating a 'have-a-go' attitude, learning from mistakes, asking clarifying questions and always doing your very best are just a few of the learning dispositions our community is focusing on each and every day as they strive to achieve their reading, writing and maths learning goals.

This week all grades prepared and sent home via Skoolbag our Term 1 Curriculum Overviews, outlining the learning focus within each Key Learning Area. We encourage all families to pop this on the fridge as it will help spark a fantastic conversation at the dinner table as your child details their daily discoveries and how

they will tackle their new challenge tomorrow. I wonder what new ideas they will bring home today?

We are certainly looking forward to inviting all of our families into our learning spaces soon to share in our learning journey.

Learning activities during your child's absence:

Students who are absent from school due to contracting COVID or have been deemed a close contact within their family are able to access learning activities during their absence.

Students who are isolating at home will have access to the learning resources provided by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta which is specific to each grade. Please click here to access these resources. [Please click here to access these resources.](#)

In addition to these tasks, students in Years 3-6 will be able to access learning tasks via their grade Google Classroom. Parents of students in Kindergarten to Year 2 are asked to contact the school office in order for a learning pack to be sent via email.



Year 6 Leaders Commitment Ceremony

During our Opening School Mass on Monday, the students from Kindy to Year 5 were witnesses to our Year 6 students receiving their leadership badges.

These badges represent the school agreements of being safe, respectful learners. Our Year 6 students were asked to commit to upholding these agreements and to lead the school community.

On the 7th March our School Captains will attend a school leadership conference, where they will work collaboratively to build their own leadership skills as well as begin to build ideas as to how our Year 6 students can develop a sense of community at SJK.

We look forward to a wonderful year of their leadership.

God Bless,
Mrs Rochelle Borg



Welcome back to all our families. I pray that this year is filled with Joy, Hope and Love. May St Joseph as our patron saint keep us safe and continue to guide our community in the light of Christ.



We welcomed the 2022 school year with a beautiful opening liturgy led by Fr Pawel in Fr Andrew's absence due to overseas commitments in Poland. Our Year 6 student leaders, along with the school captains received their badges which Fr Pawel blessed. The leaders voiced their commitment to lead the school in 2022. We also welcomed our new staff appointments. Thank you to all families who are able to zoom in and be with us from afar. We are looking forward to having our families back with us on site in the near future.

Sacrament Dates:

- Registration for the Sacrament of Reconciliation – Sunday 27th Feb after 10AM Mass
- Registration for Sacrament of First Communion – Sunday 24th April after 10AM Mass
- Registration for Sacrament of Confirmation – Sunday 31st July after 10AM Mass

Requirements for Sacrament of Reconciliation

Children who are 8 years old and above and received the Sacrament of Baptism can register for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please bring a copy of your Baptism certificate

All sessions are compulsory and are held on **Sunday after 10:00AM Mass** (Around 11:30AM) in the parish hall. Parent and child to attend the session.

Further information will be provided at registration or contact the parish office on 4721 4080 during office hours.

Term 1 School Focus Scripture - please take the opportunity to discuss with your child/children

Jesus Enters Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)

The next day a great crowd in Jerusalem heard that Jesus was coming there. These were the people who had come to the Passover Feast. They took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Jesus. They shouted, "Praise God!

God bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

God bless the King of Israel!" (Psalm 118:25-26)

Jesus found a colt and sat on it. This was as the Scripture says,

"Don't be afraid, people of Jerusalem!

Your king is coming.

He is sitting on the colt of a donkey."

The followers of Jesus did not understand this at first. But after Jesus was raised to glory, they remembered that this had been written about him. And they remembered that they had done these things to him.

There had been many people with Jesus when he raised Lazarus from death and told him to come out of the tomb. Now they were telling others about what Jesus did. Many people went out to meet Jesus, because they had heard about this miracle. So the Pharisees said to each other, "You can see that nothing is going right for us. Look! The whole world is following him."

The Gospel of the Lord

God Bless
Mrs Kemp

Counsellor's Corner

As part of the process of supporting year 6 as they prepare to finish their primary years and get ready for their high school journey, it is with great excitement that Mrs Helleur and Miss Goode will be meeting briefly with Year 6 students to gain an idea of:

- How they are feeling about being in year 6 - with the view to developing their "Words of Wisdom" for the 2023 leaders - it is early but why not!!
- What are their hopes and what worries them about all the changes the year brings
- What strategies could build their happiness as they end their time on Joey's Journey
- What strategies could support them transitioning to high school

As well as asking about their likes and dislikes to help us develop strategies to use with the teachers and the whole class to build their confidence and resilience as leaders of 2022.

Tips for you to help build social skills with your children:

In light of returning to school after a long break and a broken up year we were thinking about some basics to help children reconnect with their friends and teacher's - we are hoping these few points will support their ongoing success at returning to school.

1. Encourage your child to look at your face when they hear their name "I love seeing your eyes, I know you are listening"
2. Try and learn the names of some children in your child's class and ask about what games they like to play "Did you play with.....what was your favourite game?"
3. Look into play dates so they can practice taking turns, asking questions and HAVING FUN - if time is an issue you can play together to practice these same skills - Guess Who, connect 4, UNO all help with building social skills and fair player skills
4. Also a family games night where you can model the skills above as well as good winning and gracious losing - you are their best teachers!!

Take care
Miss Goode and Mrs Helleur

School Student Travel

School student travel information for parents and students

School Travel Passes

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with 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.

New Student Opal cards (including new Term Bus Passes) will be sent to the student's nominated postal address within two weeks of their application being approved.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their 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.

Terms of Use

Students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Opal terms of use](#).

All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.

Attendance

I'd like to congratulate the week 3 winners of the Attendance Trophy for 'Being the best at beating the bell every morning': Primary - Year 6; Infants - Kindergarten.

I'd also like to thank you, the parents and carers for getting your children to school before the bell! It's so important to have your children arrive before 8:50am. This helps set them up for a calm and settled day. School supervision starts at 8:20am.

At 8:50am the class roll is taken, followed by the outline of the day. By 9am their learning has begun. Please note traffic conditions are not going to change anytime soon...you may need to leave home 10 minutes earlier each morning to allow for traffic.

If you are having trouble organising your child to get to school on time, please contact the office to arrange an appointment with their class teacher or myself. We are more than happy to help.

If your child is absent on any given day please contact the school via phone, Skoolbag or email.

Again, thank you for getting your children to school before the bell.

Marie Brogan



2023 Enrolments

2023 enrolments for Kindergarten (and other grades) will open shortly. If any family has a child to commence school next year, please download and complete the enrolment form available on the school website as soon as possible so that we know how many places we will have available for new families in 2023.

Please notify any new families interested in attending St Joseph's to register their commitment to joining our SJK community by clicking on the link:

<https://www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au/Enrol/How-to-Enrol>

We already have a number of new and existing families who are already registered to enrol their children for 2023.

Dates for your Diary

Open Days - Tuesday 8th March 4pm and Thursday 10th March from 5pm. More information to come.

School Fees



School Fees Statements will be posted out to you over the next 2 weeks. If you have any issues with your school fees 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.

This year 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 soon.

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.

Sporting Achievement

A huge congratulations to Khloe in Year 5.

Khloe participated in the Parramatta Diocesan trials last Friday with 20 other girls.

Khloe was selected with 9 other girls in the Parramatta Basketball team. She will compete at the MacKillop trials in Wollongong on Friday 25th February.

We wish Khloe lots of luck in the trials!



St Joseph's Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

February - Jackson, Lachlan, Xara, Ayieda, Arshpreet, Zoe, Logan, Phoenix, Lucas-Jay, Ruby, Liam, Enoch, Maddison, Jack, Achou, Kora, Asha, Joey, Alariyah, Caden, Lincoln, Layla, Sebastian, Derrick, Yohan, Porch, Lara, Soren, Sonia, Aviahana, Noah

Safety around SJK

Kiss n Ride

Just a reminder to all families that you must not park or exit your vehicle in the Kiss n Ride zone when dropping off or picking up your child in the morning or afternoon. Our school is extremely fortunate to offer this service to our families, however, to ensure the safety of all students, families and teachers we ask all parents to ensure you are following our Kiss n Ride/Drop procedures as outlined below:

In Joseph Street a place has been designated for Kiss 'n' Ride - an area where children may be dropped off before school, or picked up after school. Kiss 'n' Ride is a **"No Parking" and "No Standing" Area**. To assist with traffic flow, drivers must remain in the car whilst children get in and out. Children should travel with bags in the car (not in the boot).

Kiss 'n' Ride bays are labelled 1, 2, 3 and 4. Please move to the furthestmost number as directed by the teacher on duty. Please ensure you have a **sign in your windscreen with your child(ren)'s name written in large, black writing** to assist teachers with identifying your vehicle. Contact the school office if you would like one made for you.

Students that are waiting to be collected from Kiss 'n' Ride are supervised by teachers until 3.30pm. Children not collected by 3.30pm are taken to the school office or to Joey's After School Care. Parents will be contacted. No child is left unsupervised. If you are unable to collect your child(ren) before 3.30pm, please contact Joey's Before and After School Care and organise regular extended care.

Wet weather - if raining or looks like rain, Kiss 'n' Ride will be closed. Children are to be collected from the building to the left of the Administration block or from the Stage 2 building near the netball court. A notification on Skoolbag at approximately 2.30pm will inform parents about this closure.

Please refer to the Roads and Maritime Services NSW website for more details on rules surrounding Kiss 'n' Ride zones as they are frequently patrolled by the authorities and you may receive a fine and/or loss of demerit points if you do not comply with all rules.

<https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/>

Thank you for your continued support to ensure everyone is safe at St Joseph's!



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



Psychology Clinics

The *Western Sydney University Psychology Clinics* continues to offer low-cost evidence-based psychological therapy and psychometric testing services to children, adolescents and adults. Minimal waiting times for therapy currently apply.

Referrals can be made by contacting:

Phone: 02 9852 5288

Email: psychclinic@westernsydney.edu.au

Self-referrals welcome

Therapy: \$25 per session (\$15 for concession card holders)

Psychometric Assessment: \$250 (\$150 for concession card holders)

Pamphlets available at the school office

High School Open Days



Xavier College Open Night

Tuesday 8th March 2022

4pm - 6pm

Prospective 2023 students and families are welcome to attend.

Tours and application forms available on the night.



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 5

Monday 21st February

Caroline Chisholm & St Dominic's visit Stage 3

Thursday 24th February

Zone Swimming

Week 6

Tuesday 1st March

Xavier visit Stage 3

Wednesday 2nd March

Ash Wednesday

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.

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 2022
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: