



# St Joseph's Primary School

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## Message From Ms Crowley...

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

*Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,*

*As we come to the 3rd Sunday of Lent it was heartening to see the support in gold coin donations from students for local families and those affected from the floods across NSW as we came together to celebrate St Patrick's Day.*

*By giving what we can we make the needs of others our own. We become the compassionate people Jesus calls us to be.*



*This Saturday is the Feast Day of St Joseph, the Patron Saint of our school. Next Thursday 24th March we will be celebrating this day as a whole school community with morning activities in class learning about the wonderful traits of Joseph, followed by fun sport activities led by Motiv8sports, picnic lunch with parents and carers and culminating in a whole school liturgy in the afternoon. More information about this celebration will be shared with families soon on Facebook and Skoolbag.*

*On the following **Friday 25th March the school will be closed** for the day as the whole school staff will be participating in a Faith Formation Staff Development Day off site. The office will also be closed and parents and carers will need to make alternative arrangements for care if children cannot be supervised at home.*

*Providing a safe and secure environment at school is a priority here for us at St Joseph's. It is important that when children are dropped off in the morning that parents preferably park on the same side as the school and assist their children to exit the car safely and walk through the school gates. If parking on the opposite side of the school, it is necessary for parents to park their vehicle and assist their child to cross at the pedestrian crossing in front of the school. I have noticed some families leaving students and driving off before checking to see if they have crossed the road safely and entered the school grounds. Please help to make school drop off safe for everyone.*

*Today is the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence and next Monday is Harmony Day. The National Day against Bullying is a day to learn what bullying is and isn't, as well as learning ways to deal with difficult situations. Harmony Day is a national celebration of inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background.*





**National Day  
of Action** against  
Bullying and Violence  
Friday 18 March 2022

You can see how these two events go hand in hand as both events highlight the importance of tolerance and respect. At St Joseph's we acknowledge both days and link it with our school goals of being **SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS**.

*O God, You created all people in your image.  
We thank you for the amazing variety of races and  
cultures in this world.  
Enrich our lives by ever widening circles of friendship  
and show us your presence in those who are most  
different from us.  
Help us to love and care for each other just as you  
care and love each one of us.  
We ask you to bless all the sick, homeless and  
imprisoned; the weary, the lonely and the lost.  
We pray for compassion, kindness, healing and  
protection for all those who are suffering.  
Help us to be compassionate towards all, sharing the  
load of each other and all those in need.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen*

God Bless,  
Ms Jennifer Crowley  
Principal

### IS IT BULLYING?

When someone says or does something **unintentionally** hurtful and they do it **once**, that is **RUDE**.

When someone says or does something **intentionally** hurtful and they do it **once**, that is **MEAN**.

When someone says or does something **intentionally** hurtful and they **keep doing it** even when you **tell them to stop** or show them that you are **upset**, that is **BULLYING**.



## 2023 Enrolments

2023 enrolments for Kindergarten (and other grades) are now open. 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.



# RE News

## Season of Lent

Last week our year 5 students launched Project Compassion which is supported by Caritas Australia. During lent we encourage our community to pray for those of us who are in need of support and love. Each classroom has a collection box and we are encouraging students to offer to do small jobs around the home and earn some coins for the donation boxes. Caritas Australia provides local and international communities with infrastructure to improve sustainability, opportunities and quality of life.



## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Students enrolled in the sacrament of reconciliation preparation classes will make their first reconciliation on Thursday, 7th April commencing at 6:00pm. All are welcome to attend and pray for the students making this sacrament.

Reconciliation will be offered during the day for students who have previously made their 1st reconciliation.

**Enrolment for 1st Holy Communion will be 24th April.** Please contact the parish office for further information [kingswood@parracatholic.org](mailto:kingswood@parracatholic.org).

## St Joseph Feast Day - 19th March

The parish will celebrate the feast day of St Joseph on Saturday, 19th March. There will be morning tea supplied after the morning mass. All welcome to attend at 8:30am.

As a school community we will be celebrating our feast day on the 24th March. Families are welcome to join their children for a BYO picnic lunch at 1:30pm and attend our afternoon liturgy.

Hope to see you there!

God Bless  
Mrs Kemp



# Ride 2 School Day

National Ride 2 School Day will held this year on March 25<sup>th</sup>. However, as this is a Staff Development Day, we at St Joseph's are holding our Ride to School Day the following week on **Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**What is Ride to School Day?** Ride2School is a nationwide program facilitated through Bicycle Network, designed to support schools to encourage, empower and enable more students (and teachers) to get physically active on their journey to school.

**Who can be involved?** Any child aged 10 or older who has a safe, working bike and an approved bicycle helmet. No scooters, skateboards or roller-skates

**What to do?** Children are encouraged to ride their bikes **from home to school**. Some time will be set aside during the school day where students will be able to participate in a variety of fun and challenging activities on their bikes.



Further information and a permission note will be coming soon.

## Counsellor's Corner

Hello families on Joey's Journey,

As we come closer the end of term and my time at St Joseph's I thought it was a good time to think about one of our values that help us to be Safe and Respectful Learners and that is -

### *Being the "I" in KIND*

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:

- **Brighten someone's day.** Model a warm "hello" that kids can repeat when they greet their caregiver, playmates, or teacher each morning.
- **Remember others.** Help kids call, email, Skype, or FaceTime grandma and grandpa.
- **Inspire giving.** Set aside canned goods, cookies, juice, and cereal. Take your kids along when you deliver items to the local food bank.
- **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.
- **Reward efforts.** Dole out a thank you and a warm hug when kids pick up toys or books they weren't responsible for dropping.
- **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>

Take care everyone  
Miss Goode and Mrs Helleur

## Cross Country Selection Trials

Today students from grades 2-6 participated in the Cross Country Selection trials at school rather than at Steamroller Park because of ground conditions.

The following students have qualified for the to represent St Joseph's at the **Diocesan Cross Country** at *Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek* on **Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

Congratulations to ... Joey, Deng, Anthony, Aiden, Caden, Lachlan, Harlum, Yohan, Jostrick, Jesraj, Elise, Amish and Cooper.

An information and permission note will be sent home with these children in Week 9 of this term.



**Congratulations!**





## School Fees



School Fees Statements have been posted out to you. If you haven't received your statement or 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.

## St Joseph's Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

**March** - Khailel, James, Natasha, Seth, Akuol, Thomas, Cameron, Dylan, Mason, Aarna, Ekampreet, Braxton, Bion, Zachary, Vincent, Lila, Runan, Ezekiel, Zoe, Oliver-Snow, Scarlett, Jairemy, Janelle, Bellina, Krizia

## 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

## Supportive Hearts Bereavement Group



Are you grieving the death of your spouse or partner?

If so, you're invited to be part of our support group to assist you in your grief journey. In the group, you will likely find the following:

- Emotional support in a safe and non-judgmental environment.
- Understanding from others who have experienced a similar loss.
- Coping skills to help you through the most difficult days of your grief journey.
- Hope through companionship with people who understand first-hand what you are going through.
- Permission to grieve and encouragement to live a meaningful, productive life.

If you would like to join our Monthly Support Group, or require more information, please contact us below.

Please call Rita at Solo Parent Services on

PH: 8843 2500

E-mail: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

DATE: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each Month (Feb – Nov)

TIME: 10am – 12noon

COST: \$5.00

VENUE: Monthly Zoom gathering or in person meetings at Parramatta, depending on Covid Restrictions.

Please Note: REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL



*"Grief is not a disorder, a disease or a sign of weakness. It is an emotional, physical and spiritual necessity; the price you pay for love. The only cure for grief is to grieve."*  
— Earl Grollman

## Stepping Beyond Support Group for Separated / Divorced Adults



Living through a separation or divorce can be an overwhelming experience. Not only are the hopes and dreams for your future shattered, but this experience accompanies isolation, loneliness, challenges supporting or caring for your children, and sometimes difficulty communicating with your spouse or partner over legal matters.

**Stepping Beyond Monthly Support Group is a safe environment to explore these issues. Together with trained facilitators, each month members explore their challenges and celebrate their achievements on their journey.**

DATE: Last Tuesday of each Month (Feb – Nov)

TIME: 7pm – 9pm

COST: \$5.00

VENUE: Monthly Zoom gathering or in person meetings at Parramatta, depending on Covid Restrictions.

PLEASE NOTE: Registration Essential

For Further information and registration, please call Rita on 8843 2500 or email [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)



*Creative and Performing Arts*

# 2023 AUDITIONS NOW OPEN

CIRCUS ARTS - CREATIVE ARTS - DANCE - DRAMA - MUSIC

APPLICATIONS OPEN FROM MARCH 2 - APRIL 26

SCAN QR CODE TO APPLY OR VISIT  
[HTTPS://NEPEAN-H.SCHOOLS.NSW.GOV.AU/CAPA/PERFORMING-ARTS-AUDITIONS.HTML](https://nepean-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/capa/performing-arts-auditions.html)

115-119 Great Western Highway, Emu Plains | Ph: (02) 4729 7200

## Sunsmart Snippet

Sun protection is everyone's responsibility.



**Remember, it is important to protect your own skin and role model sun protection behaviours for those around you or in your care.**

Tip: Keep a broad-brimmed hat and SPF 30+ (or higher), broad-spectrum, water resistant sunscreen by the door, ready to put on before heading outside.

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



## 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

**WESTERN SYDNEY**  
UNIVERSITY



Email: [psychclinic@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto: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

## 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 8

**Saturday 19th March**

St Joseph's Feast Day

### Week 9

**Monday 21st March**

Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Practice

Year 1 Incursion

**Tuesday 22nd March**

Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Practice

**Thursday 24th March**

Feast Day Celebration

**Friday 25th March**

Staff Development Day - no students attend school on this day

### Week 10

### Week 11

**Friday 8th April**

Last day of school for Term 1

9am Primary End of Term Award Assembly

2:30pm Infants End of Term Award Assembly

**Staff and Students return to school for Term 2  
Tuesday 26th April**

**Whole School Assemblies will be held every 2nd week from Term 2**

# 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.

<b>Change of details form 2022</b>
<b>SURNAME:</b>
<b>CHILD/CHILDREN'S NAMES:</b>
<b>CLASS:</b>
<b><u>New</u> Address Details:</b>
<b><u>New</u> Home Phone Number:</b>
<b><u>New</u> Mother's Mobile:</b>
<b><u>New</u> Mother's Work Number:</b>
<b><u>New</u> Mother's Email:</b>
<b><u>New</u> Father's Mobile:</b>
<b><u>New</u> Father's Work Number:</b>
<b><u>New</u> Father's Email:</b>
<b><u>New</u> Emergency Contact Details</b>
<b>Name:</b>
<b>Relationship to Child:</b>
<b>Phone Number:</b>
<b>Signature:</b>
<b>Date:</b>