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# St Joseph's Primary School

## Message From Ms Crowley...

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

**Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,**

Welcome back to school for Term 2. We have an exciting term ahead of us for all students and their families.



Last week we all came together as a school community for our special Easter Liturgy led by Fr Andrew in the church. This was an opportunity for all of us to renew our Baptismal promise and affirm that we are Easter people of faith, hope and love.

This week I had the privilege of attending the Diocesan Cross Country at Eastern Creek Raceway to assist with the running of the event. Fourteen of our students represented the school at the carnival and I was very proud of the way they all competed with enthusiasm and sportsmanship. A big congratulations to Amish Chand who came fourth in his race and will now represent the Diocese of Parramatta against other Catholic schools across the state.



This Friday we will be celebrating Mother's day with an afternoon tea and liturgy. The afternoon tea will be held on the pavers outside the MPA. The afternoon tea will begin from 1:15pm onwards and the liturgy will commence at 2:15pm. This year we will not be holding a Mother's Day stall where students purchase a small gift. Instead we have organised for students to make a special gift with their teacher. This gift will come home on Friday afternoon. We look forward to celebrating these special people in our lives.

Currently the school continues to have positive Covid cases across some grades. Earlier in the week each student received a multipack of RAT tests that were sent home in school bags. Please continue to use these if your child develops symptoms and if they are exposed to positive cases. The seven day isolation period still applies if a student tests positive and a student cannot return to school until symptom free. If returning to school after testing positive and isolating for seven days the new NSW Health guidelines require that you must wear a mask for a further 3 days (days 8-10). Please call the office if you need any further advice.

Next Tuesday NAPLAN assessments begin for Year 3 and Year 5 students. A reminder that these assessments are a snapshot of what your child can do across various domains of literacy and numeracy. These assessments will be held first thing in the mornings so please make sure your child arrives at school on time prior to the bell.

*It is with great pleasure that I introduce you to our new school counsellor Josh Onikul. Josh is an experienced psychologist and is very excited to be joining our St Joseph's community. He will be at St Joseph's Monday-Wednesday and Mrs Erin Helluer will be working Thursday - Friday. We are very lucky to have such highly experienced support for our students and I know they will make a great team.*



**God bless.**

**Ms Jennifer Crowley  
Principal**

# NAPLAN

## Naplan - Tuesday 11 May - Friday 20 May

Over the next two weeks, from Tuesday 10th May until Friday 20th May, all children in Year 3 and Year 5 will be participating in the annual NAPLAN Assessments.

NAPLAN timetable 2022

Week 3	Tuesday 10th May	Wednesday 11th May	Thursday 12th May	Friday 13th May
Year 3	Writing (40 minutes)	Reading (45 minutes)	Language Conventions (45 minutes)	Final day for writing
Year 5	Writing (42 minutes)	Reading (50 minutes)	Language Conventions (45 minutes)	
Week 4	Monday 16th May	Tuesday 17th - Friday 20th May		
Year 3	Mathematics (45 minutes)	Make up sessions for any student who is away on any of the NAPLAN assessment days.		
Year 5	Mathematics (50 minutes)			

A reminder to all students in Year 3 and 5 to ensure they have working headphones or earbuds at school on Monday 9th May, as the NAPLAN Assessments have audio components where students are required to listen to different questions.

All of our students in Year 3 and 5 are very excited to be showcasing all of their learning throughout these assessments and all of the teachers at St Joseph's look forward to continuing to work with our students on achieving their learning goals.

## Attendance

Regular attendance at school is critical to ensuring that every student has the kind of opportunities in life that he or she deserves. When students are not at school, they are missing out on so much. Without the knowledge, the skills or the support that schools are so good at providing, young people can get left behind and find themselves underprepared for a fast-paced and often challenging world.

It is also important that children arrive at school on time. We understand that sometimes this can be challenging in the morning, however when a child is often late to school, they miss the social interactions with their friends and teachers before school begins. Children also often miss the beginning of a learning task and therefore are playing catch-up. This sometimes adds anxiety to students before their learning begins.

If you are experiencing any difficulties with ensuring your child is regularly attending school, or has problems arriving at school on time please contact your child's teacher so that we can support you and your family.

every learner every day 

### ABSENCES ADD UP!



# eSafety Webinar

## Upcoming FREE eSafety Webinars for Parents/Carers



At Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta (CEDP) we see parents and carers as partners in your child's learning journey. In partnership with the eSafety Commissioner, CEDP would like to invite you to join the following free webinars for parents and carers:

1. *Parental Controls*
2. *Online Gaming*

Each of these webinars will be offered three times during Term 2.

### About the webinars

<i>Parental Controls</i>	<i>Online Gaming</i>
<p>Available Sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tuesday 10 May 7.30 - 8.30 pm</li><li>• Thursday 19 May 12.30 – 1.30 pm</li><li>• Tuesday 31 May 12.30 – 1.30 pm</li></ul> <p>Find out how to set up devices and apps to help keep young people safe online. This webinar will include practical tips, demonstrations and advice - designed for parents and carers of kids aged 4 to 13 years old.</p> <p>It will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the benefits and limitations of parental controls</li><li>• how to safely set up iOS and Android devices</li><li>• how to safely set up popular games and apps, like YouTube and Roblox</li><li>• family tech agreements and other parenting strategies to manage online risks</li><li>• how eSafety can help you when things go wrong.</li></ul> <p><b>What you need to do</b></p> <p>Please register for the course on the secondary site via the following link. Please note this webinar is offered several times so you need to select the date and time that works best for you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tuesday 10 May 7.30 - 8.30 pm - <a href="#">link to register</a></li><li>• Thursday 19 May 12.30 – 1.30 pm - <a href="#">link to register</a></li><li>• Tuesday 31 May 12.30 – 1.30 pm - <a href="#">link to register</a></li></ul>	<p>Available sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thursday 9 June 12.30 - 1.30 pm</li><li>• Friday 17 June 12.30 – 1.30 pm</li><li>• Tuesday 21 June 7.30 – 8.30 pm</li></ul> <p>This webinar will help kids stay safe by learning about the benefits and risks of online gaming. This webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 8 to 13 years of age.</p> <p>It will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the games young people are using and how they are engaging with them</li><li>• the benefits of gaming and how to mitigate the risks</li><li>• practical strategies to use at home and where to find help and support if things go wrong.</li></ul> <p><b>What you need to do</b></p> <p>Please register for the course on the secondary site via the following link. Please note this webinar is offered several times so you need to select the date and time that works best for you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thursday 9 June 12.30 - 1.30 pm - <a href="#">link to register</a></li><li>• Friday 17 June 12.30 – 1.30 pm - <a href="#">link to register</a></li><li>• Tuesday 21 June 7.30 – 8.30 pm - <a href="#">link to register</a></li></ul>

If you have any further enquiries please email [safeguarding@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:safeguarding@parra.catholic.edu.au)

## Counsellor's Corner

Mother's Day can be a happy time of celebration and an opportunity to express gratitude for the incredible women in our lives who have helped raise and support us. However it is also a day of sadness for many in our community. Mother's Day can stir up feelings of grief for the loss of a child, loss of a mother or related to a difficult relationship with a mother.

Here are a couple of things that can help if Mother's Day is difficult:

- Spend Mother's Day with people who are supportive and understanding. It's ok to opt out of situations or gatherings that are going to create stress or pressure. Be gentle with yourself. Prepare for the day and potentially not feeling ok.
- Practice a few key responses if you're concerned about questions from other people. For example, "I'm doing as well as I can under the circumstances, tell me what's new with you?"
- Grief is very individual and there's no right or wrong way to handle it. Pay attention to what you need, not what others need from you.
- If you know someone who might be vulnerable this Mother's Day, check-in with them leading up to and on the day. Avoiding the elephant in the room can result in people feeling more isolated and alone than they already do.

If you or a loved one need support, [Lifeline](#) can provide a listening ear and telephone crisis support 24/7 on 13 11 14.

## Cross Country

### Parramatta Diocese Primary Sport Cross Country

From myself and on behalf of the staff at St Joseph's I would like to offer a heartfelt congratulations to the SJK students who participated in the Diocesan Cross Country at Eastern Creek. After a somewhat shaky two years with Covid restrictions the day turned out to be a great opportunity for the runners from across the diocese to show the results of their talents and hard training. All our students had a wonderful day, showed great school spirit and wonderful sportsmanship, cheering on students from other schools who ran particularly well. They have made themselves, their parents and the school very proud. It would be wonderful to see a greater number of St Joseph's students at next years' cross country.

Our 2km runners were... 8/9 Years Aiden 12:16 (97<sup>th</sup>), Caden 14:32 (122<sup>nd</sup>).

Our 3km runners... 11Years Harlum 16:25 (46<sup>th</sup>), Jostrick 16:58 (50<sup>th</sup>), Yohan 17:09 (51<sup>st</sup>), Khloe 18:17 (21<sup>st</sup>) and Elise 22:08 (62<sup>nd</sup>).

Amish Chand needs a special mention, he qualified 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the boys 12/13Years with a time of 13:44. Amish now has the opportunity to compete again in June against all other Catholic Schools in the state. We wish him very well and know he will give it his all.

Thanks to Mrs Hooke and Mrs Schwarzer for assisting as officials and to Ms Crowley for attending and assisting on the day and to all the parents who took time away from their other commitments to enable their children to attend the event.

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## Year 1 Excursion Reminder

### Year 1 Excursion to Western Sydney Zoo

Last week, a note went home with students in year 1 about attending an excursion to Western Sydney Zoo. If you have not already, please return the bottom slip of that note **ASAP** if your child can attend this excursion. We are looking forward to a fantastic day on Monday the 16th of May!

## 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.

## School Fees

### School **SCHOOL FEES STATEMENT TERM 2** F E E S

Term 2 school fees statements will be sent home via Australia Post this week. If you have not received your statement by the 13<sup>th</sup> May 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



**May - Chidera Skylah-Rose, Olivia, Jacob, Aluong, Joy, Luke, Jared, Adwoa Birago, Benjamin, Zara, Deng, Liam, Mitchell, George, Christopher, Lyla, Chloe, Jahkarlia, Maryam, Visshanth, Eliza, Mathew, Emma, Kaedan, Jackson, Parthenia, Eliza**

## 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](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



## 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 2

Friday 6th May 1:15pm Mother's Day Liturgy

### Week 3

Tuesday 10th May Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN

Wednesday 11th May Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN

Thursday 12th May Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN

### Week 4

Monday 16th May Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN  
Year 1 Excursion Sydney Zoo

Friday 20th May Walk to School Day  
2:30pm Whole School Assembly

## 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>
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:
<b><u>New</u> Emergency Contact Details</b>
Name:
Relationship to Child:
Phone Number:
Signature:
Date: