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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,



Next Tuesday we celebrate The Feast Day of Mary, Help of Christians in Australia. The feast day to Mary has been celebrated in Australia since 1844. The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive. Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians, as principal Patroness. St Mary's Cathedral was dedicated in her honour by the Irish pioneer priest, Fr John Therry, who arrived in Sydney in 1820 and assumed responsibility for the planning and initial construction of the Cathedral. Therefore, on this feast day, we thank our heavenly Father for Mary, who gives us the perfect model of love, understanding and compassion.



It was wonderful to see so many people attend the Mother's Day afternoon tea and liturgy. The children loved spending this time with the special person in their lives and celebrating all they have done and continue to do through our liturgy led by Kindergarten.

Next week we will be holding a Book Fair in the MPA each morning from 8:20-8:50am where parents are invited to purchase books for their child to help raise money for the school and to help their child/children grow as readers. The Book Fair aims to promote the value of reading and literacy. Please note payment for books is by Eftpos only. NO CASH will be accepted. On Wednesday morning the students in all grades will participate in the National Simultaneous Read Aloud Initiative where at 11am across Australia students will listen to the picture book 'The Family Tree' by Australian author Josh Pike. In the afternoon the students will be entertained by a dramatisation by the teachers of one of their favourite Aaron Blabey stories.



Stop Work Action

Next Friday, 27th May a number of our staff may take part in a protected industrial action (stop work action) to progress their claims for a new enterprise agreement. At this stage it is not known how many staff members will participate. Supervision will be provided on the day, however, no classes will be held. Given this, we strongly encourage families not to send their children to school on this day given the potential reduction in staff.

Next week we will be moving to the Compass Parent Portal as our main way of communicating with parents. This will mean that the Skoolbag App will no longer be used to share Newsletters and school notes by the end of term. All schools across the Diocese are moving to this centralised platform for communication between school and home. A letter will soon be sent via email and notification via SMS to all enrolled families with your login details for Compass. It is most important to keep your Username and Password secure, just like your bank details and they should not be shared with anyone.

Using the Compass Parent Portal you will be able to:

- Be informed of important updates, events and reminders
- Review your child's attendance
- Provide explanations for periods of absence
- Update your contact details
- View your child's Semester Reports

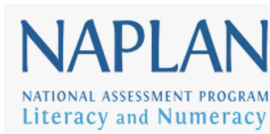
Further support information around accessing and using this platform will be sent out next week. If you are having problems or do not receive the email, please contact the office for assistance.

God bless,

Ms Jennifer Crowley Principal

Message from Mrs Borg

Learning at SJK



Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students who completed their NAPLAN assessments over the past two weeks. The students approached these assessments with confidence and dedication throughout the two week period. During Term Three parents, students and our school staff will receive the results from these assessments.

Evacuation Drill

It is important that every term our schools conduct Evacuation and Lockdown drills. The purpose of these drills is to ensure that in case of an emergency our students, teachers and staff remain calm and know the procedure of where to go and what to do in an unlikely event that an evacuation or a lockdown occurs.



Therefore during Week 6, we have scheduled an evacuation drill to occur. We will notify parents once this has taken place.

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY (TTFM) 2022



In the coming weeks we will be inviting our students (Years 4-6), teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process and as we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would

greatly appreciate your feedback.

The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Joseph's. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. We will provide more information about how to access the survey in the coming weeks.

St Joseph's Uniform Policy

Thank you to our families for ensuring our students come to school everyday wearing their school uniform. The wearing of our school uniform plays an important role in instilling pride in our students and maintaining our school identity and spirit.

As the weather is becoming colder, we remind our students and parents to ensure they are wearing the correct uniform each and every day. Please refer to the Parent Handbook for our Uniform Policy. School Uniform:

- Boys - navy long pants or shorts with navy school jumper and/or navy school jacket.
- Girls - navy stockings under culottes or long blue pants with navy school jumper and/or navy school jacket.
- NO long sleeved shirts/singlets to be worn under school shirts

Sports Uniform

- Polo sports' shirt, Sports Shorts, white socks, joggers, Tracksuit Pants/School Jacket

School hats must be worn all year round.

Please ensure all jumpers, jackets, hats and other school uniform items are clearly labelled to ensure your child is able to easily identify their items.

Our school uniform can be purchased from Lowes Westfield Penrith, including our school hats.

Safety at St Joseph's



Safeguarding

Safeguarding In October 2021, the NSW Government passed legislation to embed the 10 Child Safe Standards into the Children's Guardian Act 2019. The passing of this legislation, recommended by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, will create safer environments and organisations for the children and young people of NSW. The 10 Child Safe Standards provide a framework for child-related organisations to create and maintain child-safe cultures, operations and environments. CEDP has already embedded the Standards into our policies and practices and is well placed for their implementation and compliance with the Act. This week please see the attached flyer about

[Standard 1: Child safety is embedded in organisational leadership governance and culture](#)

Online Safety

Parents and carers play a key role in guiding their children as they first encounter the online world and begin to learn through exploration, play and social interaction.

At SJK we are aware that many primary students own or have access to a smartphone or iPad where they are online playing games with friends, connecting with others on various messaging platforms/apps and have social media accounts such as Tik Tok, Snapchat, Instagram, etc.

As children start to navigate the online world and interact with others more independently, they are more likely to be exposed to risks of bullying or unwanted contact,

accidentally coming across inappropriate con-

Parent and carer webinars 2022

Safer online gaming

Help your kids stay safe by learning about the benefits and risks of online gaming.

eSafety's expert education and training team is running FREE live webinars in June 2022 exploring safe online gaming. Parents and carers of young people aged 8 to 13 years are invited to join.

Dates: (AEDT)

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| Thursday 9 June: 12.30 - 1.30 pm | Friday 17 June: 12.30 - 1.30 pm |
| Tuesday 21 June: 7.30 - 8.30 pm | |

Register now: esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars

eSafety Commissioner esafety.gov.au

Advice for parents and carers

- Keep the computer or device in an area of your home that can be supervised. And check in regularly with your child to see what they are viewing.
- Stay engaged with their online activity. If they agree, consider setting up your own accounts with the sites they use most so you can see how they work and understand the risks.
- Explore the online world with them to help establish that this is not just a solitary activity. Play games with them. Do a creative project together.
- Think about social media readiness. Most social media sites require users to be at least 13 years of age before they can register, although some sites are created especially for children under 13.
- Encourage respect and empathy. Teach them to avoid sharing or posting things that may upset others. Discuss and monitor comments your child is making on social media websites.
- Start building resilience. Teach your child that there are ways they can deal with material that worries or frightens them. This includes immediately telling you or another trusted adult of any concerns or uncomfortable material. Taking screenshots of negative, mean or bullying comments/content that may need to be reported to the Police.

Check out the eSafety website for advice, factsheets, videos and support for parents and caregivers on how to support our young students to engage online in a safe and respectful manner.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

God Bless
Rochelle Borg
Assistant Principal

STANDARD 1

Child safety is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture

Aim: Organisations prioritise child safety in what they say and do

Why is this Standard important?

Children are less likely to be exposed to abuse and harm when leadership is committed to providing safe environments.

Child safe values and practices guide the behaviour and attitudes of staff, creating a culture of child safety.

Leaders champion these values and embed them into organisational governance.

What should CEDP be doing?

- Make a public commitment to child safety.
- Leaders champion a child safe culture both within CEDP and the wider community.
- Child safety is a responsibility shared by all staff.
- Risk management focus on preventing, identifying and lowering risks to children.
- Staff understand and comply

with the behavioural standards when interacting with children set out in the Codes of Conduct.

- Staff understand the obligations in relation to reporting, sharing information and record-keeping.

A good child safe culture requires all staff to be leaders in child safety.

What We're Doing

Including, but not limited to:

- Child-friendly [Safeguarding Commitment Statement](#) - available (via Oscar and CEDP website).
- Lines of authority and reporting available in the [Safeguarding Organisational Chart](#) (attached to the CEDP Safeguarding Procedures).
- Mandatory annual Safeguarding training for all staff.
- Targeted Safeguarding training for identified roles.
- Safeguarding is considered in all school excursion Risk Assessments.
- A CEDP Safeguarding Risk Management Plan, reviewed quarterly, which includes strategies focusing on prevention, identification and mitigation of risks to children.
- Schools complete mandatory compliance programmes which incorporate the Safeguarding Standards.
- Provision of Information Sharing Guidelines and strict record keeping processes for Safeguarding information.
- Use of the Safeguarding Case Management System to support CEDP's obligations for record keeping.
- Safeguarding encouraged at school meetings and staff briefings.
- Safeguarding policies and procedures which include: [Safeguarding Procedures](#), [Code of Conduct](#), [Code of Conduct When Working with Children and Students](#), [Working With Children Check Policy](#), [Responsible Use of ICT and Social Media \(Students\) Guidelines](#), [Acceptable Use of ICT and Social Media for Staff](#).

For further information, contact safeguarding@parra.catholic.edu.au or visit the Safeguarding Oscar page.

Counsellor's Corner

This term the school counsellors are working on enhancing social play skills across a few of our grades. Your children might share with you some of the things they've been learning about and it is something that you can also work on at home with your children. [The Genius of Play](#) explains how we can help kids learn vital life skills such as communication, cooperation, problem-solving, and perspective taking.

"Learning the skills that children practice in social play takes lots of sensitive adult support because:

- Children often do not know what is expected in different social situations;
- They don't have the experience and knowledge of appropriate ways to solve conflicts;
- They are naturally self-centered, so it is hard for them to understand others' intentions and feelings.

Here's how you help:

Communication

- Teach appropriate ways of getting people's attention: *"When you want Nikko's attention, say 'Nikko,' gently tap his shoulder, then wait for him to look at you."*
- Help children tell each other directly what they want or need: *"Tell Sharon, 'I want to pretend the that the baby is sick and needs to go to the doctor.'"*
- Show them how to join in – asking to play is not always the best strategy. Socially competent children often watch the children playing then find a way to ease into the ongoing play. *"Look! They are building a road with blocks. Would you like to put some of these signs next to the roads?"*

Cooperation

Explain what cooperation looks like in different play situations:

- Sharing: *"Hold the book so Tim can see the pages." "Roll the ball to Rachel, then she can roll it to you."*
- Taking turns: Help kids negotiate who goes first and the time for each turn.
- Compromising: Give children ideas about how each can get a little of what they want.

Problem-Solving

When children play together, conflicts are inevitable. Help kids learn to solve problems collaboratively by teaching them steps to negotiate:

1. State the problem – everyone gets a say.
2. Brainstorm solutions – again, everyone contributes.
3. Choose the solution that everyone agrees on.
4. Implement the solution – decide on the logistics (length of turns, who goes first, etc.)
5. Evaluate the solution – how is it working?

Perspective-Taking

We can help children understand the perspective of others by pointing out:

- How others feel: *"Her face is saying 'I'm sad.'"*
- How your child's behaviour affects others: *"When you insist on having your way, friends may not want to play with you."*
- How other children might see things differently: *"John may not like to be pulled that fast in the wagon."*

With your support and many opportunities for social play, your children will develop the social skills they need to get along with others throughout their lives. And they will have lots of fun, too!"

School Photos

Photo Day:

Thursday 23rd June 2022

advancedlife
school photography & print specialists

Online Code: P4JPDJ8K5

HOW TO ORDER

OPTION 1 ORDER ONLINE NOW

Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard and PayPal. Alternatively, you can choose to pay over 10 weeks using LatitudePay.

STEP 1

Find your school's shared 9 digit community order code on the **advancedlife** order envelope.



STEP 2

Go to www.advancedlife.com.au on your computer, phone or tablet.

Enter your school's 9 digit order code in the 'order & download' box. This will take you to the secure online ordering site for your school.



STEP 3

Click on 'Order Photos' and complete your details and choose your package, then follow the payment process. During this process you can place orders for additional children at your school and sibling photos, if available.



OPTION 2 CASH/ENVELOPE ORDERING

Schools prefer orders placed online. However, if you are unable to order online, please complete your order using the order envelope provided.

STEP 1

Complete a separate order envelope for each individual child's package/s ordered. If ordering for more than one child, payment should be enclosed in the envelope of the eldest child and this should be indicated on the envelope of the other child/children (the envelope that does not have cash enclosed).

STEP 2

Enclose exact cash payment in one envelope for the package/s you are ordering. Payment for more than one child should be in the eldest child's envelope and marked at the bottom of the envelope in the space provided.

STEP 3

Return your completed envelope/s, with correct cash payment, to our photographers on photo day.

Please note: You must enclose exact correct payment, as change is not available. Credit card payments can only be made online and we no longer accept cheques. There is a separate envelope for sibling photo orders, should your school choose to offer sibling photos.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SIBLING PHOTOS

If your school chooses to have sibling photographs, you can order online up until midnight the night before photo day. If you miss the midnight deadline, a sibling order envelope including cash payment can be handed directly to our photographers on the day. Please tell your school that your children are to be photographed. Only siblings attending the school are permitted to be photographed.

ONLINE ORDER RECEIPTS

An order receipt will be emailed to the email address you provide during the ordering process. Please note that orders placed via PayPal can take up to 48 hours for payment to be processed and a receipt sent.

ARE THERE FEES FOR ORDERING ONLINE?

There are no fees for LatitudePay or envelope ordering. There is a 1.5% merchant fee applied when using Visa, Mastercard or PayPal. For more information go to: www.advancedlife.com.au/FAQ

LATE ORDERS

If you miss photo day, portrait and group packages can still be ordered online for 7 days afterwards with no late fees. After that time, late orders will require separate processing and handling and therefore will incur a \$15 late fee per package.

SPORTS/EXTRA-CURRICULAR PHOTOS

Once sports/extra-curricular photos have been taken, your school will forward you a link and a unique online order code that you can use to order sports/extra-curricular photos online. A **20% discount** is offered for all orders placed within the first 2 weeks. After the 2-week discount period, orders can still be placed online at the standard pricing.

SEPARATED FAMILIES

If you prefer to personally collect your photographic package from the school office, rather than have it sent home with your child, please select the "Collect Your Pack" option when you order online.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION STUDENT INFORMATION

If your child's image is "not for publication" and your school is aware of your decision, your child should not be presented to our photographers on photo day and school photographs will not be available for purchase. All students presented to our photographers by your school for a photo on photo day will be photographed, their images will appear in school photography packages and these packages will be available to purchase.

REFUND POLICY

Check your order carefully, as refunds are not available for incorrect choice. No refunds are available once your portrait image has been downloaded. To find out more, please visit: www.advancedlife.com.au

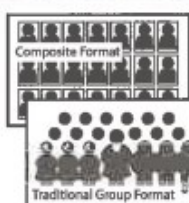
CONTACT US

Contact us at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

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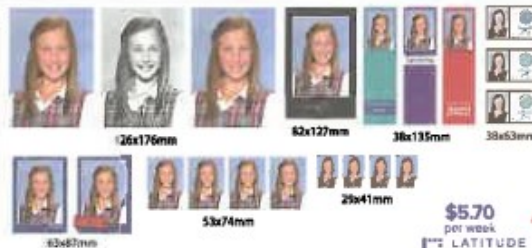
DELUXE PACKAGE \$57.00



Your school has chosen either the composite or traditional group format for your packages



Perfect for 10x8" Frames



\$5.70 per week
LATITUDE PAY

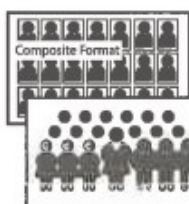
48 Personalised Stickers

package includes high res digital portrait image

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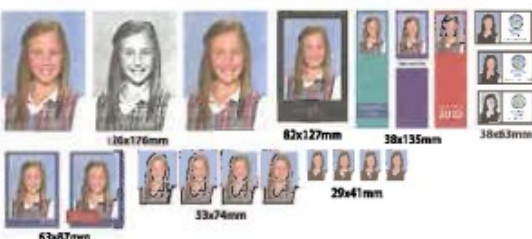
VALUE PACKAGE \$52.00



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Perfect for 10x8" Frames



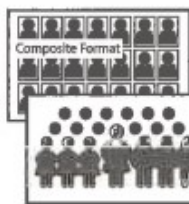
package includes high res digital portrait image

\$5.20 per week
LATITUDE PAY

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REGULAR PACKAGE \$49.00



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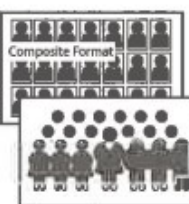
package includes high res digital portrait image

\$4.90 per week
LATITUDE PAY

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BASIC

BASIC PACKAGE \$46.00



Your school has chosen either the composite or traditional group format for your packages



package includes high res digital portrait image

\$4.60 per week
LATITUDE PAY

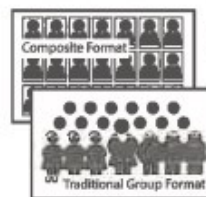
E - PORTRAIT ONLY \$29



package includes high res digital portrait image

\$2.90 per week
LATITUDE PAY

F - GROUP ONLY \$30



package does not include a high res digital image

Your school has chosen either the composite or traditional group format for your packages.

\$3.00 per week
LATITUDE PAY

AVAILABLE FOR ORDER ONLINE - SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS, STICKERS, PERSONALISED MUGS & MORE

STICKERS



\$12

Personalised 48 Sticker Set

Our personalised sticker set features a range of 48 fun stickers many personalised with student name and/or image

Stickers set included in Package A or available to order online

SIBLING PHOTOS

Important: For schools who have chosen to offer sibling photos, online orders for siblings close at midnight the night before your photo day. An envelope can be collected from the school office for cash orders placed on the morning of photography. Sibling photographs are by request and not available to order after your school photo day.



Flyer Code P

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.

Covid Safe Protocols

All students, families and staff are requested to follow NSW Health's advice to reduce the risk of not only transmitting COVID-19, but also other illnesses that may affect schools this winter such as the flu.

Parents are required to:

- inform the school if their child tests COVID positive and keep the child at home in isolation for the required 7 days.
- inform the school if their child is a close household contact, administer a RAT daily before the child attends school and keep the child home if they are unwell or symptomatic.

Thank you for all that you do to support the health of students and staff.

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

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 5

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| All week | 8:20am Book Fair |
| Monday 23rd May | Kindergarten Incursion |
| Friday 27th May | Stop Work Action Day |

Week 6

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| Friday 3rd June | Athletics Carnival |
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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:

New Address Details:

New Home Phone Number:

New Mother's Mobile:

New Mother's Work Number:

New Mother's Email:

New Father's Mobile:

New Father's Work Number:

New Father's Email:

New Emergency Contact Details

Name:

Relationship to Child:

Phone Number:

Signature:

Date: