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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,

There has never been a shortage of advice to parents as to how we should go about educating and raising our children. People in Victorian times used fairy tales and nursery rhymes to stimulate and instruct the moral imagination of their children. When we wish to explain the difference between right and wrong



to our children, we can use various do's and don'ts. However, we know that even more powerful than rules is the example that we are to our children. Being a good example is probably our most important job and is definitely the job that we spend the most time worrying about.

There is no definitive parenting guide that suits every family or every circumstance. We do, however, have our Catholic Values that help to support and guide us. Children are always listening and absorbing our words and actions. If we want our children to be responsible for their own character crafting, we need to be responsible for the physical and moral environment in which the crafting takes place. We don't become wiser, more patient, more self-disciplined, more truthful, more courageous, more forgiving persons automatically. We do so by deliberately striving to be that kind of person. Character building is an "inside job". It's a personal responsibility that lasts a lifetime - it's a work in progress. Our children rely on us to teach them to be skilled "builders".



Each day at St Joseph's we teach and encourage our students to be SAFE and RESPECTFUL LEARNERS and one of our mantras is 'Kind words or no words'. By using appropriate language when we interact with each other we build mutual respect. Whilst it has been wonderful to invite parents back onto our school site to celebrate special liturgies and events, it is always upsetting to hear when my staff are spoken to using inappropriate language by a parent or member of the School Community. Our Athletics Carnival was held last Friday and it was a wonderful day for the students to participate in a range of sporting events organised by Mr Faccin. However, it came to my attention that some of my teachers as well as some students were spoken to by parents in a disrespectful and aggressive manner. This is unacceptable behaviour at a school event as my staff work extremely hard here at

St Joseph's always holding the student's best interests at heart. My hope is that this behaviour does not happen again in the future and that we can continue to enjoy many school events in a safe and respectful manner.

In week 5 you would have received an email notifying you of your parent username and temporary password to access the <u>Compass Parent Portal</u>. The Parent Portal will be our school's <u>central</u> <u>means of communication</u> in the future. It will eventually replace our current Skoolbag app. Could you please make sure you have logged into the Parent Portal and have downloaded the Compass School Manager App from the App Store or Google Play. Please call the front office if you require assistance 4726 4200.

This week you received a letter about the <u>Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning Survey</u> inviting parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. All teachers as well as students from Years 4 -6 will also be invited to complete a survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process. 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 Kingswood. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below: http://tellthemfromme.com/x28ck

God bless. Ms Jennifer Crowley Principal

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Religious Education News

Stage 3 Outreach and Formation

This term we have our stage 3 students leading outreach projects across our school community.

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)

We continue our partnership with JRS this year. On the 24th May which is the Feast Day of Mary Help of Christians, Australia's patron saint, we launched a formation day with our stage 3 students. This marked the beginning of our outreach project with JRS. Our students joined students from Our Lady of the Rosary primary school via zoom and heard from Zoe, a JRS representative, who



shared with us stories of refugee families. JRS have helped and continue to work with families that greatly benefit from the support JRS provides. Stage 3 students will be leading presentations across the school and encourage items to be donated to JRS's successful foodbank. This service provides everyday grocery supplies to many families in Western Sydney.



Vinnie's Winter Sleepout - SAVE THE DATE - 24th June - notes going home soon!

Our St Joseph's traditional winter sleepout for stage 3 students will again provide outreach and formation opportunities for our stage 3 students. Fr Andrew will lead evening prayers followed by a speaker from St Vinnie's to share an insight of the support and services St Vinnies provides to our local community. The students will then put together snack packs that will be donated to the Vinnies night van service. The night van service provides healthy meals to many homeless and vulnerable members of our community.

Save the Dates! 19th June - 1st Holy Communion Sacrament - 10am mass - all welcome 24th June - Feast of the Sacred Heart Of Jesus Liturgy 2:15pm 24th June - Stage 3 Winter Sleepout 5:30pm - 8:00am Saturday (pick up)

Counsellor's Corner

This term we are continuing to work on building social skills to help improve friendships, connection and inclusion. One of the key skills that help us build relationships is communication. Communication is about so much more than the words we use, it is also made up from our body language, facial expressions and tone of voice.

Sometimes kids don't realise they are changing the meaning of a sentence by the way they are saying it. A fun game you can play with your children to help them understand this is to take a sentence like: *"I like BBQ shapes"*

Try saying it like you're excited, then sad then angry. It can be really interesting to see the different meanings the same words give when said with different emotions.

Emphasising different words in a sentence can also change the meaning. Try saying:

"I love school"

First emphasising the word 'l', then again emphasising 'love' and finally 'school'. The same sentence can take on completely different meanings depending on which word is emphasised.

There are some fun ways to practice this with your child. When you are reading, pick out a sentence or two, and see how the meaning of the sentence changes when you emphasise different words or use different emotions. When watching a show, point out when a character's tone of voice or emphasis on a particular word changes the meaning of a sentence.

Have fun!

School Photos

Photo Day: Thursday 23rd June 2022

advancedife 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.



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.

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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/extracurricular 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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2023 Enrolments

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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



June - Levi, Ahmad, Elsa, Balnoor, Bena, Jaxon, Kaliah, JP, Ajak, Lachlan, Makoi, Harrison, Raima, Jacob, Lily, Nicholas, McCaw-Rasta, Piath, Eloise, Gurshaan, Aahana, Isabella, Chan, Philopateer

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

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Facebook - St Joseph's Primary School, Kingswood. NSW

School Website - http://www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au/



Twitter - @stjosephskwood

SkoolBag Skoolbag - St Joseph's Primary Sydney

You Tube 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 7		
Friday 10th June	Year 4 Ranger Jamie Incursion	
Week 8		
Monday 13th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	
Friday 17th June	9:30am Year 5 & 6 Cyber Safety Incursion	
	2:15pm Whole School Assembly	
Week 9		
Thursday 23rd June	School Photo Day	
Friday 24th June	Stage 3 Winter Sleepout	

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:

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:

<u>New</u> Emergency Contact Details

Name:

Relationship to Child:

Phone Number:

Signature:

Date: