

# ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 1 April 27, 2017

### PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome to term 2! This is our Easter term- the joy and love of Easter that is central to our faith inspires our teachers and our Catholic Community. Obstacles can be overcome with faith and persistence. Joy is found everywhere- in the smile of a child or a parent, in nature, in family love and in working together to make our school the best that it can be.



Lots of exciting learning has been planned for the term. Years 5 and 6 are going on camp this Thursday and Friday. Kindergarten are now old hands at school (but perhaps our boys may struggle with knotting their ties!). Year 1 will welcome a new teacher- Mrs Farhat who is well loved by the older children of the school. Year 2 and Stage 2 have some great learning planned too.

It was a pleasure to see so many children and families at the Anzac Day service at the Riverstone Cenotaph yesterday. Of course it was very early start indeed but it shows the children through their families some of the values that are very important to us as Australians.

A special thankyou to Mr Webster who spoke to the children at our Anzac Day ceremony at school about his time in the RAAF.

Here is a photo I found of the opening of the cenotaph in 1919. (Its covered by the flag). Note the horses and carts. Riverstone and Schofields have certainly changed- imagine trying to take the children to school in a horse and cart!

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Wed 3 May School Assembly

#### TERM 2: WEEK 3

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Conventions & Writing

Wed 10 May NAPLAN - Reading  
Parent Group Meeting at 7pm

Thur 11 May NAPLAN - Numeracy

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8:30am & Morning Tea

Sun 14 May Mothers Day



*cenotaph at Riverstone in 1919 which was unveiled in front of the railway station, the photograph being taken (Riverstone & District Historical Society)*

### **Carpark Frustrations**

I have asked the police today to keep an eye on trucks in the morning and afternoon on the pedestrian crossing on Alex Avenue. I know it is hard to find parking in the surrounding streets but **do not to come into the carpark** at pick up/drop off time **unless you have a parking permit**. Please use the Kiss and Drop or leave enough time to find parking and walk to the school entrance. Double parking and reversing in the carpark at these times makes it very unsafe for the children and families crossing the carpark. If you are thinking about parking in the carpark when you know you shouldn't think of two things: **What model does this give to the children about following school routines?** **How would you feel if you accidentally hurt a child?**

### **School Uniform for Photos**

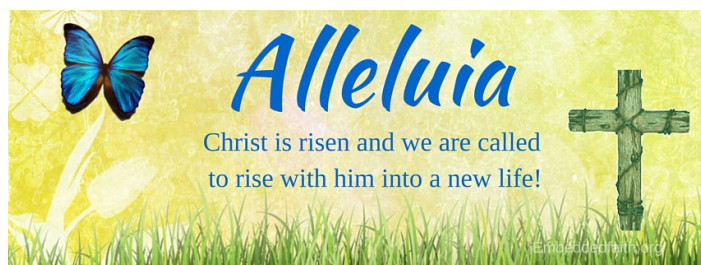
Photo day this year is on Wednesday May 17. The children will need to wear their full school uniform for this day. Sports uniform for that week should only be worn on Friday. The following week we will revert to our usual practice of sports uniform on Wednesdays and Fridays.

With kind regards,

Lesley Studans

Principal

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR



**I hope everyone spent a lovely Easter with loved ones. I would like to share a Resurrection Prayer with you. Take some time to share this prayer together as a family.**

## **Resurrection Prayer**

O Risen Lord,  
the Way, the Truth, and the Life,  
Make us faithful followers of the spirit of  
Your Resurrection.

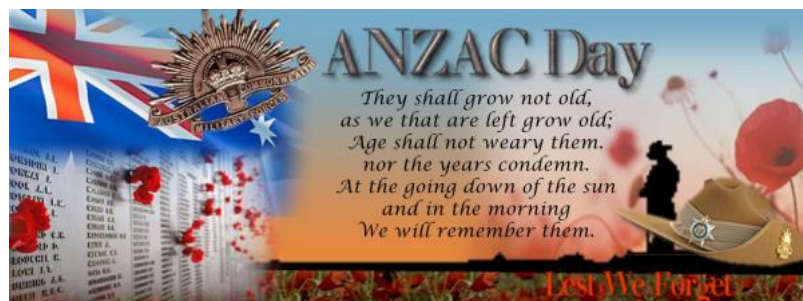
Grant that we may be inwardly renewed,  
dying to ourselves in order that You may  
live in us.

May our lives serve as signs of the  
transforming power of Your love.

Use us as Your instruments for the renewal  
of society,  
bringing Your life and love to all,  
and leading them to Your Church.

This we ask of You, Lord Jesus,  
living and reigning with the Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God forever. Amen.

**Anzac Day** goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember all Australians who served and died in war and on operational service. The spirit of Anzac, with its qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### **TERM 2 - WEEK 1**

Thursday 26th April

Year 5 & 6 Overnight Camp -  
Yarramundi

### **TERM 2 - WEEK 1**

Saturday 29th April &

Sunday 30th April

First Eucharist Registration  
Mass

### **TERM 2 - WEEK 3**

Friday 12th May

8:50am

Mother's Day Liturgy



*Invitation to Parents & Family  
to attend St Joseph's  
**Mother's Day  
Liturgy***

**FRIDAY 12TH MAY**

**8:30AM**

**ST JOSEPH'S  
COMMUNITY SPACE**  
FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA

If you would like photos of your child with mum, carer or grandmother included in the liturgy slideshow, please forward your photo to [stjosephsevents22@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsevents22@gmail.com)

**OUR NEW SACRED  
SPACE CROSS**

A huge thank you to Mr. Murace (Olivia and Juliana's talented dad) who handcrafted our new Cross for our Sacred Space in the Community Space. Please take some time to come in and take a moment to admire his great craftsmanship. While you're there, you may want to spend some quiet time just to yourself – to rejoice in God's wonder!!



# SPORTS DIARY

## *Tuesday 2nd April*

Parramatta Diocesan Touch Trials

Parramatta Diocesan Rugby Union Trials

## *Tuesday 2nd May*

Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country

## *Thursday 4th May*

Mark Taylor cricket shield

## *Friday 5th May*

Mackillop Netball Trials

Mackillop Rugby League Trials

## *Thursday 25th May*

Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day

## *Thursday 8th June*

Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

## *Thursday 29th June*

Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day (boys & Girls)

# JOEY'S SPORTS UPDATE

## Thank you!

Many thanks to Mrs Nina Matthews for donating two basketball hoops and loads of other sports equipment to our school.

## Playground play equipment

This term we will have balls, ropes and hoops available during school breaks for the children to play with. Teachers will discuss with the students the importance of returning them after their use. We ask your support with this and if items are mistakenly bought home please ensure your child returns them.

## BALL SAFETY

If your child is bringing their own ball to school please ensure it is carried to and from school in a bag. Can you also label the ball.

## Mark Taylor Cricket Shield

Thursday May 4th

St Joseph's vs Mary Immaculate

Waite Reserve, Tamarind Dr, Acacia Gardens

Good luck Team Joeys !!!!

## Soccer gala days

**Stage 3 Boys** will be commencing training on Monday 1st May and will be competing on Thursday 8th June. A Note for the Stage 3 Boys Gala Day has been sent home. A Note for the **Stage 3 Girls** will commence training at school during school hours on Friday beginning 5th may. A note will go home shortly. One girls team and two boys teams will be competing at the Stage 3 gala days.

**Stage 2** trials will commence early this term. Notes will be sent home with students who have expressed an interest in trialling for the St Joseph's girls team or boys team.

## Good Luck

Good luck to all the St Joseph's runners participating in the Parramatta Diocesan Cross County

Good luck to Lachlen Hawkes (Rugby League) and Noah McGaughey (Softball) in the Mackillop trials to be held this term.

Wishing Miss Wheeler and her Parramatta team good luck in the Netball trials also to be held.



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## TERM 2 WEEK 4

**Wed 17 May** School Assembly

## TERM 2 WEEK 5

**Thur 25 May** The Ascension of the Lord  
- In class Liturgy

Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day

## TERM 2 WEEK 6

**Wed 31 May** School Assembly

**Thur 1 June** S3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

## TERM 2 WEEK 7

**Mon 5 June** Pentecost Liturgy 12pm

## TERM 2 WEEK 8

**Mon 12 June** Queens Birthday

**Wed 14 June** School Assembly

**Thur 22 June** Athletics Carnival

## TERM 2 WEEK 10

**Wed 28 June** School Assembly

**Thurs 29 June** Stage 2 Girls & Boys Soccer  
Gala Day

# NEED TO KNOW

## ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Playground supervision begins at 8:00am. Children should not be left at school before this time. A 'kiss and drop' zone operates in the morning if you do not wish to walk your child into school. Adults must stay in the car at all times if using the 'kiss and drop' zone. The children's bags must be in the car with them to ensure they can exit quickly. At no time can a car be left unattended in the 'kiss and drop' zone. If you wish to walk your child into school, please park in Alex Avenue. Only families who have applied for parking provision may park in the car park. The school gates are locked each morning after assembly on Monday and at 8:30am promptly other mornings. Late arrivals must sign in at the front office. Due to privacy issues no parent is allowed to enter the office. An announcement will be made to indicate that the gates will soon be locked, parents are asked to leave the playground before the gates are locked so that learning may begin.

## WINTER UNIFORM

Students may continue to wear summer uniforms for the next two weeks. Students are to be in full winter uniform by week 3.

## TERM 2 SCHOOL FEES

Term 2 school fees will be issued in week 2 and will be payable 30 days from date of issue. If at anytime you wish to discuss payment options with the principal please contact the school office.

## Car Park Etiquette

Parents who have applied for parking provisions in the school car park are reminded that all cars need to be parked in marked spaces only. This allows for the safe passage of other cars through the car park whilst also maximising the safety of all pedestrians, including all children, at all times. Please respect other members of the community by using the car park in a safe and respectful manner.

## Anaphylactic students

Parents are reminded that some of our children can have a severe anaphylactic reaction to various food products. This reaction can be life threatening. Please support the school by not sending food in your child's lunchbox that may contain nuts. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## School Banking

School banking operates each Wednesday from the school foyer office. Parents are welcome to drop in to do their child's banking via the front office. Students may access the banking office via the student entry.

## LOST PROPERTY

Lost property such as jackets, drink bottles and hats are kept on a labelled trolley in the Community Space.

## Student Awards

Term 1 Week 10&11 Student Awards will be in the next Newsletter as they will be handed out during Week 2 Assembly.

Would you like to join the

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30 minute lessons, once a week

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Maximum 8 students per class

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\$12.50 per lesson paid by the term

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## 8 Week Courses

Term 1 ★ School of Rock

Term 2 ★ Ukulele Club

Term 3 ★ Drum Division

Term 4 ★ Christmas Carollers Choir

Available for years 1-6

★

Instruments provided for lessons

★

Each course held only once per year

★

30 minute lessons, once a week

★

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★

\$10 book fee



## Prep Course

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\$10.00 to purchase own recorder in Term 3 only

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**Term 2 Program:**

Singing + Movement,

Melody Bells, Percussion + Rhythm

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**Term 3 Program:**

Introduction to Bongos, Ukulele + Recorder

★

**Term 4 Program:**

Introduction to

Keyboard + Guitar

If you require any  
information regarding  
private tuition or  
instrument sales,  
service and hire, we  
would be glad to point  
you in the right  
direction!

## What makes CKMC so Cool?

Music Olympics held once a Term!

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Student of the Week, Encouragement and  
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Weekly homework charts and  
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Prizes for remembering  
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