



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with their awards at last Friday's assembly.

Principal's Awards

An enthusiastic start to Term 2

Infants—Ruby Bastian

Primary—Rumiyah McGuiness Bullock

Studio Awards

Infants - Meredith Hannaford for her fantastic writing response to Anzac day.

Primary—Charlotte Fletcher for using her voice and participating in class activities.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

⇒ **NSW HEALTH**

BreastScreen NSW will be screening in Uralla from Monday 22 May. The mobile unit will be located across from the Information Centre in Salisbury Street. Call 132050 to book your free screening mammogram (for women aged 50 to 74 years).

⇒ **URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL**

Come along to Alma Park for breakfast tomorrow morning Thursday 6 May between 6:00am and 8:30am to be on television with the weather presenter for the Today Show.

⇒ **NE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE**

NEJRU will be running another "Come & Try" Rugby & Information evening on Friday 5 May from 4:30pm at SportUNE for Under 8s to Under 15s.

⇒ **URALLA SOCCER CLUB DISCO**

Uralla Soccer Club is having a disco on Saturday 27 May from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Uralla Bowling Club for ages 5 to 14. Cost is \$6 including hotdog, drinks & glowstick. Dress up as favourite sporting team or player. Prizes to be won.

Dates to Remember

Wed 3 May: GRIP Leadership Day Yr 6
Sat 6/Sun 7 May: Parish Church Jubilee
10,11,12 May: NAPLAN Tests
Mon 15 May:
 *Diocesan Cross Country Quirindi
 *Author Visit
Fri 2 Jun: PUPIL FREE DAY
Mon 12 Jun: Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

TERM DATES
 Term 2 ends: Fri 30 June
 Term 3 begins: Mon 17 July
 Term 3 ends: Fri 22 September
 Term 4 begins: Mon 9 October
 Term 4 ends: Tue 19 December



CANTEEN

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR TERM 2:



Farewell Miss Endres





St Joseph's School Newsletter



*ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH JUBILEE
CELEBRATIONS 6 & 7 MAY*

5 MAY 2017
TERM 2 WEEK 2

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will sit the **NAPLAN tests next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the 10th - 12th of May**. It is important that all students attend each of the test days as they provide valuable information to assist in future learning.

Decade a Day

This year 2017 marks the centenary year of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the three children at Fatima in Portugal from 13th May to the 13th October 1917. As part of the celebration the Bishop has asked all schools in the Diocese to participate in the 'Decade a Day Children's Prayer for Peace'. Our students will pray a decade of the rosary together every day during May. If your child has a set of Rosary beads they would like to bring with them to school to use during our prayer time, please send them in.

Mini Vinnies

Yesterday Michael O'Kane from St Vincent de Paul, came to speak to all our students re the purpose of Mini Vinnies. Mini Vinnies is an important organisation that encourages young people to do charitable work. This year we are making Mini Vinnies a whole school project, where each and every student in our school belong to our Mini Vinnies group. Each Term we will be aiming to have one Mini Vinnies project to raise awareness in our students of the importance of helping others less fortunate than ourselves. This term our focus will be on 'serving others' in our community. We will commit to fortnightly visits to McMaugh Gardens where the students will spend time entertaining and talking to the residents.

Pupil Free Day

Please note, there will be a **pupil free day on Friday the 2nd June**. Teachers will be attending a Professional Development day on Core Catholic Principles and Values.

PT&F

The PT&F will be meeting next week Wednesday 10 May at 6:00pm in the primary Learning Studio. At this meeting the staff will be running a short session on "how to support your child in reading". I encourage all parents to attend this meeting not only to listen to the talk, but also to build our school community through socialising and working together.

Uralla Church Celebrations

Next weekend 6th & 7th May our parish will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary our current church. There will be a dinner on Saturday night at the Showground (\$25) at 6:30pm and Mass on Sunday at 10:30am followed by a light finger food lunch (please bring a plate of food to share). Please RSVP to Bev Niland on 6778 4328.

ADIG Visit at Assembly Friday 5th May

This Friday the 5th May we will be having a guest speaker, Mrs Meg Lloyd, to talk to our students and parents about student banking. ADIG is also launching a competition for students to design a logo and some promotional posters about student saving. After the assembly Meg will be available to answer any questions that you might have.

Golf Day Fundraiser Cancelled

Last Sunday we attempted to hold our first fundraising venture for next year's major Yr 5/6 excursion. The day did not go as planned. Although most of our current Year 4/5 parents contributed in some way, there were not enough teams turn up on the day to play golf. We hope another event will be organised at a later date.

Kind regards

Judy Elks

SCHOOL MASS

There will be a whole school Mass this Friday at 9:10am. All welcome.

ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly will be held this Friday at **2:30pm**. Special guest—Meg Lloyd from the ADIG. All welcome.



GRIP LEADERSHIP DAY

Year 6 travelled to Armidale today to attend the GRIP Leadership conference. The conference is focused on responsibility and how to be a good leader. The students had the opportunity to participate in a number of activities with other schools. It was a very engaging day in which the presenters used many different activities to get the students to interact and learn about leadership qualities.

AUTHOR VISIT

On Monday 15 May our school will be hosting a visit by well known children's books author Tristan Bancks. The Children's Book Council of Australia (Armidale Branch) has organised the visit and this is a great opportunity for our students to meet and be inspired by this author. Tristan Bancks is an Australian children's and teen author, with a background in filmmaking and acting. His books include *Two Wolves* (recognised as an Honour Book in the 2015 Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year Awards, as well as winner of the YABBA and KOALA Children's Choice Awards), the *My Life* series (weird-funny-gross short stories featuring Tom Weekly) and *Mac Slater, Coolhunter*. His short films as writer and director have won a number of awards and have screened widely in festivals and on TV. Tristan is excited by the future of storytelling and inspiring others to create. As an actor, he is known for his role as Tug O'Neale on *Home and Away* between 1992-1994. There will be a small fee of \$3 per child to help cover costs.

LIBRARY NEWS

We have some fabulous new books in the library this term from the Australian Standing orders.

Lucy's Book by Natalie Jane Prior

This is a beautifully illustrated picture book that celebrates the love of books. It's about finding that book that is "special" to you. It's about reading and re-reading and re-reading again. It is about sharing that book with your friends. It's about libraries and how they can "open doors" to books for young readers. Natalie Jane Prior has infused the text with her own childhood and love of books and libraries, which inspired her to become a writer. One good book can spark a lifetime of reading.



Kim Heagney

ST JOSEPH'S SHEEP MANURE



The students in the business group have recommenced their sheep manure business for 2017. 15 kg bags of premium sheep manure are now available to order for \$4 per bag.

Please contact the school on 6778 4063 with your order.

PT&F CORNER**Next Meeting**

Wednesday 10 May at 6:00pm.

Clare Baker
PT&F President

BOUNCE BACK

This term in the Bounce Back program we are focusing on resilience or “bouncing back” and having courage.

If you are resilient you are able to cope reasonably well with difficult situations and things that go wrong and then ‘bounce back’. Throughout life children will need skills and attitudes to help them to bounce back. They will encounter everyday challenges such as making mistakes, falling out with a friend, moving house or school and losing in a sports competition. Many will also face challenges such as adapting to family break ups, a stepfamily, the illness or death of a family member, or being bullied.

The BOUNCE BACK! Wellbeing and Resilience program teaches children the skills and attitudes to help them become more resilient. It uses literature as a starting point for discussions and follow-up activities.

If anyone has any questions about the program or the activities please feel free to contact the school.

IN AND ABOUT THE CLASSROOM**Narrative Stories**

The Primary Learning Studio is learning about how to write a narrative story. This week we have had great fun looking at the structure of a story. The students had an interesting time creating a story in groups and then acting the stories out.

**O'CONNOR CATHOLIC COLLEGE YR 7 ENROLMENTS**

O'Connor Catholic College is now accepting first round enrolments for Year 7 2018. Places for all students from our feeder schools will be held open until the end of Term 2, whereupon after this date they will be open to any Year 6 student.

An enrolment package is available upon request by contacting the College on 6772 1666.