

St Joseph's School Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

St Joseph's Day

On Monday the 19th March we will celebrate **The Feast of St Joseph**, the patron Saint of our school by having Mass at St Joseph's Church on the day commencing at 9:10am. All welcome to attend.

NAPLAN

Next Wednesday our Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting the PRACTICE Online NAPLAN test.

Mini Vinnies Conference

Mini Vinnies is an important organisation that encourages young people to do charitable work. This year the Mini Vinnies Society has introduced a beginning of year conference to bring the students from Walcha, Guyra, Armidale and Uralla together again to spend time getting to know each other and planning what they may be able to do to help people in their local community.

Our students will all attend the Mini Vinnies conference to be held at St Mary's Armidale on the 23rd March. The children will travel by bus leaving the school at 9:00 and returning before 3pm to school. There will be no costing for this excursion as the Mini Vinnies Society will pay for the bus cost. Could our students please come dressed in their full school uniform and bring their hats and a packed recess and lunch. Mrs Kim Heagney will be supervising the students for this excursion.

Easter Hat Parade and Easter Egg Raffle

On Tuesday 3rd April, we will be having our Easter hat parade to celebrate Easter. Hats are to be made at home and brought in on Tuesday morning. Following the parade we will draw the Easter raffle. This year our Easter Egg raffle will be run again to raise funds for Project Compassion. All profits from the raffle will go to this important fundraising venture. The raffle will consist of 3 prizes. We are hoping families will purchase tickets in the Easter Raffle so that we can support our neighbours in poorer countries. **Tickets will be sent home shortly.**

All parents Grandparents and friends are welcome to come and join in our Easter festivities.

Kind regards
Judy Elks

St. Joseph

Feast Day: March 19

St. Joseph of Nazareth is a great saint who totally lived by faith – a faith that made him a real hero. He was chosen by our heavenly Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, Jesus his divine son and Mary Queen of heaven. Joseph was Jesus' foster-father and Mary's husband.

He was poor all his life and had to work very hard in his carpenter shop, but he did not mind. Joseph was happy to work for his little family. He loved Jesus and Mary so very much. In the Holy Bible we do not find even one word spoken by St. Joseph, and yet, even without words, he shows his deep faith and trust in the Living God.

Whatever the Lord wanted him to do, St. Joseph did at once, no matter how difficult it was. He was humble and pure, gentle and wise. Jesus and Mary loved him and obeyed him because God had placed him as the head of their family. What a joy for St. Joseph to live with the Son of God himself. Jesus obeyed him, helped him, and loved him.

We pray to St. Joseph as the protector of the dying for a special reason. We believe that Joseph died peacefully in the arms of Jesus and Mary when God finally called his faithful servant to the joy of heaven. St. Joseph died before Jesus' passion and death on the Cross.

St. Teresa of Avila chose St. Joseph as the protector of her order of Carmelite sisters. She had a great trust in his prayers. "Every time I ask St. Joseph for something," she said, "he always obtains it for me." St. Joseph is the patron of the Universal Church.

SCHOOL MASSES

There will be a whole school Mass this Friday 16 March at 9:10am. All welcome.

Lenten focus activities:

Reconciliation - Thursday 22nd March 11am Years 3-6

Chrism Mass - Years 5 /6 27th March Armidale (Permission notes to go home with these students.)

Stations of the Cross - Wednesday 28th March.

A LENTEN PRAYER

*Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
And giving His life on the Cross.
Help us to bear witness to You
By following His example of suffering
And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.
Amen.*

Lyn Herden
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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



On Friday 2nd March our Year 6 girl leaders and Mrs Herden attended a luncheon to celebrate International Women's Day at the Uralla Bowling Club. The girls represented the school with pride and gratitude for being selected to attend such a wonderful event.

During lunch the girls planned and wrote a mock news article to be presented by guest speaker, Caitlyn Furlong, ABC Radio News presenter. There was great delight when their article was chosen. Below is the article:

Here we have Zoe Walters, Alice Prowse, Georgia White and Rumiya McGuinness.

We are reporting live from the International Women's Day at Uralla.

This function is for women, encouraging them to be strong and to make a difference.

We as young women know to make a difference in the future. We are going to make a difference by enabling women and men to have equal rights."

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL RECOUNT

Last Friday the Primary students were lucky enough to travel to O'Connor Catholic College, to watch a musical called "High School Musical". The musical was based on the movie. The main characters were Troy, Gabriella, Sharpay and Ryan.

We travelled to O'Connor by bus and when we arrived we went into the gym to watch the performance. We thank Mrs Menz for providing the bus and discounted tickets. We had a really fun time!

By Adrian Walters and Rumiya McGuinness



GARDEN REPORT

Last Thursday was International Women's Day. To celebrate this day Mrs Sam Kauffman and Mrs Gale Decent, (our weekly garden project volunteers) brought flowers and greenery to school so this group of students could each make a floral arrangement for a special woman in their life. Later in the year the other group of gardeners will also get an opportunity to make a floral arrangement for a special woman in their life. Thank you to both Sam and Gale for providing our students with this wonderful activity.

STEP DAY AT O'CONNOR

Tomorrow, Thursday 15th March our Year 6 students will participate in their first STEP Day at O'Connor Catholic College. There will be a bus available to take the students down and back. Our students will be travelling with the students from St Patrick's Walcha. The bus will leave from St Joseph's at 9:30am and return before buses in the afternoon.

LANTERN MAKING

The annual Uralla Lantern Parade will be held on Saturday 24 March. The organising committee has asked again this year if our school could host the Lantern making activities. Throughout week 8 the other schools from around Uralla will be coming to design and make their lanterns at our school. Our school session will be on Thursday 22 March from 12:00 to 3:00pm. Further details about the parade will be given closer to the date.

O'CONNOR CATHOLIC COLLEGE

ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7, 2019 CLOSE MONDAY APRIL 9 2018

O'Connor Catholic College extends an invitation for students seeking enrolment into Year 7 in 2019. The first round of Year 7 applications for this year will close on **Monday 9 April**. Fully completed application forms and the \$50 application fee need to be lodged at the College on or before **Monday 9 April**. After this date, the College will open up applications to the wider community. Contact the Enrolment Officer, Mrs Gemma Creagan, on 6772 1666 or gcreagan@oconnor.nsw.edu.au for an application pack and/or more information.

URALLA JUNIOR SOCCER

The Uralla United Football Club will be running their last registration day for 2018 on Sunday 25 March from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the sporting complex canteen. Please contact Spud on 0409 724 663 for further information.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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

Principals Awards:

Primary Prestyn Mavin

Infants Jade Redmond

Class Awards:

Primary Adrian Walters

Infants Birdie-Jean Lalor

Our next assembly will be held this Friday at 2:45pm. All welcome.

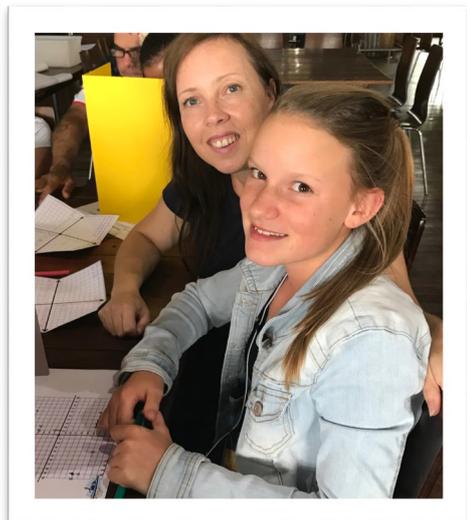


WII GAAY CAMP RECOUNT

Last week Ethan and I were fortunate to participate in the Wii Gaay camp which was hosted at Echidna Gully near Armidale. We participated in the learning hubs of Maths, Literacy and IT.

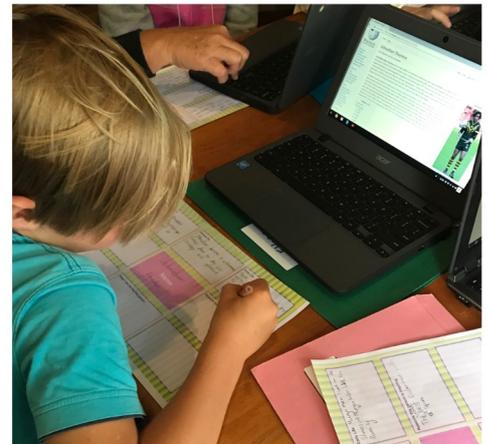
In Maths we learnt about a cartesian plane which is a map to help you find things. We also were learning positive and negative numbers on the cartesian plane.

In Literacy we had to choose an Aboriginal inspirational person to research and do a report. I chose Jessica Mauboy and Ethan chose Jonathan Thurston.



In IT we made a movie, using an app called IMOVIE, about the inspirational person we chose. Wii Gaay is the best camp ever!

By Zoe Walters and Ethan Walters



The Armidale Diocesan Investment Group - where saving is a habit.

Join us and make a difference

Dates to Remember

Wed 14 Mar: Samba Experience
Thur 15 Mar: STEP Day @ O'Connor for Yr 6 students
Fri 16 Mar: Opening Rotary Art Show (Rotary Art Show visit during the week)
Wed 21 Mar: NAPLAN Online Trial
Thu 22 Mar: Lantern Workshop
Fri 23 Mar: MiniVinnies Armidale
Tue 27 Mar: Chrism Mass Armidale
Wed 28 Mar: Stations of the Cross
Fri 30 Mar: Good Friday (Holiday)
Mon 2 Apr: Easter Monday (Holiday)

TERM DATES 2018

Term 1: Students return Tue 30 January. Last day Fri 13 April.
Term 2: Mon 30 April—Fri 6 July.
Term 3: Mon 23 July—Fri 28 September.
Term 4: Mon 15 October—Fri 21 December.
 (Pupil free days to be advised)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

17 Mar: Zoe Walters

