



St Joseph's School Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Fertilizing Learning

Our sheep manure business is one of the many activities that we run here at school to help our students with their learning. This very successful venture is in its third year. Our current "CEO" is Matilda Boxsell and her "Support Staff" are Malakye Wright and Nigel Garrahy-Brennan. This program is set up to allow these students to gain practical application of syllabus outcomes that cover English, Maths, PDH and Religion. This very worthwhile program could not run if we didn't have the support of the staff, the parents of the children involved and local farmers. Last Saturday these students, their parents and two staff members ventured out to Wilson's Creek to shovel manure by hand. They delivered two trailer loads to a regular customer and, as you can see in our playground, they have a large mound to start bagging.

I would like to thank the parents and carers of these students: Ron Nicki Boxell, Catherine Gallaher, Mark & Peta Garrahy Brennan as well as the students' siblings for the effort they put in to help our students and teachers with this venture. We work on a three-way partnership (parents/ child/ teachers) at this school and this is a great example of this partnership. I would like to also thank Mrs Kim Heagney and Mrs Mary Hull for giving up their Saturday and for the endless support they give to our students throughout the year within this program.

Lantern Making

Thank you to Uralla Arts for their wonderful lantern-making workshops held here at St Joseph's throughout last week. This is a great opportunity for our students to be involved in the arts within our local community.

Cross Country

On Friday the 6th April we will hold our annual School Cross Country at the Sporting Complex. This is for all students K-6. The students will travel by bus up and back on the day. Please sign the permission slip included with this newsletter and return it and your money before Thursday 5th April. Championship medals will be presented at assembly on Friday 6th April at 2:45pm.

Easter Hat Parade and Easter Egg Raffle

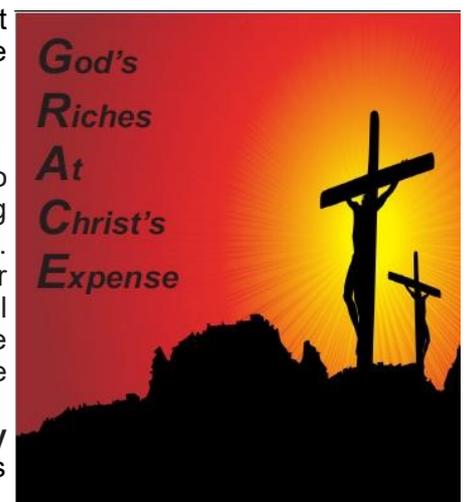
Next Tuesday 3rd April, we will be having our Easter hat parade to celebrate Easter. The parade will be held at 11:30 in the Primary Learning Studio. Hats are to be made at home and brought in on Tuesday morning. Following the parade we will draw the Easter raffle. This year our Easter Egg raffle will 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.

Could all raffle tickets and money be returned to the school by Tuesday 3rd April. Thanks for your support. All parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to come and join in our Easter festivities.

This Friday is Good Friday and I would like to wish you all a happy and holy Easter. We will see you all again for our Easter hat parade next Tuesday.

Happy Easter to everyone!

Kind regards
Judy Elks



God has shown us his love by sending his only Son into the world so that we could have life through him. This is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the payment for our sins.

1 John 4:9-10

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Today our students went to the church to participate in the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross refers to a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion with accompanying prayers. The object of the stations is to help the Christian faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of Christ. This form of prayer can be done at any time throughout the year but has a special emphasis in the lead up to Good Friday. Thank you to Mrs Herden for organising this very prayerful experience for us. If you could not attend with the school today you may like to attend the one in the church on Friday.

EASTER SERVICES

Special services during this week at St Joseph's Church Uralla are:

Thursday	Mass of the Last Supper	6:00pm
Friday	Stations of the Cross	11:00am
	Good Friday Service of the Passion	3:00pm
Saturday	Easter Vigil Mass	7:00pm
Sunday	Easter Sunday Mass	8:00am

MC MAUGH GARDENS VISITS

Our first visit for the year to McMaugh Gardens will take place tomorrow Thursday 29 April. Each Thursday the Primary and Infants classes will alternate their visits. This week it will be the Primary class. Please sign the attached note to give your permission for these visits for the year.

MINI VINNIES GATHERING RECOUNT

Last Friday K-6 went to St Mary's Armidale to go to the Mini Vinnies Conference. We were learning how we can care about the poor in our community.

When we got there we played a game called "Snow Ball Fight". On a piece of paper we wrote things about ourselves. We scrunched it up into a snow ball. Then we shut our eyes and threw our snowball. Then we picked up a ball read what was on the sheet and we had to try and find that person. It was a fun game!

After, we went in and watched a video clip about poverty. Then in groups we talked about what the world would look like without poverty. We shared these ideas. Then we moved into our school group to talk about what we could do to help people in poverty. We talked about having a pyjama day to raise money.

Then we had lunch with the other schools. After lunch we came home on the bus. It was a great day!
By *Ethan, Nigel and Malakye*

GARDENING GROUP

Our second group of students for gardening will be making some beautiful Easter floral arrangements with Mrs Kauffmann and Mrs Decent tomorrow. Could all those students please bring in a jar tomorrow so that they can send their beautiful creations home. Thank you.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premiers Reading Challenge 2018 is open.

There have been some changes to the challenge. K-2 students who are independently reading can apply to read books in the 3-4 challenge. (Please contact Mrs Heagney) They will be expected to read 20 books as opposed to the K-2 students who are expected to read 30.

For children to complete the challenge they must read or have read to them (K-2) books that are on the Premiers Reading Challenge list. Some of these books will be read at school. To enable your child to complete the challenge they need to bring to school a list of the books read at home for the teacher to enter the details on the challenge list. Students who borrow books from the library will have those books entered into their challenge list by the librarian.

K-2 students are expected to read/have read to them: 30 books (25 Premiers Reading challenge books and 5 personal choice)

3-4, 5-6 students are expected to read: 20 books (15 Premiers reading challenge books and 5 personal choice)

You can find the Premiers reading challenge book list by googling:

Premiers Reading Challenge 2018

Let's get reading and see if we can have the WHOLE school complete the challenge this year!

Mrs Kim Heagney

SHEEP MANURE COLLECTION RECOUNT

Last Saturday Malakye, Nigel, Matilda and their families went out to Mr Gerard Ryan's farm to the shearing shed to collect some sheep manure for our business.

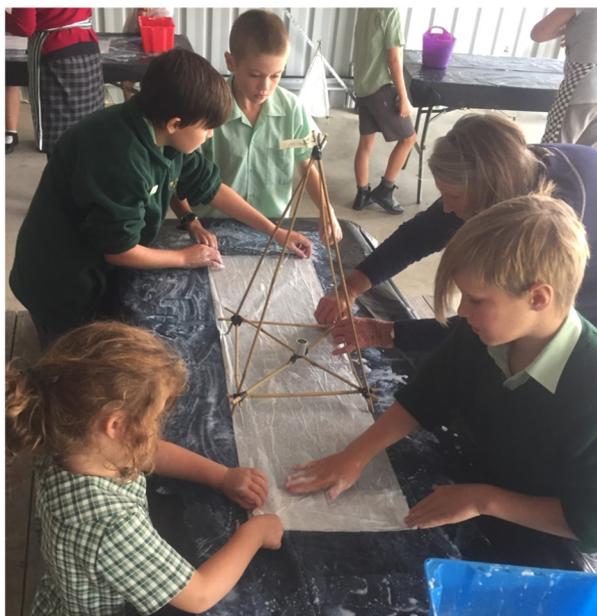
When we got there we said hello and talked and laughed together. Then we went into the shed and started digging up the sheep manure. We used a shovel and a bucket to fill the trailer and trucks. It took a lot of time. I was exhausted and sweating when we finished. While we were digging the sheep manure I dug all the sheep manure out of the holes and then I jumped into the hole. It was fun!

A big thank you to Mrs Heagney and Mrs Hull for coming out and helping us to get the sheep manure. Thank you to Mr Ryan and Mr Gall for letting us go out and get sheep manure at his place. Thank you to our families for coming out and helping us we couldn't have done it without all of you.

Nigel and Malakye



LANTERN MAKING PHOTOS



Dates to Remember

Thu 29 Apr: McMaugh Gardens

Visit by Yr3—6

Fri 30 Mar: Good Friday (Holiday)

Mon 2 Apr: Easter Monday

(Holiday)

Fri 6 Apr: School Cross Country

FRIENDLY REMINDER:

**TERM 1 SCHOOL FEES AND
RESOURCES FEES DUE PLEASE**

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

**3 Apr:
Samantha Munzenrieder**

