



St Joseph's School Newsletter



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TERM 3 WEEK 1

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term 3! I hope you all had a very enjoyable holiday with your families!

Book Week and Grandparents day

On **Wednesday the 9th August** (Week 3) we will celebrate Grandparents day combined with Book Week. We are asking our students to come dressed as their favourite book character. Please invite any Grandparents to come and share in the celebrations. More information will be provided in next week's newsletter.

Cross Country State Championships

Malakye will be travelling to Eastern Creek this week to compete as a member of the Polding Cross Country Team, at the PSSA Cross Country State Championships. Congratulations Malakye on your selection in this squad and we wish you all the best for Friday!

Transition

Today we welcomed three new students (Liam Hayes, Justin Redmond and Xavier Wallace) into our school as part of their Transition to school program. These students will be attending school each Wednesday for the next 2 terms. Please make them and their families welcome.

Promotional Video

We have a new promotional video to advertise our unique school. I would like to thank Tahnee Denton, Communications Officer at CSO, for helping us put this all together and I would also like to thank especially our two 'guided' students Seth and Jade for their contributions to this video. This clip has been posted to our Facebook page and I have also emailed each family the link to this clip. I would really appreciate it if you could 'like' this clip on our Facebook page, to help share it with our local community. Thank you.

Excursion

Our students have been invited to be a part of the Uralla Council Open Day next Tuesday 31st July 2018. They will walk with their teachers down to Porter Park at 11:10am and return to school after their free sausage sizzle lunch. Could you please sign the permission slip included in this newsletter and return it to school ASAP.

Year 5 / 6 Excursion

Our Canberra excursion is approaching fast and I would like to remind Parents that medical information, consent forms and any outstanding monies need to be completed and returned by this Friday 27 July. If parents have any concerns about their child's participation, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

Judy Elks

SCHOOL MASS

Our first school Mass for the Term will be this Friday 27 July at 9:10am. All are welcome.

PT&F CORNER

\$100 Club B was drawn Friday 6 July. Congratulations to our following winners:

1st prize \$60: Kerrie Biddle 2nd prize \$30: Kristy Hayes 3rd prize \$10: Denise Doran

Thank you to everyone for your support. Final figures for the street stall will be announced at the next meeting of the PT&F to be held on Tuesday 21 August at 5:30pm. It would be great to see as many parents as possible come along and share your ideas.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY WEEK

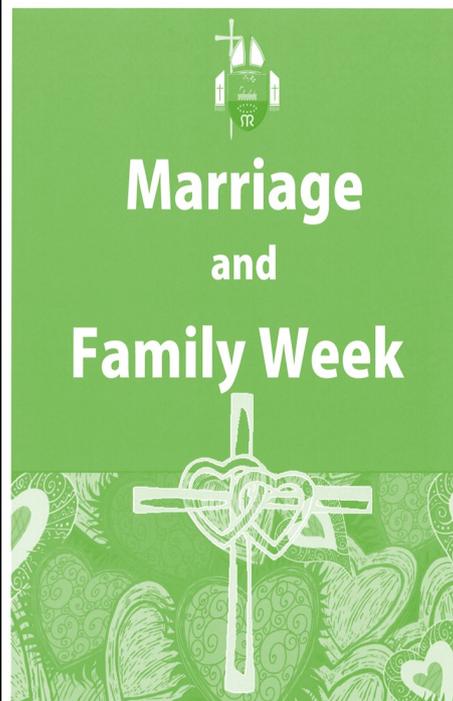
BISHOP KENNEDY has instructed that all students receiving religious instruction in schools within the Diocese of Armidale, dedicate a lesson with a specific focus on Family Prayer during Marriage and Family Week. Encourage your child to discuss with you what they have participated in to recognise this special week.

THEME 2018

THE GOSPEL OF THE FAMILY: JOY FOR THE WORLD

The theme for Marriage and Family Week 2018 is 'The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World'. This is also the theme for the world meeting of families in Dublin, which has been held every 3 years since 1994. It was decided by the Council of Priests to adopt the same theme as the meeting in Dublin because the meeting will be held a few weeks after we celebrate Marriage and Family Week.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY WEEK is conducted during the week when the feast of Joachim and Anne, parents of the Virgin Mary, is celebrated. Joachim and Anne serve as role models for parents and both deserve to be honoured and emulated for their devotion to God and Our Lady Mary, the Mother of God.



CATHOLIC PRINCIPLES AND VALUES FOR THE NEW NSW SYLLABUSES

The Principle of Fidelity in relationships

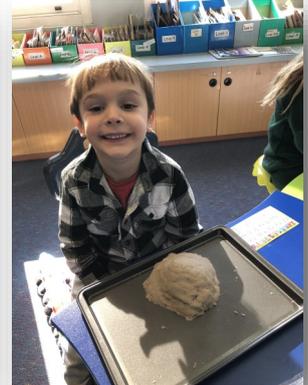
The Value Sacredness of the family

The Catholic tradition proclaims that the human person is not only sacred but also social. How we organise our society – in economics and politics, in law and policy – directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. For the proper formation of a just society each person must have a personal faithful relationship with Christ. This relationship will help form the foundation of all other human relationships particularly the relationships within the family.

The family is the original cell of social life (CCC 2207) that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. In particular the Catholic value of faithfulness in relationships must be preserved and actively promoted. Catholics believe all human persons have a right and a duty to participate in society, working together for the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

TRANSITION

Our Transition Program has commenced today 25 July. St Joseph's Transition is a free, no obligation program that will run every Wednesday during Terms 3 and 4 till the end of the year. If you know of any parents that have a school-aged child ready to start Kindergarten next year, please share with them the information about our Transition program and encourage them to contact the school for further information.



ASSEMBLY

Our first assembly for the term will be held this Friday 27 July at 2:45pm. All welcome.

NERAM ART PRIZE

Congratulations to Maya Kauffman whose art work, 'Mum's Creation', has been selected as one of 15 finalists in her age division for the **2018 University of New England School Acquisitive Art Prize**. In all, there was 66 finalists in over 530 entries. If you would like to view Maya's and the other finalists artworks, they will be on display from this Friday **27th July to 12th August** in the **2018 Let's Hang It! Exhibition** at NERAM. The official presentation evening will be held at **6pm on Friday 27th July 2018 at NERAM in Kentucky St, Armidale**. All St Joseph's families are welcome to attend.

REAL TALK

During this term on the 7th and 8th August, our school will be running the "Real Talk" program for our Year 4 and Year 6 students. It is planned that this program will be rolled out for all classes over the next four years. *Real Talk* is an organisation that is all about getting REAL on the topics of sex, relationships and personal identity. Based on Catholic Christian values, *Real Talk* provides up-to-date resources, presentations and programs that help young people to understand God's amazing plan for love and life.

It is important for young people to know that they are of great value, that they have a purpose and also for them to have an understanding of the topics of relationships and sex. Young people today receive countless mixed messages about these topics, and can be unaware or confused about the precious gift they hold.

We will be holding a parent information night on Tuesday 7th August at 6pm, aimed at the Year 4 and Year 6 parents, however, all parents are welcome to attend. The Year 4 and Year 6 students will then have their sessions on Wednesday the 8th August during school hours. Students and parents from St Patrick's School Walcha will be joining us for the information night and student sessions. A follow up reminder will be sent out to parents of our Year 4 and Year 6 students closer to the date.

ABSENCES

It is the duty of the State to ensure that every child receives an education of the highest quality and it is the duty of parents to comply with the compulsory education requirements of the Education Act 1990. Parents are responsible for ensuring that they notify the school to explain the absence of their children on any particular school day. They can do so by contacting the school by phone, written note, email or fax.

Absence notes are also available at the school office for parents to sign. This is needed to fulfil Government stipulations regarding the maintenance of students' attendance records. If a student is absent on any one occasion and the school has not been notified by mid-morning then a member of staff will ring to ascertain the reason for the absence. Absences for more than 15 days will require parents to complete an Application for Exemption from Attendance at School. Please contact the Principal for further information.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to these students who were presented with their awards at our last assembly Friday 6th July 2018:

Infants: Harry Kauffmann and Brandi Worrada (Absent from photo)

Primary: Charlotte Fletcher and Rumiya McGuinness-Bullock

Our next assembly will be held Friday 27th July at 2:45pm. All welcome.



END OF TERM 2 ASSEMBLY



Dates to Remember

Tues 31 July: Uralla Shire Council Open Day
Fri 3 Aug: School Census
Tues 7 Aug: "Real Talk" Parent Session
Wed 8 Aug: "Real Talk" Student Session
Thur 9 Aug: Grandparents day and Book Fair
Fri 10 Aug: 5/6 Excursion Raffle Drawn at Assembly
Fri 17 Aug: School Athletics Carnival

Mon 20 Aug: SAC Meeting 6:30pm
Tues 21 Aug: PT&F Meeting 5:30pm
Thur 30 Aug: O'Connor Step Day
Fri 31 Aug: Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Mon 3- Fri 7 Sept: 5/6 Canberra Excursion

TERM DATES 2018

Term 3:
 Mon 23 July—Fri 28 Sep.
Term 4:
 Mon 15 Oct—Fri 21 Dec.