



# St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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 TERM 4 WEEK 3

Dear Parents

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### PSSA Athletics

Best wishes to Malakye who will be competing at the NSW PSSA Athletics at Homebush this Friday, representing both Polding and our Diocese.

### Fire Safety

Next Tuesday 6th November, the fire engine will be visiting our school at 2:30pm. This is a great opportunity for our students to learn more about fire safety as well as seeing how a fire engine operates. Thank you to Mr Tobie Redmond and his fire crew for their support.

### Thunderbolts

Thank you to all the parents who were able to support our BBQ stall at Thunderbolts Festival on Saturday. Parents who worked before the day organising as well as on the stall on the day help to make our PT&F and school the community it is. I would also like to thank the teachers for their costume creations and for walking with our students in the parade and for supporting our PT&F and working on our BBQ stall. A special thank you to Dan Riley who very kindly gave up his day to assist Mark Garrahy cooking our BBQ. We had a very successful day and our total income will be finalised and shared at the PT&F meeting next week.

### Armidale Excursion

We have finally had confirmation of our extra Armidale activities for our Friday Gymnastics day. The table below will give you an overview of the planned activities for each Friday. **Could you please complete the enclosed note.** Thank you.

Date	Bus will leave at:	Activities
Friday 2nd November	10:10am Return approx. 2:30pm	UNE - Rock Climbing Gymnastics - Gymnastics Centre
Friday 16th November	9:30am Return approx. 2:30pm	Fleet Helicopter Visit Science Lesson - O'Connor Gymnastics - Gymnastics Centre
Friday 30th November	11:00am Return approx. 2:30pm	Science Lesson - O'Connor Gymnastics - Gymnastics Centre

### Year 6 Raffle.

Congratulations to all our Year 6 students on their successful organisation and selling of raffle tickets at Thunderbolts on Saturday. I was very impressed with your dedication and the enthusiastic way you worked together on this venture.

### Fete

This year's Parish/School Fete, now named St Joseph's Fete, will be held on **Sunday 2nd December**. The school body will be working together to run a number of stalls including a Tombola Stall, Raffle Stall, Kids Games and more. In order to lessen the burden on parents in supporting these activities this term we will be asking parents to send in particular items during specific weeks. Our first donation request will be for the Tombola stall. If you could please send in a jar full of "something" it would be very much appreciated.

### New Baby

Congratulations to Tanya Lalor on the arrival of their baby boy Charlie, a little brother for Birdie Jean.

### Meeting Reminder

SAC Meeting - next Monday 5th November  
 PT&F meeting - next Tuesday 6th November

*Kind regards*  
 Judy Elks

### SCHOOL MASS

Mass will be held this Friday at 9:10am. All welcome.

### ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly will be held next Friday 9th November due to Rock Wall Climb and Gymnastics being on this Friday 2nd November.

### PT&F CORNER

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th November at 5:30pm. This will be our AGM. All welcome.

### CANTEEN NEWS

**Week 4 - \$4 Meatball Sub (Canteen Made)**

**ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE FRIDAY BEFORE. Orders can either be sent in to the school office or by messaging Nikki on 0448 054 092. Thank You!**

### YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

The results for the Year 6 Fundraiser Raffle drawn at the Thunderbolt Festival are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize - \$50 Gift voucher donated by The Top Pub	Rhonda Ditton
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize - 2 Cushions donated by The Sweet Shop	Ethan Wooldridge
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$30 Voucher donated by The Alternate Root	Cris Matthews
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize - Meat Tray donated by Dale's Downtown Meats	Brandi Worrad

The raffle raised \$162. Thank you to the above businesses for their kind donations and support.

### BIKE-A-THON - CHANGE OF DATE

Our Bike-A-Thon will be held **on Friday 7th December 2018** 11:30-1:00pm in the school grounds - The children can ride their push bikes, scooters or walk around the oval to raise money. Sponsorship forms were sent out with last week's newsletter. This event was suggested by our Mini Vinnies group as a fundraiser for the St Vincent de Paul/Catholic Mission drought appeal.

### BRAIN OLYMPIA

Congratulations to our Brain Olympia team who won the Drama section of the competition. The performance received positive feedback from the audience with one member emailing the school with his congratulations, he wrote:

*I attended the above this afternoon, because our grandson was in one of the Joey's Tamworth teams, and had the pleasure of seeing your kids do their Red Riding Hood drama. Congratulations. They were fabulous.....MM*

### SCHOOL FEES

Term 4 School Fee Statements were sent home with the eldest child in each family last week. It would be greatly appreciated if payments could be made **before the end of November**. Families who have existing Direct Debit payment instalments in place may ignore the due date. If any families are experiencing difficulty in paying school fees, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Elks to discuss the options available. We understand the many pressures on families and we are here to help where we can.

### ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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

**Infants:** Maya Kauffmann  
**Primary:** Malakye  
**Principal's Awards:** Brittany Doran

Our next assembly will be this Friday 9th November at 2:45pm. All welcome.



### THUNDERBOLTS FESTIVAL



**ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY**

All Saints Day is tomorrow, a day that celebrates the saints in our church and all those who have attained heaven. On Friday we will celebrate All Souls Day with a school/parish mass at 9.10am. We invite our parents and friends to join us for this occasion when we commemorate the faithfully departed, especially our family and friends.

In the readings for All Saints Day we are reminded of the Beatitudes in the Gospel. Jesus gave us these beatitudes at the Sermon on the Mount. He didn't give us these beatitudes and then want us to fail. He wanted to give us something to aim for, to work on our whole life to try to achieve. These beatitudes are a beautiful reminder of what we can become, if we trust and believe. Thousands of years later, they still speak to us and call us to live more fully as Christian people.



*Jesus said:*  
*“Blessed are the poor in spirit,*  
*for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*  
*Blessed are those who mourn,*  
*for they will be comforted.*  
*Blessed are the meek,*  
*for they will inherit the earth.*  
*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,*  
*for they will be filled.*  
*Blessed are the merciful,*  
*for they will be shown mercy.*  
*Blessed are the pure in heart,*  
*for they will see God.*  
*Blessed are the peacemakers,*  
*for they will be called children of God.*  
*Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,*  
*for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*



*In the holidays I had the privilege of going on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. One of our stops included a visit to the Mount of the Beatitudes which is where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount to his disciples. Fr Paul McCabe celebrated Mass for our group in this sacred place.*  
**Mrs Lyn Herden**

**Dates to Remember**

**Fri 2 Nov:** Sport UNE and Gymnastics  
**Mon 5 Nov:** SAC AGM 6:30pm  
**Tue 6 Nov:** PT&F AGM 5:30pm  
**Tue 13 Nov:** LOP Meeting  
**Thu 22 Nov:** STEP Day  
**Fri 23 Nov:** Responsible Pet Education Program 2-2:40pm  
**Sun 2 Dec:** School FETE  
**Fri 7 Dec:** Bike-a-thon  
**Mon 10 Dec till Wed 19 Dec:** Swimming 1-2:30pm

**Tue 4 Dec:** School Concert  
**Tue 18 Dec:** Presentation Night 6pm  
**Wed 19 Dec:** Students Last Day!  
**Thu 20 Dec:** Last Day Of Term!

**TERM DATES 2018**

**Term 4:**  
 Mon 15 Oct - Thu 20 Dec.

