



Please note there will be no whole school Mass this Friday at 9:30am. There will be a parish mass however on Friday commencing at 8:30am

This week.....Life Education Van: Healthy Harold is visiting our school on Wednesday and Thursday this week with his helper Tim. The van is a fantastic educational experience for our children and comes to us at no cost thanks to the generosity of the Liverpool Plains Shire Council who pay for this opportunity every year.

Rural Fire Brigade Visit: We have the rural fire brigade visiting this Friday the 15th of September. All children will have the opportunity to attend 1 of the three sessions on the day.

Neon Run/Walk Fundraiser: If you can be of any help for the Neon Fun Run this weekend, please contact Mrs Rheinberger to volunteer your assistance.

Chocolate Fundraiser:

Please return any unsold boxes and/or money this Friday

THERE WILL BE CANTEEN THIS WEEK :)

Please send your child's order in a brown paper bag with name, year and order written on the front and **correct money inside. Orders need to be in on Thursday Morning** so that the children can put them into the baskets at 9am. Orders are collated on Thursdays so **No late orders will be accepted.**

CANTEEN...Could you **PLEASE** respond to the survey that was sent out earlier in the term so that we can accommodate helpers for different days of the week. Helping out can not be any easier than it is right now. Rikki comes to school every week and collates the orders on Thursdays (if canteen is Friday), puts the items required into sections so all you have to do is heat and put into bags....no money, no collating...just heat and pack.

Come on St Joey's...we know you can do it.

Uniform: Please check all items of uniform at your house to ensure that they do belong to your family.

<http://stjosephsquirindi.catholic.edu.au/>

The above address is for our new website. Our old website will be made redundant as of the end of this term. All newsletters, news and notes can be found on this new website.

Wellness Garden Working Bee - Calling all Green Thumbs!

It's finally starting to look and feel like Spring! As a school community we have decided to establish a school community garden we are going to call our "Wellness Garden". The garden will be situated in the space between the toilet building and the Year 1/2 room. This area provides a lovely blank canvas for us to build a colourful and relaxing garden space for all children, staff, parents and visitors to enjoy. During the next school holiday break I am hoping to get some of the ground work started on the garden beds and layout. I am seeking some assistance in the form of a Working Bee as we all know that "many hands make light work!" The Working Bee will be held on Sunday 15th of October (First Sunday back next Term) starting at 9am. We will be planting, landscaping, building and having fun!! We are very thankful for the Students With Special Needs fundraising committee as the money they have raised over the past year will fund this amazing project. If you are able to help on the day or in any other way please fill in the note attached to this newsletter. Keep smiling, Mrs Bartholomew.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN stickers will be accepted up until the 19th September.

Front Office Administration News

Lake Keepit Excursion - Primary: The Qkr! App is set up for payments for the excursion. The \$100 deposit is due by next Friday the **22nd of September** which is the **last day of Term** and the remaining balance of \$150 is due by the 23rd of October.

Absentee If your child is absent, please email us before 9.30 or call between 8.30 and 9.30am to let us know. This needs to be followed up by a written note once the child returns to school. This is a legal requirement.

SMS Messages: Please do not reply to SMS messages sent out by us as we cannot respond once sent.

Travel Arrangements: As you are aware we are now asking that you send **all** changes for afternoon travel arrangements into school **via a note**. Your child will put the note into the note tray first thing in the morning. Please make sure you **put a date on the note** :)

Qkr! Thank you to everyone who is taking advantage of the Qkr! App for various payments at school.

New reminder letters #7 will accompany today's newsletter for all families who still require outstanding admin forms to be supplied. We are making progress but all forms need to be supplied before the end of the term. Please return these as a matter of urgency or contact the front office if you having trouble locating the documents.

Dates to remember:

Week 9 No school mass this week

13-14th Life Ed Van
15th All money and/or unsold chocolates are due back at school today :)

Rural Fire Brigade Visit

16th Neon run fundraiser

Week 10

19th **All library books need to be returned to school.** Woolies Earn and Learn Stickers are due

22nd TERM 3 ENDS

1st installment of \$100 for the primary excursion to Lake Keepit is due today.

TERM 4 : heads up for planning ahead :)

Children may return to school in either full summer uniform or full winter uniform (but not a combination of the 2) until the end of Week 1. All students must be in full summer uniform by the beginning of Week 2.

October

19th School Photos - all children are to be in full summer uniform for the photos this year.
23rd Final payment for Lake Keepit Excursion due
25th Cybersafety Talk - Police Liaison Officer
27th Diocesan Touch Football - Inverell

November

1st All Saints Day
2nd All Souls Day
2nd Book Fair 8.30 -3.30pm
Book Fair Disco 5.30-7pm + sausage sizzle
Children are to be accompanied to and throughout the disco. This is a lovely opportunity to spend time as a school community.
3rd Book Fair until 2pm
11th Remembrance Day
15th P,T&F and Board Christmas Party
Please let us know if you would like to attend by the 8/11/17 and we will send out a menu for you to choose from for pre-ordering. You will be able to pay for your meal on the night.
27th Diocesan Summer Trials

December

7th Presentation night 6PM
Presentation night will again be held at the Quirindi Royal Theatre and parents will be invited to bring a plate of food to share. You may also like to bring non alcoholic beverages for yourselves and your children after Presentation Night has concluded.
11-15th Christmas Week at School
12th Y6 Graduation Dinner
Y6 families will need to let us know numbers attending by 5/12/2017 and will be able to pay via the Qkr! App
13th Y6 Big Day Out
15th Whole School Graduation Mass 9.30am
Last day of the school year for students

From the Library - We are going LOOP(ee)

As of Term 4 we are going to be changing over to the **LOOP** System for bookclub orders. You will be able to go online and order and pay for what you would like to purchase. To register or find out more simply go to:

<http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/>

The books will be sent to school and we will distribute them as usual.

Kindergarten: Phoebe Such - beautiful singing during mass. **Year 1:** Humayl Luqman - for showing respect & reverence during mass. **Year 2:** Emma Walton - beautiful singing in mass. Ella Jamieson - for showing respect & reverence during mass. **Year 3:** Lisa-Rae Tetley - for beautiful singing during mass. Nicholas Cook - contributing more confidently and thoughtfully to class discussions. **Year 4:** Harry Bartholomew - for contributing thoughtfully to discussions in religion. **Year 5:** Bryce Kelly - showing respect & reverence during mass. Taylor Brown - Beautiful manners during class (Leaders award). **Year 6:** Jade Wilson - always showing respect & reverence during religion. Dustin Kelly for showing constant leadership and reverence during mass.

Book club issue 6 has been sent away and should be back before the end of the term.

Book fair will be held on the 2nd and 3rd of November this year with the book fair disco on the evening of the 2nd. This is our major fundraiser for the library for the year and is a great opportunity for some Christmas Shopping as well. The theme for this year is: **Reading Rainforest.....go wild for books!** We are expecting to see lots of monkeys and other amazing creatures at the disco. As always there will be a prize for each year for the best dressed costume. We will have a bbq and disco under the sails and the book fair will be set up in the new library and Kindergarten room.

All Library books need to be returned to school asap.

Overdue notices went home yesterday.

SIGN IN BOOK: If your child is arriving at school after 9am or leaving before 3.25pm they must be signed in/out at the front desk and the late drop off/early pick up note must be filled in and handed to their teacher. This is a legal requirement. If you are collecting children please write their names so we know which children you have collected. Please make the effort to come into the office and complete this task.

Attachments:

- Saving Word
- Enrolment form letters #7 for those who need them



Don't forget to change

Have you made the change to a Student Saver account? Letters are being mailed to students soon with instructions explaining how to change to a Student Saver Account.

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12th September, 2017

Welcome to Week 9

Armidale Diocesan Representative

Firstly I would like to acknowledge the achievements of Emily Dent. Last Friday Emily competed at the Polding Athletics Trials in Newcastle as a member of the Armidale Diocesan Athletics Team. Emily competed in the 100m and 200m events. Congratulations Emily on your selection and achievement. We are all very proud of you.



Quirindi Show

Congratulations to all the children, staff and families who baked or created something to enter into the Quirindi Show. Below are our budding Master Chefs who competed in the school cooking competition.



School Survey

Thank you to all who took the time to complete the online school satisfaction survey. The staff and I will be going through all the responses and I will endeavour to communicate the feedback from parents, staff and children next term at the Board and P,T&F meetings and through the school newsletter.

Enrolments and Advertising

As I have mentioned many times, enrolments at our school are everyone's business. The way we promote our school is really important. We must never forget that word of mouth and social media play a huge role in promoting our school. With this in mind, I continue to urge parents and friends to promote our school in the wider community. If you know anyone who may be able to display one of our ads in their business please call the school for a copy of the poster. Thanks for your support.

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