

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

Congratulations to these students who received Awards at last Friday's Assembly.



**Principal's Awards** for "Showing consideration to others in the playground" went to:

**Infants:** Montana Hayes

**Primary:** Ronald Boxsell

**The Infants Learning Studio Award** went to:

Ruby Bastian for "Improved focus in her dedication to learning".

**The Primary Learning Studio Award** went to:

Matilda Boxsell for "Applying her newly learned skills to her writing".

Rumiya McGuiness was also presented with her

Principal's Award from the previous week.

Our assemblies are held each Friday in the School Hall at 2:45pm unless otherwise advised. All welcome.

**WII GAAY CAMP**

By Zoe Walters

Last week Zac and I went to Wii Gaay (an Aboriginal term meaning 'gifted child') which was held at Moree. The week was hot and sunny. Everyday we went to Pius X Aboriginal Centre. Each day we worked on literacy, maths and science activities.

For science we had robots to control. We had to make the robot go through mazes made out of sticky tape on the floor.

In maths we did a treasure hunt. We had to find clues then work out the calculations to get the position or coordinate of the next clue. In Literacy we did sound trails. We interviewed people at Moree about the centre. We got a lot of information from the person who we interviewed. We also had a swim every day at the hot spas.

I had the best time because I met new people and I learnt lots of things about the Aboriginal culture.

**Dates to Remember**

**6-12 Mar:** Catholic Schools Week

**Wed 9 Mar:** CSW Mass at Cathedral

**Fri 18 Mar:** St Joseph's/St Patrick's Day @ Walcha

**19 Mar:** St Joseph's Day

**EASTER BREAK**

**25 Mar:** Good Friday

**27 Mar:** Easter Sunday

**28 Mar:** Easter Monday

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**Mon 4 Apr:** Board Meeting 6:30pm

**31 Mar:** Life Ed Van Visit

**8 Apr:** Last day of Term 1

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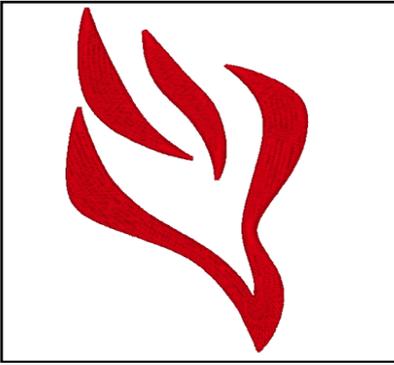
**Mon 25 Apr:** ANZAC Day March

**Tue 26 Apr:** First day of Term 2

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**Mon 14 Mar:**  
Belinda Moir





# St Joseph's School Newsletter



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK  
6—12 MARCH**

9 MARCH 2016  
TERM 1 WEEK 7

## NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

### Catholic Schools Week

This week across NSW, Catholic schools are coming together to celebrate the wonderful things that are happening in our Catholic Schools. It is a great opportunity for us to reflect on the freedom of choice in schooling that is available to us in Australia. Today as part of these celebrations I took our Year 6 leaders Alex Baker and Zac Walters to the Cathedral in Armidale to represent our school at the Diocesan Mass. Thank you to these boys for their exemplary representation our school.

### St Joseph's Day

Saturday 19th March is the feast of our patron saint, Saint Joseph. To celebrate this very important feast day we will join with St Patrick's School Walcha for Mass and an activities day. St Patrick's day is 17th March and it seemed fitting that we should celebrate these feast days together. Next Friday the 18th March the whole school will travel by bus to Walcha. We will be leaving at 9:00 and returning by 3:00. During the day the students will celebrate mass and then participate in tabloid activities with the students from St Patrick's. We ask that students come dressed in green, wear their sport shoes, bring morning tea, lunch and a hat. Parents are most welcome to drive across to attend the Mass and morning tea.

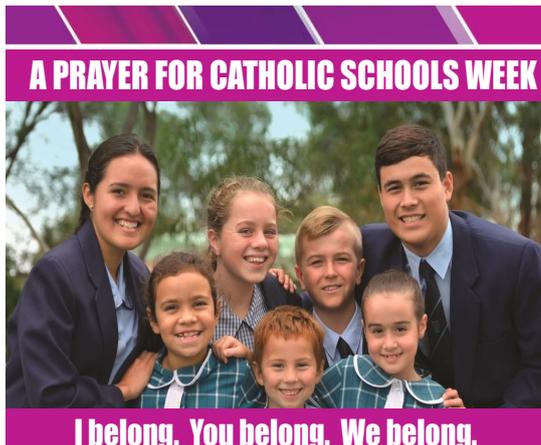
### O'Connor Step Day

Yesterday our Year 6 students attended the first 2016 STEP Day at O'Connor Catholic College. This Transition to High School program is very beneficial to all students regardless of which school they will be enrolled in for 2017. There will be a recount and photos of the day in the next newsletter.

### Sacraments for 2016

During 2016 we will be celebrating the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Dates have been set down for these important celebrations. First Eucharist will be Term 3 Sunday 28th August at 8:00am. Reconciliation will be held during Term 4 Tuesday 8th November at 5pm. Please note carefully these dates and pencil them in so that your child does not miss these important religious milestones.

Judy Elks



*Almighty God,  
 You sent the Holy Spirit  
 so that we might know and love Jesus,  
 the Word made flesh;  
 To know and love Jesus, the Way,  
 the Truth and the Life.  
 Renew the passion of all in Catholic schools  
 to nurture the seeds of your love,  
 planted in our hearts,  
 and to bear fruit that will nourish  
 A world hungry for your love.  
 We ask this through Christ, our Lord.  
 Amen.*

### **SCHOOL MASS**

There will be a whole school Mass this Friday 11 March at 9:10am in St Joseph's Church. All welcome.

### **PARISH STREET STALL**

St Joseph's Parish Street Stall is running this week. When you are down town call in and support the stall.

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

*Why can't I skip my 20 minutes of reading tonight?*

It has been proven that students that read at home for at least 20 minutes a day have increased vocabulary and greater academic success at school.

Student A - Reads for 20 minutes a day. 1600 minutes in a school year. 1,800,000 words.

Student B - Reads for 5 minutes a day. 900 minutes in a school year. 282,000 words.

Student C - Reads for 1 minute a day. 180 minutes in a school year. 8,000 words.

Please take the time to read to your child each night. If you are stuck you can borrow an audio book from the town library or download a book onto your iPad for them to follow on line. If anyone needs any help with suitable books for your child and their level of reading please call into the school and we will point you in the right direction.

*Kim Heagney*

### **SPORTS NEWS**

We have some budding rugby league players heading to Inverell next Friday 18 March for Diocesan trials. Best wishes to Alex Baker, Ronald Boxsell and Zac Walters.

The next sporting event we have coming up at school is the Cross Country running carnival early next Term. Students are already doing some training at school.

If you do some training at home, please remember to hydrate well, don't push your child and join in to make it fun!

*Kim Heagney*

### **URALLA SOCCER**

Uralla United Football Club will be holding its registration days on Saturday 19 March and Sunday 3 April at the Uralla Bowling Club from 9:00am to 12:00noon. Fees are \$95 (5—7 years); \$110 (8—11 Years); \$120 (12—17 years).

For further information contact Glen Young on 0409 724 663 or Danielle Hunt on 6778 3442.

### **URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL "GOING BATTY NIGHT"**

Hang out in the amazing nocturnal world of Bats at Wooldridge Fossicking Reserve on Friday 11 March from 6.30 pm.

Your guide will be Wendy Hawes of the EnviroFactor, Inverell. Wendy will set a bat trap to get us up close and personal with the variety of bats living amongst us. Using special equipment you will be able to listen to bat chatter normally beyond our reach.

Come dressed as your favourite bat!

You will need a torch and sensible shoes. Please bring an adult with you. To find out more or to register: phone Stephanie at Uralla Shire Council on 6778 6316.

## PT&F CORNER

### Easter Raffle

Wanting to remind everyone that our next fundraiser is Thursday 24th March 2016 with our Easter Raffle!!! Now is the time, could you please while shopping pick up an extra bunny, solid eggs, basket or anything to do with Easter that you could donate and drop into the office for our Easter Raffle.

The Kids love this time of year Fun with Chocolate !!!!!

Thankyou in advance for your generous support.

### Canteen News

### Meetings

Our meetings will be held monthly on Tuesdays at 5.30pm. The next meeting will be held next Tuesday 15th March 2016.

Please come and share your ideas and visions for 2016.

If unable to attend, minutes of our meetings are in the school office for your convenience.

Thankyou to everyone for your continued support and if you need please call me anytime.

**Kathy Dodd (President) Phone 6778 4774 or Mob. 0423 418 467**

## PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Are your Project Compassion Boxes starting to get a little full? Families are reminded that these monies go to Caritas for their good works in helping the needy both in Australia and overseas. During Lent we all try to give a little something, sacrifice a little more and contribute to the betterment of humankind in some way. This is one way of doing that. Please send in your Project Compassion Boxes to school whenever you can before the Easter break. Thank you.

## LANTERN PARADE

Uralla Arts have a different format for their lantern-making and parade this year. Instead of the workshop being done during school time, it will now be part of the Seasons of New England festivities at Hampden Park on Saturday 19 March. Please see the enclosed flyers for further information.

## SHEEP MANURE FOR SALE!

Some of our Year 5 and 6 boys have set up a little fertilizer company called *St Joseph's Sheep Manure*.

This is a not-for-profit little venture with the proceeds being donated to the school. They are selling **15 kg bags of good quality sheep manure for \$4 per bag**. The manure is collected and bagged from merino sheep raised on a local station.

You can place your orders at the school either by note or phoning 6778 4063 during school hours.

Orders can be paid when collected. Collection would need to be arranged during school hours.

Well done boys on showing such initiative. Let's hope the orders come in thick and fast!

