

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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

Principal's Awards for "Enthusiastic participation in all school activities" went to:

Infants: Archie Moir

Primary: Montana Dodd

The Infants Learning Studio Award went to: Sienna Bastian for "Having a go in classroom activities".

The Primary Learning Studio Award went to: Jack Reddon for "Improved responses in written activities".

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



STEP DAY AT O'CONNOR



Dates to Remember

Fri 18 Mar: St Joseph's/St Patrick's Day @ Walcha
19 Mar: St Joseph's Day
Thu 24 Mar: Holy Thursday
 2:00pm Easter Hat Parade & Raffle Draw
 7:00pm Mass
EASTER BREAK
25 Mar: Good Friday
27 Mar: Easter Sunday
28 Mar: Easter Monday

Tue 29 Mar: School Photos
Thu 31 Mar: Life Ed Van Visit
Mon 4 Apr: Board Meeting
 6:30pm
8 Apr: Last day of Term 1

Mon 25 Apr: ANZAC Day March
Tue 26 Apr: First day of Term 2

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 21 Mar:
 Bianca Walters

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

17 March:
 Zoe Walters



St Joseph's School Newsletter



**ST JOSEPH'S DAY & ST PATRICK'S DAY
CELEBRATING AT WALCHA FRIDAY 18 MARCH**

16 MARCH 2016
TERM 1 WEEK 8

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

St Joseph's and St Patrick's Day Celebrations at Walcha

This Friday the whole school will travel to Walcha to celebrate St Joseph's feast day (19th March) and St Patrick's feast day (17th March) with the students at St Patrick's school Walcha.

To help make this day a celebration we ask that the students come dressed in green. **The bus will be leaving school promptly at 9:00am** and will return before 3pm. Please make sure your child brings their drink bottle and hat. If you haven't already returned your permission slip and money (\$2) for this excursion could you please do so by tomorrow.

We wish to thank St Patrick's Walcha who have generously offered to provide a "green" morning tea and a sausage sizzle lunch. (If you prefer you can pack morning tea and lunch for your child).

I also would like to thank our PT&F for supplementing some of the bus costs for this excursion.

Project Compassion Fundraising

As part of our Lenten preparation the children have been asked to do three things during lent—pray, fast (give up something they like) and do something special for others by giving generously of their time or money. Children were also given small Project Compassion boxes to put small amounts of money into. Please continue to add to your boxes over the next couple of weeks. We ask that these boxes please be returned to the school before the end of Week 9. I thank our students and their families for their generosity.

Visit by O'Connor Catholic College Principal, Charlie Allan

Due to unforeseen circumstances Mr Allan will not be able to visit the Year 5/6 students tomorrow. He will be visiting instead next Monday 21st March at 11:30.

Life Education Van Visit

Our visit by the Life Ed Van will take place on Thursday 31 March. This very worthwhile program complements our PD/Health curriculum and costs \$10 per student. We are very grateful to the PT&F who will sponsor half the cost of this so that families will only need to pay \$5 per child. Please complete the attached permission note and return it to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

NAPLAN Tests

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be sitting the NAPLAN tests next term during Week 3, on the 10th, 11th and 12th May.

Judy Elks

SAINT JOSEPH

St. Joseph of Nazareth is a great saint who totally lived by faith – a faith that made him a real hero. He was chosen by our heavenly Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, Jesus his divine son and Mary Queen of Heaven. Joseph was Jesus' foster-father and Mary's husband.

He was poor all his life and had to work very hard in his carpenter shop, but he did not mind. Joseph was happy to work for his little family. He loved Jesus and Mary so very much. In the Holy Bible we do not find even one word spoken by St. Joseph, and yet, even without words, he shows his deep faith and trust in the Living God.

Whatever the Lord wanted him to do, St. Joseph did at once, no matter how difficult it was. He was humble and pure, gentle and wise. Jesus and Mary loved him and obeyed him because God had placed him as the head of their family. What a joy for St. Joseph to live with the Son of God himself. Jesus obeyed him, helped him, and loved him.

We pray to St. Joseph as the protector of the dying for a special reason. We believe that Joseph died peacefully in the arms of Jesus and Mary when God finally called his faithful servant to the joy of heaven. St. Joseph died before Jesus' passion and death on the Cross.

St. Teresa of Avila chose St. Joseph as the protector of her order of Carmelite sisters. She had a great trust in his prayers. "Every time I ask St. Joseph for something," she said, "he always obtains it for me."

St. Joseph is the patron of the Universal Church.

SCHOOL MASS

This Friday 18 March, Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Walcha as part of our joint Feast Day celebrations. Mass will begin at 10:20am. All welcome.

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

The following services will be held at St Joseph's Church during Holy Week. All welcome.

Palm Sunday Vigil	19 March	6:00pm	Saturday
Palm Sunday	20 March	8:00am	Sunday
Holy Thursday	24 March	7:00pm	Thursday
Good Friday	25 March	3:00pm	Friday
Easter Vigil	26 March	7:00pm	Saturday
Easter Sunday	27 March	8:00am	Sunday



All altar servers are welcome to serve at any of these Masses.

EASTER HAT PARADE



We will be holding our Easter Hat Parade on Holy Thursday 24 March at 2:00pm. Children are invited to make their own hats at home and bring them to school for the parade. Certificates will be awarded in the Infants and Primary rooms for the "Tallest" hat, the "Smallest" hat and "The Most Original" hat. After the parade the PT&F will do

their Easter Egg Raffle draw.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Resources

The library has a great range of new books for the children to explore.

K-2

Something Wonderful by Brownyn Caisley is a great story for children to explore the importance of dreams and invention.

Hattie Helps out by Jane Godwin is a fun story about how Hattie decides to help her Mum get ready for Dad's birthday party with hilarious consequences.

Just to name two. There are many more available!

3-6

The Family with two front Doors by Anna Cidor. This is a great story that is highly readable, fascinating, engaging and informative at the same time. I highly enjoyed reading this book and learning about the Polish culture.

For the boys - **Beetle Boy** by M G Leonard. This is a classic spy story about a young boy who goes on an adventure with a beetle to find his missing Dad.

We are very fortunate to have the Australian Standing orders in the school. Please encourage your child to take advantage of these great books.

Kim Heagney

SPORTING NEWS

We have three students going to the Winter Diocesan trials in Inverell this Friday to trial for the Rugby league team. Alex, Zac and Ronald. We wish them all the best.

Our cross country carnival will be held in Week 2 of Term 2. Successful students will be able to compete at the Diocesan Cross country carnival in Quirindi on 16th May (Week 4 - Term 2).

Kim Heagney

ANZAC DAY

As is the usual custom St Joseph's students will be marching in the ANZAC Day Parade on 25 April. You would be aware that ANZAC Day falls on the last day of the school holidays but we hope that as many as possible of our students will participate. Students are asked to wear their full summer uniform (including hats) for the march. Depending on the weather, students may also need their jumpers. Our students are asked to meet the teachers at the IGA corner at 9:40am to assemble ready for the march to begin at 9:50am. Please complete the attached permission note and return it to school as soon as possible. Thank

PT&F CORNER

Easter Raffle

Our Easter Raffle is Fast approaching next week. Thankyou to the lovely people that have donated Eggs and Prizes There is still time to donate if you haven't already. REMEMBER WE LOVE CHOCOLATES !!!!!

A raffle ticket book is attached to this newsletter....Please sell to Family and Friends. Thank you in advance. Hope you are having fun with Decorating Easter Hats. Looking forward to seeing the Kids Creations.

Canteen News

Could we please have some ideas for the new Canteen Menu this Monday. Only one suggestion been put forward. Green's Cake Mixes are preferred for donations for Muffin of the week. If possible please send in when you can. I'm sure the kids come home and tell you how good they are !!!!!

On Tuesday 29 March (the last week of term) the canteen will be making FREE PANCAKES for all the children.

Meetings

Thankyou to everyone who attended our meeting last night. It is fantastic to see so many. The minutes will be available in the office shortly.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th May at 5:30pm. Remember that *I Belong, You Belong, We Belong*. Also keep an eye on our new notice board in the walkway for any changes to this time. A special guest will be coming to chat with us about fundraising. Please join us with your ideas.

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

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 this Saturday 19 March.

SHEEP MANURE FOR SALE!

As part of an innovative learning activity in the Primary Studio we 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. The students 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 students on showing such initiative. Let's hope the orders come in thick and fast!



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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

After consultation with the PT&F we will be using a different photographic company for our school photos this year. Parents have requested that we have a summer uniform photo this year so we have organised our photo day to be on Tuesday 29 March (the first day after the Easter break). Order envelopes have been handed to each child today.

PERMISSION NOTE REMINDERS

If you have not yet sent in your permission notes for the Rotary Art Show visit this Thursday and the St Joseph's Day trip to Walcha this Friday please send them in tomorrow. Thank you.