

**KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM
 BEGINS WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER**



Our 6 week Transition to School Program commences on Wednesday 26 October and will continue each Wednesday from 9:00am to 3:00pm until 30 November. Our program will provide activities that are Literacy and Numeracy based as well as Fine and Gross Motor components. Creative Arts will also be included. Families are invited to trial our school without any commitment to enrol. We encourage them to come and see what we can offer their child and help him or her to "get ready for big school" regardless of which school they choose. Some new families have already indicated their interest. If you know of any families with a child starting school next year please encourage them to contact the office for more information.

SOLAR ENERGY WORKSHOP

Z-NET Uralla and the Office of Environment and Heritage are partnering to conduct a Solar Energy workshop at Uralla Central School Hall (John Street Uralla) on Wednesday evening 2nd November. The Workshop will commence at 5.30pm and is planned to run for 2 hours, covering topics such as the finish of the Solar Bonus Scheme (Gross Feed in Tariff), Solar Power and metering, Battery Storage and Energy efficiency and Energy management for Households. The Energy Opportunity Workshop is free of charge and finger food and refreshments will be provided for participants on the night. To Register your seat at the workshop, go to the following website: www.energyopportunityworkshops.eventbrite.com.au Click on the Energy Opportunity Workshop it will take you to registration link that will list the Uralla Workshop on 2nd November.

PRAYER MORNING

"Come to the garden to pray and reflect on God's word" at the Merici Centre, O'Connor Catholic College Armidale this Saturday 22 October from 9:00am to 12:30pm. RSVP & enquiries to Margaret Atchison 6772 3080.

Dates to Remember

Mon 24 Oct: MiniVinnies Gathering in Armidale
Wed 26 Oct: Transition Program begins
Wed 26 Oct: Brain Olympia
Thu 27 Oct: Joey's Art Show
Sat 29 Oct: Thunderbolt Festival
Tue 15 Nov: First Reconciliation
Sun 20 Nov: Feast of Christ the King & Grace on the Green Armidale
Sun 4 Dec: School/Parish Fete

Tue 6 Dec: School Play
Wed 7 Dec: Carols in the Park
Tue 13 Dec: Presentation

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 24 Oct:
 Mel Vella

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
23 Oct:
 Chloe Campbell



St Joseph's School Newsletter



NATIONAL MARRIAGE & FAMILY WEEK

19 OCTOBER 2016
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Our Athletes

Today Daniel Murrell and Malakye Wright are representing our school, Diocese and Polding Region at the NSW PSSA Athletics Championships in Sydney. We are eagerly awaiting news of their efforts and we wish them all the best.

Art Show

Next Thursday evening 27 October, we will be opening up our Primary Studio to host the 'St Joseph's Art Show'. This Art Show is an opportunity for our students to showcase their creative ability within a public forum. The exhibition will open at 6pm. Our guest artist this year is Mrs Julie Hayes a resident artist of Uralla. She will select the artwork to be entered into Operational Art and will also present a workshop for our students. We hope you can all come along, bring a friend and enjoy a cultural night out. Nibbles and refreshments will be served by our senior students. We ask that parents please bring a plate to share.

Grace on the Green

On the 20th November (Feast of Christ the King) there will be a special Mass and lunch at St Mary and St Joseph's Cathedral Armidale. The Bishop has asked if the closer schools could help support this event by their attendance and students are also invited to join with a combined choir on the day. The students are learning the 2 songs selected so please bring your family along to this very special occasion. Please return your RSVP forms—if you need a replacement form just let the office know.

Chocolates

Just a reminder to our Year 5/6 parents, and any other parents who could help, we have 27 boxes of chocolates left to sell. If you are able to help in the selling of these could you please collect a box at the office.

Uniform

The uniform survey will remain open until 4:00pm this Friday 21 October. We have had responses from two thirds of our families and we would like to get a full response rate if possible. If you cannot do the online survey could you please contact the office for a hard copy. Thank you for your input.

Marriage and Family Week

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference has designated this month as a nationwide month of prayer for Marriage and Families. I have enclosed a laminated bookmark for each family which has a special prayer for families printed on it for you to pray at home. Our families are the cornerstone of society and we value each and every one.

Regards

Judy Elks

SCHOOL MASS

There will be a whole school Mass this Friday at 9:10am. All welcome.



ASSEMBLY

Assembly will be held this Friday at 2:45pm in the School Hall. All welcome.

BRAIN OLYMPIA

St Joseph's will be sending a team of eight students to participate in the Diocesan Brain Olympia in Tamworth on Wednesday 26 October. The event consists of a variety of challenging activities: a general knowledge quiz; maths problem solving; public speaking; and a drama presentation. Three schools from this day will go on to contest the final. Our team comprising Alex Baker, Jordan Redmond, Zac Walters, Charlotte Baker, Jessica Munzenrieder, Adrian Walters, Zoe Walters and Georgia White will be busy brushing up on their general knowledge and quick thinking skills between now and then!

ART SHOW



St Joseph's will be holding our **Children's Art Show** in order to share some of the great work the students have completed. We would like to invite all families to attend the 2016 Art Show on Thursday 27 October at 6pm.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ARMIDALE

As advertised in previous newsletters, Bishop Kennedy has invited all parishioners and school families to participate in a pilgrimage to Armidale to celebrate the end of the *Year of Mercy*. This event will be on the Feast of Christ the King, **20th November**. The day will begin at 10:00am with a procession from Central Park across the road to the Cathedral for Mass.

This will be followed by ***Grace on the Green***—picnic lunch provided with entertainment on the lawns of O'Mahony House (formerly the Ursuline Convent). Musical entertainment will be provided by a band from Sydney as well as a combined children's choir from schools in the Diocese. An invitation is extended to all students to participate in the choir and for all our families to participate in the day. **It is hoped that we will have several St Joseph's students participating in the combined choir. Ask your child if they are interested in representing our school in this way. If your family wishes to be a part of this special event, please complete the RSVP slip on the flyer sent home last week and return it to school as soon as possible.** Thank you.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation will be held for the Catholic students in Year 2 on Tuesday 15 November at 5:00pm. Families of those children are invited to attend this important occasion in the faith journey of their child.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

We wish to advise all parents that the resource materials provided by the Safe Schools Coalition Australia (SSCA) are not used by our Diocesan schools. Our schools have strong and actively pursued anti-bullying policies and programs that respect the dignity of the human person.

PT&F CORNER

Thunderbolt Festival to be held on Saturday 29 October. The PT&F will be running the BBQ stall again and we will be needing as many volunteers as possible. Please see the attached note and give some of your time where possible for this FUNdraiser!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 22 November at 5:30pm. All welcome.

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

CANTEEN NEWS

The special treat on offer next Monday will be Choc Brownie Bliss Balls. These are totally raw and guilt-free! Priced at 50cents each.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with their awards at last week's assembly.

Principal's Awards for "An enthusiastic start to Term 4":

Infants - Ethan Wooldridge

Primary - Jessica Munzenrieder

Studio Awards

Infants— Malakye Wright for "A great digital story".

Primary— Montana Dodd for "Embracing journal writing".



RESPONSIBLE PET EDUCATION PROGRAM

We will be hosting a visit from the Responsible Pet Program on Friday 21 October. All students from K to Yr 6 can participate. If you have not already returned your permission note, please do so by Friday.

FETE

This year's Parish school Fete will be held on the 4th December. The school body will be working together to run a number of stalls including Tombola Stall, Raffle Stall and a Chocolate Stall plus 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 appeal is for the Tombola stall. If you could please send in a jar/container filled with something non-perishable suitable as a prize such as sweets, small toys, nicknacks etc.

