



URALLA SHOW SUCCESS

St Joseph's students took out several School Art prizes and awards at this year's Uralla Show.

Results we have been given so far are:

Zoe Walters: 1st in Stage 2 Girls and Champion Girl (Picture above left)

Sienna Bastian: 1st in Stage 1 Girls (Picture above right)

Chelsea Doran: 2nd in Stage 1 Girls

Mariah Carlon: Highly Commended Stage 1 Girls

Meredith Hannaford: Highly Commended in Stage 1 Girls

Ethan Walters: Highly Commended in Stage 1 Boys.

Charlotte Baker: Highly Commended in Stage 3 Girls
Congratulations everyone!

In the Equestrian Section of the Show, **Ethan Wooldridge** took out Junior Champion pony club boy rider under 13 and Reserve Champion junior boy rider under 13 with 1st placings in district boy rider class, boy rider under 7 class and pony club boy rider under 7 class. Well done Ethan!



Dates to Remember

2017

Wed 8 Feb: Beginning

School Mass & BBQ

Thu 16 Feb: School

Swimming Carnival

Thu 23 Feb: Diocesan

Swimming Carnival

Wed 1 Mar: Ash

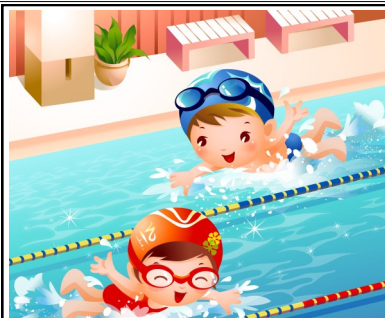
Wednesday

Mon 6 Mar: Catholic

Schools Week begins

Fri 31 Mar: Bishop's Visit

Sun 1 Apr: Confirmation



**SWIMMING CARNIVAL
THURSDAY 16/2/17**

CANTEEN

**MORE VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED FOR TERM**

ROSTER!

Contact Belinda Moir

Ph 6778 3273





St Joseph's School Newsletter



**BEGINNING YEAR MASS & BBQ
TONIGHT 8 FEBRUARY 6:00PM**

8 FEBRUARY 2017
TERM 1 WEEK 3

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Beginning Year Mass

Our Beginning of Year Blessing Mass will be held this evening at 6pm. Tonight we will come together as a school community to celebrate the beginning of the new school year and ask God's blessing for the year ahead. Mass will be followed by a BBQ in the school grounds. Please remember to bring a salad or dessert to share. It will be great to catch up with you all!

Parent/Teacher Chats

Next week on Tuesday and Wednesday our teachers will be available to have an informal talk with parents. This informal meeting is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and to discuss information about your child with their teacher such as, their strengths and weaknesses, personalities, and any other details you think their teacher should know about. To arrange a time please complete the sheet and return to the office as soon as possible.

School Uniform

The new school uniforms look great! A reminder that school uniforms are available for purchase at InterSports in Rusden Street, Armidale. Phone 6771 2344 for enquiries or orders. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Confirmation

At the end of this term the Catholic students in Years 5 and 6 will be making their Confirmation. The Bishop will be in our school on Friday 31 March to talk to these students before they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday night 1st April at the 6pm Mass. We ask that you keep these students in your prayers as they prepare for this very special sacrament.

Best Wishes

Mrs Kim Heagney will be on leave for two weeks commencing next Monday. We wish her a very enjoyable and safe trip to South Africa. The students hope to have a skype session with her when she is in the big game park to see some of the African wildlife. There'll be lots of stories to tell when she returns!

Regards

Judy Elks

SCHOOL MASS

There will be NO school Mass this Friday 10 February. Weekly school Masses will resume on Friday 17 February at 9:10am.

Our Beginning School Mass will be held TONIGHT Wednesday 8 February at 6:00pm.



SCHOOL FEES

School fee invoices were sent home with the eldest child yesterday. If anyone wishes to discuss options for a payment plan please feel free to call Judy Elks. Payments can be made by Direct Debit by contacting the office for a form.

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Next Thursday 16 February, we will be holding our annual school swimming carnival. All children from K-6 will attend this carnival. The day will involve a formal carnival and novelty events for less experienced swimmers. We encourage every child to compete to the best of their ability in whatever event or activity they feel confident. The students need to come to school dressed in their sports uniform with their swimmers underneath. We will then walk the students over to the pool ready to start the carnival at 9:30. If you are available to help on the day it would be very much appreciated.

To be eligible for a Junior (8, 9 and 10 yr olds), 11yrs, Senior (12 and 13 year olds) or AWD championship medal the student must have competed in a 50m event. For the minor (5,6,7 year olds) championship medals, students must have competed in a 25m or 50m event. Students will compete in the age group of the age they turn this year.

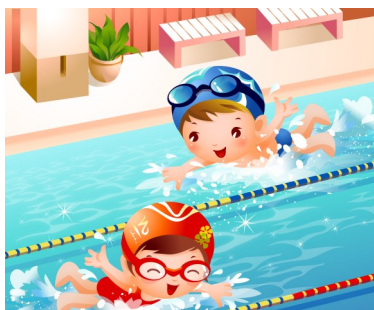
We are anticipating that our carnival will finish before lunch. If you choose to take your child home after the carnival, please notify their classroom teacher to sign out. The remaining students will walk back to school and have lunch in the school grounds.

We ask students to bring a packed lunch, morning tea and drink bottle on the day as we will not be letting students buy anything from the canteen. Please further ensure your child has sunscreen, hats and dry underwear to change into after the swimming carnival. **Please also ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.**

Parents, could you please sign the attached permission note and return it to school as soon as possible.

Please note the Diocesan swimming carnival will be held in Moree on 23 February. Students are required to achieve the qualifying times set out by the Armidale Diocese to be selected for further competition. Notes will be sent home on Friday with any student who has been selected.

Medals and ribbons will be presented the following day, Friday the 17th February at a special assembly to be held at 2:30pm in the school hall.



PT&F CORNER

Our next meeting will be 21 February at 5:30pm. It will be an AGM so all positions will be available. It is very rewarding to be a part of the PT&F, so please consider taking a position.

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

CANTEEN



If you are able to volunteer once or twice a term please contact Belinda Moir as soon as possible on 6778 3273.

PIANO LESSONS

Expressions of interest are being sought for any parents who may like their child to have piano lessons at school. Mrs Dawn Toomey is offering lunch time lessons at \$30 per half hour lesson. Please phone Dawn on 6778 4162.



PARISH STREET STALL



The Parish Street Stall will be held from 6th - 11th March. The Parish is looking for someone to donate a load of wood to raffle on the stall. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

SOCCER REGISTRATION DAYS

WHEN – Saturday 25th February & Sunday 12th March

WHERE - At the Uralla Bowling club, between 10am & 1pm.

WHO – Everyone is invited to sign up for this soccer season. Ages 5 and up.

PRICES – 5-7 years \$100

8-11 years \$115

12-17 years \$125

Juniors playing seniors \$155

Seniors \$225

All fees must be fully paid before the season starts (last weekend in April). A 10% discount will apply to any family that registers 2 or more children.

Pay your rego in full on one of the two registration days and go into the draw to get 1 registration fee fully refunded!!

We are also looking for coaches for all teams. For any enquiries regarding registration or coaching -

Call Spud on 0409724663, email: spudandjack@gmail.com