



### ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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

**Principal's Awards** for 'Using technology responsibly to learn':

**Infants** - Archie Moir

**Primary** - Seth Munzenrieder

**Studio Awards**

**Infants** - Jade Redmond for consistently trying her best and taking pride in her work.

**Primary** - Jordan Redmond for consistently applying himself in writing tasks, in particular his wonderful science description of an ant.

### Dates to Remember

2017

**Thu 16 Feb:** School Swimming Carnival

**Mon 20 Feb:** Board Meeting

**Tue 21 Feb:** PT&F AGM

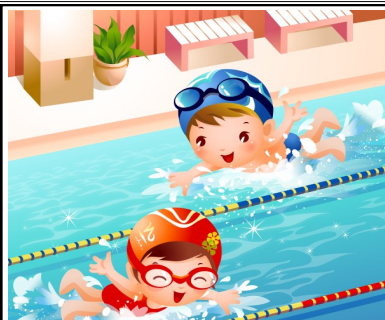
**Thu 23 Feb:** Diocesan Swimming Carnival

**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!**

**Add your name to the  
roster enclosed!**





# St Joseph's School Newsletter



**SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL  
TOMORROW THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY**

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TERM 1 WEEK 4

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

### Parent/Teacher Chats

Thank you to those parents who have already attended our first afternoon of informal Parent/Teacher chats. The teachers have found these talks very beneficial. Getting to know you as well as your children is very important. The abundance of information gathered allows teachers to learn more about your child and will guide them in the best possible way to support your children in their learning. Thank you for being so honest and allowing us to work with you in the education of your children. If you were unable to attend these chats this week please contact the school to make a more convenient time.

### Swimming Carnival

Our school swimming carnival will be held tomorrow Thursday 15 February. 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 what -ever event or activity they are confident in competing in. 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. Students are asked to bring a packed recess to eat at the pool and packed lunch to eat at school after the carnival. Don't forget to put sunscreen on your children and pack a hat and water bottle.

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

### McMaugh Gardens Visits

This term our students will commence regular visits to McMaugh Gardens. The aim of these visits is to help our students to understand in a very practical way the importance of community and of serving others. These visits will allow our students to spend time with the elderly residents in a variety of activities including entertaining, reading and craft activities. This initiative is aimed at promoting a cohesive community by bringing together people from diverse ages and backgrounds. It will also enable our students to model the values of care, compassion, respect, integrity, understanding and inclusion. Please sign the attached permission note.

### Fruit and Vegie Time

This year we will be introducing a more formal approach to our "Fruit and Vegie" time. A bell will ring at 8:55 for all students to have time to sit and eat their chosen fruit and vegetables before school and talk with their friends. In this time students will be encouraged to eat FRESH fruit and vegetable that they bring from home. If your child does not want to eat at this time that is okay but for those who do we encourage you to send in easy fruit and vegetables with your child daily.

### PT&F AGM

I encourage all parents to attend the PT&F AGM which will be held this Tuesday 21 February at 5:30pm. At this meeting all positions will be vacated and this is a great opportunity for anyone considering being more involved in your child's school community to take an active role. In accordance with Diocesan Guidelines we will need nominations declared prior to the meeting. You can self-nominate OR be nominated by another member of the school community. Forms are included in this newsletter and are also available at the office. All forms must be returned to school by Tuesday morning 21 February.

Regards  
Judy Elks

### SCHOOL MASS

There will be a whole school Mass this Friday 17 February at 9:10am. All welcome.

### ASSEMBLY

Medals and ribbons from the Swimming Carnival will be presented this Friday 17 February at a special assembly to be held at **2:30pm** in the school hall.



### STUDENT RESOURCES FEES

Notes were sent home on Friday detailing the cost of your child's/children's student resources for the year. The annual student resources levy for 2017 is \$40 per child for K - 2 class and \$50 per child for Y3 - Yr6 class.

This levy is charged only once at the beginning of the year and is used to supply each child with all their exercise books and general stationery supplies to start off the school year.

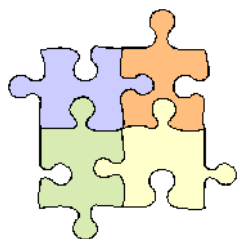
These resources are supplied by the school so that there is uniformity of quality and quantity for each and every student. They are for school use only and do not go home with the children. Parents may need to keep a small supply of items at home for homework.

Please assist us by paying this small fee promptly so that your child will have all their stationery requirements provided at school. Receipts will be issued for payment of these fees separately to the Term School Fees.

### DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Please note the Diocesan swimming carnival will be held in Moree on Thursday 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.

### URALLA PRESCHOOL MESSAGE



Uralla Preschool currently has vacancies for 4 years olds who will be enrolling at school in 2018.

The preschool has extended their operation hours from 8.00 to 3.30 (Mon - Thurs) and 8.00 - 12.30 on Fridays. The Preschool Program will continue to be implemented from 9.00 - 3.00.

The 4 year old program operates on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (1/2 day). Fees can be as low as \$17.00 per week.

Please contact Anne on 67784510 or call in to the preschool to discuss your child's

enrolment.

### CAMP QUALITY GIGGLE DISCO

Camp Quality Armidale Volunteer Group are hosting a Children's Disco on the 3rd March from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Armidale Bowling Club. We would like to invite students (5-13years) from St Joseph's Primary Uralla to attend. Please note that all volunteers have Police and Working with Children Check's completed.

BOOK NOW @ the Armidale City Bowling Club, 02 6772 5666

All proceeds raised from the disco will go towards local children 0-13years and their families living with cancer.

*Melissa Bell Fundraising Coordinator NNSW*



### NECOM'S MINI MINSTRELS PROGRAM

Beginning this Thursday NCOM will be running its 5 Week Mini Minstrel's Program at St Joseph's Uralla from 9:30am to 10:00am. NCOM's popular **Mini Minstrels Early Childhood Music Program** is a fun filled introduction to music for preschool children - from babies through to four+ years. As a *Music on the Lap*' program for the child and their mum, dad, grandparent and/or carer, classes take place in a happy environment with inspiring activities such as action songs, dancing, music games, listening, speech rhymes, story-telling with music, improvisation and playing NCOM's beautiful percussion instruments for children. For further information contact Kate Thomas (NECOM Marketing Officer) on phone 02 6788 2137.

### 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*

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### CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our canteen is managed every Monday by Nicki Boxsell but she would love to have a volunteer to assist in preparing and serving at recess and lunchtime. If you are able to volunteer once or twice a term please complete the attached form and return to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

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### 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](mailto:spudandjack@gmail.com)

### NETBALL

Registrations for the Armidale and District Netball Association 2017 season are now open. Further details on registration can be found on the ADNA website [www.adna.net.au](http://www.adna.net.au) Furthermore, the 2017 Representative Trials for players turning 12, 13, 14 and 15 will be held on Friday 17th February at the Lynches Road Netball Courts. 12's and 13's will trial 4:30pm - 5:30pm and 14's and 15's will trial 5:30pm to 6:30pm. For more information please contact Rochelle on 0431533813 or Julie Gates on 0427949146.