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SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

Congratulations to all our students for a fabulous effort! Special congratulations go to the following champions and runners-up:

Minor Boy Champion	Archie Moir		
Junior Boy Champion	Ethan Walters		
Junior Girl Champion	Georgia White	**Junior Girl Runner-up**	Matilda Boxsell
11Yr Boys Champion	Adrian Walters		
11Yr Girls Champion	Alice Prowse	**11 Yr Girls Runner-up**	Zoe Walters
Senior Boy Champion	Jack Reddon	**Senior Boy Runner-up**	Jordan Redmond
Sportsperson of the Carnival	**(Joint award)**	Alice Prowse and Jack Reddon	
Winning House	MacKillop		

Dates to Remember

Thu 23 Feb: Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Wed 1 Mar: Ash Wednesday
Fri 3 Mar: Fire Ed Display
Mon 6 Mar: Catholic Schools Week begins
Wed 8 Mar: STEP Day at O'Connor
Thu 9 Mar: Armidale Excursion
Fri 31 Mar: Bishop's Visit
Sun 1 Apr: Confirmation

CANTEEN

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TERM ROSTER!

Please phone the school.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

28 Feb:

Matilda Boxsell

St Joseph's School Newsletter

DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL
THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY—MOREE

22 FEBRUARY 2017
TERM 1 WEEK 5

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Ash Wednesday
Next week we will celebrate Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of the season of Lent. This is a very important part of our church year so we encourage parents to come along and join us for our school mass at 9:10 next Wednesday morning. On Thursday at 10:30 am we will be visited by Semiti from Fiji who is coming to the Diocese for the Project Compassion campaign to educate the children about the value of our contribution to this worthy cause. Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. During Lent the children are asked to concentrate on 3 things: consideration for others, fasting, (giving up a little treat eg lollies, fizzy drink)and making time for prayer. Children will receive Project Compassion boxes where they choose to collect coins or pocket money. Please encourage your children in their efforts, especially towards prayer.

PT&F news
Last night we held our AGM of the PT&F. Thankyou to all those parents who were able to attend the meeting it is great to see such interest and support from our parent body. Congratulations to our new executive.
President: Clare Baker
Vice President: Amelia Bastian
Secretary: Fran Prowse
Treasurer: Kelly Walters and Kristy Redmond
Canteen Convenor/Manager: Nikki Boxsell

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. As part of the celebrations our whole school we will be travelling by bus to Armidale to attend the Catholic Schools Celebration Mass at the Cathedral at 11:00am on Thursday 9 March. While we are in Armidale we will be taking the students to visit the Armidale Folk Museum as well as the Armidale Town Library. Could you please sign the attached note re this excursion.

Swimming Carnival
A huge thankyou to all our parents and grandparents who were available to come and help out and to support our students at our annual Swimming Carnival. Thankyou to all our students who eagerly participated. Congratulations to Alice Prowse, Ethan Walters and Zoe Walters on their selection to compete at the Diocesan Carnival this Thursday. We wish you all the best. See the back page for our results and photos.

School Student Leaders
Congratulations to our School Student Leaders for 2017: Charlotte Baker, Jessica Munzenrieder, Jack Reddon and Jordan Redmond. I have been impressed by the leadership skills they are showing and the way they are giving good example to the younger students. Next week we will have a photo of them all in their new school blazers. Watch this space!

Regards
Judy Elks

SCHOOL MASS

There will be a whole school Mass this Friday 24 February at 9:10am. All welcome.

ASSEMBLY

Our whole school assembly will be held this Friday at 2:45pm. All welcome.

CONFIRMATION

Next Tuesday 28 February at 5:30 we will be holding a Confirmation information session for the parents of our Year 5 /6 Catholic students who are going to make their Confirmation later this term.

STEP DAY AT O'CONNOR

On Wednesday 8 March our Year 6 students will participate in their first STEP Day at O'Connor Catholic College. This program is aimed at developing strategies to assist students in their transition into secondary schooling. It allows the students to become familiar with the high school structure, meet their teachers, and spend time with their future classmates.

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.

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Parents and visitors are kindly asked not to bring dogs onto the school grounds. If you need to bring a dog with you please ensure that it is on a lead and tied up at the fence outside the entrance to the school. This is as much for your dog's safety as it is for the children. Thank you for your co-operation.

CHICKENPOX AND GLANDULAR FEVER ADVICE

Please be advised that we have had some cases of chicken pox and a case of glandular fever within our community.

With regard to Chickenpox a person may be contagious for a few days prior, but it is only when the symptoms present themselves that the person knows of the infection and needs to be absent from school until the sores/spots are no longer weeping. For further information please visit the following site:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/chickenpox.aspx

With regard to Glandular Fever (Infectious mononucleosis) it mostly affects teenagers and young adults. The disease is spread through saliva and can cause fever, sore throat, and swollen lymph nodes. Illness usually lasts between one week and several weeks. People with infectious mononucleosis should avoid kissing others, regularly wash their hands and not share drink containers. As long as the person is not feeling unwell there is no need to be absent from school. For further information please visit the following site:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/mononucleosis.aspx

For further information please call your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055 or visit the New South Wales Health website www.health.nsw.gov.au

PT&F CORNER

Thank you to the previous members of the committee (Kathy Dodd, Jo Fletcher, Jordan Hannaford, Dylan Bastian and Belinda Moir) for their dedication to their roles.
I am looking forward to working with our new committee, teaching staff and all our parents to help our children and our school achieve great things.
Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 May at 6:00pm. It will be great to see you there!

Clare Baker
President

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CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Forms were sent home in last week's newsletter calling for offers of help on our roster for this term. To date we have had only ONE reply to assist Nicki Boxsell. If you can give a little of your time on a Monday please let us know. Thank you.

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FIRE EDUCATION DISPLAY

Next Friday 3 March our students will be walking to Hamden Park to observe a Fire Education Display. The display is part of the State Fire Fighters Championships which will be taking place here in Uralla. Please complete the attached permission note and return it to school as soon as possible.

IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM

Learning Studio Spelling Lesson

During our Literacy rotations one of the activities is Spelling. Today we played Bananarama. In this game you need to use letter tiles to create a crossword puzzle to make as many words as you can with the letters that you have chosen. You can put down one tile and pick up 2 if you can't use that letter. If you use all your letters you call out *Bananarama* and everyone has to pick up a new tile. Once all the tiles have been taken the first person to have a completed crossword is the winner.

This game teaches us how to spell words correctly. We look for patterns in words and we learn to add endings to words. It is great fun!

Seth, Alice, Monty, Shyan and Zoe