



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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

Principal's Awards for 'Sharing a talent for the good of others':

- Infants - Ethan Wooldridge
- Primary - Jack Reddon

Studio Awards

Infants - Montana Hayes for consistently trying her best in all areas of her learning.

Primary - Seth Muzenrieder for great efforts in Maths.

IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM

This week the Primary Learning Studio has been busy working on their division and multiplication strategies in maths using concrete objects to reinforce their knowledge and understanding.



Dates to Remember

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
Wed 5 Apr: School Cross Country
Fri 7 Apr: Term 1 ends

Mon 24 Apr: Pupil free day
Tue 25 Apr: ANZAC Day March
Wed 26 Apr: Students commence Term 2

CANTEEN
MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TERM ROSTER!

Please phone the school.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
8 Mar:
 Seth Munzenrieder





St Joseph's School Newsletter



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
GREAT LEARNING, GREAT COMMUNITIES

8 MARCH 2017
TERM 1 WEEK 7

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Catholic Schools week

This is a reminder that tomorrow, Thursday, our whole school we will be travelling by bus to Armidale to attend the Catholic Schools Celebration Mass at the Cathedral at 11:00am. While we are in Armidale we will be taking the students to visit the Armidale Folk Museum as well as the Armidale Town Library. The CSO have offered to cater lunch for our school after Mass. Therefore we ask that you pack morning tea and a water bottle for your child on this day. If your child has any special dietary requirements could you please pack their lunch also. **Please return any outstanding permission notes and \$5/per child contribution for the bus as soon as possible.** We are grateful to the PT&F for also donating towards the cost of the bus. The school and office will be unattended from 10:00am to 2:30pm. For any urgent matters please phone 0448 447 131.

St Joseph's Annual Plan

One of the main roles of a Principal is to develop with the staff an over-arching plan each year to guide our teaching staff in our delivery of the best possible educational experience for our students. Our Annual Plan for this year has three goals:

1. To Strengthen our Pastoral Care and Wellbeing of our Students. This will be based around the introduction of the *Bounce Back* program across the whole school. As part of this we have been encouraging our students to "use their words" and try and work through issues with their peers and if this is not working to ask a teacher. I am very impressed with the way the students have taken on this approach to solve issues and how they are displaying, through their actions, the values they have learnt through our *Bounce Back* program.
2. To Improve our Communication with Parents. We are focusing on a three way partnership - parent, child and teacher by keeping our lines of communication open. Our informal chats at the beginning of the year enabled us to begin this line of communication. We also are trying to support our parents in their understanding of what we do in our school and the importance of knowing what is actually happening in our classrooms. We are trying to do this through our newsletter articles, "In and Around the Classroom", within the newsletter each week. The students have also begun sharing displays of their classroom activities with parents at assembly. We also encourage you to talk with your children about their lessons in the classroom.
3. To Improve Academic Learning. We aim to ensure that **every** student gains a year's learning for a year at school. As part of this initiative Miss Kelly and I will be attending a two day "Collaborative Inquiry Initiative" workshop next week in Armidale with Canadian professor, Dr Lyn Sharratt. She will present current research into pedagogical practice that enables improvement in learning to occur for **all** students. This will support our focus on student/teacher learning collaboration and a "results focus". This is an important foundation that will be expanded on and deepened over the year.

Regards
Judy Elks

SCHOOL MASS

There will be NO school Mass this Friday as we will have had the Catholic Schools Week Mass at the Cathedral on Thursday.

ASSEMBLY

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

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The next sporting event on the school calendar will be our School Cross Country on Wednesday 5 April at the Uralla Sports Complex. Our students have already commenced training for this event, but also encourage them to train at home.

SALE OF PRODUCE FROM CHILDREN'S VEGIE GARDEN

If your family would like a jar of Joey's Pickles just send in \$2 and we will send it home for you. Half the proceeds will be donated to Project Compassion and the other half to cover the cost of the jars. PLENTY OF JARS LEFT!!

PARISH STREET STALL

The Parish Street Stall is running all this week. Please call in and give it your support.

YR 6 FUNDRAISER RAFFLE WINNER

Year 6 students ran their raffle draw at last Friday's assembly and the Adams family (Georgia & Callie) had the winning ticket. The Yr 6 students have two more raffles to run in Terms 2 & 3.

CARITAS VISIT

Last Thursday our school hosted a visit by Semiti on behalf of Caritas. Semiti is from Fiji and is the director of the People's Community Networks which is working with Caritas to support and empower Fijians living in informal communities so they can access education, healthcare and housing. The students learnt a lot from Semiti's visit and have a better understanding of how their Project Compassion Box donations really do help the less fortunate.



WII GAAY RECOUNT

Last week I went on a camp for Aboriginal students. On Tuesday we went to the zoo and walked 14 kms. We saw all sorts of animals. It was the zoo's birthday so they brought out the oldest elephant and had a cake. All our work was about the zoo. In Maths we had to design our own zoo using grid paper and learnt about area and perimeter. In English we were taught "sizzling starts" and came up with a story about the zoo using an app called 'glogster'. We chose an animal to make a poster using information about it. I chose an elephant. I met many friends and had a great time!

By Zoe Walters

ROTARY ART SHOW NOTES

All outstanding permission notes for your child to enter their artwork in the Rotary Art Show need to be returned by TOMORROW. Extra forms were sent home today.

TG'S CHILD CARE

Meg from TG's wishes to let all families know that TG's now has a Nursery Room providing high quality care for children from newborn to 2 years old. This is in addition to its long-day care service with a pre-school program for children 2 - 5 years of age. For further information phone Meg on 6778 3369 or call in anytime for a visit.



PT&F CORNER

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 May at 6:00pm. It will be great to see you there!

Clare Baker
President

CANTEEN NEWS

Next Monday we will be selling Chocolate Raisin Brownies. Ingredients: dark chocolate, unsalted butter, caster sugar, eggs, plain flour, cocoa powder, milk choc bits & raisins. What a yummy treat for only 50c a slice!

FIRE EDUCATION DISPLAY

On Friday St Joseph's went to Hampden Park to meet some of the Uralla Fire Brigade and talk about fire safety as this is what we are learning about in PD/Health. We learned about fire safety and how dangerous it can be to put water on an oil fire. We learned what to do when there is a fire. FIRE, FIRE, FIRE! We also learned what to do if we catch on fire STOP, DROP, COVER and ROLL. We got to spray the hose with the firemen. Some of us were lucky enough to use the firehose without the Firemen. It was awesome!
(Photos with thanks to Jo Fletcher)

By Year 1/2

