

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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

Principal's Awards

Infants: Jade Redmond

Primary: Ethan Walters

Studio Awards

Infants: Ethan Wooldridge

Primary: Shyan Dodd



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

⇒ **URALLA SOCCER CLUB DISCO**

Uralla Soccer Club is having a disco on Saturday 27 May from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Uralla Bowling Club for ages 5 to 14. Cost is \$6 including hotdog, drinks & glowstick. Dress up as favourite sporting team or player. Prizes to be won.

⇒ **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE ARMIDALE**

A vacancy exists within the Catholic Schools Office, for a temporary full-time (35 hours per week) Office Assistant up to 15 December 2017, a part-time position may be considered.

For an application form and position description visit the CSO website

<http://arm.catholic.edu.au/employment/current-vacancies/school-leadership-vacancies>

or contact Leanne Woods, Personnel Officer on 6772 7388 or email lwoods@arm.catholic.edu.au

Please email or post application form, including a letter of application addressing the selection criteria, to the Personnel Officer, PO Box 636, Armidale 2350 or email to lwoods@arm.catholic.edu.au by 4.30 pm Tuesday 23 May 2017.

Preferred applicants will be subject to employment screening.

Dates to Remember

10,11,12 May: NAPLAN

Tests

Mon 15 May:

*Diocesan Cross Country

Quirindi

*Author Visit

Fri 2 Jun: PUPIL FREE DAY

Mon 12 Jun: Queen's

Birthday Public Holiday

Wed 14 Jun: Yr 6 RE Test

TERM DATES

Term 2 ends: Fri 30 June

Term 3 begins: Mon 17 July

Term 3 ends: Fri 22 September

Term 4 begins: Mon 9 October

Term 4 ends: Tue 19 December



CANTEEN

**VOLUNTEERS STILL
NEEDED FOR TERM 2:**





St Joseph's School Newsletter



MOTHER'S DAY
Sunday 14 May

10 MAY 2017
TERM 2 WEEK 3

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

NAPLAN

I would like to congratulate our students on the very calm way they have addressed the NAPLAN testing this week.

Diocesan Cross Country

Next week we have 6 of our students Jack Reddon, Georgia White, Meredith Hannaford, Malakye Wright, Ethan Walters and Kaitlyn Walters, participating at the Diocesan Cross Country. We wish them all the best and thank the parents who have been able to provide transport to enable our students to attend.

Grip Leadership

Last Thursday our Year 6 students attended the GRIP Leadership Conference in Armidale. Despite the amount of fun they had, they did learn some wonderful skills. They learned to identify different leadership strategies and also learnt about the need to be authentic leaders. This was a wonderful opportunity to take our students out of their comfort zone where they needed to introduce themselves to a wide range of unknown people as they completed the required activities.

Reading

Reading is a very important part of our school curriculum and one of the most important life skills that we rely on. Our children should be reading on a regular basis so that they have a good grasp on this important skill. Tonight at the PT&F meeting the teachers will be running a short presentation on how you can support your child as they learn to read. Please come along and listen so you can feel confident in helping your child with this skill when you read with your child each night.

Sacraments for 2017

During 2017 we will be celebrating the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Dates have been set down for these important celebrations. First Eucharist will be Term 3 on 20th August. Reconciliation will be held during Term 4 on 21st November. Please note carefully these dates and pencil them in so that your child does not miss these important religious milestones.

Federal Budget & Education Funding

In light of recent announcements by the Federal Government about education funding I wish to draw your attention to the media release issued by the Catholic Schools Office Armidale. A copy is included in this newsletter for your information.

Mother's Day

When you become a mother you wonder why no one has ever printed out a job description for this very important role - it's endless! Suddenly you find yourself using skills that you never even realised you possessed and finally you find the truth in the old saying 'A mothers work is never done'. But while the work can be tough, the rewards are never ending. This Sunday we wish you all a very Happy Mothers Day, we hope you are able to relax, enjoy and create more precious memories with your beautiful families.



Kind regards

Judy Elks

SCHOOL MASS

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

ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly will be held this Friday at **2:45pm**. All welcome.



AUTHOR VISIT

Next Monday 15 May our school will be hosting a visit by well known children's books author Tristan Bancks. The Children's Book Council of Australia (Armidale Branch) has organised the visit and this is a great opportunity for our students to meet and be inspired by this author. Tristan Bancks is an Australian children's and teen author, with a background in filmmaking and acting. His books include Two Wolves (recognised as an Honour Book in the 2015 Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year Awards, as well as winner of the YABBA and KOALA Children's Choice Awards), the My Life series (weird-funny-gross short stories featuring Tom Weekly) and Mac Slater, Coolhunter. His short films as writer and director have won a number of awards and have screened widely in festivals and on TV. Tristan is excited by the future of storytelling and inspiring others to create. As an actor, he is known for his role as Tug O'Neale on Home and Away between 1992-1994.

There will be a small fee of \$3 per child to help cover costs. Please send in your money by next Monday. Thank you.

LIBRARY NEWS

Author Visit Next Monday

Next Monday the school is very lucky to have the author Tristan Bancks visit the school. He will talk to the children about how he got into writing books and what he loves about reading and writing.

You can have a look at his website (just Google Tristan Bancks) if you would like to find out more about this author.

Kim Heagney



ST JOSEPH'S SHEEP MANURE



The students in the business group have recommenced their sheep manure business for 2017. 15 kg bags of premium sheep manure are now available to order for \$4 per bag.

Please contact the school on 6778 4063 with your order.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Please note, there will be a pupil free day on Friday the 2nd June. Teachers will be attending a Professional Development day on Core Catholic Principles and Values.

O'CONNOR CATHOLIC COLLEGE YR 7 ENROLMENTS

O'Connor Catholic College is now accepting first round enrolments for Year 7 2018. Places for all students from our feeder schools will be held open until the end of Term 2, whereupon after this date they will be open to any Year 6 student.

An enrolment package is available upon request by contacting the College on 6772 1666.

PT&F CORNER

Next Meeting

Our first meeting for the term is TONIGHT Wednesday 10 May at 6:00pm in the Primary Learning Studio. There will be a special presentation by the teachers about helping our kids with their reading. ALL WELCOME! See you there.

Clare Baker
PT&F President

IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM

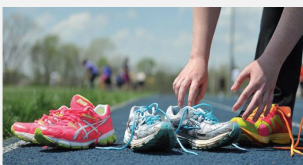
The Primary Learning Studio has been participating in a 'What Makes Good Writing?' Think Tank and the following are the **Year 4 and Year 6 responses to what makes good writing.**

- Writing must have a purpose. (Montana)
- It must have all punctuation. (Seth)
- Powerful and detailed sentences. (Jordan)
- Include sizzling starter. (Kaitlyn)
- Describing words. (Tilly)
- You have to attract the audience. (Jess)
- Tighten the tension in the story by adding more exciting problems. (Charlotte B)
- Exciting endings and "Show Don't Tell" E.g. Tell is 'The mountain' - Show is 'The humongous green slopes covered in bushland'. (Charlotte B)
- Ban boring words. (Shyan)
- Use deep meanings. (Jordan)

SPORT NEWS

Diocesan Cross Country

Next Monday we will have six runners compete at the Diocesan Cross country carnival in Quirindi. Runners who come in the top six at this carnival will have the opportunity to compete in Sydney later in the year. We would like to wish all our runners the very best for the day. We would also like to thank all the parents who have driven the children to this carnival.



ADIG is proud to be a major sponsor of the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival and send our best wishes to all participating students. We look forward to seeing you there.
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