

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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

Principal's Award for using technology responsibly to learn:

Infants—Chelsea Doran

Primary—Malakye Wright

Class Awards:

Infants—Archie Moir for improved fluency during reading groups.

Primary—Matilda Boxsell and Alice Prowse for 100% participation in class.

**COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**⇒ **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.

⇒ **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.

Dates to Remember**Wed 24 May:**

*Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians Mass at 9:10am

*Yr 5 STEP Day @ O'Connor

Fri 2 Jun: PUPIL FREE DAY

Mon 12 Jun: Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wed 14 Jun: Yr 6 RE Test

Tue 20 Jun: Life Ed Van visit

Fri 23 Jun: Athletics Carnival

Wed 28 Jun: NAIDOC at school

Fri 30 Jun: last day of term

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**

22 May: F Munzenrieder

29 May: B Moir

5 Jun: Volunteer Needed

Tue 13 Jun: B Moir

19 Jun: Volunteer Needed

26 Jun: F Munzenrieder





St Joseph's School Newsletter



JOEY'S—A GREAT PLACE TO BE!

17 MAY 2017
TERM 2 WEEK 4

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Cross Country

Congratulations to our students—Jack Reddon, Georgia White, Malakye Wright, Meredith Hannaford, Kaitlyn Walters and Ethan Walters—who competed at the Diocesan Cross Country in Quirindi on Monday. The weather was kind and the children had a great day. For some it was their first time representing the school at this level and they have learnt a lot from the experience. Congratulations to Malakye Wright who will now represent the Diocese in the AWD division at the Catholic Primary Schools Trials in Sydney on 16 June.



Mini Vinnies

Mini Vinnies is about doing good works that benefit people in both our local community and globally. It is also about young people meeting to talk, share ideas and concerns, to have fun and support each other. The Mini Vinnies model of "See, Think, Do" is a great way to get young people thinking and talking about their spirituality and to connect their faith with issues affecting their community through volunteering and fundraising. Not only do the students in Mini Vinnies benefit from the experience but so does the school and wider community. This year we are running Mini Vinnies as a whole school allowing all our students to be part of an activity that helps them to live their faith through action. Our project for this term is to visit our friends at McMaugh Gardens. The students will visit fortnightly in their class group.



Open Morning and Transition Program

We will be holding our Kindergarten 2018 Open Morning on Wednesday 7 June to showcase our school to prospective parents. **Our Transition program this year will run every Wednesday for Terms 3 and 4.**

I would like to invite any of our current K-2 parents who would be available on this morning to come and share their experience of our school with our new parents. If you know of any parents who have pre-schoolers looking to start next year, please ask them along to our open morning. There are no obligations or commitments associated with the transition

program. Prospective parents are invited to come and try the Joey's experience and to make their decision after Term 3. Flyers and posters will be sent out next week.

Kind regards
Judy Elks

SCHOOL MASS

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

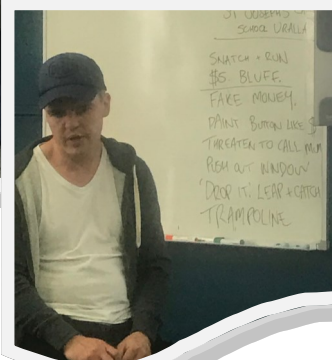
Please note that next week our whole school Mass will be held on Wednesday 24 May at 9:10am to celebrate the feast day of Our Lady Help of Christians. All welcome.



ASSEMBLY

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

LIBRARY NEWS



The students had a wonderful time last Monday when we hosted the author Tristan

Banks. They not only listened to Tristan's stories but they also gained some more insights into how they can write their own interesting stories. There was a small cost of \$3 per child to help cover the cost of this visit. Thank you to those families who have already sent their money in. It would be appreciated if all monies could be in by this Friday thank you.

Kim Heagney

BOOK CLUB

If you are wishing to place an order for this term's issue of Book Club, please have your orders in by this Friday. Thank you.

STEP DAY AT O'CONNOR

The first STEP Day for Year 5 students only will take place next Wednesday 24 May. The students are to come to school as usual and will be transported by bus. Permission notes have been sent home today. Please return the notes as soon as possible.

PUPIL FREE DAY REMINDER

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.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN VISIT

Our annual visit by the Life Education Van will take place on Tuesday 20 June. More details and permission notes will be in the newsletter closer to the date.

PT&F CORNER

Cleaning Roster at the Church

Is there anyone interested in going on the cleaning roster at the church? The expectation is you would be rostered on once every six weeks. It could be done any day or time to suit you. If you would be available to take on this role please contact the school.

Street Stall

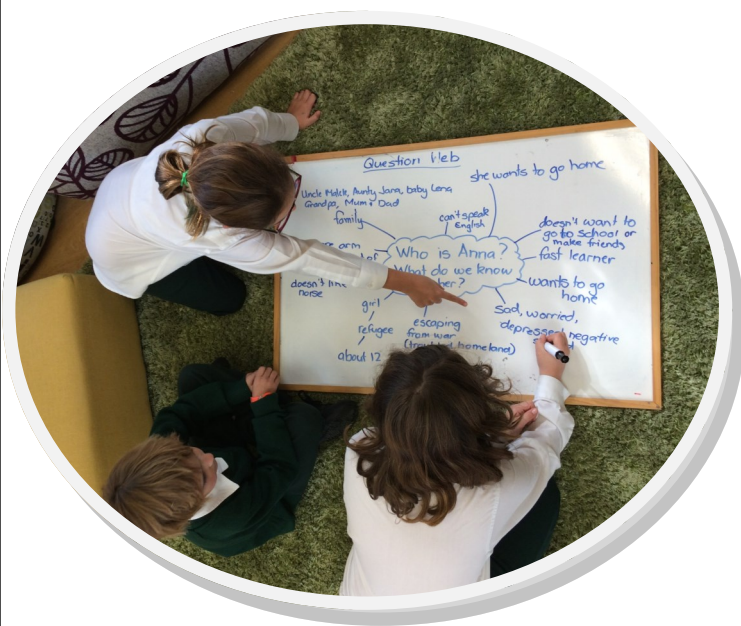
Our annual Street Stall will be held from 19 to 26 June. Please keep this date in your diary as we will need volunteers to man the stall and to provide produce etc. for the stall.

Next Meeting: 2 August at 6:00pm.

Clare Baker
PT&F President

IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM

Question Web



Comprehending a text is the most important reason for reading. One of the strategies we are teaching our students, in order to help with their comprehension, is a technique called "Question Web". The focus is on asking and answering "thin" (literal) and 'thick' (inferential) questions. The students record a question they would like answered from the text in the middle of the page. The student then reads aloud a few pages from the book. As information that pertains to the question comes up, they record the information in their books and draw a line connecting it to the circled question. They can

then use the information gathered to answer their question.

NECOM PIANO TRIO VISIT

Our school will host the NECOM Piano Trio again this year on Friday 21 July. We are so fortunate to be so close to the New England Conservatorium of Music to be able to take advantage of these opportunities for our students to experience a concert of live music performed by professional musicians at very little cost. The musicians will present a 50 minute concert featuring piano, cello and violin. The students will see how instruments work, hear what they sound like and listen to beautiful music played live. They will learn about musical concepts, be able to ask questions and interact in activities. Notes will go home early next term.

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.

