

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received their awards at last Friday's assembly.

Principal's Award for "Using technology responsibly to learn" went to:

Infants Studio— Ruby Bastian

Primary Studio— Zoe Walters

Class Awards went to:

Infants Studio— Cohen Hannaford

Primary Studio— Brittany Doran



CENTACARE—FAMILY RELATIONSHIP CENTRE

Please see the enclosed flyer for information about some great courses on offer through Centacare in Armidale. They have 4 FREE courses on offer from August through to December. These courses provide practical tips and skills in parenting children at various stages. In addition to the free courses there are some other reasonably priced courses for families experiencing relationship breakdowns.



Let us help with your child's future

Saving for your children's future isn't complicated.

ADIG's Student Saver account offers the ease of saving through your school.

Our fee free accounts not only assist you, but also support your local school.

Join us and make a difference



URALLA LIONS CLUB MEN'S CANCER FUNDRAISER

"Fearless Fellas Cricket Match"

- ◆ Saturday 16 September 2017
- ◆ Hampden Park, Uralla
- ◆ Registration 9:30am, Play starts 10:00am
- ◆ BBQ Lunch, tea, coffee, cold drinks
- ◆ All proceeds to Research & Treatment of Men's Cancers
- ◆ Enquiries phone 0424 299 614

Dates to Remember

Every Wednesday: Transition

Wed 16 Aug: SAC Info

Evening 6:30pm

Thur 17 Aug: Yr 6 STEP Day
at O'Connor

Fri 18 Aug: Diocesan Athletics
at Tamworth

Sun 20 Aug: First Eucharist

Mon 4 Sep: SAC Inaugural
Meeting 6:30pm

TERM DATES

Term 3 ends: Fri 22 September

Term 4 begins: Mon 9 October

Term 4 ends: Tue 19 December

CANTEEN

Volunteers needed for
Term 3.

Please contact the
school if you can help
out on a Monday.

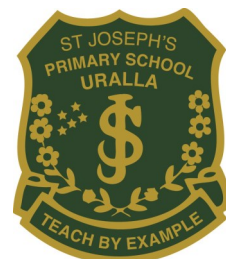
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Fri 18 Aug:
Montana & Shyan
Dodd





St Joseph's School Newsletter



FIRST EUCHARIST
SUNDAY 20 AUGUST 8:00AM

16 AUGUST 2017
TERM 3 WEEK 5

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

SAC meeting

Tonight at 6:30pm we will be holding an information evening about the new School Advisory Council. This information evening is open to all interested parents, staff, parishioners and friends who would like to know more about this new body which will replace the existing School Board. Anyone interested in nominating for the new School Advisory Council is encouraged to attend.

NAPLAN Results

The NAPLAN reports for students in years 3 and 5 have arrived at school. We are pleased with the overall results. An envelope will be sent home with the student today which contains a report on the student's achievement in the tests. If you have any questions or concerns about the reports please contact the school and make an appointment to speak to the teachers.

School Gardens

Next Thursday 24 August we will see the beginning of a school gardens project initiated by one of our parents Mrs Sam Kauffmann. We have also been approached by Bunnings who are wanting to contribute to our school beautification through donations of labour and goods. The children will be involved in helping with some preparation of the beds and planting. All students may come to school on that day dressed in play clothes suitable for gardening. Thank you to Bunnings and an even bigger thank you to Sam! We look forward to sharing in the "fruits" of your labour!

Diocesan Athletics

Best wishes to Mariah Carlon, Charlotte Fletcher, Meredith Hannaford, Zoe Walters, Ethan Walters, Georgia White, Jordan Redmond and Malakye Wright who will be representing our school at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival in Tamworth on Friday.

Sporting Schools Grant

Next Friday during Sport we will have a specialist coming in to instruct our students in the skills of playing netball. These sessions will continue for four weeks and are being funded by a grant received from the Australian Government through the Sporting Schools Program.

Thankyou to Kim Heagney and Emma Kelly for organising this activity.

First Eucharist

This Sunday the 20th August at the 8:00am Mass, four of our students—Sienna Bastian, Mariah Carlon, Charlotte Fletcher and Ethan Walters—will be receiving their First Eucharist.

The Eucharist is the central celebration of the Catholic community. The Eucharist unites all Catholics as members of the one community, the one body of Christ. We gather in communion with each other. We join together in shared hope and belief in Jesus' life, death and Resurrection. You are all invited to come and share in this special celebration at Mass this Sunday morning and afterwards for morning tea in the hall. Please bring a plate to share.



Kind regards
Judy Elks

SCHOOL MASS

There will be NO school Mass this Friday as we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption with Mass yesterday.



CHURCH CHOIR

Any students who were going to participate in the church choir this Saturday night are asked to please come instead to the First Eucharist Mass on Sunday at 8:00am to be part of the choir for this very special occasion. All students are welcome to come and sing in the choir at the Saturday night 6:00pm Mass on the following dates: 16/09/17; 14/10/17; 18/11/17; & 16/12/17. Mrs Toomey will practise the songs at school on the Thursday prior to each of the Masses. For further information please contact Mrs Dawn Toomey on 6778 4162.

ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly will be this Friday 18 August at 2:45pm. All welcome. Please note there will be NO assembly next Friday 25 August as we will be having our netball skills clinic from 2:00pm—3:00pm.

STEP DAY AT O'CONNOR CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Our Year 6 students will be attending their second day of the Stage Three Enrichment Program (STEP) at O'Connor Catholic College this Thursday 17 August 2017. Our students leave by bus at 9.30am and return by 2.30pm. The bus is being provided for St Joseph's and St Patrick's students by O'Connor Catholic College.

The students will be supervised by a teacher from St Patrick's Walcha. Permission notes are due in by tomorrow.

SPORTS NEWS

We have eight athletes heading to Tamworth this Friday to compete in the next level for athletics.

We would like to wish all the athletes good luck and thank all the parents for taking the students to this carnival.

Athletes who are successful at this level will head to Newcastle on the 8th of September for the next carnival.

We are also starting our Netball program using our Sporting schools funding in the next couple of weeks. We will have someone from Netball Australia coming to the school to teach the students skills and rules of playing netball.

Kim Heagney

BABY NEWS



Congratulations to Mariah Carlon on becoming a big sister to little brother, Cooper John, who was born last Friday. Best wishes and congratulations also to Kiri and Justin.



THANK YOU FROM CARITAS

Caritas Australia extends our most heartfelt thanks to each and every person, school and parish who supported Project Compassion 2017. With your generosity and creativity, together we raised over \$11 million for the most vulnerable communities around the world. THANK YOU for making a difference.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Our school is participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. If you or your extended family and friends shop at Woolies please collect the stickers and send them in to school. The program ends on 19 September.

LIBRARY NEWS

We had a great day last Wednesday at book week. The scholastic book fair was a great success and the school library now has some fabulous new books for the students to borrow and to be used as resources in the classroom. As Spring is just around the corner I thought that the following quote appropriate:

If you have a garden and a library you have everything you need.

Kim Heagney

LIBRARY NEWS

We thought we would share some more photos from our Book Fair Parade with you!

