

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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

Principal's Award went to:

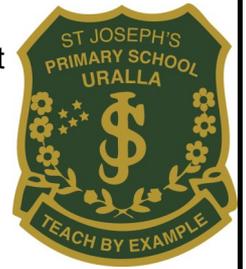
Infants: Ethan Wooldridge

Primary: Malakye Wright

Class Awards went to:

Infants: Ruby Bastian

Primary: Alice Prowse



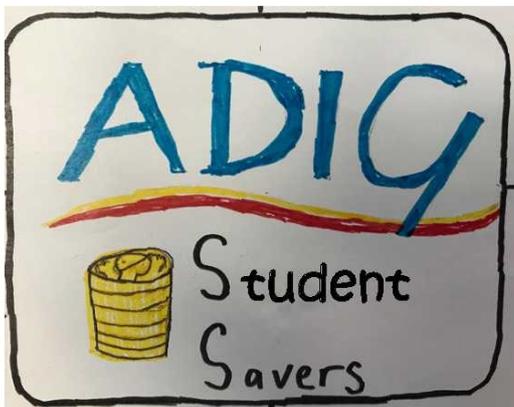
Don't forget to change!

Have you made the change to a Student Saver account?

Letters have been mailed out to students explaining how to change to a Student Saver account.

Make the change today.

Refer to www.adig.com.au for our full disclosure statement.



Dates to Remember

TERM 4
Every Wednesday: Transition
1st Nov: Afternoon retreat—
 Parents Welcome
Fri 3 Nov: Orienteering @
 school
Tue 7 Nov: Brain Olympia
 Narrabri
Thur 9 Nov: OPEN MORNING
Fri 10th Nov: STEM Day (Yr
 5/6)
Wed 15 Nov: Armidale
 Excursion
Fri 17th Nov: Boating Safety

Fri 17 Nov: Orienteering @
 School
Sun 19 Nov: Golf Day
Mon 20 Nov: Swimming
 Program begins
Wed 22 Nov: School Play
Thur 23 Nov: Yr 6 STEP Day
Fri 1 Dec: Swimming program
 ends
Sun 3 Dec: St Joseph's Fete
Tue 12 Dec: Presentation
 Night

Fri 15 Dec: Last day of term
 for students
Tue 19 Dec: Last day for staff

**Tombola
 Donation
 Week**



St Joseph's School Newsletter



OPEN DAY
THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 9:00—11:00

1 NOVEMBER 2017
TERM 4 WEEK 4

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Mrs Kerrie Biddle. Kerrie has been away on leave for the past 5 weeks but she has returned rearing to go!

Thunderbolts Festival

Thankyou to all the students who were able to dress up and come in the Thunderbolts parade last weekend. Your efforts were greatly noted. My thanks also to our wonderful staff for walking with our students and helping with their costumes—you are a great asset to our school! Thankyou also to the parents and staff who were able to support the PT&F on the BBQ at the festival. It was a great success and lots of fun.

Mini Vinnies

Tomorrow we will be hosting the Mini Vinnies conference here at school. We will have students and teachers visiting from Armidale and Walcha. Please pack your child's recess and lunch as normal. Thank you.

Excursion to Armidale

On Wednesday 15th November our students and teachers will travel to Armidale by bus for TWO fantastic experiences. Firstly we will attend the Duval High School performance of the "Suessical Musical" at the UNE Arts Theatre. The students will then have lunch and be taken to a venue for an afternoon of orienteering. The cost of this excursion will be \$5 per child. Please complete the permission note attached to this newsletter and return to school with your \$5.

Nominations for SAC

The SAC (School Advisory Council) has replaced the old School Board model. On Monday we sent home information and forms looking for nominations from our school community to become part of this new committee. If you would like to nominate please return your nominations ASAP. Our next SAC meeting is the AGM which will be held Monday 13th November.

After School Care - Survey

The After School Care Survey will close this Friday 3rd November. If you haven't yet filled in this survey please do so—it **will only take 3 minutes of your time**. If you know of any other parents within the Uralla district who would be interested in this service please pass on this web address <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StJosephsPrimarySchoolUralla> so they can complete the survey. Thanks for your support in this venture.

Open Morning

Our school will be holding an Open Morning next week on Thursday 9th November from 9:00 to 11:00am. This morning is open to any parent and child from K-6 who would like to find out more about our school and what we have to offer. If you know of anyone who may be interested please invite them along to this morning.

If any parent is available to come to this information morning to mingle and answer questions of our prospective parents I would welcome your interest and support. Thanks in advance for your help!

Brain Olympia

Congratulation to our Brain Olympia team who came first in the small schools section of the Tamworth event. The finals will be held in Narrabri next Tuesday 7th November. Thankyou to the parents Mrs Fran Prowse, Mr Kirin Walters and Mr David Adams for transporting our students to these events. Thank you also to Mrs Heagney for her support, encouragement and training of our team.

Kind regards,
Judy Elks

PT&F NEWS

Thunderbolts Festival

Thank you to all the parents who were able to support our BBQ stall at Thunderbolts. Parents who worked before the day organising and those who volunteered on the day make our PT&F and school the community it is. I would also like to thank all the teachers for walking with our children in the parade and for lending their hands throughout the whole day on our BBQ stall. A special thank you to Dan Riley who very kindly gave up his day to work on our BBQ.

Clare Baker (President)

SCHOOL MASS

There will be NO school Mass this Friday as we attended Mass today for the Feast of All Saints.



CHURCH CHOIR

All students are welcome to come and sing in the choir at the Saturday night 6:00pm Mass on the following dates: 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

Assembly will be held this Friday at 2:45pm. All welcome.

WOOD RAFFLE



One of the stalls at the St Joseph's Fete this year will be a wood raffle. If there are any families who would be able to donate a load of wood for the Fete in December please contact the office.

MINI VINNIES CONFERENCE

On Thursday the 2nd November, we will be hosting the annual Mini Vinnies conference at our school. Students from St Mary's Armidale and St Patrick's Walcha will be joining us for this special day. The students from each school will share their achievements throughout the year with other children. They will also take part in a small workshop involving social justice issues.

YEAR 6 RAFFLE

The raffle will be drawn this Friday so all families still have two more days to get your tickets and money in!

ST JOSEPH'S FETE

This years Parish/School Fete will be held on Sunday 3rd December. Our donation appeal is for the Tombola stall. If you could please send in a jar/container filled with something non-perishable suitable as a prize, it would be very much appreciated.



BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM



On the 17th of November Roads and Maritime Services will be coming to St Josephs to do a presentation about safe and enjoyable boating procedures. The presentation is aimed at using safety equipment correctly while participating in all types of boating activities.

BABY NEWS

Ben and Shannon Carlon are pleased to announce that their little baby boy has been named Oliver Maxwell Carlon. Congratulations again!

SUESSICAL MUSICAL

Duval High School presents *Seussical JR.*, a fantastical musical extravaganza. Transporting audiences from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus, the Cat in the Hat narrates the story of Horton the Elephant, who discovers a speck of dust containing tiny people called the Whos. Throughout his journey, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant! Location: UNE Arts Theatre

BRAIN OLYMPIA

On Tuesday the Brain Olympia team travelled to Tamworth to compete in the "Brain Olympia". It was an epic battle against lots of very intelligent schools. It was a mind blowing experience for everyone.

General Knowledge

In general knowledge, we were given 5 different topics and 10 questions in each topic. Our whole team worked together to solve the questions. We strived to get the majority correct, but we sadly got the majority incorrect, but still tried our hardest.

Speech

Our team collected a topic to write about. The topic this year was "Where I live." Jordan spoke about Thunderbolt and how he came to live in Uralla and we told about the amazing highlights of Uralla. We came 3rd out of 10. We were really confident that the judges liked our speech as they laughed at our jokes. Our whole team worked together and wrote together. It was an amazing speech and experience.

Maths

In maths it was very challenging but in the end we got it done. The maths problems were really fun to try to work them out.

We came 1st in the small schools section of the competition and we are off to Narrabri for the next level. After a hard day of working we went to McDonald's for an ice-cream to celebrate. We would also like to say thankyou to Mrs Fran Prowse and Mrs Heagney for volunteering and taking their time to drive us down there.

By Alice, Zoe, Jessica, Jordan, Adrian, Seth, Georgia and Jack

