



St Joseph's School Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Rotary Art Show Congratulations

Our students were very successful with their entries in this year's Rotary Art Show. Congratulations in particular to the following students:

Charlotte Fletcher	2nd Place	Open Photography (Youth Section)
Maya Kauffmann	3rd Place	Children's Art
Jade Redmond	Highly Commended	Children's Art
Ruby Bastian	Encouragement Award	Children's Art



Thank you to Mrs Bremner for coordinating our school's entries and for leading them through the exhibition yesterday. Thank you also to Mrs Hull and Mrs Walters for helping to supervise our students on their visit to the Art Show. The children thoroughly enjoyed their art excursion as you can see from the photos included in this newsletter.

Congratulations also to the Rotary Club of Uralla for another wonderful Art Show this year. Our community is indeed fortunate to have volunteers and organisations such as Rotary who contribute so much to enriching the community.

NAPLAN

Today our Year 3 and 5 students sat the PRACTICE Online NAPLAN test. This practice will help iron out any glitches in the system and allow our students to become familiar with the process.

Mini Vinnies Conference

This year the Mini Vinnies Society has introduced a beginning of year conference to bring the students from Walcha, Guyra, Armidale and Uralla together again to spend time getting to know each other and planning what they may be able to do to help people in their local community.

Our students will all attend the Mini Vinnies conference to be held at St Mary's Armidale on the 23rd March. The children will travel by bus leaving the school at 9:00 and returning before 3pm to school. There will be no costing for this excursion as the St Vincent de Paul Society will pay for the bus cost. Could our students please come dressed in their full sports uniform and bring their hats and a packed recess and lunch. Mrs Kim Heagney will be supervising the students for this excursion. Please complete and return the permission notes by this Friday.

Easter Hat Parade and Easter Egg Raffle

On Tuesday 3rd April, we will be having our Easter hat parade to celebrate Easter. Hats are to be made at home and brought in on Tuesday morning. Following the parade we will draw the Easter raffle. This year our Easter Egg raffle will be run again to raise funds for Project Compassion. All profits from the raffle will go to this important fundraising venture. The raffle will consist of 3 prizes. We are hoping families will purchase tickets in the Easter Raffle so that we can support our neighbours in poorer countries. **Tickets are included with this newsletter—please give this your generous support.**

All parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to come and join in our Easter festivities.
Kind regards
Judy Elks

SCHOOL MASSES

There will be NO school Mass this Friday as we celebrated Mass on Monday for St Joseph's Day.

ST JOSEPH'S DAY

On Monday we celebrated the solemnity of St Joseph, the patron saint of our school and parish. We attended Mass at 9.10am where Monsignor spoke to us about the importance of St Joseph in the story of Jesus and Mary. At morning tea we were treated to a pancake and ice-cream feast. Thanks to Mrs Boxsell and Mrs Dodd, who worked hard to make this happen.

LENTEN FOCUS ACTIVITIES

Reconciliation - Thursday 22nd March 11am Years 3-6

Chrism Mass - Years 5 /6 27th March Armidale (Permission notes to go home with these students.)

Stations of the Cross - Wednesday 28th March 11:30am at St Joseph's Church. All welcome.

CHRISM MASS

Bishop Michael Kennedy has invited all schools across the Diocese to attend the Chrism Mass at Ss Mary and Joseph's Cathedral in Armidale next Tuesday at 11am. Years 5 and 6 students will be attending.

[What is the Chrism Mass all about?](#)

Chrism Mass: its Symbols and Their Meaning

Blessing of Holy Oils

The Chrism Mass is held during Holy Week in every Catholic diocese. During this mass, the priests, deacons and representatives of the entire diocesan community gather around their Bishop, who blesses the Holy Oils for use in the coming year.

These are: Oil of the Sick Oil of Catechumens Sacred Chrism

Whenever the Holy Oils are used in a diocese, the ministry of the Bishop who consecrated them is symbolically present.

Unity, Renewal of Vows and Promises

The Chrism Mass reminds us of our oneness in Christ through Baptism and its holy anointing, made possible by the ministry of the Bishop and his priests. The Chrism Mass is also a key moment in which the unity of the Bishop with his priests is manifested and renewed. During the liturgy, the entire assembly is called to renew its baptismal promises; deacons and priests also renew their vow of obedience to the local Bishop and their commitment to serve God's people. At the end of the Chrism Mass, the Holy Oils are brought back to parishes of the diocese for use in the coming year.

Lyn Herden

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SAMBA MUSIC WORKSHOP RECOUNT

On Wednesday the 14th of March St Josephs Uralla did the Samba Experience and we got taught how to play the drums, bells, tambourines and shakers.

First my group played on the drums with the beat of bang bang bang click. Our teacher Tom Harding was going very slowly teaching us the drums which was very nice.

I like the drums because of it's beat but I think if everyone played the drums that would be very loud and annoying.

I think the Samba Experience was great and I hope Tom could come and teach us again sometime. He is very amazing and has a great sense of humour.

By Seth Munzenrieder



LANTERN MAKING

The annual Uralla Lantern Parade will be held on Saturday 24 March. The organising committee has asked again this year if our school could host the Lantern making activities. Throughout week 8 the other schools from around Uralla will be coming to design and make their lanterns at our school. Our school session will be on Thursday 22 March from 12:00 to 3:00pm. Further details about the parade will be given closer to the date.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Mark your calendars for our school cross country which will be held on Friday 6 April (first week after Easter) at the Uralla Sports Complex. A team will be selected from this event to compete at the Diocesan Cross Country to be held on Monday 14 May at Barraba. Permission notes to be sent home next week.

YEAR 6 STEP DAY RECOUNT

Last Friday Year 6 headed off to O'Connor Catholic College for an experience day there. We did activities such as:

Sport In sport we played volleyball where we got split up into groups to play the game. The game was to throw the ball over the net as quickly as possible, and make it hit the ground before the other team could hit the ball.

STEM: For STEM we played Sphero soccer which is a game you play with around 10 Spheros. Spheros are round robots the size of your hand. We had to use them to get a styrofoam ball into the goals.

Food Tech: In Food Tech we got to cook S'mores (they were created in America) with the teacher Mrs Healey. We learnt how to cook them and they were so yummy!

Ice Breakers: In Ice breakers we got to play games such as 44 home and new games that O'Connor made up. We really enjoyed these games.

Textiles: In textiles we were put into groups with the year nines. We got to trace lines with the sewing machine although there was no thread. Next we got to make bookmarks and iron stamps on. We then decorated and laminated them. Finally we got to bring them home.

It was a great experience at O'Connor and we really enjoyed it!
By Adrian Walters

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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

Principals Awards:

Primary Seth Munzenrieder & Georgia White

Infants Ethan Wooldridge

Class Awards:

Primary Matilda Boxsell

Infants Emerson McDowall

There will be NO assembly this Friday due to the MiniVinnies day in Armidale.



ART SHOW PHOTOS



Dates to Remember

Wed 21 Mar: NAPLAN Online Trial
Thu 22 Mar: Lantern Workshop
Fri 23 Mar: MiniVinnies Armidale
Tue 27 Mar: Chrism Mass Armidale
Wed 28 Mar: Stations of the Cross
Fri 30 Mar: Good Friday (Holiday)
Mon 2 Apr: Easter Monday
 (Holiday)
Fri 6 Apr: School Cross Country

TERM DATES 2018

Term 1:
 Students return Tue 30 January. Last day Fri 13 April.
Term 2:
 Mon 30 April—Fri 6 July.
Term 3:
 Mon 23 July—Fri 28 September.
Term 4:
 Mon 15 October—Fri 21 December.
 (Pupil free days to be advised)

