



# St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

### First Eucharist

Last Sunday, Montana Hayes, along with 3 other children from the parish, received their First Eucharist/Jesus at their First Holy Communion. I would like to thank Mrs Lyn Herden for preparing Montana for this sacrament and for her organisation of this special event. This sacrament was witnessed by proud parents, family and friends. It was a wonderful occasion for our parish and school. The warmth of community spirit was present in the church and the celebrations held afterwards in the school hall. Thank you Monsignor Wilkes for your role in promoting such inspiring parish spirit and fellowship. Thank you also, to Mrs Dawn Toomey, Bev Niland and the students who altar served and sang in the choir. Thank you to the staff for their support and the parent volunteers who helped make this day so special. Everyone working together made this a memorable day for Montana and her family. Congratulations to all of these students!

### Athletics Carnival

Thankyou to all our students on their excellent participation and great display of sportsmanship that was shown last Friday at our annual athletics carnival. It was a beautiful day topped off by the enthusiastic approach you all showed to just 'having a go'. It's a great pleasure to be part of a school where students are willing to 'have a go' at anything. A special thank you to Mrs Kim Heagney for organising such a wonderful day. Thank you to all our parents who were able to join us on the day and for your willingness to help in any way. Days like this cannot be run without your support and we all really appreciate the effort you put in. Medals and Ribbons will be awarded at assembly held next Friday 31st August.

### Diocesan Athletics Carnival

This Friday 24th August, Malakye Wright, Prestyn Mavin and Cambell Mavin will be travelling to Tamworth to compete in the Diocesan Athletics Carnival. Congratulations and we wish you all the best. Thank you to all those parents who have offered to take our students.

### School Uniform

Wearing a uniform is a badge of pride, it creates an identity for a school and is an important part of being a school student. Thank you to both parents and students for every attempt made to come to school dressed in full school uniform each and every day. Your efforts are much appreciated!

### Step Day

O'Connor Step Day is being held tomorrow Wednesday 23rd August. Our Year 6 Students will be picked up by the bus from St Joseph's Primary School at 9:30am and returned by 2:30pm.

### Drought Fee Relief Fund

The Diocese of Armidale has set aside a Drought Fee Relief Fund. This is to offer fee relief to parents affected directly and indirectly by the drought in our school community. The Bishop and the Catholic Schools Office recognise the plight of not only farmers but all of those who are drought affected - including agriculture-related businesses. Any parents seeking this fee relief are invited to contact the school office and we will arrange a meeting to discuss your options.

*Kind regards*

*Judy Elks*

### SPORTS NEWS

Our annual Athletics Carnival was held last Friday 17th August 2018. It was a great success. A huge Thank You to Mrs Kim Heagney for organising such an amazing day. Thank you also to all the parents who helped out in any way they could to make this a memorable day for all. Medals and Ribbons from both the Athletics Carnival and the High Jump Event will be handed out at next Friday 31st August assembly.

The Diocesan Athletics carnival will be held in **Tamworth this Friday 24th August 2018**. Congratulations to Malakye Wright, Prestyn Mavin and Cambell Mavin who have made it to compete at this event. We wish you all the best of luck.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to Montana Hayes on receiving your First Eucharist last Sunday. We are all so happy for you and your family.



## PT&F CORNER

PT&F Meeting held last night was a great success. During this meeting, there was discussion of another meeting to be held in the near future, to discuss this years Thunderbolts Festival **"There's No Place Like Uralla"**, which will be held on **Saturday 27th October 2018**. We will be encouraging as many volunteers as possible to help us out on this day with our BBQ Food Stall. So please mark this date on your calenders.

## K-4 EXCURSION

On Friday 7th September, our Years K - 4 students will be going on an Around Uralla Excursion visiting many local shops and attractions. Details of the excursion and a permission slip will be sent home today with the newsletter.

## YEAR 5/6 EXCURSION

Just a reminder that the Year 5/6 Excursion is approaching us quickly. It will be from Monday 3rd September to Friday 7th September. A note will be sent home next Monday 27th August regarding final details.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Uralla Walks To Buy A Bale

Racecourse Lagoon Sunday September 9th 10:30am. Walk around the lagoon and catch up with mates. Entry is by donation and funds raised go to Buy A Bale to support drought affected farmers. Sausage Sizzle will be prepared by Friends at McMaugh Gardens and the fund will be split between Buy A Bale and Friends at McMaughs. RSVP for catering by September 3rd to Jo Hoad on 0499 204 006.

## IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM

Xavier brought Boris from Preschool in for a visit today. As you can see, Boris and his Transition friends had a ball in the sand pit.



**SCHOOL MASS**

Our next school Mass for the Term will be this Friday 24th August at 9:10am. All are welcome.

**STUDENTS ACKNOWLEDGED**

It is always lovely to see and hear of our students being acknowledged in the wider community for doing great things. This morning we received this email message from Mrs Dawn Toomey and we thought it appropriate to share it with you:

*"A big thankyou to Monty & Shy Dodd for their continued help with singing at each third weekend mass every month at St Joseph's. They also need a big thankyou for singing in our choir at the First Holy Communion Mass last Sunday. A job well done. Monty and Shy are always willing to help out and the Parish is blessed for having them part of our music team. "*

**Dawn Toomey**

**TRANSITION**

St Joseph's Transition is a free, no obligation program that will run every Wednesday during Terms 3 and 4 till the end of the year. If you know of any parents that have a school-aged child ready to start Kindergarten next year, please share with them the information about our Transition program and encourage them to contact the school for further information.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Next Monday 27th August, there will be a survey going out to parents in regards to changes to our Canteen Menu. Please keep an eye out. We encourage you all to have your say.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM NEWS**

We now have the new school bucket hats embroidered with the school logo. They are available to purchase at the school office for \$10.50.

**LOST PROPERTY**

If anyone has found a spare size 8 Fleecy jumper with the school logo, could you please return it to Meredith Hannaford. Thank you.

**DUTY OF CARE**

The safety and wellbeing of our students is of utmost importance at St Joseph's. In light of this, we wish to remind all visitors and parents of the Education Act 1990, Section 47f, which states that the corporal punishment of students is NOT permitted. The school's Discipline Policy is available on our website:

**[www.stjosephsuralla.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stjosephsuralla.catholic.edu.au).**

You are encouraged to check out these policies on this website.

- ⇒ Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy
- ⇒ Pastoral Care Policy
- ⇒ Discipline Policy
- ⇒ Complaints Suggestions Policy
- ⇒ Enrolment Policy
- ⇒ Suspension Expulsion Or Exclusion Of Students Policy

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

There was no assembly held last Friday 17th August 2018 due to the School Athletics Carnival.

Our next assembly will be held Friday 24th August at 2:40pm. All welcome.

**Dates to Remember**

**Thur 23 Aug:** O'Connor Step Day  
**Fri 24 Aug:** Diocesan Athletics Carnival  
**Mon 3 - Fri 7 Sept:** 5/6 Canberra Excursion  
**Fri 7 Sep:** K—4 Excursion  
**Wed 19 Sept:** Grandparents Day and Book Fair

**TERM DATES 2018**

**Term 3:**  
 Mon 23 July - Fri 28 Sep.  
**Term 4:**  
 Mon 15 Oct - Fri 21 Dec.

