

# St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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TERM 3 WEEK 10

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

### Art Show

### TALENTS CELEBRATED

Last night we celebrated the artistic gifts and talents of our students at our biannual Art Show. We thank all those who came and supported this event. This was a wonderful occasion showcasing our students. A very fitting addition to the evening was the inclusion of the Diocesan Year of Youth Cross, recognising the important role that youth have to play in the Church. This amazing symbol of our Christian belief and celebration of God's creation was a fine example of artistic talent and craftsmanship.

### PRAYER SERVICE

A Prayer Service was celebrated to showcase the cross and to show appreciation for the many gifts that God has given each one of us. The children placed candles at the foot of the cross representing each of our students. It was beautiful to observe 2 of our transition students sitting at the base of the cross captivated by its many animals. Throughout the evening many were drawn to the cross to view it more closely or to have a quiet moment of prayer and contemplation. The Cross will remain in the school until Thursday afternoon when it will then be taken to the Church for the weekend.

### GUEST ARTIST

Mrs Bremner was our guest artist, a very well deserved role. She addressed those gathered talking about her journey as an artist. We were very privileged to see many of her artworks on display. It was great to hear first hand how she created them and built on her gifts through perseverance and commitment with the aim of producing artworks that are personally satisfying.

### PRAYER CARD

Today you have received a prayer card 'This Armidale Diocesan Prayer', for the Year of Youth which was commissioned along with the Year of Youth Cross, by Bishop Kennedy at the Catholic Schools Week Mass held at the Cathedral in Armidale in May this year. It was written by McCarthy Catholic College student, Olivia Clarke. This prayer was included in our Prayer Service last night. You are invited to use this prayer card to pray personally and/or with your family.

### SECOND CHANCE

If you were unable to attend the Art Show last night the student art will be on display until next term and the cross will remain on display until tomorrow afternoon.

### WINNERS

The winner of the Art Show was Meredith Hannaford. (Artwork pictured above) **Congratulations Meredith!** Meredith's artwork will be sent on to be entered into the 'Operation Art' competition. This is a joint initiative of the Children's Hospital at Westmead and the NSW Department of Education & Training.

Our raffle prize winners were: First Prize - Ellen Davison and Second Prize - Trevor Hayes. Congratulations!

### McMaugh's visits the Art Show

Our special friends from McMaugh's Garden walked over this morning to view our "Art Show". Our students acted as tour guides to show them 'the best pieces' of artwork. They were very impressed with the artistic ability of our students and teachers. We thank them all for making the effort to come over.

### School Uniform

Next term our students will come back to school in their summer uniform. Please see on following page outline of summer uniforms for both Boys and Girls.

### Congratulations!

On behalf of our school, I would like to congratulate Amanda and David Adams on the birth of their son, Jack David Adams, born on Sunday 23rd September. A baby brother for Callie (Yr4).

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable holiday with family and friends. Rest up because we will be back to do it all over again. The first day of term for all our students will be **Monday 15th October**.

Kind regards  
Judy Elks

## SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORMS

### Boys Summer Uniform:

Black shoes with grey ankle socks  
Grey shorts - Rugger's / Stubbies design  
Pale green hand out short-sleeved shirt with bottle green school crest on left pocket

### Girls Summer Uniform:

Black shoes with white ankle socks  
Skorts for all girls K-6 in the new check (special makes are available)  
Hang out white short-sleeved shirts with bottle green School crest on left pocket.

If you require a new Girl Skorts, it is recommended to contact InterSports and order in advance as they might not have all sizes available in store.

We ask parents to ensure that all children present themselves at school in their correct uniform. The school's official uniform supplier is InterSports Armidale located at 151 Rusden Street, Armidale. Phone 6771 2344. The school stocks the school hats and ties as a service to our families as these items are frequently lost.

GREEN SCHOOL HAT (Available from school for \$10.50) HAT MUST BE WORN BY ALL STUDENTS ALL YEAR ROUND. Such hats are compulsory in all NSW Primary Schools as is the school's 'no hat, no play' policy. Both are strictly enforced.

\*Jewellery: Watch, studs, small sleepers acceptable.

\*Hair: 'Colouring of hair' is not to occur during the school term.

\*Wearing of make-up and nail polish is unacceptable during school hours.

Students wear summer uniforms in Terms 1 and 4 and winter uniform in Terms 2 and 3 (Parents are to use their discretion during abnormal weather fluctuations).

ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING ARE TO BE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH THE CHILD'S NAME

If a student is out of uniform for any reason a note must be sent to the Principal. This is a short term solution and all efforts need to be made to ensure the correct uniform is worn at all times.

## SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT 2020

Parents who wish to apply for selective high school placement for Year 7 in 2020 can find a copy of the information and applications on the following site:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

## GYMNASTICS

In Term 4, Students will be participating in Gymnastics each fortnight, first session to be Friday 26th October. These sessions will be held at the Armidale City Gymnastics Club and will be partially funded by our Sporting Schools Grant. Permission slips will be sent home within the first week of Term 4, along with further details.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photo's will be held on Wednesday 31st October. Order forms will be sent home within the first week of Term 4.

## HOW TO HAVE AN EFFECTIVE CONVERSATION WITH YOUR CHILD



*Do these images show effective conversation?*

Time, place and body language can give a message of 'I'm genuinely interested in what you are telling me' or 'I don't really have the time for this'. Most importantly be present to and have time for your child. The holidays are a great opportunity for this.

When asking your child about their school day a typical conversations may look like this:

**Parent:** What did you do at school today?

**Child:** Nothing!

Using the following 5 questions, suggested by Lyn Sharratt (internationally acclaimed education consultant from Toronto, Canada) for parents to ask their children, can encourage your child to provide you with effective feedback and open up a conversation:

1. What did you learn today?
2. How did you go/do?
3. What did you do if you didn't understand?
4. How can you improve on your learning?
5. What are you most proud of?



## IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM

### K/1/2 Maths - 3D Shapes - Mapping of the school



## OUT AND ABOUT IN THE PLAYGROUND

Last Friday saw a most peaceful time in our school playground. Not an unusual sight at St Joseph's but rather a typical sight. Wherever the eye could see, children were playing happily, from soccer on the oval to digging in the sand pit, imaginative play in the weather shed, to a game of netball and climbing on the play equipment. Not many schools can boast about this and especially not towards the end of a very busy term when everyone is getting tired. Our children are special and need a 'big pat on the back' for all they have achieved this term. We hope everyone has a good holiday and is ready for an exciting fourth term.



**COMMUNITY NEWS****Holiday Program**

The Aboriginal Culture Centre and Keeping Place (ACCKP) is once again running a Holiday Program for primary school children from Monday 8th October to Friday 12th October. The program will run from 9am to 12noon. This program is open to all children of primary school age. The theme for the October Holiday Program is **"Prepare for Christmas"**. Children will have the opportunity to learn and carry out activities surrounding this theme.

The cost for the morning tea, supervision, materials and activities will be covered by the ACCKP. This holiday program is being funded by the Department of Education. Please pick up and complete a registration form from the ACCKP by the 1st October 2018 to ensure your child/children's place is confirmed.

**Holiday Activities - Martin Levins (Digital Technologies)**

Martin Levins will be holding 2 workshops at the Armidale Library on Tuesday 9th October.

Session 1 (1hr) - Younger Kids (ages 7 and under) using Scratch Junior as a story telling environment. "Scratch" is a computer programming environment developed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Lifelong Kindergarten Group.

In this session, we'll use Scratch Junior on Library-supplied iPads where participants will learn how to make animated stories: a skill that they can use at home on their own iPad or tablet. No previous experience is expected or assumed. Session 2 (3hrs) - Will focus on Physical computing (ages 8 and up). This means building interactive physical systems by the use of software and hardware that can sense and respond to the world.

In this session, participants will learn how to use a micro-controller to respond to our environment and work towards building a system that will automatically measure water demand in a garden. It will water gardens only when they need it to conserve our precious water resources. Participants can use Library-supplied laptops or bring their own laptop (iPads, Tablets and other devices will not be supported in this session).

If you bring your own device, make sure it's a charged laptop with Wi-Fi and a working USB socket.

If you are interested, contact details are as followed:

Armidale Library

Phone (02) 6770 3636 Email: [library@armidale.nsw.gov.au](mailto:library@armidale.nsw.gov.au) Website: [library.armidale.nsw.gov.au](http://library.armidale.nsw.gov.au)

**ASSEMBLY**

Our next assembly will be held this Friday 28th September at 2:30pm. Our Year K-4 Student's will be giving a presentation on their Uralla Excursion and our Year 5/6 students will be giving a presentation on their Canberra Excursion . All welcome.

**Dates to Remember**

**Mon 24-Fri 28 Sept:** Year of Youth  
Cross Celebration

**Sat 27 Oct:** Thunderbolt Festival

**Fri 23 Nov:** Responsible Pet  
Education Program

**TERM DATES 2018**

**Term 3:**  
Mon 23 July—Fri 28 Sep.

**Term 4:**  
Mon 15 Oct—Fri 21 Dec.

**BIRTHDAYS**

**15th Oct** - Charlotte Fletcher





## ART SHOW AND YEAR OF YOUTH CROSS NIGHT

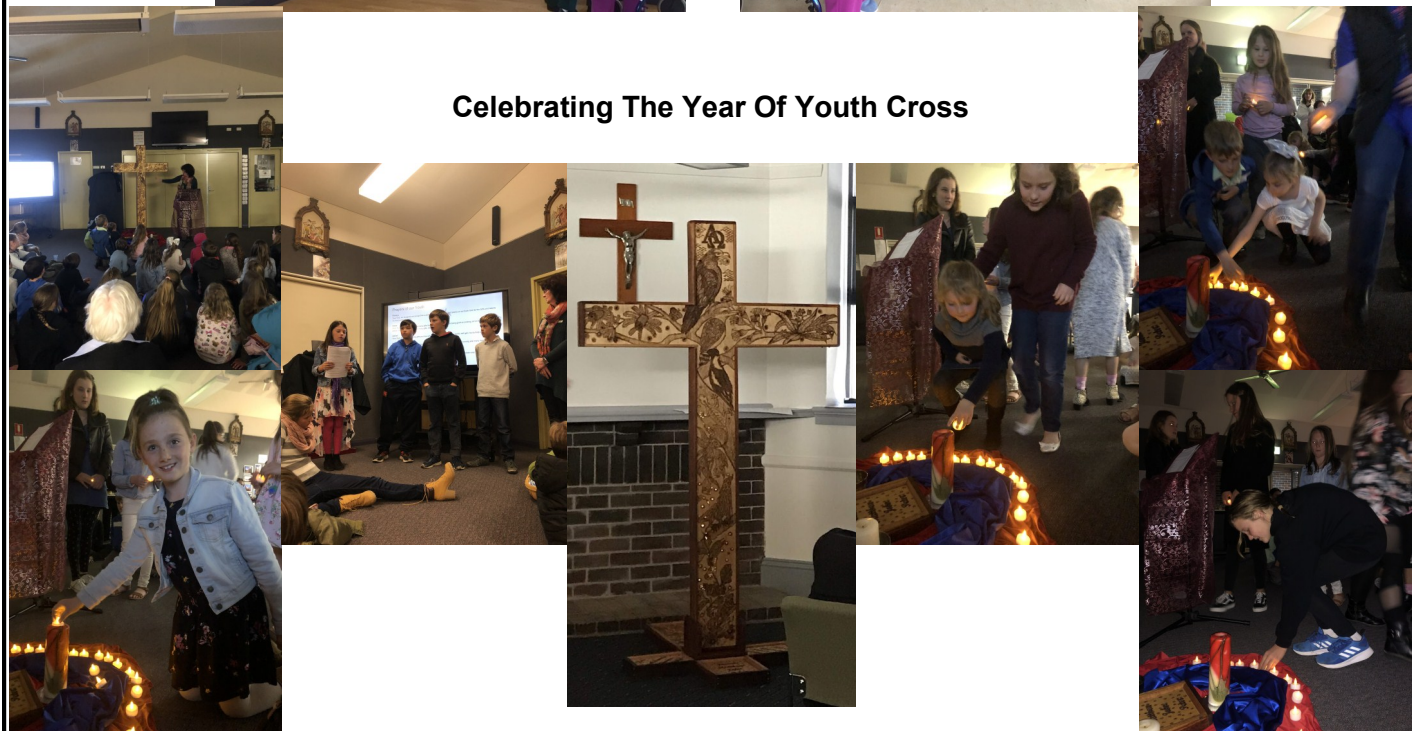
Leanne Bremner's Artwork / Raffle Winners Choice Of Artwork (Top Right)



## Friends Of McMaugs Visit Art Show



## Celebrating The Year Of Youth Cross





## ART SHOW AND YEAR OF YOUTH CROSS NIGHT - CONTINUED

### Our Talented Student's Artworks

