



St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Before and After School Care

The Director of *Sherpa Kids* is calling for expressions of interest regarding the out of school hours care facility which they plan to set up for the Uralla community in 2019. Further information is included in this newsletter.

FETE

This Sunday we will be holding our annual St Josephs FETE starting at 11am in the school grounds. Please bring your family and friends along for a great day out and support our fundraising event. Any parents who could come along and help out on the PT&F Second hand clothes stall, your support would be very much appreciated. We are also still needing **Tombola Bottles** and clothing for the stall. Please send these in before this **Friday 30th November**. A reminder also if you have wood raffle tickets could they pleased be sent back to school by this Friday as well.

School Concert

Next **Tuesday the 4th December** at 6pm, our students will be performing the 'The Traditions of Christmas' concert. The concert will take 30-40 minutes and the children are looking forward to sharing the excitement of Christmas with family and friends. Children are asked to come dressed in casual clothes and get dressed in their costumes here at school. Could all children be at school by 5:40pm. The PT&F will be running a raffle and there will be a box if anyone would like to donate a gold coin to Catholic Missions.

Carols by Candlelight

Next **Wednesday night the 5th December**, Uralla Carols By Candlelight will be held at Alma Park starting with a BBQ at 5:30pm, Carols to commence at 7pm and Santa visiting at 8pm. Should the weather not be in our favour, we will meet in the Town Hall. Our students will be singing 2 carols, Violet In The Snow and Come & Join The Dance. We ask that you have your child/children at Alma Park by 6:45pm dressed in their school uniform please.

Gymnastics

This will be our final visit to the gymnastics centre this **Friday 30th November** and our last Science session at O'Connor. The bus will be leaving at 11:15am and return before buses in the afternoon.

Swimming

Swimming will commence on **Monday 10th December**. A note will be sent home with students today, asking for Ability Level of each child along with a permission note.

SWAP it program

On the following page, there are photos of our students enjoying the fruit kindly given to us by Alison Walton from NSW Government Healthy School Canteens.

Sheep Manure

Thankyou to Ron Boxsell for building a bagging implement for the sheep manure business.

Afternoon Retreat

Just a reminder that we will be holding a REFLECTION and QUIET time with an afternoon cuppa this afternoon. A great opportunity to prepare yourself for the busyness of the end of the year.

Date: This Afternoon, Wednesday 28th November

Time: 3:45pm - 4:45pm

Place: 3-6 Classroom at St Joseph's School

Kind regards

Judy Elks

LIBRARY NEWS

If students could **RETURN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS** by the end of this week please, whether they are overdue or not.

Mrs Kim Heagney

HEALTHY CANTEEN

Alison Walton from NSW Government Healthy School Canteens presented our school with a certificate for "Officially Operating a Great Choice Healthy School Canteen" AND a large box of fruit and vegetables for morning fruit time and the canteen.



SHEEP MANURE BUSINESS
Matilda, Nigel, Rumiya, Shy and Monty are very grateful to Mr Boxsell who has made a bagger for the Sheep Manure Business. Bagging manure will be easier and more efficient now. Thank you Mr Boxsell.
Matilda



FETE

Wood FETE raffle tickets are to be returned to the front office by **This Friday 30th November**. We are still seeking volunteers to lend their Ute or Trailer to help deliver the 5 loads of wood to the winners, shortly after the FETE. If you can help with this, please contact the school office.

STEP DAY

O'Connor Catholic School will be holding their third and final day of their Stage Three Enrichment Transition Program set for **Tomorrow Thursday 29th November**. **This orientation day is only open to those Year 6 students who have already enrolled or who will be enrolling in Year 7 for 2019.**

Parents are responsible for their own child's transport on the day. Parents who would like their child to travel by bus to O'Connor for the STEP DAY, Edwards has advised us that the students will need to catch the Kentucky bus, which will pick up on the highway opposite the Tourist Information Centre at 7:55am and will return to the Tourist Information Centre at 4:15pm. There will be a cost of \$2 each way.

The day concludes at 2pm, but O'Connor staff will supervise the students until the bus leaves at 3:20pm. A permission slip will be sent home with our year 6 student's today. Please return them by next Wednesday.

Parents/Caregivers are invited to an information evening to be held at O'Connor (AG4/5) **Tonight Wednesday 28th November** from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. At this meeting, they will discuss transition issues, Year 7 requirements, uniforms, Code of Conduct at O'Connor, fee arrangements, additional needs, enrichment opportunities or any questions you may have. They also ask, if you haven't already, to take a copy of your child's Year 5 NAPLAN results.

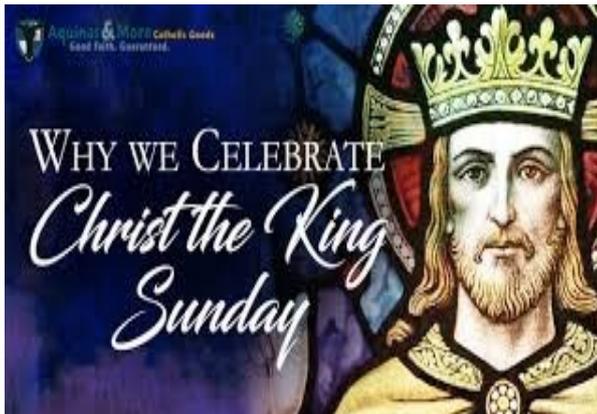
FAITH NEWS

Last weekend we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King. This special event concludes the Liturgical year and leads us into the season of ADVENT.

Advent is a time when we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent.

Advent Prayer (for dinner time or bedtime)

*Lord God,
may we, your people,
who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy
of salvation and celebrate that feast with love
and thanksgiving.
We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord,
Amen.*



BIKE-A-THON

This event will be held on **Friday 7th December**. Students have been given sponsorship forms and have been encouraged to seek donations beyond the family. **We are hoping that each student reaches a goal of \$10.** Of course we would be delighted if they exceeded this amount. In addition to this we are having a BBQ/sausage sizzle lunch for the cost of \$3 per child. All funds raised will go towards the drought appeal.

Students can ride their bike/scooter or walk around our school oval.

CANTEEN

Week 8 - \$4 "Taco Taters" Potato stuffed with taco mince, topped with homemade salsa (optional - sour cream) and cheese.

ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE FRIDAY BEFORE. Orders can either be sent in to the school office or by messaging Nicki on 0448 054 092. Thank You!

FOLLOW UP ON FLEET HELICOPTER VISIT

On Friday, St Joseph's went to Armidale for a school excursion. We went to Fleet Helicopters, O'Connor Catholic School and Armidale Gymnasium.

The first place we visited was Fleet Helicopters. St Joseph's met Lucy the pink helicopter who carries heavy loads and water. James showed us the inside of Lucy and how she is used. Michelle gave us a tour around the aircrafts and showed us pictures of the aircrafts in use today. Mrs Heagney even gave us a walkthrough of the new and improved airport in Armidale!

Our second stop for the day was O'Connor Catholic School. We met Mitch, the Science teacher. He gave us a set of test to experiment with to find what the healthiest water for the aquatic creatures was.

Written by the students

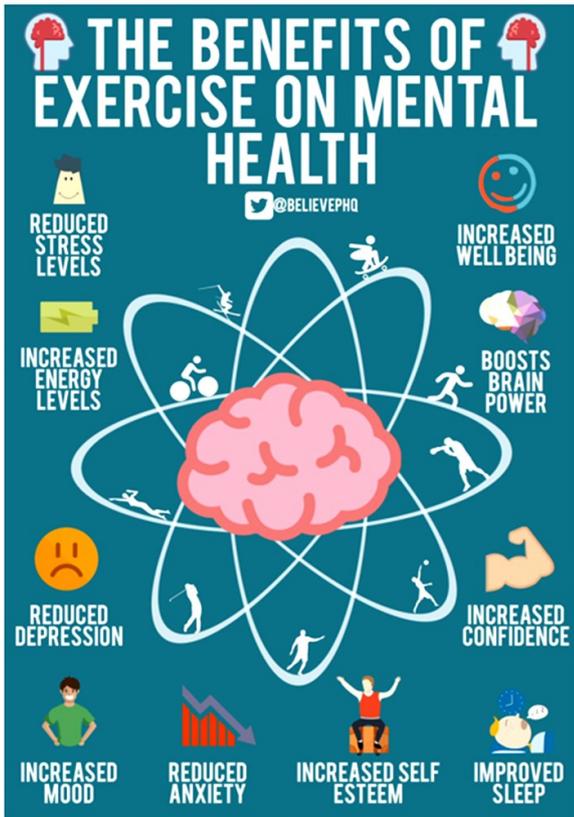
ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly will be held next Friday 7th December at 2:45pm due to our students attending their last gymnastic session and O'Connor science lesson this Friday 30th November. All welcome.

SCHOOL MASS

Our next Mass will be held this Friday 30th November at 9:10am. All welcome.

Good for Kids good for life



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What is Go 4 Fun?

Go 4 Fun is a FREE 10 week healthy lifestyle program for kids aged 7 to 13 years run by qualified health professionals.

What does the program include?

- Nutritional information
- Support and advice
- Personal improvement
- Fun games

Where is the program run?

- Swansea
- Maitland
- Fletcher

When do programs run?

Go 4 Fun runs parallel with school terms and you can register any time. Visit the website for more details:

<https://go4fun.com.au>



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Dates to Remember

Wed 28 Nov: O'Connor Parent's Information Night

Thu 29 Nov: STEP Day

Sun 2 Dec: St Joseph's FETE

Tue 4 Dec: School Concert

Wed 5 Dec: Carols in the park 5:30pm

Fri 7 Dec: Bike-a-thon

Mon 10 Dec till Wed 19 Dec: Swimming 1-2:30pm

Tue 18 Dec: Presentation Night 6pm

Wed 19 Dec: Students Last Day!

Thu 20 Dec: Last Day For Staff

