



# St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to come along to the Information Night last Wednesday. I hope your efforts were rewarded with some greater understanding of what we teachers are doing in the classroom. I also hope that you have a greater sense of the value we place on the role you play in your child's education.

**The partnership between home and school** is so very important and deserves to be promoted and enhanced wherever possible. Teachers and parents need to take the time to learn more about their roles and to strengthen the three-way relationship between parent, child and teacher.

With that in mind I wish to draw your attention to some workshops, seminars and conferences happening in our Diocese.

For parents and caregivers:

**Monday 4 March** 9:30am to 11:00am at St Mary's Primary School, Armidale. Respected author and education commentator, Andrew Oberthur, will present a FREE workshop for interested parents on the topic of "Creating a Culture of Trust, Collaboration and Enquiry" between parents, carers and educators. Please RSVP to St Mary's School on 6772 4441 by this Thursday 28 February if you wish to attend.

**Thursday 14 & 21 March** 9:30am to 12:30am Centacare Armidale will be running a FREE "Practical Parenting" course which offers parents and carers helpful strategies to take the stress out of parenting. In addition to this free course there are a variety of other courses available around strengthening family relationships – please see the brochure enclosed in this newsletter.

For teaching and non-teaching staff:

At the request of the Director of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Armidale, the Catholic Schools Office is hosting an all-staff conference on **Tuesday 11 June and Wednesday 12 June** in Tamworth. In his letter to all staff, the Director stated that "Each day, with dedication and diligence, we undertake the professional responsibilities associated with helping young people to become effective, capable and faith-filled members of the community. In no small part, this professional commitment includes supporting the pastoral care and wellbeing of the students in our care. Our teaching and non-teaching staff make a significant contribution to this aspect of student growth, and we recognise and appreciate the importance of this responsibility. As a result, the pastoral care and wellbeing of our staff is equally important to us and in order to continue to support all staff in their work in schools and at the Catholic Schools Office, we are hosting an all-staff conference".

As a result of the all-staff conference, please be aware that there will be **two pupil free days on Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 June** following the Queen's Birthday public holiday on Monday 10 June.

### Out of School Hours Care Update

Today we are sending out enrolment forms and further information for those families wishing to use the service. We have included a copy of the forms in this newsletter, either for your own use or to pass on to others who may be interested. These forms are also available (and can be completed) via the Sherpa Kids website as detailed in their covering letter. The Director of Sherpa Kids, William Wong, will be offering a special incentive for those who meet the criteria for the government's childcare subsidy. This incentive will be a "Come for Free – No Gap Fee" service for Terms 1 & 2. Please watch this space for the commencement date.

Kind regards  
 Judy Elks

**THE LITURGICAL SEASON OF LENT**

Lent begins next Wednesday 6th March and is symbolised by the colour purple/violet. To mark this special day in the Church's calendar we will be going to Mass at 9.10am. This is a treat for all our students as it is the only time in the year when we can all go forward to receive. Talk to your child about receiving the Ashes and remind them that they are not hot.

When we come forward to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, we are saying that we are sorry for our sins, and that we want to use the season of Lent to correct our faults, purify our hearts, control our desires and grow in holiness so we will be prepared to celebrate Easter with great joy.

**FUNDRAISING**

All Catholic schools are obliged to raise money for Caritas at least once a year. This year St Joseph's is going to raise money through bottle Return and Earn. Children and families will be encouraged to save bottles with the 10c return option and either bring them to school and Mrs Herden will take them to the depot or you could take them directly to the depot and bring the money to school. This fundraising will be happening for the 6 weeks of Lent.

Lyn Herden



The Catholic agency for international aid and development



**WEEKLY AWARDS**

Congratulations to these students who were presented with their Week 4 Awards by the Year 6 leaders on Monday morning:

Nigel Garrahy Brennan, Kaitlyn Walters, Chelsea Doran, Montana Dodd and Mariah Carlon.



**COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

Uralla Netball Club

**REGISTRATION DAY**

**MONDAY  
4TH MARCH  
4:30 - 5:30**

**COME AND SIGN YOUR DAUGHTER UP FOR THE 2019 NETBALL SEASON!**

**IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL EXPRESSIONS ARE RECEIVED TO ENSURE THAT NUMBERS ARE SUFFICIENT TO ENTER TEAMS**



For more inquiries contact Kelly on 0429783292

**Gardening & Growing Food in a Hotter, Drier Climate**

**SATURDAY 9 MARCH  
THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE  
SALISBURY STREET URALLA  
FROM 10:00AM**

*Guest Speaker: Jane Pickard  
Workshop Presenter: Sue Dyer*

**LUNCH 12.00—1.00pm (Bring salad to share)  
3.00pm—4.00pm afternoon tea & debrief  
Cost: \$5.00/person or \$10.00/family  
RSVP by 7 March to Sue Dyer 0448 165 116  
All proceeds to remediate the Neighbourhood Centre Vegetable Garden (see enclosed flyer)**

### ASSEMBLY

Our next Assembly will be held this Friday 1st March at 2:40pm. Please note the earlier time to allow for the presentation of medals and ribbons from the Swimming Carnival. All welcome.

### SCHOOL MASSES

There will be a whole school Mass this Friday 1 March at 9:10am. Next week's Mass will be on Wednesday 6 March at 9:10am to celebrate Ash Wednesday. All welcome. Please note that there will be NO school Mass next Friday 8 March.

### CANTEEN

**Lunch Meal Monday Week 6 - \$4 Beef Nachos**

**LUNCH 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!**

**The price list for 2019 is as follows:**

<b>Morning Tea (No pre-order necessary)</b>	<b>Price</b>
Popcorn (homemade)	\$1.00
Muffins (homemade)	\$0.50c
Frozen Yoghurt (homemade)	\$1.00
Cheese and Crackers	\$1.50
Red Rock Deli Chips (Variety)	\$1.00



**Drinks:** Available at morning tea and lunch **Price:** All \$1.50 each

Flavoured Milk (Strawberry/Chocolate)  
100% Fruit Juice Popper (Apple/Black Currant)  
Water 500ml

<b>Frozen Treats: Available at lunch</b>	<b>Price</b>
Frozen Yoghurts (canteen made – 4 cubes)	\$1.00
Quelch Sticks	\$0.50c

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### LIBRARY NEWS

**“Booked In!” Children's Literature Programme**

The Armidale Sub-branch of Children's Book Council/New England Writer's Centre has organised a wonderful guest presenter to visit the schools of the area between 1st and 3rd May. We have taken up their offer to host a one-hour session here at St Joseph's with renowned children's author **Jacqueline Harvey**.

Jacqueline was a teacher for 20 years but took a giant step away in 2012 to become a full-time writer. She has since sold over a million copies of her *Alice-Miranda* and *Clementine Rose* series in Australia and New Zealand. The series has also sold in 8 overseas countries and won numerous awards. There is now a new, emerging series involving Kensy and Max. She is a highly experienced presenter and relishes the opportunities to be back in a school environment. She is an Ambassador for Dymocks Children's Charities and Room to Read and is passionate about improving literacy outcomes for all children.

This is certainly an event for our students to look forward to next term!

### STUDENT RESOURCES FEES REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder for families that your annual student resources fees of \$40 per Infants child and \$50 per Primary child are due for payment. These fees are separate to the Term School Fees which are also due for payment by this Friday. Parents are encouraged to discuss payment options with Mrs Elks if needed.

**Helpful hint: Setting up a Direct Debit can take all the worry out of due dates and helps with budgeting! Enquire at the office if you would like to set up a Direct Debit.**

**IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM**

K/1/2 have been setting up reading groups during the Literacy session. During this time Kindergarten have been focusing on their single sounds and sight-words. Year 1 have been continuing to develop their sight-word recall and reading strategies throughout guided reading, as well as their comprehension strategies with Year 2. Our comprehension focus for the past fortnight has been 'making connections'. Years 1 and 2 have been making *text to self*, *text to text* and *text to world* connections.



**Dates to Remember**

**Wed 6 Mar:** Ash Wednesday

**Thu 14 Mar:** O'Connor Principal Mrs Menz Visiting Yr 5 & Yr 6

**Tue 19 Mar:** PT&F Meeting 5:30pm

**Thu 21 Mar:** O'Connor Step Day Year 6

**Mon 25 - Fri 29 Mar:** Lantern Making Workshops

**Sat 30 Mar:** Seasons Of New England & Lantern Parade

**Thu 29 Mar:** Uralla Art Show Opening

**BIRTHDAYS**

**26th Feb:** Nigel Garrahy  
Brennan

**28th Feb:** Matilda Boxsell

