



St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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Dear Parents

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

O'Connor Principal's Visit & STEP Day

Tomorrow Thursday 14th March Ms Regina Menz, the Principal of O'Connor Catholic College, will be in to talk with our senior students about life at O'Connor. This will be followed up with the first Year 6 STEP day to be held in Week 8 on Thursday 21st March.

The children will travel to and from Armidale on a bus with the Year 6 students from Walcha. The bus will leave about 9:40 and return before buses in the afternoon.

International Women's Day Luncheon

This Friday 15 March, I will accompany the Year 6 girls to the International Women's Day luncheon hosted by the Uralla Shire Council at the Uralla Central School. The guest speaker will be Ms Sharon Kirk and the theme of the day is "Balance Better".

PT&F Meeting

Our first PT&F meeting for the year will be held next Tuesday 19th March at 5:30pm in the Primary Learning Studio. It would be wonderful to see as many parents as possible come along. These meetings are very welcoming and open to all parents who are encouraged to be involved in whatever way you can be.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN On-line practice for our Year 3 & 5 students will take place on Thursday 28 March. This will be a useful opportunity for our students to be familiarised with the process before the actual NAPLAN tests are conducted in the fortnight commencing 13 May.

Lantern Workshop and Parade

The annual Uralla Lantern Parade will be held on Saturday 30 March. The Arts Uralla Committee has asked again this year if our school would host the Lantern making activities. Throughout next week the other schools from around Uralla will be coming to design and make their Lanterns at our school. Our school's session will be on Friday 29 March.

Please note that the Lanterns will be held by Uralla Arts until the Lantern Parade. You or your child may collect the Lantern at the Lantern parade muster which will be at Uralla Showgrounds, King Street, Uralla at 7.00pm sharp, Saturday 30th March.

The parade will commence at approx. 7.30pm and will follow a route along King, Maitland and Hill Street to Hampden Park where it will be part of the Seasons of New England festivities.

NSW Election and School Funding

Included in this newsletter is a flyer from Catholic Schools NSW with some very helpful information in the lead up to the State election.

The purpose of the information is to help Catholic school parents and staff understand why government funding is important and cannot be taken for granted. Please take a few moments to read it.

The Feast of St Joseph

Next Tuesday 19 March we will be celebrating the Feast Day of our patron St Joseph. We will have a prayer liturgy after morning tea and a special dessert treat of pancakes and ice cream after lunch. (Please remember to pack your child/children's morning tea and lunch as per usual).

Kind regards
Judy Elks

ST. JOSEPH

FEAST DAY: MARCH 19

St. Joseph of Nazareth is a great saint who totally lived by faith – a faith that made him a real hero. He was chosen by our heavenly Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, Jesus his divine son and Mary Queen of heaven. Joseph was Jesus' foster-father and Mary's husband.

He was poor all his life and had to work very hard in his carpenter shop, but he did not mind. Joseph was happy to work for his little family. He loved Jesus and Mary so very much. In the Holy Bible we do not find even one word spoken by St. Joseph, and yet, even without words, he shows his deep faith and trust in the Living God.

Whatever the Lord wanted him to do, St. Joseph did at once, no matter how difficult it was. He was humble and pure, gentle and wise. Jesus and Mary loved him and obeyed him because God had placed him as the head of their family. What a joy for St. Joseph to live with the Son of God himself. Jesus obeyed him, helped him, and loved him.

We pray to St. Joseph as the protector of the dying for a special reason. We believe that Joseph died peacefully in the arms of Jesus and Mary when God finally called his faithful servant to the joy of heaven. St. Joseph died before Jesus' passion and death on the Cross.

St. Teresa of Avila chose St. Joseph as the protector of her order of Carmelite sisters. She had a great trust in his prayers. "Every time I ask St. Joseph for something," she said, "he always obtains it for me." St. Joseph is the patron of the Universal Church.

FAITH NEWS

The Season of Lent is a time in which we reflect on our relationship with God and the way we are living our lives. It is the season in which we prepare for the mystery of Easter with minds and hearts renewed. Through repentance and renewal we can live more fully, our Baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus.

PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING: WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

Lent is a time to identify the things we THINK, FEEL and DO, that prevent us from moving closer to God and which stop us from living like Jesus. Lent is about conversion – moving into practices in which we grow more like Christ and help us live His way of life.

As Catholics, we use PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING to bring us closer to God and prepare ourselves for the Easter Season.

All three of these Lenten practices link together to allow the Holy Spirit to bring about the conversion we seek during Lent.

We will focus on one of these themes each week in the newsletter.

PRAYER - Prayer is our communication with God. It is through prayer that we develop a closer, more intimate relationship with God. During Lent, we try and pray more by talking to God, as well as by being silent with God, so that we may hear God speak to us.

ASSEMBLY

Our next Assembly will be held Week 9 Friday 29th March at 2:45pm. All welcome.

SCHOOL MASS

Our next Mass will be held this Friday 15th March. All welcome.

CANTEEN

Lunch Meal Monday Week 8 - \$4 Lasagne

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!



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BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders are due in to school by Friday 22nd March 2019. Thank you.

DIOCESAN WINTER TRIALS

Diocesan Winter Trials will be held in Tamworth on Friday 22nd March. The following sports will be held at these Winter trials: Soccer, League and Netball. The trials are for any student in year 6 who is playing one of the above sports at a **proficient level**. There will be an \$8 levy fee for any students hoping to participate in these trials. Students are asked to advise Miss Kelly by Friday 15th March if they are interested in attending, along with their fee payment. Please note students wanting to compete must be available to represent the Armidale Diocese at the Polding trials in Tamworth on Friday 3rd May, 2019 should they be successful. **Parents will be required to take their child/children to these trials in Tamworth.**

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Aboriginal Culture Centre and Keeping Place (ACCKP) is once again running a Holiday Program for primary school children from Monday 15th April to Friday 19th April. The program will run from 9.00am to 12 noon. This program is open to all children of primary school age. The theme for the April Holiday Program is "**Easter**". 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 8th April 2019 to ensure your child/children's place is confirmed. For further information contact:

Ellen Harris - Holiday Program Coordinator Armidale and Region Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place Incorporated Armidale, NSW 2350 61-02-6771 3606 www.acckp.com.au



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ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER

The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the new Active Kids program.

Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher valued up to \$100 per calendar year for each student enrolled in school.

The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities.

The voucher can be used at any time during the calendar year it was issued.

To use the voucher, find a registered activity provider and present your voucher when you sign up.

The program runs year round, so kids can get active at any time! Visit www.service.nsw.gov.au/active-kids to apply



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CRUNCH&SIP®

Crunch&Sip® is a set time during class time for primary school students to 'refuel' on vegetables, salad or fruit, and 'rehydrate' with water. Students who are not hungry and are well hydrated perform better in the classroom, show increased concentration, and are less likely to be irritable and disruptive. Many students are not eating enough vegetables and fruit or keeping sufficiently hydrated.

What to pack for **Crunch&Sip®**
It's simple!
 Crunch&Sip means vegetables, fruit and water only.



www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/campaigns-programs/crunchsip.aspx

SWIMMING CARNIVAL AWARDS - CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK

A photo of our Champions and Runner Ups wearing their medals.

Senior Girl Champion

Shyan Dodd

Senior Girl Runner Up

Kaitlyn Walters

Senior Boy Champion

Jesse Gardiner

11 Girl Champions

Brittany Doran and Sarah Gardiner

11 Girl Runner Up

Callie White

11 Boy Champion

Prestyn Mavin

Junior Girl Champions

Meredith Hannaford and Chelsea Doran

Junior Boy Champion

Cohen Hannaford

WINNING HOUSE

KOOLYANGARA



Thank You to Makaala Dodd for supplying us with these photos :-)

WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to these students who were presented with their Week 5 Awards by the Year 6 leaders at Friday's Assembly 1st March:
Malakye and Xavier Wallace

Dates to Remember

Thu 14 Mar: 2pm Visit from Ms Regina Menz, the Principal of O'Connor Catholic College

Tue 19 Mar: St Joseph's Feast Day

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

Thu 21 Mar: O'Connor Step Day Year 6

Fri 22 Mar: Winter Trials Tamworth

Fri 22 Mar: BOOKCLUB ORDERS ARE DUE

Mon 25 - Fri 29 Mar: Lantern Making Workshops

Fri 29 Mar: Whole School Assembly 2:45pm

Fri 29 Mar: Uralla Art Show Opening

Sat 30 Mar: Seasons Of New England & Lantern Parade 7:30pm

Wed 10 Apr: Cross Country