



# St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

It has been a very busy week! On Monday, *Sherpa Kids* officially commenced operating the Before and After School Care service for Uralla here at St Joseph's. Yesterday we were visited by our Member for Northern Tablelands, Mr Adam Marshall, who was here to announce a \$30,000 grant from the NSW Government to reimburse us for the refurbishment of the facilities for the service. Adam was also able to meet the onsite manager of the service, Mrs Kylie Shirton. Media journalists from NBN and the Armidale Express were on hand for some photo opportunities with Adam and to interview one of the Uralla parents who will be using the service, Ashleigh Ayre. I hope you caught the news last night as Adam Marshall shared our exciting news with the wider community. We have also featured in the Armidale Express Online News and will appear in the paper copy later in the week.

### NAPLAN

Tomorrow our Year 3 and Year 5 students will sit the NAPLAN practice test. This test is an opportunity for the students to become familiar with the online platform and tools that they will use in preparation for NAPLAN testing next term.

### McMaugh Gardens

Next Tuesday 2nd April, McMaugh Gardens have invited all our students for a special celebration with the residents - "The Sharing of a Book". Our students will take a book over to read and share with the residents at 1:10 on this day.

### School Cross Country

Due to a clash of dates for our senior students with the Mayor's Morning Tea and Professional Training for some staff members we have had to reschedule our annual School Cross Country. We will now run this event on **Thursday 11th April**. I am sorry for any inconvenience this has caused. **Our Easter Liturgy will be held in the Primary Studio at 9:10am.** At the conclusion of the liturgy we will then transport the students, by bus, to the sporting complex to run our Cross Country. All our families are welcome to attend both events. Cross Country permission notes are included with this newsletter.

### Mayor's Morning Tea

St Joseph's School has been invited to be a part of the Mayor's Morning Tea on Wednesday 10 April as part of the Youth Week celebrations. This is an opportunity for our students to have a say in what is happening for the youth within the Uralla Community. Our students will have time to discuss their thoughts and ideas here at school over the next couple of weeks. Our Year 6 students will then attend the morning tea in order to share our students' ideas with the wider community.

### ANZAC DAY

This year ANZAC Day falls during the school holidays on Thursday 25 April. St Joseph's School will be represented at the march by staff and as many students as possible. I am encouraging those families who will be in Uralla on that day to participate in the march if at all possible. St Joseph's School has been asked by the organising committee to provide two banner bearers in addition to our other school students who will lay a wreath and march in the parade. St Joseph's School has always been a proud participant in the ANZAC Day commemoration activities and I hope we can support it with good numbers again this year. Please see the attached permission note for further details.

Kind regards  
Judy Elks

### IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM

#### Project Compassion Update

Thank you to all those families who are saving our bottles for Caritas and Project Compassion. So far we have raised a total of \$19.60. Please keep the returnable bottles and cans coming in. Congratulations to Luke Gardiner for being the fundraiser of the week for the second week in a row. Thank you to BUPA Armidale for adding to our fundraising efforts.



#### 3-6 News

We are very thankful to Mr Boxsell who came in yesterday to prepare our fish tank for the arrival of some new friends very soon. Tilly helped to set up the tank. We will have a shared responsibility to care for our new companions.

#### K/1/2 Gardening

This year, our garden project has been a huge success. We have been learning about the plants and vegetables that we have planted in our snack patch garden. At the moment we have lots of cherry tomatoes, chives and cucumbers, and have eaten the last of our apples and peaches. We are planting broad beans and sugar snap peas. We cannot wait to eat them. We would love to thank Mrs K and Mrs D for their ongoing assistance with this project. The garden beds look fantastic.



## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

All families in the Uralla area now have access to an out-of-school-hours care service for their primary school children.

Principal Judy Elks, *Sherpa Kids* onsite manager Kylie Shirdon and local MP Adam Marshall are pictured here with some happy students during the opening of the facility this week.

Bookings are now open with applications available online at [www.sherpa-kids.com.au](http://www.sherpa-kids.com.au).



## 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.



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**ALMSGIVING** - Almsgiving is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all God has given to us. Works of charity and the promotion of justice are integral elements of the Christian way of life. When we look carefully, we will find Christ in our neighbours, especially the poor and needy. One way we usually support those in need during Lent is by giving money to the annual Project Compassion Appeal.

This year, consider fasting not only as a Lenten discipline in preparation for the feast of Easter, but as a time-honoured means of growing closer to God and neighbour.

*“There is both a physical and a spiritual fast. In the physical fast, the body abstains from food and drink. In the spiritual fast, the faster abstains from evil intentions, words and deeds. One who truly fasts abstains from anger, rage, malice, and vengeance. One who truly fasts abstains from idle and foul talk, empty rhetoric, slander, condemnation, flattery, lying and all manner of spiteful talk. In a word, a real faster is one who withdraws from all evil.” St Basil (329-379 A.D.)*

**ASSEMBLY**

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

**SCHOOL MASS**

Our next Mass will be held this Friday 29th March. All welcome.

**CANTEEN**

Lunch Meal Monday Week 10 - \$4 Chinese Beef and Noodles

**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!

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Edward Coaches**

The moratorium for bus passes will stop this Friday the 29th of March. From Monday the 1st of April students who catch in town buses including Uralla 1 and Uralla 2 must present a bus pass or a fare of \$1 will be charged for the Uralla area.

Parents have had the opportunity to apply for a bus pass during the past 8 weeks.



**James Cross**

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**Family Relationship Centre/Centacare NENW**

**'Surviving Your Adolescents'**



**FAMILY**

RELATIONSHIP CENTRE

HELPING FAMILIES BUILD BETTER RELATIONSHIPS

**WHEN:** 2 x Tuesdays 16th & 23rd April 2019  
**TIME:** 9:30am till 12:30pm  
**WHERE:** 150 Rusden Street Armidale  
**COST:** FREE

**Learn how to manage and let go of your 11-22 year old!**

The Surviving Your Adolescents course covers:

- What is normal adolescent behavior
- How to manage teen risk-taking
- The Four Cardinal Sins (what not to do)
- The relationship between parent-teen communication and adolescent safety
- The four ways to improve your relationship
- What role to take: Observer, Advisor, Negotiator, Director
- How to respond to emotional blackmail



**For more information or to register, contact the Family Relationship Centre through Centacare NENW on 1800 372 826**

**Dates to Remember**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reminder:</b>  <u>Annual Student Resource Fees due by Friday 29th March please</u>  <u>(\$40 for K-2 students</u>  <u>\$50 for 3-6 students)</u></p>	<p><b>Fri 29 Mar:</b> Lantern Making 10am-12:30pm</p> <p><b>Fri 29 Mar:</b> Whole School Assembly 2:45pm</p> <p><b>Fri 29 Mar:</b> Uralla Art Show Opening</p> <p><b>Sat 30 Mar:</b> Seasons Of New England &amp; Lantern Parade 7:30pm</p>	<p><b>Wed 10 Apr:</b> Year 6 morning tea with Mayor</p> <p><b>Thur 11 Apr:</b> Easter Liturgy 9:10am followed by our Cross Country</p> <p><b>Last Day Of Term 1:</b> Friday 12th April</p>
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