



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Athletics Carnival

Our school Athletics Carnival will be held this **Friday 2 August at the Uralla Sporting Complex**. This is a whole school event designed for maximum participation and fun. We encourage all our students to attempt all events doing the best that they can. If your child would like to wear a shirt in their house colours please do so otherwise please wear school sports uniform for the day. If you are able to help with this carnival in any way, please contact Emma. Please ensure that you have returned your child's permission note before Friday. Medals and ribbons will be handed out at next Friday's assembly 9th August.

NERAM Art Exhibition

The official opening of the *Let's Hang It!* exhibition at NERAM in Kentucky Street Armidale, will be held this Friday at 6:00pm. As previously advertised two of our students, Xavier Wallace and Meredith Hannaford, have artworks selected for the final judging. Winners for each division will be announced on the night. You are all welcome to come all along and support our two finalists.

Canteen Volunteers Wanted

Do you have Mondays free? Are you interested in helping out in our school canteen? We are looking for volunteers to come in and learn how to organise and run the canteen on Mondays. Nicki will be finishing in our canteen at the end of the year and we are looking for someone to take over the reins. Please contact me if you are interested.

Afternoon Retreat

Next Tuesday afternoon 6 August from 3:30 - 5:00 we are holding an afternoon retreat in the school library. Anyone who would like to come along and spend some quiet time with God is more than welcome to attend. Please let the office know if you would like to join us.

Excursion Fundraiser Year 4 /5 Parents

In Term 3 of 2020 the current Year 4 and Year 5 students will be going on our biennial major excursion. The excursion is a costly expense for any family. I would like to have a meeting with the current Year 4 and 5 parents to discuss what fundraising ventures we could undertake in order to minimise the cost to the families involved. **This meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 August at 5:30pm** (prior to the *Real Talk* Parent Information Night which starts at 6:00pm for Year 4 and Year 6 parents). Please mark this date on your calendar and complete the enclosed RSVP as soon as possible. Thank you.

Thunderbolt Festival

Our next major fundraising venture for the school will be the Thunderbolt Festival which will be held on **Saturday 26 October**. Once again our PT&F has been invited to run a catering stall. For this to be a success we need the support of our parent body, as 'many hands make light work'. Please make note of this date in your calendar. Thanks for your support.

Three Way Partnership

Research tells us that "family involvement can have a major impact on student learning. Family involvement in schools is therefore central to high quality education and is part of the core business of schools."

When schools and families work together, children have a far better chance of not only being successful in school but being successful in life as well. At St Joseph's we encourage a collaborative relationship between parents, students and teachers. This three-way partnership is based on mutual trust, respect, and shared responsibility for the education of the student.

We acknowledge that families are the first educators of their children and they continue to influence their children's learning and development during the school years and long afterwards. At St Joseph's our teachers are dedicated and committed to supporting your children to achieve to their highest potential. We have an important responsibility in helping parents provide educational foundations for your children's future. This is why it is important for families and schools to work together in partnership. I encourage you to build a close relationship with our teachers. Our doors are always open to support you and your child in any way we can. Please work with us to achieve great things for all our children.

Kind regards
Judy Elks

FAITH NEWS

Whole School Prayer

Last Friday we celebrated Marriage and Family week by holding a Liturgy of the Word in the 3-6 classroom. Our staff and students were involved in presenting this prayer service to our school community. It was a wonderful celebration of family. Thank you to all who participated and made this celebration so special.



Sacrament Of Confirmation

A reminder to families that the Confirmation card needs to be returned to school as soon as it is completed along with the \$10 fee.

Last night we held our Confirmation meeting for Confirmation Candidates, Parents and Carers. Thank you to all who attended. It was wonderful to have those involved in the sacrament of confirmation present from across our parish. Events like this unite us as a faith community.

Thank you to Monsignor Wilkes who provided us with an insight to the sacrament.

All family members are welcome to the Mass and supper following. Families are reminded to make a contribution to the celebration by contributing food to share.

Dates to remember:

- Mass celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation - Saturday 17th August at 6pm.

IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM

Infants

Yesterday afternoon K/1/2 made a wooden block city in the classroom. We wrote down a code on a piece of paper and programmed that code into the Beebots that we were using to get to the places in our city. In our city we had the movies, the shop, the pool and the bank. Some of us crashed into the walls while other codes did not work out right. Next we tried again and that time we got closer to getting to our place. Everyone was happy and they were all having fun.

- Maya, Year 2

The other day I played with Beebots and it was fun. We had to program where they went. I programmed mine to go home. It spun in circles.

- Justin, Kinder

Yesterday we programmed Beebots to move to the different places in our building block city. There were lots of Beebots crashing into the walls. We had to fix up the walls and fix up the code.

- Luke, Year 1



Primary



Our teachers are always learning and looking for improvements they can make to their teaching in order to improve the students learning outcomes. This term our teachers are working at refining the Guided Reading process in their classrooms. **Guided reading** is an instructional approach that involves a teacher working with a small group of students who demonstrate similar **reading** behaviors and can **read** similar levels of texts. Through the small group interaction students will be supported in their acquisition of reading strategies and developing comprehension skills. During the lesson, the teacher provides a text that students can **read** with support, coaching the learners as they use problem-solving strategies to **read** the text. The ultimate goal is independent **reading**.

NAIDOC INGLEBA-WALCHA VISIT

For NAIDOC Week we went to a place called Ingleba to learn more about the aboriginal culture. We started by watching an opening ceremony. Part of the opening was a welcome dance and a smoking ceremony to get rid of the bad spirits and bring the good spirits in.

After that Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 went up a hill to an old shack that some aboriginals used to live in. We also had kangaroo with pasta for lunch. It was amazing! Some of the kids were taught dances. The girls did an emu dance and the boys did a kangaroo dance. This was part of the closing ceremony. We had an amazing time, thankyou Mrs Walters for organising this day.

Sarah Gardiner

NERAM'S 'LET'S HANG IT!'

Thank you to all students who submitted a piece of art work to the NERAM's 'Let's Hang It!' competition. A huge congratulations to two of our students who's art works have been selected amongst the 73 finalists.

Infants Division: Xavier Wallace 'Sweet Summer'

Primary Division: Meredith Hannaford 'Inside the Tin'

The exhibition opening and prize giving ceremony will be held at **6pm this Friday 2nd August 2019 at NERAM in Kentucky St, Armidale**. The artworks will be on display from 2nd August to 18th August in the 2019 Let's Hang It! Exhibition. All welcome to attend.

REAL TALK

There will be a Parent Information Night for Real Talk held in the Primary Learning Studio at 6pm on Tuesday 13th August.

BOOK FAIR AND GRANDPARENTS DAY

We will be holding our Book Fair and Grandparents day on Wednesday 21st August 2019. Start time will be advised closer to the date.

CANTEEN

**Lunch Meal Monday Week 3 -
\$4 2 x Home Made Sausage Rolls**

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!

ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly will be held **Friday 9th August (Term 3, Week 3)** at 2:30pm. All welcome.

SCHOOL MASS

There will be **NO Mass** this Friday 2nd August due to our School Athletics Carnival being held.



The simplest way

... to pack a healthy lunch box

The average school child will eat more than 2,500 lunches during their 13 years at school.



Cancer Council's website healthylunchbox.com.au is a one-stop-shop for everything families need to know about packing a healthy lunch box.

Parents will find information on the five food groups, what constitutes a healthy lunch box, sandwich alternatives, sandwich filling ideas, snack ideas, swaps for unhealthy snack foods, recipes and tips. The website features an [interactive healthy lunch box builder](#) where parents can get their kids involved in planning the lunch box and choosing foods they will eat and enjoy.

healthylunchbox.com.au

Dates to Remember**Fri 2 Aug:**

9am School Athletics Carnival

Fri 2 Aug:

NERAM Exhibition 6pm

Tue 6 Aug:

Twilight Retreat

Fri 9 Aug:

Assembly 2:30pm

Tue 13 Aug:

Parent Info Night REAL TALK 6pm

Wed 14 Aug:

Year 4 & 6 REAL TALK

Mon 19 Aug:

SAC Meeting 6:30pm

Tue 20 Aug:

PT&F Meeting 5:30pm

Wed 21 Aug:

Book Fair and Grandparents Day

Thur 22 Aug:

Young Australia Workshop 9:30am
(More info next term)

Wed 4 Sept:

School Photo's

Sat 26 Oct:

Thunderbolt's Festival

BIRTHDAYS**Fri 2 Aug:**

Brittany Doran

