

St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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Dear Parents

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Confirmation

This Saturday five of our students, Matilda Boxsell, Montana Dodd, Shyan Dodd, Charlotte Fletcher and Mariah Carlon, will join fourteen other members of our St Joseph's Parish in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Joseph's Church at 6:00pm. We ask you to keep these Confirmation candidates in your prayers, as they prepare to receive this special sacrament. All are welcome to come and celebrate with these students and their families. You are welcome to attend the supper afterwards and are asked to bring a plate of food to share.

Feast of the Assumption

This Thursday we will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption with Mass which will be held at 9:10am at St Joseph's Church. All welcome.

Book Fair and Grandparents Day

Next **Wednesday the 21st August** we will be celebrating Grandparents Day combined with our Annual Book Fair. Please invite all Grandparents and Grandfriends (a treasured older friend) to come along to celebrate with us. As part of the day's celebrations, we are asking our students to come dressed as their favourite book character. Parents are also invited to come along. Parents, it would be very much appreciated if you could bring a plate to share with the other adults for morning tea.

Students are asked to bring their morning tea as usual. The program for the day is as follows:

8:30am Book Fair Opens in Library.

9:15am Parade in the Primary Learning Studio. (Book voucher prizes will be awarded for Transition/Kinder; Yr 1 & 2; Yr 3 & 4; Yr 5 & 6.) Our grandparents/grandfriends will be the judges!

9:40am Book Readings in Classrooms – Parents and Grandparents/Grandfriends are asked to bring along their favourite book to share!

10:10am Open Classroom – Parents and Grandparents/Grandfriends are invited to look in and around our classrooms and see what our students have been doing.

10:40am Concluding with Morning Tea and Celebration Cake in the Learning Studio.

We hope to see you all there!

Upcoming Workshops for Students

Each year St Joseph's endeavours to organise a small number of worthwhile "incursions" or workshops to extend our students' cultural and educational experiences. Sometimes the timing of these may be close together, as they are this term, but we have tried to make them as economical as possible for our families. Workshops for this term are:

Young Australia Workshop will conduct a *Hip Hop Flashmob* workshop here for our students on Thursday 22 August at 9:30am. As part of our dance curriculum the students will be learning a performable dance routine. Normal cost for this is \$15 per child but the school has negotiated a discount and will also subsidise it so that the cost to families will be reduced to \$5 per child. **Please complete the attached permission note and return it along with your \$5 by Monday.**

NECOM Piano Trio will run their Chamber Music in Schools workshop for our students on Friday 30 August at 11:30am. The cost for this will be \$5 per child. **Please complete the attached permission note and return it along with your \$5 by Monday.**

Athletics Carnival Results

Ribbons and trophies were presented to our champions and runners-up at last Friday's Assembly. Photos and details are included in this newsletter. Once again I congratulate every one of our students on the effort and sportsmanship displayed at the carnival.

School Surveys

I wish to remind you about the School Surveys that were sent out to parents last Monday 12th August. The survey's focus moves away from School Satisfaction to School Improvement based on the National School Improvement Tool. I encourage you to complete this on-line survey as it is your opportunity to give feedback to us about what you feel we are doing well and where you see our school could improve. Please take the time to share your views.

If you have not received this survey please check your spam/junk folder for an email from info@surveymyschool.com.au to ensure you have an opportunity to contribute to the future directions of our school. If you have not received a survey please contact the school office and one will be organised for you. Thank you for your support of our school.

Kind regards
Judy Elks

REAL TALK

Years 4 and 6 had their REAL TALK sessions today.

These sessions were very successful, allowing our students to explore RELATIONSHIPS/FRIENDSHIPS, GROWING AND CHANGING, ACCEPTING AND UNDERSTANDING OTHERS, ACCEPTING SELF AS A PRECIOUS GIFT FROM GOD and many other themes. Many fun activities and thought provoking sessions were held. Every student will go home today with a better understanding of who they are as a valued individual.



FAITH NEWS

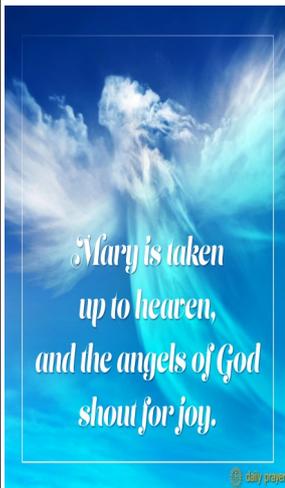
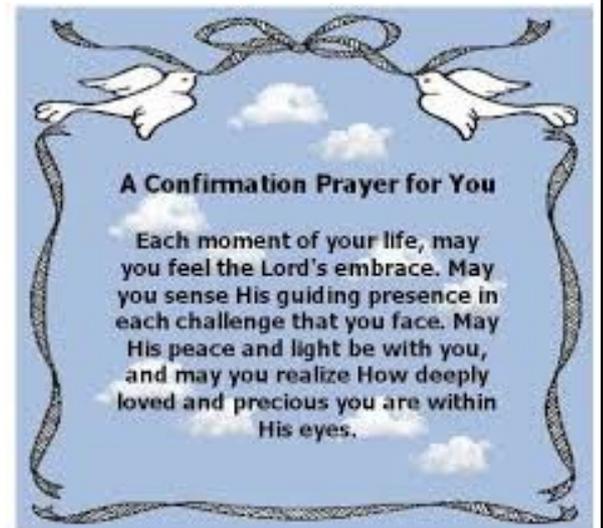
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates who will be presented to Bishop Michael Kennedy at 6pm Mass on Saturday evening.

- Matilda Boxsell
- Mariah Carlon
- Montana Dodd
- Shyan Dodd
- Charlotte Fletcher



All our family and friends are very welcome to attend Mass and supper afterwards in the 3-6 classroom. This is a great way for us to show support for our students making this very important step in their faith journey.



15th August - Feast of the Assumption of Mary

'The mighty one has done great things for me.'

On this feast of the Assumption, it is fitting to reflect on Mary's attitude to life. Unmarried and pregnant, she was able to praise her God. 'The Mighty One has done great things for me' was her response to this particular crisis in her life. It was not, 'This is too much – I can't take any more', or some such sentiment.

Of course, we don't know if Mary had any initial fears of what lay ahead. Whatever emotions she may have felt, she was still able to maintain a positive outlook.

In our own lives, there are always circumstances when we feel justified in displaying bitterness, crankiness or other negative attitudes. If we reflect daily on our responses to events, then we can emulate Mary's attitude. After all, we don't have to do it alone – we have Mary walking with us. Let us call upon her guidance today.

ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to these students who were presented with their 'Star of the Week' and 'Principal's Award' at our Whole School Assembly held last Friday 9th Aug:

Infants: Harry Kauffmann

Primary: Matilda Boxsell



Congratulations to these students who were presented with their Athletics Carnival Ribbons and Trophy:

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| Minor Girl Winner | Maya Kauffmann | Runner Up | Mackenna Kliendienst |
| Minor Boy Winner | Harry Kauffmann | Runner Up | Luke Gardiner |
| Junior Girl Winner | Jade Redmond | Runner Up | Meredith Hannaford |
| Junior Boy Winner | Ethan Wooldridge | Runner Up | Nigel Garrahy-Brennan |
| AWD Winner | Malakye | | |



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| 11yr Girl Winner | Charlotte Fletcher | | |
| 11yr Boy Winner | Prestyn Mavin | | |
| Senior Girl Winner | Matilda Boxsell | Runner Up | Shyan Dodd |
| Senior Boy Winner | Jesse Gardiner | | |



Monsignor Peters Trophy for Athletes of the Carnival

Matilda Boxsell and Jesse Gardiner

House Winner Mackillop on 127

Runner Up Koolyangarra on 120

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to the following families on the safe arrivals of:

Skylah, sister for Mariah and daughter to Ben and Shannon.

To the Garside family on the arrival of their little baby girl.



CANTEEN

Lunch Meal Monday Week 5 - \$4 Beef & Snow Peas Stir Fry with Hokkein 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!

ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly will be held **Friday 23rd August (week 5) at 2:45pm.** All welcome.

SCHOOL MASS

Our next Mass will be held this **Thursday 15th August 9:10am** to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. All welcome.

SAC MEETING

The next meeting of the School Advisory Council will be held on **Monday 19th August at 6:30pm** in the staffroom.

PT&F NEWS

Next Meeting

Just a reminder that our next PT&F meeting will be held on **Tuesday 20th August at 5:30pm** in the K-2 classroom. All welcome to attend.

Thunderbolts Festival

Our next major fundraising venture will be Thunderbolts Festival to be held on **Saturday 26 October.** We have been asked to run one of the food stalls. For this to be a success we need the support of our parent body, as 'many hands make light work'. Could you please make note of this date in your calendar. Thanks in advance for your support.

Mark Hayes

Dates to Remember

<p>Fri 16 Aug: Bishop Visit Sat 17 Aug: Confirmation 6pm Mon 19 Aug: SAC Meeting 6:30pm Tue 20 Aug: PT&F Meeting 5:30pm Wed 21 Aug: Book Fair and Grandparents Day Thu 22 Aug: Young Australia Workshop 9:30am</p>	<p>Fri 23 Aug: Assembly 2:45pm Fri 30 Aug: NCOM Piano Trio 11:30am-12:30pm Wed 4 Sept: School Photo's Thu 5 Sept: O'Connor STEP Day Year 6 Fri 20 Aug: Assembly 2:45pm Sat 26 Oct: Thunderbolt's Festival</p>	<p>BIRTHDAYS Sun 18 Aug: Shyan Dodd & Montana Dodd</p> 
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