St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 6

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

School Photos
Next Wednesday 4th September is school photo day. Please make sure your child comes to school in their full winter school uniform including ties (even if you are not ordering a photo). If you would like to order school photos, please return the envelopes before Wednesday. Thank you.

O'Connor STEP Day
Next Thursday 5th September, O'Connor Catholic College will hold a STEP Day for our Year 6 students. The students will be taken by bus from our school at 9:30 and will return before buses. Please sign and return the permission note before Thursday.

Piano Trio
This Friday our school will host a visiting ensemble from the New England Conservatorium of Music (NECOM). Our students will have the opportunity to hear a live performance by accomplished musicians who will play the flute, cello and piano. The 50-minute session will incorporate an informative lesson about the instruments and the type of music they play. If you have not yet returned your permission note and $5, could you please do so. Thank you.

Carpark Safety
As part of our ongoing efforts to maintain the safety of our students, I would like to remind you that when you or your child enter or leave the school grounds could you please use the cement footpaths only. The car park is for authorised vehicles only and is not a safe space for students to be. I thank you for your support in this matter.

Thunderbolts Festival - save the date
The Thunderbolts festival has come around again. This is one of the PT&F's major fundraising activities for the year. The date for this event is Saturday the 26 October, please keep this day free as we will need lots of helpers to help us man the stall at this event.
Our students will be participating in the parade as we usually do. We will send out more information as the event draws closer. The theme for this year's festival is: "Medieval Knights and Fair Maidens".

Kind regards
Judy Elks

YOUNG AUSTRALIA WORKSHOP

Z-NET FIELD TRIP

Z-Net project, Elephant in the Woodland. Year 3 & 4 field trip to 'The Glen' to collect data for a biodiversity study. We are learning about renewable energy (in particular wood on our field trip), sustainability and becoming responsible global citizens.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL AWARDS - CONTINUED

Montana Dodd, Liam Hayes and Shyan Dodd

FAITH NEWS

Religious Education Coordinator Conference

Every year at this time Religious Education Coordinators gather in Moree to attend 3 days of meetings. I will be attending to gain a greater insight into many aspects of Religious Education for K to 6. Specific areas of professional development include:

- **Ways of creating a prayerful classroom**
- **Thinking Palette strategies to breath life into the RE Classroom**
- **Developing knowledge and understanding of prayer.**
- **Collaborating with RECs from all schools across the Diocese.**

This will be a wonderful opportunity to network with RECs from other schools to enrich the learning offered here at St Joseph's.

Mrs Herden

IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM

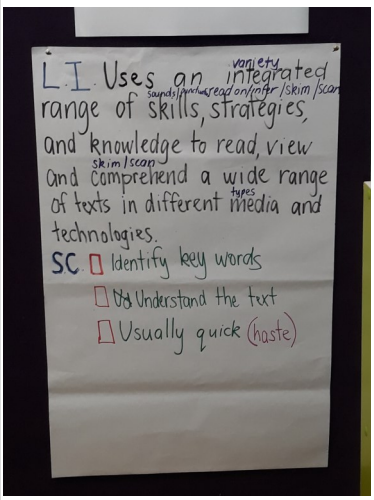
This week 3-6 have begun exploring the Catholic Principle and Value of **THE COMMON GOOD** focusing on the value of Solidarity and Fraternity after discussing and exploring the concept of HEROES In Religious Education this week. We defined heroes as people who we admire for the way they give love and support to others. A hero is someone who shows solidarity with those in need and friendship towards others. Relationships are built on trust and honesty and as children of God we are called to look after **the common good** of all.

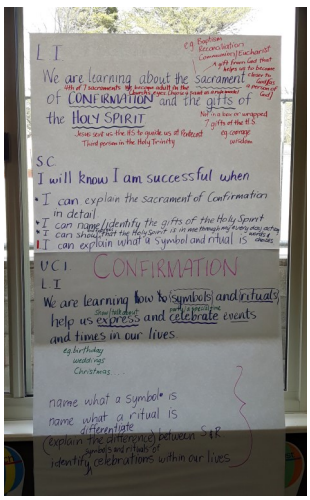
Learning intentions

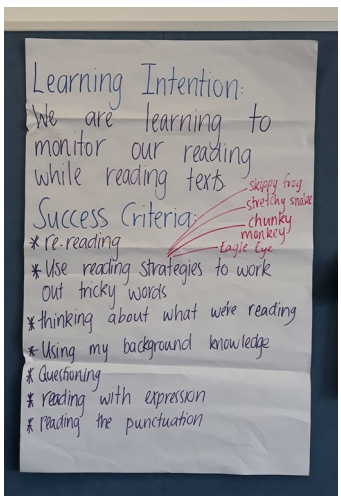
In class our teachers are focusing on the importance of making explicit for our students what they are going to learn. For many of our lessons we start with a learning intention. A Learning Intention is a statement which describes clearly what the teacher wants the students to **know, understand and be able to do** as a result of the learning and teaching activities.

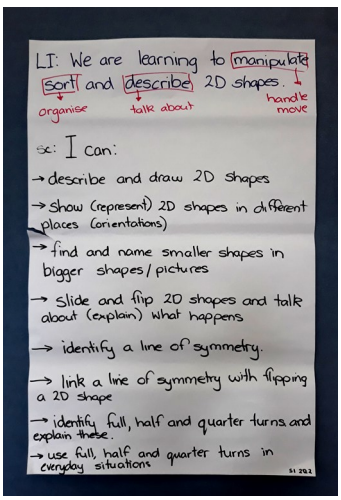
We, as teachers, know why the students are engaged in a particular activity, but the students are not always able to differentiate between the activity and the learning that it is meant to promote. Therefore, a carefully worded learning intention will direct students' attention to the learning. The learning intention emphasises what the students will ***learn,*** rather than what they will ***do.***

These Learning Intentions are displayed within our rooms as a reminder to students of what they are learning for this lesson, for the week or for the term. Please feel free to visit our rooms to see these displayed and talk with your children about how we use these.









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CANTEEN

Lunch Meal Monday Week 7 - $4 Sausages and Baked Potato.
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!

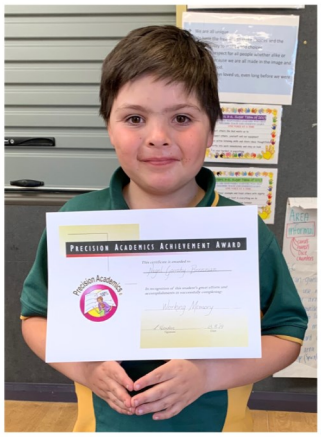
SCHOOL MASS

There will be NO MASS this Friday. Our next Mass will be held **Friday 6th September 9:10am** . All welcome.

ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly will be held **Friday 20th September (week 9) at 2:45pm**. All welcome.

Congratulations to these students who were presented with their 'Star of the Week' and 'Precision Academics Achievement Award' at our Whole School Assembly held last Friday 23th Aug:
Infants: Luke Gardiner and Sienna Garside
Primary: Chelsea Doran, Nigel Garrahy-Brennan and Malakye



COMMUNITY NEWS

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre
Thursday 5 September 2019 9am till 3pm
Near the Memorial Hall, Salisbury Street Uralla
Drought Communities One Stop Shop with various services available
For more information, go to **humanservices.gov.au/mobileoffice**

Family Services Conference
September 24 & 25 2019
Goonoo Goonoo Station, Tamworth
Featuring: Nathan Wallis, Glenn McGrath, Anthony Laye and many more.
To find out more or to purchase tickets, head to our website **www.centacarenenw.com.au**

Dates to Remember

Fri 30 Aug:
NECOM Piano Trio
11:30am-12:30pm
Wed 4 Sept:
School Photos

Thu 5 Sept: O'Connor STEP Day Yr 6
Fri 20 Sept:
Assembly 2:45pm
Fri 27 Sep:
Last Day Term 3

TERM 4
Sat 26 Oct:
Thunderbolt's Festival
Thu 21 Nov:
O'Connor STEP Day Yr 6