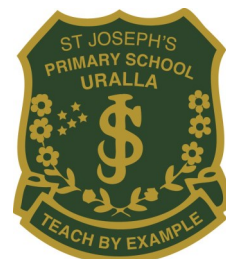




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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

A Gift of Music

We had a wonderful start to our week on Monday morning when we were visited by *Rural Aid* founders Robyn and Wayne Thomson with a large gift of music instruments and Lego sets. What a boost to our morale to know that there are other people thinking about us during these tough times and doing something so generous for us. Thank you *Rural Aid* – your kind legacy will be enjoyed by our students for years to come! You can see the photo and details of their gift inside this newsletter.

Transition

St Joseph's Transition program is a free, no obligation program that is currently running every Wednesday till the end of the year. If you know of any parents who have a school aged child ready to start Kindergarten next year, please share with them the information about our Transition program and encourage them to contact the school for further information.

Gardening

This term our garden project will continue during Wednesday lunchtimes. If any child would like to help in the garden they are more than welcome. Thank you again to Mrs Sam Kauffman and Mrs Gale Decent for giving of their time to allow our students to have this experience.

St Joseph's is a Sun Safe School.

Just a reminder about our "No Hat No Play" rule. Students must have a hat to wear at school. If your child does not have a hat to wear for recess or lunch they will be playing out of the sun in the weather shed. Please also note there is sunscreen available in the weather shed for our students to use. If they need help to apply this, they just need to ask a teacher and help will be given.

Remembrance Day

Our Year 3 – 6 students will represent our school at the Remembrance Day Service to be held at Alma Park on Monday 11th November. Permission notes have been sent home today – please return them by Friday.

Meeting Reminders

- ⇒ The School Advisory Council will be holding its AGM and final ordinary meeting for this year on Monday 18 November at 6:00pm. If you believe you have a particular skill which you can bring to this advisory council and would like to contribute your time and talents in this way please contact the school office for further information and a nomination form before Friday 15 November.
- ⇒ The final PT&F Meeting for this year will be held next Monday 11 November at 5:00pm. All parents are encouraged to come along.

Kind regards
Judy Elks

SHEEP MANURE BUSINESS

The sheep manure business has been very successful again this year. Thank you very much to the students from Year 3-6 for their help in shovelling and bagging the manure. We still have a bit more to sell and a bit more shovelling to do, so if you can stick around a bit longer that would be amazing.

If anyone wants some sheep manure you better get in quick because I think there are only 30 bags left.

The last big pile of manure has been loaded onto a trailer and been sold so thanks to all our buyers. Thank you teachers especially Mrs Hull, students and parents for your support and helping us in this business.

Matilda Boxsell
Sheep Manure CEO

SPORTS NEWS

Expressions of interest for Summer trials

Diocesan Summer trials will be held in Gunnedah on Friday 29th November, 2019. Any student from years 4 and 5 who would like to trial for Diocesan Basketball, Tennis, Cricket & Softball will need to see Miss Kelly for a permission note. Students trialing need to be competitive in the sport and must be performing at a proficient level. If selected at this carnival, students will be expected to represent the Diocese at the Polding carnival in 2020. Parents will be expected to drive their child to and from the carnival.

Emma Kelly

MAJOR EXCURSION MEETING

Parents of the current Year 4 and Year 5 students are asked to attend a meeting at the conclusion of the PT&F Meeting on Monday 11 November. This meeting is to discuss fundraising for the 2020 Year 5/6 Major Excursion. It is important that your family is represented at this meeting.

PT&F CORNER

Our next PT&F meeting will be held on Monday 11th November at 5:00pm.

We had a successful day at the Thunderbolt Festival BBQ with takings being \$3,157. Profit from the day will be finalised and shared at this meeting. Please come along and share your ideas about our next fundraising activity – the fete to be held on 1 December.

We are making an urgent plea to ALL parents to contribute and get involved – WE NEED ALL FAMILIES TO PARTICIPATE.

Volunteers notes will be sent home over the next few weeks PLEASE COMMIT TO HELPING OUT IN SOME WAY.

Thank you in advance!

Mark Hayes

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We need as many hands as possible to help Gerard Ryan with the gathering of wood for our fete's wood raffle. If you are available to help, please meet Gerard, Saturday 16th November at 7:45am on Wood Street between the school and church. There you will carpool out to Wollon where you will be getting the wood from. Please bring earmuffs and a chainsaw if you would like to use your own, otherwise Gerard will have spare chainsaws you can use.



FAITH NEWS

Prayers for Rain



The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national.

St Vincent de Paul are also conducting a Drought Appeal if people wish to donate

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-drought-appeal-nsw>

More resources can be obtained from Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference website:

<https://catholic.org.au/drought>

Prayer for Rain

God of compassion, we wait and watch for your gift of rain to water the soil and make the barren land come alive again. We wait and watch for the gift of salvation to free us from hatred, greed and fear so that we may live as people of faith, hope and love. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Week

K to 6 will attend Mass on Friday at 9.10. Years 3 - 6 will stay after Mass for students to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

NOVEMBER - The month of ALL SOULS

We remember deceased relatives, friends and community members. We try to, wherever possible, visit and tend the graves of family and loved ones. We also offer prayers for the repose of their souls.



Continuing our Mission Appeal for Catholic Mission

Pope Francis has declared this October to be an Extraordinary Missionary Month. This year's focus country is Ghana

Coin Line Competition

Our Coin Line Competition Concludes today. Thank you to all those who have contributed. This created some very enthusiastic competition with students very keen to raise money for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. We have learnt about the special project happening in Ghana protecting the lives of those with disabilities. We decided that we are all God's children and by raising money we are respecting the SANCTITY OF LIFE.

The winning classes were Year 2 and Year 6 - Congratulations. We hope you enjoyed your small prize.

Mufti Day

Next Thursday we are having a Rainbow Mufti Day and donating a gold coin to go towards our Mission Appeal. Students are asked to wear as many colours of the rainbow as they can to celebrate the way we are adding colour to the world of those who are benefiting from our fundraising. We will also visit our friends at McMaugh's on this day.



CANTEEN
!! LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE FRIDAY BEFORE !!

Lunch Meal Monday Week 5 - \$4 Nacho's

Orders can either be sent in to the school office or by messaging Nicki on 0448 054 092. Thank You!

ASSEMBLY

Due to our Gymnastics and Swimming bookings this term, we will be holding only one assembly. Awards may still be handed out during class by the teachers throughout term. Our assembly will be held **Friday 29th November at 2:45pm.** (WEEK 7) All welcome.



Congratulations to these students who were presented with their 'Star of the Week' awards last Friday 1st November:

Primary: Montana Dodd - For being Reliable, Responsible and Supportive.

Infants: Liam Hayes - For outstanding progress with sight word recognition.
 Mackenna Kliendienst - For great improvements with sound work and using her knowledge to help her peers.
 Maya Kauffmann - For outstanding efforts with prayer writing.

SCHOOL MASS

Our next Mass will be held this **Friday 8th November 9:10am.** All welcome.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Uralla Shire Drought Support Community Get Together

- ALL WELCOME - Please come and share a cuppa with others doing the hard yards in this record breaking drought. This get together will be an opportunity to connect with like-minded locals, the men from the Uralla Men's Group and guest community and health professionals who will be on-site to facilitate networking, local connections and exploring any needs you may have.

Last Friday of Each Month. First Meeting Friday November 8th 3:30-5:00pm at The Alternate Root. "We're all in this together, don't go it alone!"

Dates to Remember

Thu 7 Nov:
 Responsible Pet Visit 2pm
Fri 8 Nov:
 Gym 1:30pm-2:30pm
Mon 11 Nov:
 PT&F Meeting 5pm
Fri 15 Nov:
 Keeping Place &
 Gym 1:30pm-2:30pm

Mon 18 Nov:
 SAC Meeting 6:30pm
Thu 21 Nov:
 O'Connor STEP Day
 Orientation Yr 6 only
Thu 21 Nov:
 Swim School
 1:45-2:45
Fri 22 Nov:
 Swim School
 1:45-2:45

BIRTHDAYS
Tue 12 Nov:
 Brandi Worrad

RURAL AID COMES TO ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL URALLA

St Joseph's School Uralla has experienced the wonderful generosity of the charitable organisation Rural Aid through its donation of over \$5500 worth of musical instruments.

Rural Aid's *Gift of Music* founders Wayne and Robyn Thomson arrived at the school to personally present the musical instruments and lego sets to our school. In making this donation they reassured us that "the generous people of Australia wanted to do something to let the people in drought affected areas know that we are being thought of."

The students and staff were overwhelmed when they took delivery of a drum kit, a digital piano, two nine-piece percussion sets and various other instruments as well as some lego sets.

In thanking Wayne and Robyn, Judy Elks said that "during these tough times we often get so caught up in the demands of dealing with the drought that we forget about how it is affecting our most precious gift, our children. Music is a great way for children to express their feelings and therefore help them cope with the circumstances that they are thrown into through no fault of their own. We are so grateful that the music program that we offer at this school can be enhanced by this significant contribution which will bring so much pleasure to not only these children but to the whole community. Thank you to Rural Aid for thinking of our children!"



IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM

Boot Camp is attended by a group of students each morning prior to starting their Literacy Block.

They spend 7 minutes using and refining their Gross Motor Skills in a series of activities.

Research has shown that learning is assisted through movement, as it activates neurons in the brain and creates pathways which assist in memory, concentration and therefore learning.

Some comments by the students about Boot Camp are as follow:

- * Great
- * Fun way to learn
- * Amazing
- * Exercise
- * Brain Gym
- * Helpful
- * Fun
- * Helps us to learn
- * We can be inventive by creating new ways to use the equipment

Mary Hull



IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM - CONTINUED

3-6 News

Poetry Is Fun - We have been having a lot of fun exploring different poetry style, reading, writing and reciting poetry. Here are some examples of our 3-6 poets in action.

Learning about the rhythm and rhyming patterns of Limericks

There once was a very fat dog
Who loved playing in the fog
He ate lots of ham
With his owner Sam
And enjoyed playing leap frog

By Sarah

There once was a lady named Kelly
Who had a smelly belly
She loved to eat toast
with nutella the most
With her very best friend called
Shelly

By Prestyn Mavin

Learning about and using PERSONIFICATION.

NIGHT TRAVELS

In the misty night the trees speak,
A gust of fear runs by my side.
Shapes prance around me,
As they gently stroke my hair.

By Monty

Writing a poem about A GUM TREE

Gum Tree

When I climb up her extended arms to the top, I see everything.

Majestic eagles soaring through the sky
like they are trying to capture their prey.
Clouds looking like mellow, fleecy cotton candy,
I can just reach up and grab some.
A mother bird attempting to teach her baby to fly.
By the time I'm done searching, it's dinner time.
The next day when I finish breakfast I go outside
and do the same routine
but I always
discover
something new.

By Brittany

EXCURSION TO DUMARESQ DAM

Last Friday as part of 3-6 Geography Unit we visited Dumaresq Dam to explore the Geographical features of the area. Learning can be so much fun in the outdoors. On our field trip we collected data and explored the area.

