



St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



Skip-a-thon Friday 22nd Nov

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Dear Parents

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

St Joseph's FETE

The St Joseph's Fete will be held on Sunday 1st December from 11:00am to 2:00pm. This is a combined school and parish FETE and we need to work with the parish in order to make this a successful event. We ask for your support through donations and man power on the day.

The school will be running the Tombola, the Second Hand Clothes stall, the raffle stall as well as the kids' activities.

If you could start sending in good quality, laundered second hand clothes for the **Second Hand Clothes Stall** that would be great.

Please see the PT&F Corner for more information about how you can help.

Wood Raffle tickets – 1 book of 10 per family is attached to this newsletter. Tickets are \$1 each – try selling them to your friends, neighbours and relatives as we know there are other demands on our school families right now. Please return all tickets (sold and unsold) and money by next Friday 30 November. Thank you to the parents who were able to volunteer their time to help collect wood for the raffle last weekend with Gerard Ryan. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Swimming "Water Safety" Program

Tomorrow we will commence our swimming sessions. Our Swimming Program will run for 6 sessions on Thursdays and Fridays 21, 22, 28, 29 November and 12, 13 December. Please note this is a Water Safety program, not a learn to swim program. This year due to the devastating effect the drought is having on our community, the cost of entry into the pool for the six sessions for every child will be funded out of a drought relief package our school will be accessing. If you have not returned your child's permission note, please complete and return it to school tomorrow.

O'Connor Step Day

The students enrolled for O'Connor Catholic College for next year are invited to the final STEP day to be held tomorrow Thursday 21st November. A reminder that parents will need to organise transport for their child to and from O'Connor on this day.

School Advisory Council

The Annual General Meeting of the SAC was held last Monday. We wish to thank our retiring member Kathy Dodd for her valuable contribution to the school through her service on the previous school board and the current advisory council. Thank you Kathy! We also welcome our new member, Mark Hayes, who will join the School Advisory Council in 2020. Our chairperson, Gerard Ryan, was re-elected as chairperson for 2020. SAC members for 2020 are:

Ex-Officio Members – Monsignor Wilkes, Judy Elks

Community Members – Gerard Ryan (Chairperson), Dan Riley, Sam Kauffmann, Mark Hayes

Staff Member – Mary Hull (Secretary)

Co-opted Member – Kerrie Biddle (Treasurer)

Kind regards

Judy Elks

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars for these important events this term:

- ⇒ St Joseph's Fete will be held on Sunday the 1st December from 11:00am to 2:00pm.
- ⇒ Our students will be singing at the Uralla Carols in the Park to be held on Wednesday, 4th December in Alma Park from 6pm with a free BBQ.
- ⇒ Our Creative Arts Evening will be held on Wednesday the 11th December at 6:00pm. We will be also holding a matinee on the 12th December at 10:00am for McMaugh Gardens residents and anyone else who would like to come along.
- ⇒ Our end of year Presentation Night will be held on Tuesday the 17th December beginning with Mass in the church at 6:00pm, followed by the awards presentations in the Primary Learning Studio and concluding with a BBQ picnic tea.



SHEEP MANURE BUSINESS

If you know of anyone who would like to purchase some sheep manure for their gardens, we do have some bags left. Pricing \$4 for a 10kg bag. Please phone the school on 67784063 to leave your orders and a team member of the Sheep Manure Business will contact you about collection or delivery.

Z-NET

Our school community has had a rich experience developing our relationship with the Uralla Z-Net team this year. Our students have gained a wealth of knowledge from the dedicated project officers and our school is already benefiting from the changes we have made.

Our school is working with Z-Net to:

- ◆ Improve energy efficiency through targeting high energy use in our school
- ◆ Establish ways of measuring our progress
- ◆ Investigate the options for renewable energy

The students have participated in activities relating to renewable energy, electricity usage audits, sustainable firewood, building design, water, waste, transport, biodiversity studies, garden planning, use of electrical appliances, energy efficient light options, insulation, soil moisture/infiltration, bird watching, and preserving our natural environment.



Not only have we learnt so much from the Z-Net team, our school is much more energy efficient and saving money! We hope to continue our relationship with Z-Net into 2020.

PT&F CORNER

FETE News

Today the PT&F will be sending home a basket for each family to fill with goodies to the value of \$10 to be sold as **Xmas Gift Baskets** at the fete. This is an easy way for everyone to be able to contribute goods for the fete. So put your creative hats on, fill your baskets and send them in to school as soon as you can!

Please also send in your family's contribution towards the **Tombola Stall** – nothing expensive but simply something “creative” in a jar or clip-seal bag would be appreciated. This could be non-perishable foods, sweet treats, small toys, bath/toiletry items or anything appropriate as a prize.

This year we are introducing a new activity to the fete - **Pony Poo Lotto!** For \$5 a square you can “buy” the spot where the pony poos first and win a great cash prize. This will run similar to a 100 Club. Tickets will be sold at the fete.



FAITH NEWS

Faith News from 3-6

This Term Years 3 -6 have been focusing on building positive relationships with others and especially building a strong relationship with God. We have reflected on the words of Pope Francis which he shared a little over 12 months ago at the Catholic Church's 9th World Meeting of Families (WMOF) which took place in Dublin August 2018.

Words of Wisdom

As the end of the year approaches and life becomes a little chaotic with tempers flaring, patience fraying and tiredness taking over, this is a timely reflection to remind us of the importance of protecting our relationships with those most dear to us; our families.

Pope Francis gives us 3 words: Sorry, Please, Thank You

This is what Pope Francis said about the importance of these 3 words.

"Our families we need to learn three words. They are "sorry", "please" and "thank you". When you quarrel at home, be sure that before going to bed you apologize and say you are sorry. Before the day is done, make peace. Do you want to know why it is necessary to make peace before ending the day? Because if you don't make peace, the next day you have a "cold war" and that is very dangerous! Watch out for cold wars in the family! Maybe you get mad sometimes and are tempted to sleep in another room, all by yourself. If you feel that way, just knock on the door and say: "Please, can I come in?" All it takes is a look, a kiss, a soft word... and everything is back to the way it was! I say this because when families do this, they survive. There is no such thing as a perfect family; without the practice of forgiveness, families can grow sick and gradually collapse.

To "forgive" means to "give" something of yourself. Jesus always forgives us. By the power of his forgiveness, we too can forgive others, if we really want to. Isn't that what we pray for, when we say the Our Father? Children learn to forgive when they see their parents forgiving one another. If we understand this, we can appreciate the grandeur of Jesus' teaching about fidelity in marriage. Far from a cold legal obligation, it is above all a powerful promise of God's own fidelity to his word and his unfailing grace. Christ died for us so that we, in turn, might forgive and be reconciled with one another. In this way, as individuals and as families, we can know the truth of Saint Paul's words that, when all else passes away, "love never ends" (1 Cor 13:8)."



Continuing our Mission Appeal for Catholic Mission

Last Thursday we held our Rainbow Mufti Day and added to our Mission Appeal. Students wore as many colours of the rainbow as they could to celebrate the way we are adding colour to the world of those who are benefiting from our fundraising. We also visited our friends at McMaugh's and were very lucky to meet a lady who works at McMaugh's who is from Ghana, the focus country for Catholic mission. She explained the similarities and differences between living in Ghana and living in Australia.



Friday 22nd November - Skip-a-thon

The sponsorship involves a donation for the total time spent skipping. All money raised will go to the Mission Appeal.

IMPORTANT POINTS PLEASE NOTE

As this day is our normal sports day all children are asked to wear their SPORTS UNIFORM and bring their WATER BOTTLE. Following the Skip-a-Thon we will have a well earned swim.

All children are asked to return their SPONSORSHIP FORM & MONEY in an envelope to their classroom teacher or school office by the Friday of Week 7 - 29th November.

Parents are invited to come along and watch the Skip-a-Thon.

Thank you for your generosity so far.

If students need a Skip-a-Thon sponsorship form they can collect one from the office.





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

Lunch Meal Monday Week 7 - \$4 BLT Toasties

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.

SCHOOL MASS

Our next Mass will be held this **Friday 22nd November** 9:10am. All welcome.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Visitor Information Centre Community Gathering

When: Wednesday 27th Nov 2019 at 5:30pm
Where: Uralla Bowling Club
 The community is invited to provide valuable feedback on Uralla Shire Council's future plans for the Visitor Information Centre. Light refreshments will be provided. For catering purposes please register to attend by emailing visit@uralla.gov.au
 For additional information:
<https://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/> or Uralla Shire Council Facebook or (02)67786420.



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.

Dates to Remember

<p>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 Thu 28 Nov: Swim School 12noon-1pm</p>	<p>Fri 29 Nov: Swim School 12noon-1pm Fri 29 Nov: Assembly 2:45pm Fri 29 Nov: Australia Day Poster Comp Due Wed 4 Dec: Uralla Carols in the Park 6pm</p>	<p>Wed 11 Dec: Creative Arts Evening 6pm Thu 12 Dec: Swim School 1:45-2:45 Fri 13 Dec: Swim School 1:45-2:45 Tue 17 Dec: Presentation Night 6pm Wed 18 Dec: Last Day Of School!</p>
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