



# St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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Dear Parents

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### PT&F Meeting

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our PT&F meeting on Monday night. Congratulations to our new committee. I look forward to working closely with you all. Please remember that the minutes of the PT&F meetings are available to all parents at the school office.

### Anaiwan Cultural Collection Opening

Thank you to Mrs Finlayson, Mrs Walters and our Year 6 students for attending the opening ceremony of the Anaiwan Cultural Collection at the Uralla Visitors Centre. The centre will be a great place to view local aboriginal artefacts, artworks and to learn about their heritage.

### The Feast of St Joseph

Next Thursday 19 March is the Feast of St Joseph and as the patron Saint of our school we will be celebrating his Feast day by attending Mass at 9:10am, all welcome. The students are invited to wear mufti (suitable for sport activity) and to bring a gold coin donation for Caritas. We will have pancakes for morning tea and they will have their tennis coaching as per schedule.

### Removal of Tree near walkway

We are still waiting for the arborist to come to remove the tree. We are booked in with him but due to his commitments resulting from the ongoing natural disasters, our job has been deferred for the time being. We will continue to lock the gate adjacent to the tree to keep the students safe. Thank you for your patience.

### NAPLAN Testing

Our school will complete the NAPLAN testing online this year. Our teachers and students will be involved in preparation and practice activities in the lead up. This will include participation in a **practice test** scheduled for Tuesday 24 March. This will give students an opportunity to become familiar with the types of questions they may be asked in NAPLAN Online.

### Safety in the Car Park

Parents are reminded that the staff carpark is for staff and authorised personnel only and is not to be used as a walkway. 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 safety of our students and families is of the utmost importance to us and we thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### Coronavirus Information For Parents

Parents are asked to please read the enclosed letter regarding Coronavirus and it's implications for schools. If you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Kind regards*  
*Judy Elks*

### DANCE WORKSHOP

Last Friday our students were involved in a Hip Hop dance workshop presented by Shyamla Eswaran. The workshop was titled 'Hip Hopping from Bollywood to Brazil'. The students had a fantastic time.



### ANAIWAN CULTURAL COLLECTION

Yesterday our Year 6 students, accompanied by Mrs Finlayson and Mrs Walters, visited the Uralla Information Centre for the Official Opening of the Anaiwan Cultural Collection.



### PUPIL FREE DAY MONDAY 23 MARCH

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we will be implementing a new school administration system across the school for both teachers and admin staff to use. Implementation of this new system will require the teachers and admin staff to be involved in a training day. This day will be on **Monday 23 March** so our students will not be attending school on this day. Thank you for your support.

### LANTERN MAKING

The annual Uralla Lantern Parade will be held on Saturday 28 March as part of the Seasons of New England Festival. The Uralla Arts committee have again asked if our school could host the lantern making activities, using our weather shed. Throughout Week 9, the other schools from Uralla and the surrounding area will be coming to design and make their lanterns at our school. Our school session will be on **Wednesday 25 March**.

### LIFE EDUCATION VAN VISIT

The Life Education Van will be visiting our school on **Thursday 26 March**. This service provides our students with the information, understanding, skills and strategies they require to make safe decisions about their own health and well-being.

This program will cost \$10 per student, though our PT&F committee have kindly agreed to pay \$6 of the cost, so it will cost parents **\$4 per student**. Please complete the permission note enclosed in this newsletter.

### MARY POPPINS

O'Connor Catholic College has invited our students to a special schools only performance of their own production of **"Mary Poppins"**. This will be held on **Friday 27 March** from 11am at the Lazenby Hall UNE. Students will travel by bus departing school at 10am and travel by bus to Lazenby Hall returning by 3pm. The cost of the bus will be covered by Diocesan funds. Tickets to the performance will be \$8 per student, but our PT&F committee have kindly agreed to pay \$4 of the cost, so it will cost parents **\$4 per student**. Please complete the permission note enclosed in this newsletter.

### PT&F CORNER

The AGM was held on Monday 9 March. The following committee was elected:

President - Kristy Redmond

Vice President - Jo Fletcher

Secretary - Jordan Hannaford

Canteen Convenor - Peta Garrahy

Position of Treasurer is yet to be filled. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please contact the school office. Please remember that the minutes of the PT&F meetings are available to all parents at the school office.



### CANTEEN NEWS

It was decided at the PT&F meeting held on Monday 9 March that as from the beginning of Term 2 the weekly meal deal will now cost \$5 each. There will also be an alternative on offer for those who do not like the meal deal - Cheese sandwich either plain or toasted for \$5. A menu plan for next term will be sent out at the end of this term and subsequent terms with the newsletter.

### CANTEEN



**Week 8 - \$4 Cheeseburgers with Sweet Potato Fries**

**ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE FRIDAY BEFORE. Orders can either be sent in to the school office or by messaging Peta on 0417 509 015. Thank You!**

### ASSEMBLY

Our next Assembly will be **Friday 3 April (Week 10)** at 2:45pm. All welcome.

### SCHOOL MASS

Our next school Mass will be held **this Friday 13 March** at 9:10am. All welcome.

**SHERPA KIDS NAME CHANGE**

**Rebranding - Sherpa Kids St Joseph's Uralla becomes Esteem Kids St Joseph's Uralla**

There will be only 3 minor changes in this transition (including the regulatory requirements)

- New Service Name
- New Email address – [info@esteemkidsgroup.com.au](mailto:info@esteemkidsgroup.com.au) (*it is active now, please kindly use this email address as your contact point*)
- New Website – [www.esteemkidsgroup.com.au](http://www.esteemkidsgroup.com.au) (Registered and pending website building, estimated completion on 13 March 2020)
- No other changes required and the process is seamless. E.g. Business Owners, Team members, Enrolment Details, Child Care Subsidy, Fees, Bank Details, Phone numbers etc. remain the same as current practice.

**William and Sophia Wong**

**Director**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**FREE Toolkit For Dads** - A 3 hour session for men

Join us to learn about:

**When:** Thursday 19th March 2020

\* What gets in the way

\* Neuroscience and Kids

**Time:** 9:30am to 12:30pm

\* Self-care for dads

\* What to do if you lose it

**Where:** Centacare - 150 Rusden St, Armidale

\* What children need

\* New ways to discipline

**Bookings essential:** 1800 372 826 or ring

\* Helping children thrive

\* Smarter ways to parent

Facilitator on 6738 7200

**Good for Kids** good for life

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

*Walk, bike ride, skate or scooter to school on March 13th, to celebrate active travel.*



Children under 16 years of age (and adults supervising them) are allowed to ride on a footpath in NSW.

Encourage your kids to follow these tips for safer riding:

- Always wear an approved bicycle helmet, properly fitted and fastened
- Always obey road rules, including traffic lights, stop signs and give way signs
- Turn your head when passing driveways
- Keep left when riding on the footpath and give way to pedestrians
- Travel at a speed that is safe for you and others
- Wear bright clothing to make yourself visible

**Dates to Remember**

**Thu 19 Mar:**  
St Joseph's Day

**Mon 23 Mar:**  
**PUPIL FREE**  
**DAY**

**Wed 25 Mar:**  
Lantern Making  
**Thu 26 Mar:**  
9am Life Ed Van  
**Fri 27 Mar:**  
"Marry Poppins"

**Sat 28 Mar:**  
Lantern Parade  
**Thu 2 Apr:**  
O'Connor STEP  
Day Yr6  
**Fri 3 Apr:**  
2:45pm Assembly