



St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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TERM 2 WEEK 2

Dear Parents

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Managing our Return to School at St Joseph's Uralla

As you would be aware, the Government has issued a directive for the managed return to school from Week 3 of Term 2, Monday 11 May.

Our Director of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Armidale has given each Principal the autonomy to choose how this managed return to school will take place in their own school, keeping in mind all the legal requirements around the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and families.

The teachers and staff at St Joseph's Uralla, are keen for our students to return to the normal daily school routine at school as soon as possible.

After careful consideration, St Joseph's Uralla will begin our managed return to school from next Monday 11 May in the following way:

Monday 9:00am to 3:00pm	All students from K to Year 6 to attend school on site
Tuesday	Remote learning at home for all students except children of essential workers and special circumstances who have arranged to be at school
Wednesday 9:00am to 3:00pm	All students from K to Year 6 to attend school on site
Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm	All students from K to Year 6 to attend school on site
Friday	Remote learning at home for all students except children of essential workers and special circumstances who have arranged to be at school

We understand that some families may still need to isolate at home and remote learning will continue for those children at home each school day. Thank you to those families for informing us of your decision.

These arrangements will continue until further notice and are subject to change as directed by the Government and Education Authorities. We will advise you of any changes when they occur.

At our school there will be strict protocols in place to ensure we are providing the safest environment possible. These are:

- ⇒ **No child or staff member is to attend school if they are unwell or have a cold or cold symptoms.**
- ⇒ **No adults other than staff and authorised persons are to be in the school grounds while the students are here.**
- ⇒ **Parents and carers are to drop their children off at the school gate before school each morning.**
- ⇒ **To improve the safety at drop off and pick up, we will keep the carpark gate closed until the eastern pedestrian gate is reopened after removal of unstable tree. Staff will park their cars in the presbytery grounds during this period.**
- ⇒ **Any early departures for appointments etc. will need to be phoned through or emailed to the school office so that collection arrangements can be organised.**

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE - CONTINUED

- ⇒ Children are to wash their hands immediately on arrival at school and regularly throughout the day.
 - ⇒ Hand sanitizers are available for use throughout the day for children and staff.
 - ⇒ Social distancing (keeping 1.5metres apart) will be practiced by staff at all times.
 - ⇒ Children will be encouraged to social distance as much as is practical.
 - ⇒ Teachers will walk the children to the gate to be collected by their parents/carers after school each afternoon.
 - ⇒ Please advise the school if your child is unable to attend school on any day (unless you have already made arrangements for remote learning).
- * During this arrangement we ask that the school-issued Chromebooks and i-Pads which were sent home on loan, remain at home rather than having the children bringing them back and forth to school and home.
 - * Students in Yr 3-6 are asked to please bring all their exercise and handwriting books back to school on Monday.
 - * The school canteen will NOT be operating until further notice.
 - * Students are to come to school in their winter uniform. The school uniform pool has some items which the children can access if you just send in a note and we can organise it for them. New uniform items are available for purchase from Intersports in Rusden Street, Armidale.

On behalf of the staff, I wish to thank you all for the amazing effort you are putting in to ensure the best outcomes for your child during these very trying times.

Thank you for working with us and being flexible to all the changes that have been forced upon us. Please remember that we are here for you and your children and will do all that we can to assist you in any way possible.

We are looking forward to gradually having your children back with us at school.

Kind regards
Judy Elks



Our Father,

Who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil

Amen.

ONLINE LEARNING



This is my math game with Liam.
Montana Hayes

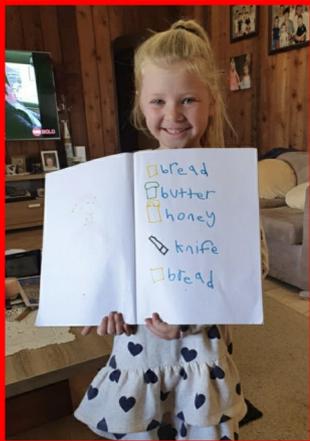
Liam has made Jesus walking with the disciples.



K/1/2 are looking at procedures this term while at home in isolation. They are learning how to write procedures and how to follow them. This week the students have been exploring simple tasks they do at home to help out around the house. They have been taking notes of the materials or equipment needed for these tasks and verbalising the step by step instructions they need to follow to carry out these tasks.

Miss Kelly

Birdie instructing Seth on how to login to a device.



Sienna's prayer focus.



SCHOOLTV

Introduction

It's never been more challenging for parents to raise happy, healthy and resilient children.

Like never before, parents need to be informed with clear, fact-based information on the many challenges faced by today's youth. Topics such as youth anxiety, depression, self-harm, drug and alcohol use, cyberbullying and many others need clear explanation and guidance.



SchoolTV is a new ongoing resource that is now available to our parents. Each edition will address a major topic with expert interviews, fact sheets, parent quiz, recommended apps, books and much more. SchoolTV aggregates information from many great resources such as BeyondBlue and ReachOut, amongst others. SchoolTV provides a single stream of independent factual information that saves parents time and confusion of searching online across multiple sites for information.

You can access the SchoolTV archive here: <https://stjosephsuralla.catholic.schooltv.me/category-latest-newsletter>

SPECIAL REPORT: Wellbeing - Checklist for Primary

Whilst most children are resilient and seem to be demonstrating a remarkable capacity to manage during this challenging time, others are not faring as well. Some are experiencing a variety of emotions ranging from fear to anxiety, all of which are considered normal or natural responses to this current situation.

However despite this, it is still important for adult carers to remain vigilant for any signs of unusual distress or behaviour, even though your child may not have any prior history of a mental health disorder.

It was estimated that one in seven Australasian children experienced a mental health issue before the Coronavirus pandemic, therefore early intervention, diagnosis and treatment is even more important now. In the current climate, one useful thing you can do is help your child focus on the things that they can control - such as their learning, diet, exercise and sleep.

In this Special Report, adult carers will be provided with a checklist that can be used as a guide in determining if there is any cause for concern. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report <https://stjosephsuralla.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeingnews/special-report-wellbeing-checklist-primary>

THE BEST THING YOU'LL EVER DO IS

*believe in
yourself*

@VITALITYLG

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen will not be operating until further notice. We will have a new menu for you by then.

Make yourself
a priority
once in a while.

**IT'S NOT SELFISH.
IT'S NECESSARY!**