



St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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TERM 2 WEEK 3

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Welcome back to our new look for Term 2! It has been a delight to have our students back on the premises this week. Hearing the laughter and conversations of our students is music to our ears! Our three-day transition back to school will also continue next week. Therefore, all students will be in Monday, Wednesday and Thursday with students of essential workers in on Tuesday and Friday as well.

I would like to thank all our parents and carers for the amazing job that you have done supporting your children at home during our remote learning. I know it hasn't always been smooth sailing, but the patience and dedication that you have put into supporting your child has made a great contribution to their learning. Our school prides itself on its three-way partnership between student, teacher and parent and the last few weeks has been proof of the importance of this in our students' education.

I also wish to say a huge thank you to our teachers and aides on the exceptional job they have all done and continue to do to guide and support our students' education during these uncertain times. To go from face-to-face teaching to online teaching overnight was a huge undertaking. The collaborative, professional and dedicated approach they took to this hurdle was very inspiring. The many extra hours they have put in, to prepare online lessons and hard copy workbook resources, organising timetables, talking with parents and learning to use the interactive platforms of zoom and the google classroom to engage and continue our students' education, has been phenomenal. Our school is lucky to have each and every member of our staff. Thank you again for what you do each and every day for our students.

School Drop-off and Pick-up

Thank you for your cooperation in staying outside the school gates for drop-off and pick-up as we transition our students back into school. The safety of everyone within our school community is paramount. Please remember that if you need to take your child out of school before the end of the school day, simply phone the school to make arrangements for collection at the school gate. Congratulations to all our students who have been cooperating with these arrangements and for practicing good hand hygiene and giving each other space where possible.

Tree Removal

We have had word from the arborist in regards to the removal of the tree on the eastern side of the school carpark. He is hoping to be here in the next week. Once the tree is removed we will be able to open the eastern pedestrian gate and the carpark. Until then we will keep the carpark gates closed to keep all our students safe from driveway traffic.

Kindergarten 2021 Transition Programme

Our kindergarten transition programme for Kindergarten 2021 will commence on the first Wednesday of Term 3 and continue every Wednesday until the end of Term 4.

We will commence our advertising campaign for Kindergarten 2021 this week. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we are unable to run our normal Kindergarten Transition information morning and parent interviews. The restrictions have also delayed our plans to produce a new promotional video which we had hoped to launch during the enrolment period. In the meantime, we will use the one we produced in 2018 to advertise and promote our school on social media. We will have new posters for shop windows as well as flyers for preschools and childcare. If you know of anyone interested in enrolling a Kindergarten child for next year, please ask them to contact the school.

Kind regards
Judy Elks

IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM



Story Book Reading
by Brittany and Cohen



LEAF ART

K-6 enjoyed the sunshine and some outdoor time on Monday. The students used the beautiful colours and shapes of the Autumn leaves to create leaf creatures.

Mrs Bremner

IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM - CONTINUED



Our students learning while remembering social distancing.



Kinder practicing their skip counting.

Miss Kelly

Good for Kids good for life

KEEP CRUNCHING

Most NSW primary schools have incorporated *Crunch & Sip* (often called Fruit Break) as a regular part of the school day.

Crunch & Sip helps kids meet their recommended vegetable and fruit intake, as well as help introduce new vegetables and fruits.

The benefits of *Crunch & Sip* can happen at home as well as at school. Keep kids eating healthy snacks of vegetables and fruit no matter the day.

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RE NEWS

May is the month of Mary. As we celebrated Mother's Day on Sunday we take a moment to remember our mother Mary and remember her faithfulness to Jesus.

Let's say a prayer from Pope Francis remembering Mary our mother and the difficulties being faced due to the pandemic of COVID19.

Mrs Finlayson - (REC)

O Mary,
 you always shine on our path
 as a sign of salvation and of hope.
 We entrust ourselves to you, Health of
 the Sick,
 who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
 keeping your faith firm.
 You, Salvation of all People,
 know what we need,
 and we are sure you will provide
 so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
 we may return to joy and to feasting
 after this time of trial.
 Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
 to conform to the will of the Father
 and to do as we are told by Jesus,
 who has taken upon himself our sufferings
 and carried our sorrows
 to lead us, through the cross,
 to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.
 Pope Francis



SCHOOL WINTER UNIFORM

With the commencement of Term, students are now asked 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. [Uniform list below](#)

Winter Uniform - Boys

Black shoes with grey socks
 Grey school trousers (not jeans)
 Pale green long-sleeved tuck-in shirt
 Bottle green tie (available at school)
 Bottle green 'v' neck Fleece knit sloppy joe, in bottle green with gold school crest on left chest.
 OR Bottle green knitted jumper
 Parka - bottle green
 (available at Intersport - Armidale)

Winter Uniform - Girls

Black shoes with white socks
 Bottle green slacks
 White long-sleeved tuck-in blouse
 Bottle green tie (available at school)
 Bottle green 'v' neck Fleece knit sloppy joe, in bottle green with gold school crest on left chest.
 OR Bottle green knitted jumper / cardigan
 Parka - bottle green
 (available at Intersport - Armidale)

CANTEEN

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