



# St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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TERM 2 WEEK 4

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

### **Return to School**

We are pleased to advise you that normal school days and hours will resume for all our students as from next Monday 25 May.

It will be wonderful to have all our children back and having them engage fully in their learning here at school.

Once again, I wish to congratulate you all on the positive way you took on the challenge of assisting in your child's learning during the COVID-19 restrictions. I'm sure you would agree that our teachers have done a great job in ensuring the ongoing education of your children in the most trying of circumstances. However, I think we have all been reassured of the fact that the best place for your child's overall education is here at school.

### **Transition to Kindergarten 2021**

Our Transition program will commence on 22nd July, the first Wednesday of Term 3.

St Joseph's Transition Program is a free, no obligation program that runs every Wednesday during Terms 3 and 4 until the end of the year.

This program allows your child to get a feel for "Big School". They spend time in the K-2 classroom getting to know the other students and the routines of the classroom. They mingle and get to know our senior students as they eat recess and lunch together and play together in our playground. Our K-2 classroom teacher, Miss Emma Kelly, is an experienced Infants teacher who will support your child in their preparation for Kindergarten.

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.

### **Compass Articles on Parent Portal**

I hope you have found the resources we have uploaded onto the Compass parent portal to be of some benefit for you as you support your child through this unprecedented time. Please take the time to look at these as there is some very practical and worthwhile material contained within them.

If you are having trouble getting onto the parent portal or have lost the email with the link, please let the office know and we will assist you.

*Kind regards*  
*Judy Elks*

### **CHROMEBOOKS AND I-PADS**

We would appreciate it if all Chromebooks and i-Pads which were taken home on loan from the school at the end of last term, be returned by next Monday. We hope you have appreciated having them at home during the online remote learning period.

### **COVID-19 PROTOCOLS MUST CONTINUE AT SCHOOL**

With the return to school it is more important than ever that we all observe the correct social distancing and hand hygiene protocols.

At our school there are 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. Please do not park or stand in the designated bus zones from 8:30 to 9:30 or from 2:30 to 3:30.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Children are to wash their hands immediately on arrival at school.
- ⇒ Hand sanitisers 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.

### **IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM**

#### **Dachshund - Sausage Dogs**

Dachshunds are also called a Sausage dog.

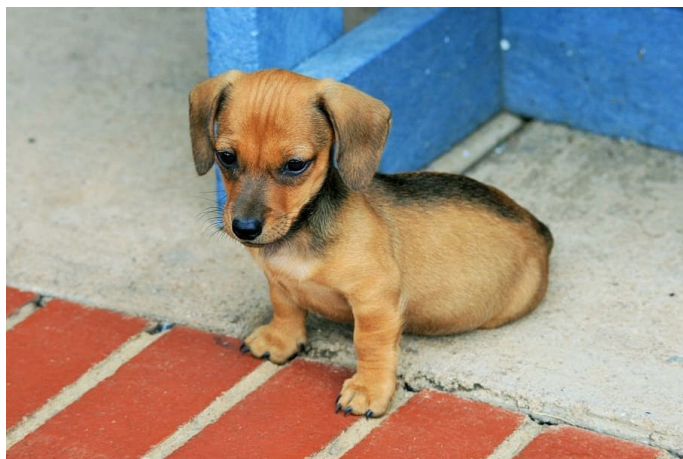
Firstly Sausage dogs think they are very big because of their big bark.  
Sausage dogs are loyal and good with children.

Secondly you can get a short haired or long haired sausage dog. Sausage dogs' colours are black, black and tan, chocolate and tan , blue and tan, chocolate and tan, chocolate and cream, cream, *tan and red*.

Thirdly Sausage dogs can live up to 12-16 years and weigh up to 7.3-15kg .

Finally for all these reasons Sausage dogs make amazing companions.

*By Montana Hayes*



## ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL URALLA



### TRANSITION PROGRAM COMMENCES WEDNESDAY 22 JULY

- ⇒ **Continues every Wednesday for Terms 3 and 4**
- ⇒ **Full day program from 9:00am to 3:00pm**
- ⇒ **No transition fees**
- ⇒ **No obligation**
- ⇒ **School hat and library bag provided for every child who enrolls for 2021**



***Give your child the Joey's experience!***

- \* **Individualised learning in a supportive environment**
- \* **Open to all**

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## RE NEWS

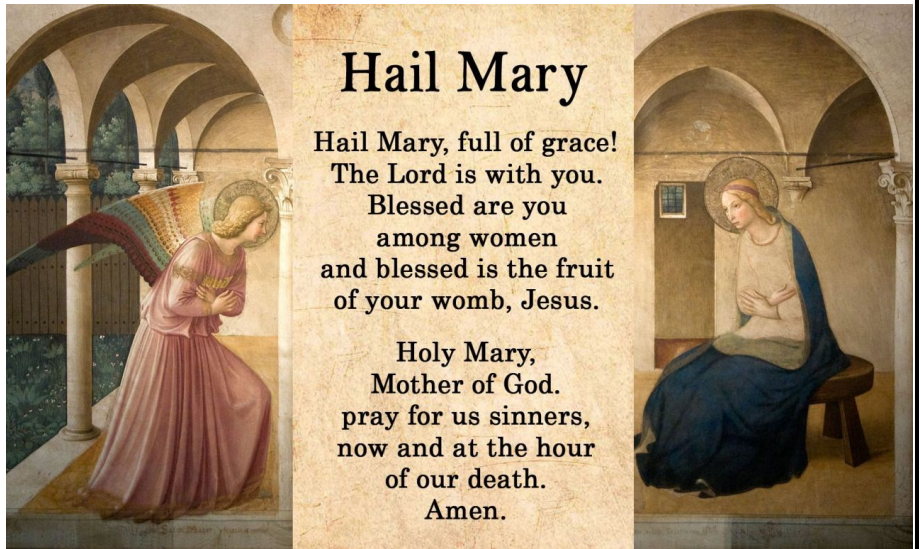
## MARY OUR MOTHER

As we continue to remember Mary during the month of May, let us reflect on the Hail Mary. The Hail Mary (Latin: Ave Maria) is a traditional Catholic prayer asking for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus. The prayer forms the basis of the Rosary and the Angelus prayers.

**"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee"** (Luke 1:28), are the greetings of the Angel Gabriel to Mary at the Annunciation.

**"Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb"** (Luke 1:42), are the greetings of Mary's cousin Elizabeth, who was soon to become the mother of St. John the Baptist. These words were spoken at the Visitation.

Mrs Finlayson - (REC)



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**O'Connor Catholic College**  
Providing Catholic Secondary Co-education to the Armidale Region Since 1975

**2021 ENROLMENT**

Applications for Year 7 2021 are open.

Contact the College Office on 6772 1666 to obtain an Enrolment package.

Limited places for Years 8-11 are available.

To find out more about our great community visit our website:  
[www.oconnor.nsw.edu.au](http://www.oconnor.nsw.edu.au)

**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.