



St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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TERM 2 WEEK 6

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

School Attendance

It's great to see that **all** our students have returned to school this week! We are now getting back into our more normal routine. Just a reminder, that if your child is away from school for any reason, the school needs to be notified so we can record the reason in the roll. If a student is absent for more than three days without a satisfactory explanation or medical certificate, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by the school in line with normal practice. Parents are encouraged to use the *Compass Parent Portal* to explain absences for their child. You can also phone or email the school advising us of any absences, late arrivals or early pick-ups.

Restrictions are still in place around visitors on the premises. I would like to thank all our parents for their cooperation in dropping off and picking up children at the front gate and not coming into the school. If at any time you need to speak to your child's teacher or myself, please phone the school and we can organise a meeting. Thanks for your support in this matter.

Semester 1 Reports

Our Semester 1 Reports this year will be held as a Three Way Parent/Teacher/Student Conference and Learning Plan. These formal conferences will be scheduled during Weeks 9 and 10.

Three Way Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences actively involve parents, student and teacher in reflecting on student progress and setting future goals. These are different from parent teacher interviews as the student is involved in the discussion about their progress as a learner. The students provide information to clarify what they have learnt, what are the next steps in their learning and what progress they are making towards this.

The three-way interview places the student at the heart of the assessment and reporting process and provides a student voice in discussions about performance and progress. It is also an opportunity to allow children to see their parents and teacher working together for them.

School Fees

Today we are sending out the Term 2 School Fees statements (delayed during COVID-19) with a covering letter to offer you all some reassurance of our understanding that families have been under a great deal of financial pressure over the past several months. We are acutely aware of the devastating effects of the drought, bushfires and the current COVID-19 crisis on employment and household income. Please contact me if you would like to receive school fees relief and I will organise it. All conversations will be strictly confidential. We are here to support you and your children in whatever way we can.

Kind regards
Judy Elks

IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM

K/1/2

Our students have been busy in their Art Lesson with Mrs Bremner, creating sculptures from junk (bits and pieces).



K/1/2 create their own magic potions in class to help with their understanding on procedural texts. Students had mixed love potions, potions that turned people into animals, potions that help those in need and potions that gave us extra talents.



3/4/5/6

IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM - Continued

**Cool Courageous Kids**

Now courage is a thing that i have seen once or twice in my life and, this little thing called courage, has got me out of strife.

i love courage, IT'S Very strong, it helps me say "no that is wrong".

I lead by example for all the school because lots of courage makes me cool!!!

Courage, Courage, it makes me strong
it makes me sing a happy song.

All sing along.

courage, courage;it's really cool

I give it to my little school

courage, courage, it's very good

it gives my school some livelihood...

By Ethan, Brittany and Mariah

**RE NEWS****PENTECOST**

What does this image say to you?

We celebrated Pentecost on Sunday, Pentecost marks two important milestones.

Firstly, it is the formal end of the Easter Season where we have reflected upon Jesus' love for us through His passion, death and resurrection. Jesus ended His physical presence at His ascension into heaven and entrusted us to spread His message of love and service to the world.

Secondly, Pentecost is also considered the 'birthday' of the Church as it was the day the first Christian community formed. Jesus promised the guidance of the Holy Spirit - not control.

God in creation gave us human freedom to make our decisions. The Holy Spirit is in partnership with us - guiding us to make the right decisions but never forcing us. It is through prayer that we are able to reflect upon our decisions to make a better choice.

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

- Acts 2:4

COMMUNITY NEWS



Fatherhood -
the best job on
the planet!

Toolkit for Dads

WHEN: Thursday 25th June 2020
TIME: 9:30am to 12:30pm
WHERE: 150 Rusden Street Armidale
COST: FREE
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Join us to learn about:
•What gets in the way
•What to do if you lose it
•What children need
•Smarter ways to parent
•Neuroscience and kids
•Helping children thrive
•New ways to discipline
•Self-care for dads

Surviving Your Adolescents

WHEN: 2 x Tuesdays 23rd & 30th June 2020
TIME: 9:30am to 12:30pm
WHERE: 150 Rusden Street Armidale
COST: FREE



The Surviving Your Adolescents course covers:

- What is normal adolescent behaviour
- How to manage teen risk-taking
- The Four Cardinal Sins (what not to do)
- The relationship between parent-teen communication and adolescent safety
- The four ways to improve your relationship
- What role to take: Observer, Advisor, Negotiator, Director
- How to respond to emotional blackmail



Parenting On Purpose

WHEN: 5 x Wednesdays 24 June & 1, 8, 22, 29 July 2020
TIME: 9:30am to 12:30pm - **NB: No class 15th July**
WHERE: 150 Rusden Street Armidale
COST: FREE
REGISTRATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL
This course is subject to numbers

Sick of repeating yourself?
Giving in to stop the whining?
Tearing your hair out?

For more information or to register for any of the above 3 courses, contact the Family Relationship Centre through Centacare NENW



Centacare NENW acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land and pays respect to the elders past and present.



Dates to Remember

Mon 8 June:
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wed 22 July:
Transition Starts

BIRTHDAYS
31 May: Harry St Clair