



**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**
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St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Today and tomorrow Emma Kelly, Rebecca Finlayson and I will be attending professional development on the subject of 'Organic Learning and Hexagonal Thinking'. Thank you to Mr Justin Matthews, School Performance Leader from the CSO for stepping in as acting principal in my short absence.

Promotional Video

We will be boosting our new promotional video onto social media via Facebook this week. When you see it could you please share it or make a positive comment about our school to "get the word out".

NAIDOC Week Celebrations

Mrs Walters has a wonderful day planned with fun activities, a commemorative ceremony and celebrations to mark this very important day.

Students are allowed to wear mufti (non-uniform) clothes and enclosed footwear suitable for sport games.

We will be providing a celebration cake to share for morning tea and pizzas for lunch. If your child requires anything other than this, please pack something suitable for them.

Thank you to Mrs Walters for your organisation of this day and to Mrs Bremner for your support with the Creative Arts activities.

Parent/Teacher/Pupil Conference Notes

Thank you to those parents who have completed and returned their conference notes. If you have not yet returned your note regarding the three-way conference for your child, please return it by tomorrow. If you need any further clarification or you have any concerns about completing the note, please do not hesitate in contacting me or your child's teacher.

Transition

Our Transition Program will commence on 22nd July, the first Wednesday back next term. St Joseph's Transition is a free, no obligation program that will run every Wednesday during Terms 3 and 4 until the end of the year. 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.

Pupil Free Day

As previously advertised, the first day of Term 3, 20 July, will be a pupil free day. All our staff will be attending a staff development day.

Students will commence Term 3 on Tuesday 21st July.

Holidays

It has been a long and exhausting term for everyone. I thank all our staff for the great contributions you have made to keep our school running as normally as possible. I also wish to thank all our parents and the extended Joey's family for your amazing co-operation throughout the whole COVID process. Your children are so fortunate to have so many people "on their side" working together to give them the best possible outcomes.

I wish you all a safe and restful holiday break.

Kind regards
Judy Elks

KEEPING WARM WITH GOLF

Lots of fun was had by all. Some students realising that golf could be their sport!



FUN IN THE SANDPIT



LIBRARY NEWS

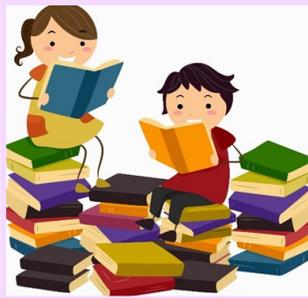
This is a friendly reminder to any of our students who have outstanding library books on loan to please return them by this Friday. Overdue lists have been sent home with students today, detailing the titles of the books as a reference – please check all possible “nooks and crannies” at home and send them in to school. Thank you.

All students who have returned their books are able to borrow new books again for the holidays! We have some wonderful new books on offer in the library.

This is a great way for our students to keep up their reading skills during the holidays.

Happy reading and happy holidays!

Mrs Bremner



RELIGION

Our Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us.
Happy Feast Day



SCHOOL UNIFORM

At St Joseph's School we are proud of the way our children wear their school uniform and it is often commented on by the general public. We ask parents to ensure that all children present themselves at school in their correct uniform. The school's official uniform supplier is *InterSport* Armidale located at 151 Rusden Street, Armidale. Phone 6771 2344. The school stocks the school hats and ties as a service to our families as these items are frequently lost.

If a student is out of uniform for any reason a note must be sent to the Principal. This is a short term solution and all efforts need to be made to ensure the correct uniform is worn at all times.

Boys' Winter Uniform

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)

Girls' Winter Uniform

Black shoes with white socks
Bottle green slacks (track and field material)
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)



HEAD LICE

We have been advised that head lice are about. Please check your children's hair regularly and seek advice and treatment from your local pharmacy if needed. The treatment is simple and effective. Any child who has head lice can return to school as soon as the treatment has been applied and there is no further evidence of lice.

As a precaution, we ask that any child with hair below the shoulders wear it tied back. Thank you for your co-operation.

Good for Kids good for life

TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS GAMES



Background

This object-throwing game was observed being played on Mer Island in the Torres Strait region in the nineteenth century. More recent versions have also been observed.

Short description

A game based on throwing accuracy. Teams of one to two players throw objects, attempting to make them land on a target on the ground.

Equipment

Two mats (softball bases, carpet squares, rubber mats or small towels) placed 5-7 meters apart - alternative square piece of material/grass
Beanbags, coins, large buttons or flat bocce balls to represent the kolap beans - alternative ball of socks or balloon filled with rice or rocks

Game play and basic rules -

Two players sit (or stand) behind each mat.

The players who are partners are diagonally opposite each other.

Each player has four kolaps, which he or she attempts to throw to land on the mat opposite.

One player has a turn. The kolaps are collected and then the player on the opposite team at the other mat has a turn. Continue in this manner.

Scoring

A combined total of 20 finishes the game for a team. The kolap must land completely on the mat to count.

Source: Yulunga Traditional Indigenous Games, Sport Australia



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Dates to Remember

Term 2

Fri 3 July:
NAIDOC Celebrations
and
Last day of Term

Term 3

Mon 20 July:
Pupil Free Day
Tue 21 July:
Students Return
Wed 22 July:
Transition Starts

*“Remember that
not getting what you
want is sometimes a
wonderful stroke
of luck.”*

-DALAI LAMA