



St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Catholic Schools Celebrate

This week we are celebrating Catholic Schools Week and Marriage and Family week.

Mrs Kim Kliendienst (a former teacher at St Joseph's) and Mrs Kay Moore both from the CSO were asked by the Director, Mr Chris Smyth, to represent him and the CSO at a special morning tea with our staff. The CSO is hosting morning teas at every school in the Diocese during Catholic Schools Week to congratulate all school staff on the amazing work that they have achieved during this very unusual year.

Our school community is very fortunate to have the dedicated and enthusiastic staff members that we have within our school. I would like to thank Miss Kelly, Mrs Finlayson, Mrs Walters, Mrs Hull, Mrs Biddle and Mrs Davison for all the extras that they do for the smooth running of our school and for their support of each and every one of our students. Our students are making excellent progress not just academically, but in all areas of their development, thanks to the great team that we have at our beautiful school. Thank you.

Marriage and Family Week

As part of this week's celebration of Marriage and Family week, the students are learning about the importance of families. They have been learning that in families, older people help younger people learn how important God is and how God is full of love for us. Parents, by word and example, are the first heralds of the faith with regard to their children. One of many traditions the Church passes on is the sacrament of Baptism. Baptism is a celebration, a special time when people become members of the Church. Our students acted out a Baptism ceremony in class and discussed the importance of this special sacrament.

Parent Teacher Student Conference

Thank you to our parents and carers for your participation in our Parent Teacher Student Conference that we are currently conducting. These conferences strongly support the three-way partnership that we promote here at school. As parents, your involvement in your child's learning journey is invaluable in your child's success in school.

If you haven't already made an appointment for these interviews, please ring the school to organise a mutual time for this to happen.

Times Table Challenge

We have subscribed to a new online platform to support our students in Maths particularly to support them as they learn their times tables.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a letter to parents that gives detailed information of what this challenge will involve and how you can support your child with the learning of these important tables.

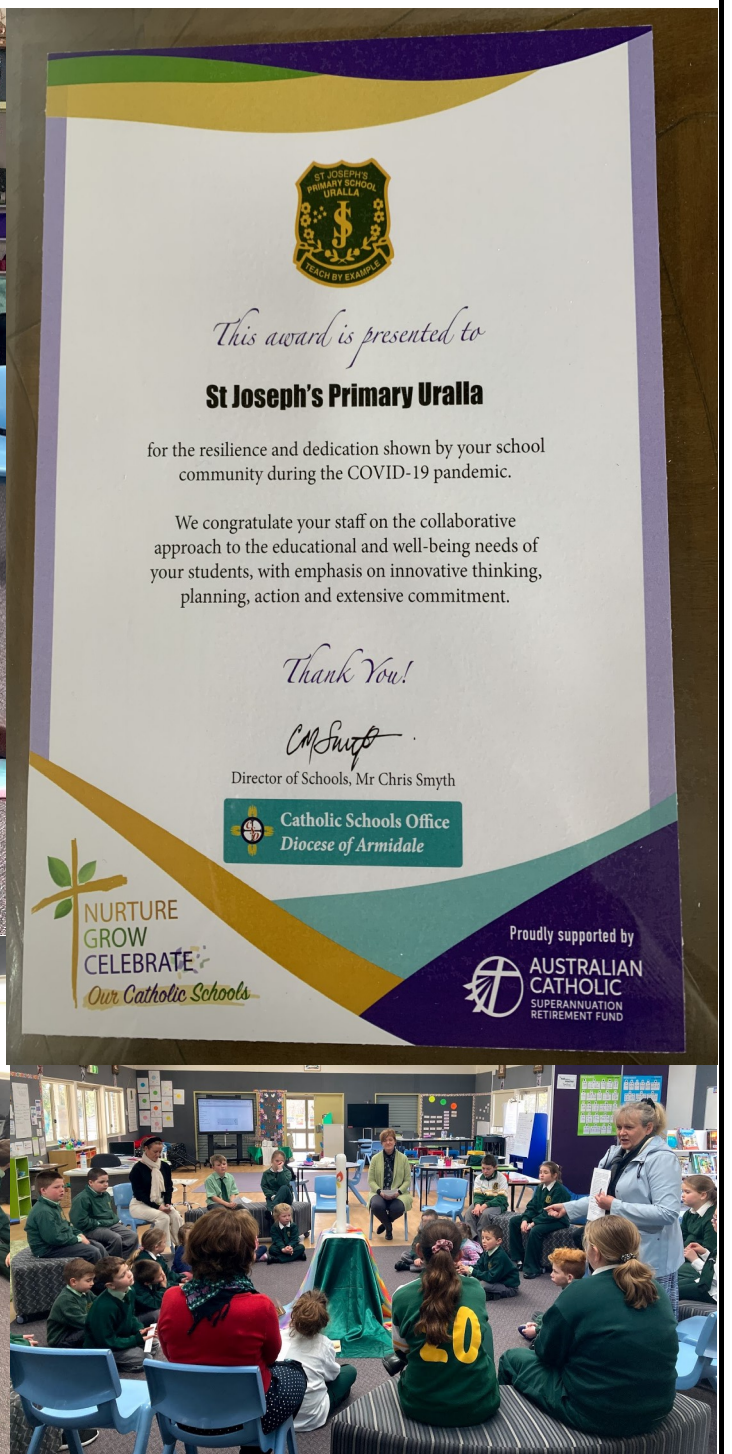
Welcome

This week we welcomed back one of our Year 6 students, Sarah Gardiner. Sarah has been enthusiastically welcomed back by her class mates.

Kind regards
Judy Elks

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

This morning we celebrated Catholic Schools Week with a special paraliturgy for staff, students and our two special guests from the CSO. We were presented with a special certificate from the CSO with the following acknowledgement: "For the resilience and dedication shown by your school community during the COVID-19 pandemic. We congratulate your staff on the collaborative approach to the educational and well-being needs of your students, with emphasis on innovative thinking, planning, action and extensive commitment." At the conclusion of the ceremony, each class was presented with a plant as a symbol of this year's theme — "Nurture, Grow, Celebrate". The students in each class will be responsible for looking after their plant and ensuring that it is nurtured and grows just as they do! Thank you to Mrs Finlayson for organizing this beautiful and meaningful ceremony.



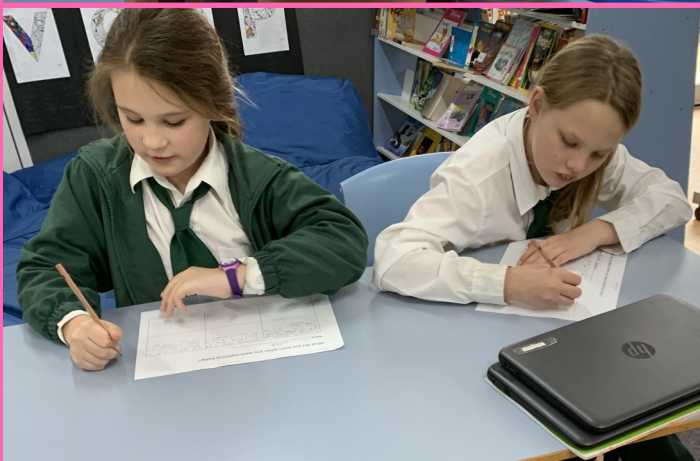
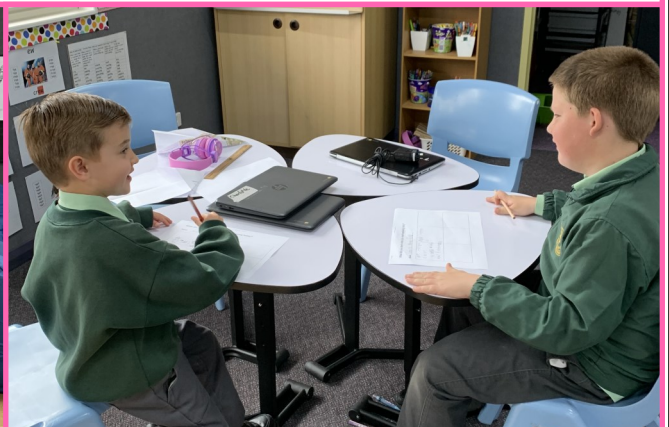


WET/COLD WEATHER PLAY

With the wet and cold weather this week our students have been inside doing indoor activities during recess and lunch. It is lovely to see our students mixing across K-6 students.

IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM

Our students have been working together to understand how we learn and that we are all learners together. They have been engaged in a variety of activities in whole class, small groups and individual activities. The importance of working collaboratively in groups is always encouraged.



ASSEMBLY

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no assembly until further notice.

SCHOOL MASS

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no school mass until further notice.

CANTEEN

Week 3 - \$5: Carbonara Gnocchi or Plain cheese sandwich (toasted optional)

ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE FRIDAY BEFORE. Orders can either be sent in to the school office or by messaging Peta on 0417 509 015. Thank You!



REAL TALK

This term Our Year 4 and 6 students will participate in these sessions which will be held in Walcha on the 12th August. Our students will travel with Mrs Finlayson by bus to Walcha on this day. Our Year 4 and Year 6 parents will also be invited to a parent information evening to be held, via zoom, before the student sessions.

INDUCTION OF NEW SCHOOL LEADERS

This week we inducted two more of our Year 6 students as School Leaders. They were presented with their badges by Mrs Elks at a small ceremony with the school students and staff.

Pictured with Mrs Elks is Shakira Cracknell and Jack Farrawell.

They now join Mariah Carlon, Brittany Doran, Charlotte Fletcher, Sarah Gardiner and Malakye as School Leaders.

Congratulations to all our school leaders.



Dates to Remember



Each Wednesday:
Transition

Wed 12 Aug:
REAL TALK Yr4 & Yr6
Student Session

Wed 23 Sept:
BOOK FAIR

