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St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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Dear Parents

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are trialing a great new program to help improve writing at our school and we want to put these new ideas into practice.

In addition to daily Literacy lessons, we will hold a regular weekly session dedicated purely to writing in which students will develop 4 main aspects of their writing – **Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation**. These are four important elements of writing in which students can learn and develop their skills, in order to become more confident and competent writers.

As part of the preparation for this session, which is known as '**Big Write and VCOP**', pupils will be given 'Talk Homework'. The idea of Big Write is; *'if the children can't say it, they can't write it'*. We need to encourage the development of oral language and listening skills in order to develop children's writing ability. Talk Homework is an approach developed through Big Write that promotes the development of such conversations.

Your child will come home with a new topic (most weeks), which may arrive home on different days depending on when Big Write is going to take place that week. This will inform you of the topic to discuss with your child in order to help them with the content of their writing the following day. The 'Big Write' is a celebration time. It is their chance to 'show off' how much they have learnt during the week in Literacy; **it is not, and should not, be seen as a test.**

To help your child get the most out of their 'talk homework' task, we suggest that you try to do the following:

- Encourage as many family members as possible to be involved in 'Talk Homework', possibly around the meal table, clearing up after the meal, at bedtime after a story etc.
- Switch off the T.V. and other electronic devices, so there are no distractions! Try to ensure this is dedicated talking and listening time. It only needs to be 10-15mins.
- When giving your opinion, use the word 'because' to explain why you think that.
- Ask others around the table to give their opinions or ideas in detail.
- Ask your child his / her opinion or ideas encouraging them to give details and borrow ideas or language from other family members as they see fit.
- Link the topic you are given back to something you remember from when you were a child and say why things may be different now. Project forward to how things may be different in the future.
- This is an oral activity! **Don't write anything down!** Not only are we improving oral language, but we are also improving memory links.

If you require any support or clarification about how to conduct Talk Homework, please contact your child's class teacher.

Kind regards
Judy Elks

SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY

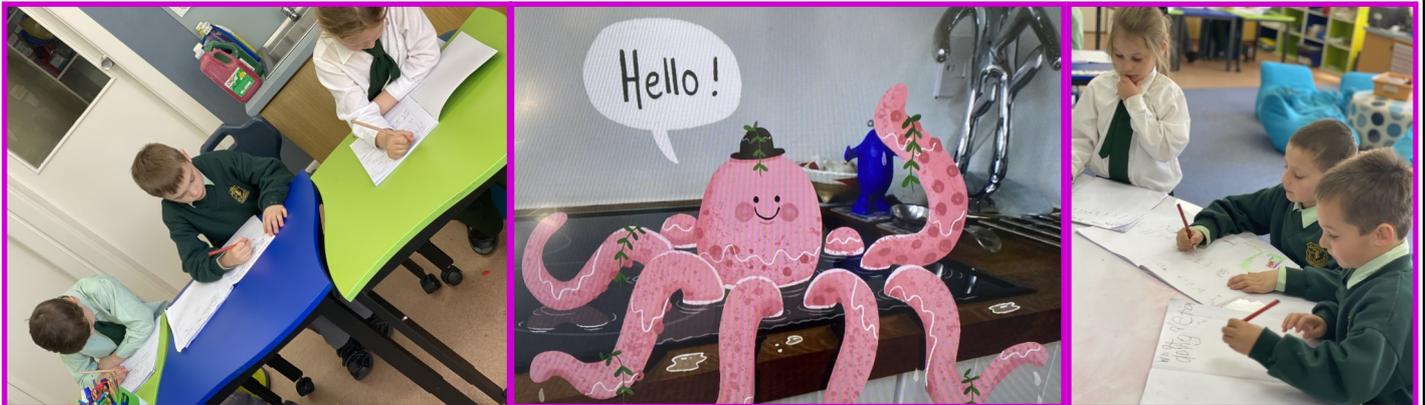
An annual satisfaction survey of parents, students and staff will be conducted on behalf of all Catholic schools in the Diocese this term. The surveys are designed to gather feedback from parents, staff and students about our school and will be used to inform school improvement. Responses are confidential and individuals can not be identified.

The surveys will be launched via email on Monday 31 August 2020 using the email addresses supplied to the school. If you do not receive an email with a link to the survey, you can access and complete the survey at the following link. <https://www.research.net/r/StJosephsUrallaPARENT2020>
Please note that the survey closes on Wednesday 9 September 2020.

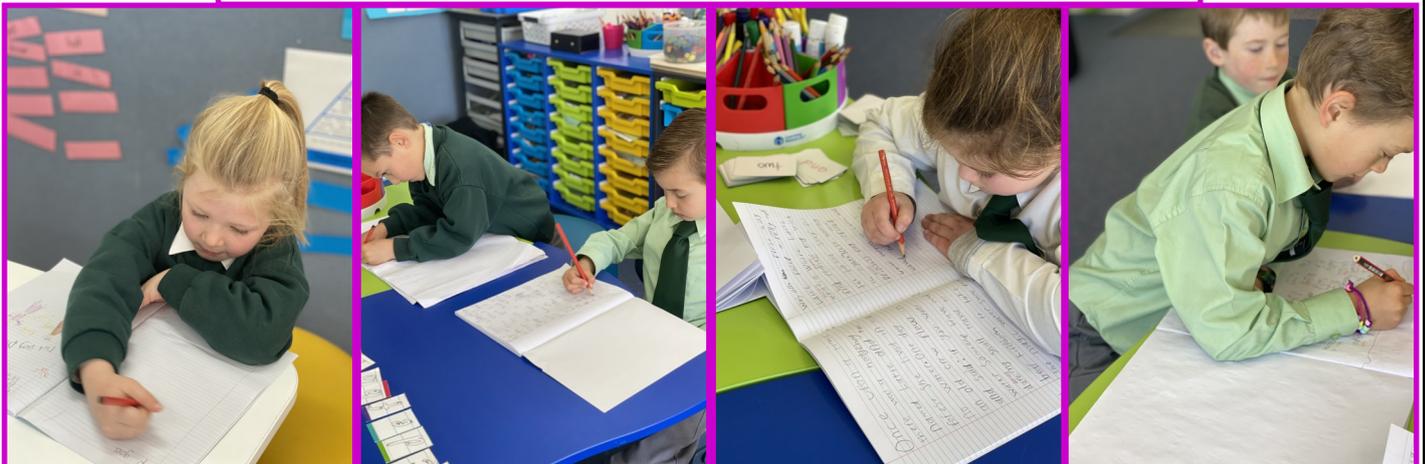
PICNIC LUNCHES



K-2 BIG WRITE



Big Write & VCOP



ORGANIC LEARNING



3-6 MATHS FRACTIONS



RELIGION

The students in 3-6 chose their own way of representing the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.



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 7 - \$5: Spaghetti Bolognese 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!



Toolkit for Dads

A 3 hour session for men

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

DATES AVAILABLE in 2020

~~Thursday 30th July, 9.30am - 12.30pm~~

~~Thursday 10th August, 9.30am - 12.30pm~~

Thursday 24th September, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Thursday 29th October, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Thursday 26th November, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Thursday 10th December, 9.30am - 12.30pm

WHERE: 150 Rusden Street, ARMIDALE

For more information ring Facilitator on

6738 7200 or to book, please call

1800 372 826 FREE CALL

Building Connections is a program to help separated parents have healthy and strong relationships with their children.

This program covers:

- The impact of separation and conflict on children
- Ways of communicating with the other parent
- Setting goals for future parenting

DATES AVAILABLE:

~~Monday 10th August 2020, 9.30am - 12.30pm~~

~~Monday 24th August 2020, 5.30 - 8.30pm~~

Monday 7th September 2020, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Monday 21st September 2020, 5.30pm - 8.30pm

Monday 12th October 2020, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Monday 26th October 2020, 5.30 - 8.30pm

Monday 9th November 2020, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Monday 23 November 2020, 5.30 - 8.30pm

Monday 7th December 2020, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Monday 14th December 2020, 5.30 - 8.30pm

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Dates to Remember

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Wed 23 Sept:
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