



# St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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9 SEP 2020  
TERM 3 WEEK 8

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

### K-6 Maths

Part of our Annual Improvement Plan for 2020 was to further refine our K-6 Maths. The idea behind K-6 Maths is to allow the teachers to tailor individual programs for each of our students across the school. During our daily Maths time we run 4 groups across the 2 classrooms. We have an Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 group with Miss Kelly and Mrs Walters, a Stage 2 group with Mrs Elks and Mrs Hull and a Stage 3 group with Mrs Finlayson.

Before each new Maths topic, we pre-test all our students to find out what they can do. We plot them along the continuum (sequence of learning) and then place them into the group that suits their needs. This allows for our students to be taught "the right content at the right time." Our Maths space is organised so that students can move from one group to another with each new topic and be taught content that they require when they require it.

Our students are making great progress and are enjoying the more personalised approach to their learning.



### Social Media Alert

You may have heard news reports yesterday and today about distressing images being live-streamed on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Tik Tok this week. We wish to assure our families that there is no access to any of these social media platforms for our students here at St Joseph's. This is a timely warning for parents to be vigilant about their children's use of social media in the home and elsewhere if their children have access to mobile phones and other devices with social media accounts.

Parents are well advised to keep computers in public areas in the house, avoid laptops and smartphones in bedrooms, and set some rules on the use of technology.

### School Improvement Survey – We Need Your Contribution

This survey was emailed to you on Monday 31 August and closes at midnight **tonight**. If you have not received this survey please check your spam/junk folder for an email from [info@surveymyschool.com.au](mailto:info@surveymyschool.com.au) to ensure you have an opportunity to contribute to the future directions of our school. Thank you to those parents who have already submitted their responses.

If you have not yet done so, I encourage you to complete this on-line survey. This is your opportunity to give feedback to us about what you feel we are doing well and where you see our school could improve. Please take the time to share your views.

*Kind regards*  
*Judy Elks*

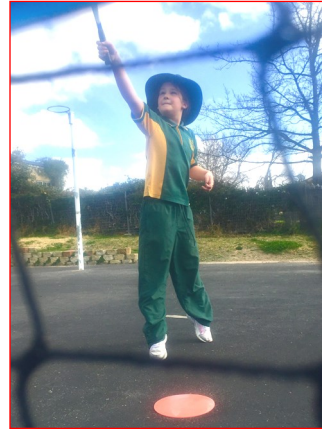
## RE NEWS

**Happy Birthday Blessed Mother!**

September 8 Our Lady's birthday.

We all love to celebrate birthdays. Yesterday was the birthday celebration of our dear mother. In December we honour her Immaculate Conception. In January we celebrate her as the Mother of God. In August we celebrate her Assumption into Heaven and there are many other days throughout the year where we honour a unique aspect of her life. But September 8 is simply her birthday celebration!

Celebrating her birthday is a way of celebrating her personhood. We celebrate her simply for being herself. We do not necessarily focus in on any of the unique, beautiful and profound aspects of her life today. We do not necessarily look at all she accomplished, her perfect yes to God, her coronation in Heaven, her assumption or any other specifics. All parts of her life are glorious, beautiful, awe-inspiring and worthy of their own unique feasts and celebration.

**3/4/5/6 TENNIS IN ACTION**

**BOOKFAIR**  
Wednesday 23 September

Every purchase you make at our Book Fair earns **LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES** for **ST JOSEPH'S!**

**Payment options:**

- **Correct cash amount sent into school OR**
- **Online as directed** 

*There are multiple copies of some books.*

*Reorders can be placed if further copies are required and will be sent to the school.*

*Posters, pens and other novelty stationery items are also for sale ranging from \$1- \$6*

*Books range in price from \$4 - \$25*

*The students will have an opportunity to start their WISH LIST this week.*

*Sales will commence when the Student Wish Lists are sent home and will conclude on Wednesday, 23rd (Week 10).*

**Book Fair**  
**Wish List**  
**Prepayments**

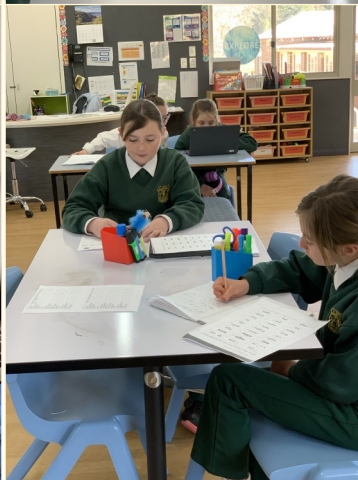
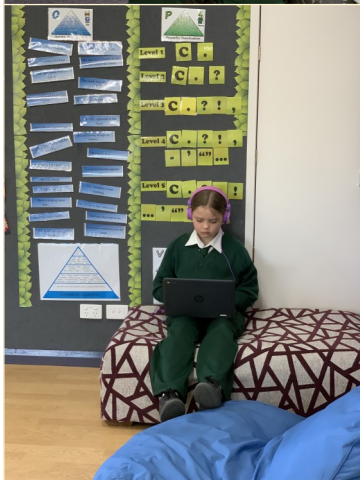
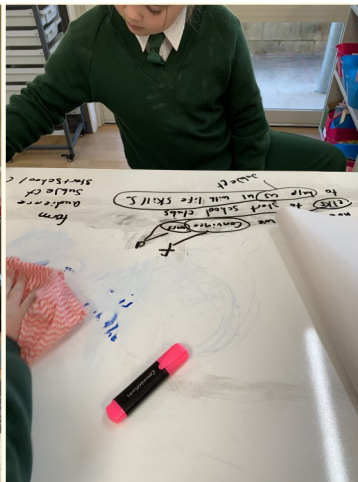
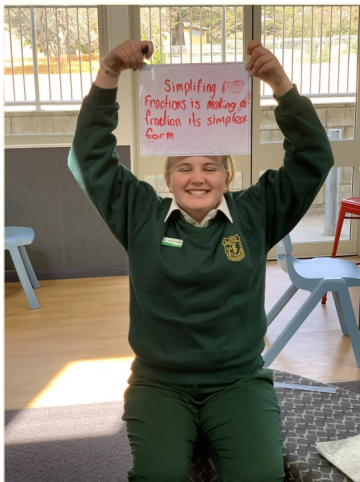


If your child brings home a Book Fair Wish List and you want to pay for these selections by credit card in advance, please:

1. Go to [scholastic.com.au/payment](http://scholastic.com.au/payment)
2. Click 'Book Fairs'
3. Enter amount and pay
4. Record receipt number on back of Wish List
5. Your child then takes this payment record back to school, chooses books at the Fair and takes receipt number to cashier as payment.

IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM

3/4/5/6



K/1/2

Thank You Prayers Written by K/1/2

Dear God,  
We give thanks to you for creating our beloved environment and I will protect it to the best of my ability.

Amen.  
Birdie

Dear God,  
Thank you for making all kinds of animals and people.

Amen.  
Justin

Dear God,  
Thank you, God, for making our beautiful world. Thank you for creating me. Help us to care for and protect the environment.

Amen.  
Kindy



SCHOLASTIC  Book Fairs

# Reading Matters!

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF  
**READING 10  
MINUTES PER DAY!**

A student who reads

**10:00**

minutes per day

will be exposed to  
**600,000**  
words per year

A student who reads

**5:00**

minutes per day

will be exposed to  
**282,000**  
words per year

A student who reads

**1:00**

minute per day

will be exposed to  
**8,000**  
words per year



### R U OK?

R U OK? Day is Thursday 10 September 2020.

It's our national day of action when we remind Australians that every day is the day to ask, "Are you OK?" if someone in your world is struggling with life's ups and downs.

The message for R U OK? Day 2020 is:

**'THERE'S MORE TO SAY AFTER R U OK?'**



1. Ask



2. Listen



3. Encourage action



4. Check in

### CANTEEN

**Week 9 - \$5:**  
**Fish and Chips**  
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!**



## Become a foster carer

Foster Carers are needed in your area more than ever before.

Whether you are giving a child a long-term home, or stepping in to help in a crisis, being a foster carer is a hugely rewarding experience.

If you have room in your heart and your home, please take the first step and contact Challenge Foster Care on **1800 084 954**, [fostercare@challengecommunity.org.au](mailto:fostercare@challengecommunity.org.au) or visit our website [challengecommunity.org.au](http://challengecommunity.org.au) to find out more about becoming a foster carer.



**CHALLENGE**  
Community Services

**Foster Care**

### Dates to Remember

Please remember to pack your **HATS, SUNSCREEN** and **WATER BOTTLES.**



**Wed 23 Sept:**  
**BOOK FAIR**

### BIRTHDAYS

**15 Sept:**  
Shakira Cracknell

