



# St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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Dear Parents

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### St Joseph's School Wins State Award

I was contacted early last week by the Council of Catholic School Parents (CCSP) NSW/ACT to advise us that our school is the 2020 recipient of the Roger O'Sullivan Memorial Award. The Award is given to a school community that is able to demonstrate a strong partnership between the family and the school that enhances student learning outcomes.

All Catholic school communities in NSW and the ACT were invited to apply for this award. Our application was based on the demonstrated parent/student/staff/community involvement and enhanced student learning outcomes of our Sheep Manure Business and School Garden Project. We are very proud of this initiative in our school and it is wonderful to have this acknowledged at such a high level.

The Executive Director of the CCSP, Peter Grace, will present us with a trophy and \$4000 at a special ceremony here at school on Tuesday 1 December. Our Director of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Armidale, Chris Smyth will also be in attendance, accompanied by the State Chairperson of the CCSP, Narelle Burke as well as the Diocesan Parent Engagement Officer, Catherine Ible. Kristy Redmond (PT&F President), Peta Garrahy (current parent & canteen coordinator) and Catherine Gallaher (current parent) will represent the parent body.

There will be considerable media coverage of this event and I wish to thank Tahnee Denton from the CSO for all her assistance in the creation of a promotional video and for liaising with the media on our behalf.

I especially wish to thank our students, staff, parents and the community for their continued support of our Sheep Manure Business and Garden Project. Congratulations one and all!

### End of Year Presentation Night

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we will be holding our Presentation Night at the end of term. You would, however, be aware that there are still COVID restrictions and protocols in place which will have some impact on how we can celebrate this important event.

Our Presentation Night will be held on Tuesday 15 December at 6:00pm in St Joseph's Church. The evening will begin with Mass and will be immediately followed by the presentation of awards in the church. We will remain in the church as it is a larger facility than the Primary Learning Studio at the school.

The maximum number of attendees we can have is 120 in the church allowing for social distancing of 4 square metres per person. Families of the one household (including grandparents) are able to sit together. However, there will need to be staggered seating organised on the night so that no group is within 1.5 metres of another group.

The class awards, trophies and prizes will be presented by the staff and Monsignor Wilkes as we will not be able to have any special guest presenters for the awards this year.

Unfortunately, we are not permitted to have our usual picnic BBQ this year. At the conclusion of the Presentation of Awards, you are asked to take your family home and continue your own celebration there.

Included in this newsletter is an invitation to each of our families with a RSVP slip for you to return to school informing us of the number attending. At this stage we can open this invitation up to our students, their parents, their siblings and their grandparents only. Please complete and return your RSVP to school by Friday 4 December.

*Kind regards*  
*Judy Elks*

### LIFE EDUCATION / HEALTHY HAROLD

Fun times in the Life Education Van. Students learnt about the importance of understanding the role medicine plays in their life. And of course we saw Harold!



### OUR GARDEN

With the recent rain our garden is flourishing. The students are enjoying our fresh strawberries, BUT the work continues!



### SWIM SAFETY PROGRAM



### IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM

Students spend time reading to a friend. Using selected questions, they question each other's understanding of the text and record new words to add to our VCOP wall.



### OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Ethan participated in the Cow Sports Australia Competition last weekend. He won the overall award for the highest point score for the year in his age division. Congratulations Ethan!



### ASSEMBLY

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no assembly until further notice. Teachers will still be presenting weekly awards in class.

### SCHOOL MASS

School Mass will be held this Friday 27th November at 9:10am.

### CANTEEN

Week 8 - \$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!



### WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to these students on receiving Star of the Week awards:

**Back:** Jack Farrawell, Jade Redmond  
Charlotte Fletcher & Bobbi Schultz

**Front:** Riley Garside & Harry St Clair

Charlie Jeffers

Ethan Wooldridge



### Dates to Remember



**November**  
**Fri 27 Nov:**  
Water Safety  
**Fri 4 Dec:**  
Water Safety  
**Fri 11 Dec:**  
Water Safety

**November**  
**Tue 15 Dec:**  
Presentation Night  
**Wed 16 Dec:**  
Last Day - Pool Party!