



St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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TERM 1 WEEK 4

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Annual Improvement Plan 2021

Each year as a staff we develop an Annual Improvement Plan to guide us to improve our ability to support each and every student to achieve success. We reflect on where we have come from and then devise a plan on where to next. When we are reflecting we look at both student and teacher progress and achievement, celebrating successes and identifying areas of improvement. Each year we strive to build on what we have learnt the previous year and look at ways to help us to do even better.

As a result of this process Our Key Priority Improvements for 2021 are:

Collaborative professionalism - Through collaborative professionalism we aim to learn and grow in order to become better teachers.

Wellbeing -to continue to create an authentic Catholic community of care in which the wellbeing of all is a priority

Great Learning and Teaching - Through our Organic Learning we aim to provide a new methodology which focuses on all our students and teachers becoming lifelong learners.

Ongoing information will be shared with you around these priorities throughout the year.

Please remember that as a parent you are part of this journey and you have a major role to play in supporting your child's education. Research has shown that when schools and families work together, children do better, are more engaged with their school work, go to school more regularly, behave better, and have better social skills. We are all looking forward to an exciting learning journey and a very productive and successful year for each and every student.

Term 1 Calendar

Please find included within this newsletter a draft calendar for Term 1. Marked on it are the dates and events we are currently aware of for Term 1. As other items arise we will inform you through our weekly newsletter that is sent home on a Wednesday and uploaded to our website. Additional notifications are also sent out through COMPASS which can be accessed via the parent portal.

Presentation Night 2021 Change of Date

This year we have decided to bring forward the date of our Presentation Night by one week. It will now be held on Tuesday 7 December 2021. This will allow for a less busy time in the last week of school at the end of the year.

PT&F Meeting

Due to the restrictions on school meetings during the COVID events of 2020, our PT&F Association has not met since the beginning of last year. At that meeting, the new committee was elected but as per the constitution, an AGM and elections needs to be held at the beginning of each year. The current 2020 committee members are: President – Kristy Redmond; Vice President – Jo Fletcher; Secretary – Jordan Hannaford; Canteen Convenor – Peta Garrahy; Treasurer – Vacant. All positions are now declared vacant and new elections will take place at the AGM to be held on Wednesday 17 March at 5:00pm. Existing committee members are eligible to be re-nominated. Nomination forms are included in this newsletter. Please consider how you can be involved or offer encouragement to others to be involved. Nomination forms are to be returned to the office before the meeting date.

Kind regards
Judy Elks

IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM K/1/2



ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to all our Medal and Ribbon Winners from our Swimming Carnival:

Junior Girls Champion

Amelia Swift

Junior Girls Runner Up

Sienna Garside

Junior Boys Champion

Sam Smith

Junior Boys Runner Up

Cohen Hannaford

11yr Girls Champion

Georgia Swift

11yr Girls Runner Up

Montana Hayes

Senior Girls Champion

Meredith Hannaford



Best wishes to Sienna who will compete at Diocesan Swimming in Tamworth on 26/02/21.

Congratulations also to our Class Award Recipients:



Bobbi Schultz and Seth Wallace



Sienna Garside and Mackenna Kliendienst

ASH WEDNESDAY

Today is Ash Wednesday which is the beginning of Lent. In churches on this day, we receive a sprinkling of ash on our heads. Monsignor administers the ashes to the community.

This is a sign for everyone to see that we are prepared to repent and believe the Good News.

It reminds us of Jesus' death on the cross and our own mortality.

The ashes also remind us that God made us from nothing, and that nothing on earth is as important as loving God.

Lent is a time when our focus is turned toward ourselves in an effort to look inward and reflect on how we can become our best self. We do this through almsgiving, fasting and praying.

Today each student received a Project Compassion box. Any money raised goes toward helping people in need. Almsgiving is a particular focus of our lenten program. The giving of alms is an act of charity toward those less fortunate. It would be great to have every child contribute something and return it to school at the end of term.

"Aspire not to have more but to be more" St Oscar Romero

**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. Please keep hair band tie colours to either green, white, black or brown. Thank you.

SCHOOL MASS

There will be no School Mass this Friday as we attended the Ash Wednesday Mass today. Our next Mass will be held on **Friday 26th February at 9:10am**. All welcome.

CANTEEN

Week 5 - \$5: Deluxe Mac & Cheese (with Peas, Corn & Ham) 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. Please ensure that all money is in an envelope/bag with the child's name clearly marked. Thank you!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Uralla Cubs to Tigers
Come and Try Development Program



For more Information, Contact:

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When: 22/02/2021 - 29/03/2021 **Where:**
Time: Mondays 4.00pm - 5.00pm Uralla Sporting Complex
Length: 6 sessions Plane Avenue
Age: 5-12 years Uralla
Cost: FREE NSW 2358

The Cubs to Tigers is a Non-Tackle program. The purpose of this program is to give all participants a fun and engaging Rugby League experience, through a variety of activities, and to teach them the fundamentals of rugby league such as Catch and Pass, Kicking, Evasion, and Scoring Tries!

Register for the program at
<https://www.playrugbyleague.com/play/>
 and search Uralla.

Good for kids good for life

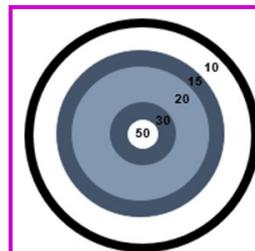
SUMMER FUN

Physical activity makes kids stronger and fitter, they can concentrate and learn better at school, and sleep better at night.

The weather is warm, and it's a great time to get outdoors to get your 60 minutes of activity each day. Just remember to slip, slop, slap!

Some fun ideas to stay active in the summer time are:

- ⇒ Create a slip and slide in your yard with a tarp, water and detergent.
- ⇒ Go for a bike or scooter ride.
- ⇒ Go out for a picnic and pack the soccer ball with you.
- ⇒ Plan a scavenger hunt.
- ⇒ Use chalk to draw on the path/driveway and play games like hopscotch, or draw a bullseye and use markers or bean bags to see who can score the most points. On hot days you could use wet sponges or water balloons.



Dates to Remember

Fri 26 Feb: DIO Swimming Carnival in Tamworth
Tue 16 Mar: O'Connor STEP Day for Yr6 Students
Fri 19 Mar: St Joseph's Day

Tue 23 Mar: NAPLAN practice test 23rd-26th
Thur 25: Mass at Cathedral
Fri 2 Apr: Holy Thursday & LAST DAY OF TERM

BIRTHDAYS
19 Feb: Eden Hunt