



# St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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TERM 3 WEEK 1

Dear Parents

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you all enjoyed some relaxing family time. Once again, we have returned to school with COVID restrictions in place. The CSO's information letter was sent out via our Compass portal and emailed to all our families on Sunday. In summary, entry into the school is only permitted for staff, students and authorised persons. Parents are asked to drop off and collect their children at the front gate. If you need to speak to a teacher or the office, please phone the school. Facemasks, hand sanitising and social distancing will be the norm for the foreseeable future. Thank you for your cooperation with our COVID protocols.

### Transition

Today we welcomed eight new Transition students and their families into the Joey's school community. Aidan Davis, Magnus Green, Lucy Jordan, Ruby Pianko, Grace Poole-Freeman, Lydia St Clair, Teresa Turner and Neve Whitton will be attending school each Wednesday for the next two terms. Please make them and their families welcome in our school.

### School Uniform

It was lovely to see our students returning to school in their full winter uniforms, complete with school ties. Please ensure that your child wears the complete school uniform every day. If your child loses their tie or hat, we do stock them here at school at cost price (\$10 for hats and \$11 for ties). We also have a uniform pool of various items available for a gold coin donation.

### Calendar

We have included a Term 3 Calendar with this newsletter. Any additional activities or events will be notified via our newsletters or the Compass Parents Portal. Please add them to your calendar as they arise.

### Coming Events:

#### Marriage and Family Week

Marriage and Family Week will be celebrated in our Diocese commencing Sunday 25th July. The theme this year is "I am with you always". During this week, our students will participate in activities celebrating the importance of Family.

#### Confirmation

The Catholic students in Years 5 and 6 will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this term. This will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church Uralla at the 6pm Mass on Saturday 21 August. **Can those students please bring in their Confirmation Booklet each Friday.**

#### Real Talk Sessions

The Catholic Schools Office in Armidale, has invited *Real Talk* to speak to every Year 4, 6, 7 and 9 student across the 24 schools in the Armidale Diocese. Our Year 4 and 6 parents are invited to a Parent Information evening to be held on **Tuesday 10th August** in the Primary Learning Studio starting at 6pm. This evening will be followed the next day by focus sessions for our Year 4 and Year 6 students. The Parents and students from St Patrick's school Walcha are also invited to these sessions.

*Real Talk* is an organisation that is all about getting REAL on the topics of sex, relationships and personal identity. Based on Catholic Christian values, *Real Talk* provides up-to-date resources, presentations and programs that help young people to understand God's amazing plan for love and life.

Further information will be given to the Year 4 and Year 6 parents in due course.

*Kind regards*  
*Judy Elks*

## RELIGION NEWS

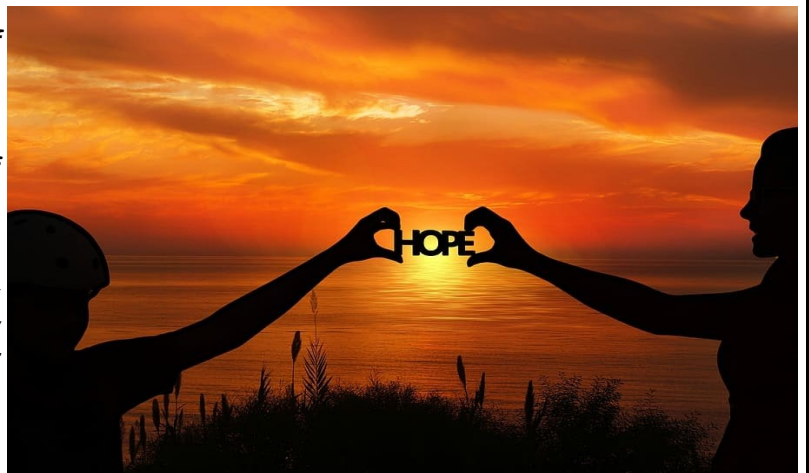
On Monday, the staff attended a Prayer/Reflection day facilitated by the members of the Diocesan Spirituality Team. We were inspired by Pope Francis' latest Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*.

We were reminded of 'the mission' of which we are a part, through our work in Catholic Schools, and how important it is to be living our lives reflecting the values of the gospel.

Below is an extract from the Encyclical - Pope Francis' words offer comfort and encouragement especially in these uncertain times.

*54. The recent pandemic enabled us to recognise and appreciate once more all those around us who, in the midst of fear, responded by putting their lives on the line. We began to realise that our lives are interwoven with and sustained by ordinary people valiantly shaping the decisive events of our shared history: doctors, nurses, pharmacists, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caretakers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests and religious... They understood that no one is saved alone.*

*55. I (Pope Francis) invite everyone to renewed hope, for hope "speaks to us of something deeply rooted in every human heart, independently of our circumstances and historical conditioning. Hope speaks to us of a thirst, an aspiration, a longing for a life of fulfillment, a desire to achieve great things, things that fill our heart and lift our spirit to lofty realities like truth, goodness and beauty, justice and love... Hope is bold; it can look beyond personal convenience, the petty securities and compensations which limit our horizon, and it can open us up to grand ideals that make life more beautiful and worthwhile . [52] Let us continue, then, to advance along the paths of hope.*



### ENCYCLICAL *FRATELLI TUTTI* OF POPE FRANCIS ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP

#### TRANSITION FROM INFANTS TO PRIMARY

Our Year 2 students have also had their first Transition day in the Year 3-6 classroom. Every Wednesday until the end of the year, our Year 2 students will be part of the Primary classroom so they can experience what it will be like to be in this space next year.



**Our little boys have all grown up!**

### WELCOME TO OUR TRANSITION STUDENTS

Our Transition Program commenced today and we were delighted to see so many new faces. We would like to welcome Lydia, Teresa, Lucy, Neve, Ruby, Magnus, Aidan, and Grace.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**CENTACARE** - The following sessions are ALL FREE and are held at Centacare Armidale 150 Rusden Street, Armidale. Bookings Essential - Ring Centacare on 1800 372 826

**Surviving Your Adolescents** - Learn how to manage and let go of your 11-22 year old!

**When:** 2 x Thursdays 15th & 22nd July 2021

**Time:** 9:30am to 12:30pm

**Supporting Children With Developmental Trauma** - Free help for parents and caregivers

**When:** 6 x Tuesdays 20, 27 July & 3, 10, 17, 24 Aug

**Time:** 10am to 12:30pm

Centacare require each participant to complete a registration form before the start of this course - please register by Friday 16th July 2021. Limited places due to social distancing.

**Tuning in to Kids** - Parenting program for parents of children aged 2-12 years old.

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with and understanding your child?
- help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- teach your child to deal with conflict?

**When:** 6 x Wednesdays 21, 28 July & 4, 11, 18, 25 Aug 2021

**Time:** 10am to 12:30pm

## SCHOOL MASS

There will be **NO MASS** this Friday 16th July due to the Covid-19 restrictions. We will keep in touch with Father John McHugh and let you know when we can start attending mass again. Father John McHugh is relieving while Monsignor Wilkes is on leave.

## ASSEMBLY

There will be **NO ASSEMBLY** in Term 3 at this point of time due to the Covid-19 restrictions. We will still continue to hand out Weekly Awards each Friday during class.

## CANTEEN

**\$5 REGULAR MEAL OR \$7 LARGE MEAL**

Week 2 - Apricot Chicken with Rice Or \$5 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!

## Dates to Remember

**EVERY WEDNESDAY:**

Transition 9am - 3pm

**Mon 9 Aug:**

SAC Meeting 6:40pm

**Tue 10 Aug:**

REAL TALK Parent Night

**Wed 11 Aug:**

REAL TALK Student Session

**Fri 13 Aug:**

Diocesan Athletics Carnival

Tamworth

**Sat 14 Aug:**

Damian Locke Ordination 6pm

**Sat 21 Aug:**

Confirmation

**Tue 24 Aug:**

STEP Day Yr6 Only

**Mon 6 Sept:**

Yr6 Leadership Lunch With

Adam Marshall

**Mon 13 Sept:**

Peace Pole Dedication