



St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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TERM 3 WEEK 2

Dear Parents

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Next week we will be celebrating "Marriage and Family Week." Bishop Michael Kennedy has instructed that all students in the Armidale Diocesan Catholic schools have a lesson with a specific focus on "Family" during this Week Sun 25 - Sat 31 July 2021.

The theme for this year is "**I am with you always**" (**Mt 28:20**). This is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven.



In class, the students will be learning that through the love we experience in families we can know that God is close to us always, loving us - "**God is love**" (**1 John 4:8**). They will participate in activities where they will name Jesus' family as an example of a family where the members showed love for each other. We will discuss ways in which family members show love for each other and understand that they always need to try to show love for those in their family.

In class, discussions will be around these statements:

I wonder how your parents **show their love for you?**

I wonder how your **grandparents showed love for your parents and how they show love for you too?**

I wonder how **you show love for your parents, grandparents and other members of your family?**

I am hoping you might take this week as an opportunity to have a discussion with your children around what family means to them.

Pope Francis has also inaugurated World Grandparents' Day to be celebrated on the fourth Sunday in July. This aligns well with Marriage and Family Week in our Diocese.

For those of you who are grandparents, may you accompany your families with wisdom and may you strive to pass on the treasure of faith to your grandchildren and to the younger generations. Let us pray.

A PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Dear God, please bless our grandparents.

Thank you for the life they gave my parents and for the life they give to me.

For the ways they helped me and made me strong, I give thanks.

For the ways they love me no matter what, I rejoice.

For the ways they have paved the road that leads me here, I am grateful.

Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life.

Let them find peace and rest from their work.

Let them be healed of every sickness and pain.

And let them see with their own eyes the glory of your Son, Jesus,

in the love of their children and grandchildren.

Bless them always until they come to rest in you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer by Diana Macalintal Copyright © 2005 <http://Dsjliturgy.Org/2006/08/27/A-Prayer-For-Grandparents/>

Kind regards
Judy Elks

LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY DEPARTURES AND ABSENCES

Students arriving late for school must report to the school office before going to their classroom. **Parents/carers are to advise the school of the reason for ALL late arrivals and ALL absences from school.** This can be done through the Compass parent portal, by phone call or email to the school office. A verbal message from a student is not acceptable for our records. Students who need to leave school during school hours must be collected by a parent/carer and signed out at the school office. **During COVID restrictions, however, parents and carers are asked to phone the school office to arrange for their child and a staff member to meet them at the front gate.**

It is the duty of the State to ensure that every child receives an education of the highest quality and it is the duty of parents to comply with the compulsory education requirements of the Education Act 1990. This is needed to fulfil Government stipulations regarding the maintenance of students' attendance records. Absences for more than 15 consecutive days will require parents to complete an Application for Exemption from Attendance at School. Please contact the school office if you require further information.



SHEEP MANURE BUSINESS

The Sheep Manure Business workers have been busy bagging manure in readiness for incoming orders. Thanks to Mrs Hull, our CEOs Nigel and Chelsea and their willing team of workers, we are now ready to fill your orders. At \$4/10kg bag, it's a bargain! They can also arrange delivery for an additional \$5. For all orders please phone the school on 6778 4063.



UNESAP LET'S HANG IT! EXHIBITION

Due to continuing Covid-19 restrictions, NERAM will not be holding a live awards presentation and opening night for the 2021 University of New England School Acquisitive Art Prize (UNESAP) *Let's hang it!* exhibition. Instead, they will be live streaming the announcement of awards via their website and Facebook page at 10am on Friday 30 July.

If you would like to tune in, please head to the UNESAP page on NERAM's website www.neram.com.au/unesap-2021 which will also host the online version of the exhibition and People's Choice portal.

The exhibition will be on display to the public at NERAM from Friday 30 July and close on Sunday 15 August 2021.

The judge this year for the first and second place prizes is sculptor Ben Tooth and the Director of NERAM, Rachael Parsons, will also present a Director's Choice Award. A People's Choice Award will be voted for over the duration of the exhibition via the online exhibition page and the winner announced at the conclusion. There is also an award for The Most Outstanding School, recognising their commitment to quality in art making.

Congratulations again to Riley Garside and Ethan Wooldridge for your art work being selected amongst the finalists.



Riley Garside, Yr2,
'Red Roses on a
Blue Day', oil pastel
and wash

Ethan Wooldridge,
Yr5, 'Fruitious', oil
pastel and wash



IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM - 3/4/5/6

In Maths we are learning to select and use the appropriate unit to calculate areas, including areas of squares, rectangles and triangles.

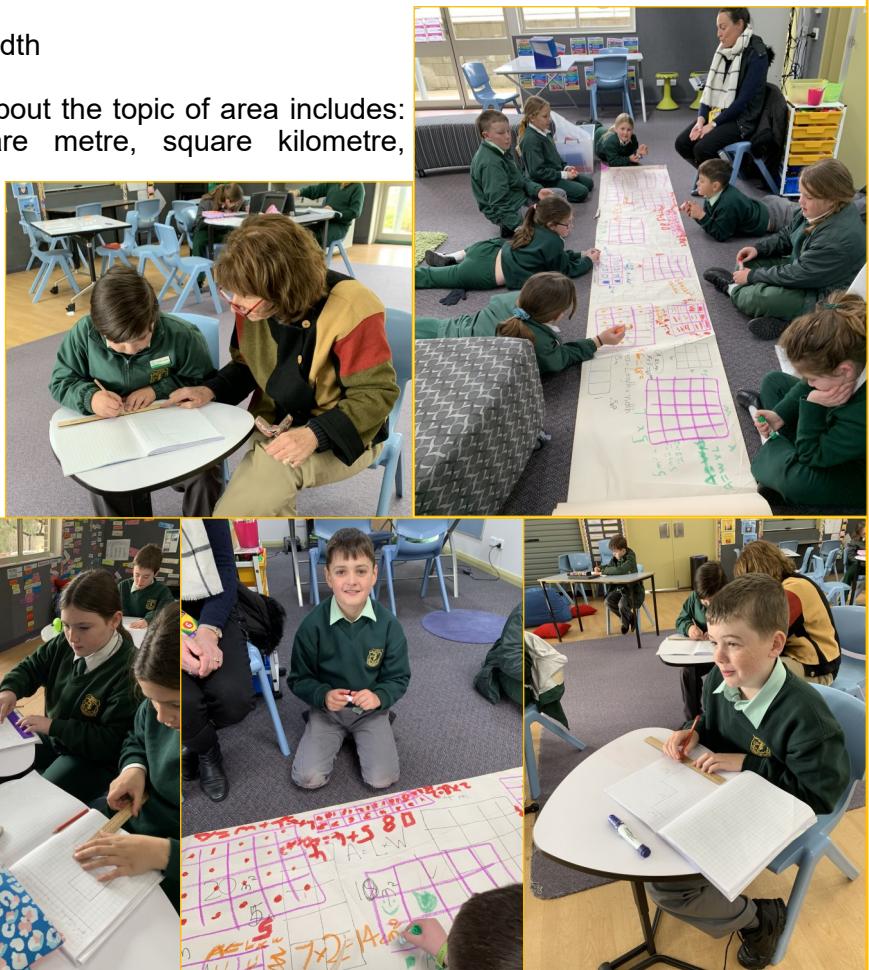
The activities we are doing involve choosing an appropriate unit of measurement to find the area; identifying situations where square kilometres are used for measuring area, eg a suburb; recognising and explaining the need for a more convenient unit than the square kilometre and recognising that there are 10 000 square metres in one hectare, ie 10 000 square metres = 1 hectare.

The formula we use is $A = \text{Length} \times \text{Width}$

The new language we are learning about the topic of area includes: measure, square centimetre, square metre, square kilometre, hectare, dimensions, length, width.

The abbreviation m^2 is read as 'square metre(s)' and not 'metre(s) squared' or 'metre(s) square'.

The abbreviation cm^2 is read as 'square centimetre(s)' and not 'centimetre(s) squared' or 'centimetre(s) square'.



WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to Term 3 Week 1 award recipients:

Liam Hayes, Harry St Clair
and
Ellie Wallace

Samantha Munzenrieder
and
Sam Smith



TRANSITION

While we have Transition in K-2 we are taking this opportunity to develop our social skills, focusing on working cooperatively and effectively in group situations as well as developing our understanding of how to be safe, respectful and responsible learners. We will be using picture books, role plays and practical application to reinforce these skills.



SCHOOL MASS

There will be **NO MASS** this Friday 23rd 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 3 - Curried Sausages with Mashed Potato 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

Fri 30 July:

UNESAP Awards

Mon 9 Aug:

PT&F Meeting 5pm

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

Fri 20 Aug:

Bishop's Visit

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