



St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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Dear Parents

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Importance of Getting to School on Time

All schools are obliged by the Government to keep an Attendance Register with all absences explained. All late arrivals need to be explained and this can be done through using the Compass Parent Portal or by emailing or phoning the school. Students are asked to report to the school office when they arrive late, so that they can be entered in the roll for the day.

It has come to my attention that a few of our students are often arriving at school after 9:00am. Occasional lateness due to some unforeseen family situation is understandable but repeated lateness is what gives rise to problems. For example if a child is late to school by 10 minutes on 3 occasions, they can miss the equivalent of a whole lesson. The cumulative effect of this happening on more than 3 occasions is obvious.

This repeated lateness can vary from 5 minutes to 20 minutes or more. This is concerning for two important reasons:

- 1) They are missing valuable lesson time. They are not hearing the initial instructions for the day, nor are they getting the "settling in" time, which prepares them for the day ahead. The later they are the greater is the detrimental effect on their learning. They can often be left with a feeling of trying to "catch up", which places unnecessary stress on them.
- 2) They are missing the initial social interaction with their peers during the "greeting" time before the first bell rings.

At St Joseph's, every child is known, valued and cared for. Our goal is to provide social and emotional well-being and academic achievement for every child. To achieve this, we ask you to support us in ensuring that your child is at school on time. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

Real Talk Sessions

Real Talk is an organisation that is all about getting REAL on the topics of sex education, 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.

There will be a joint **ONLINE Parent Night** with other schools on **Monday 9 August from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm**. This session is aimed at parents of students in Year 4 and 6. However, any parents that are interested may join the zoom. The purpose of this session is to give you an outline of what the students will be exposed to in their sessions and to give parents tips on what they can do to support their children as they grow towards maturity. Please see the enclosed flyer for further details. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86504060120> Meeting ID is: **865 0406 0120**

Our Year 4 and Year 6 students will have online sessions at school on Wednesday 11 August:

Session 1	9:00am-11:00am	Year 6 Love and Life Group Session
Session 2	11:30am-1:15pm	Year 6 Split Sexes Session
Session 3	2:00-3:00 pm	Year 4 Session

School Survey

During Week 6 and 7, 16th - 25th August, you will be invited to complete an online School Improvement Survey. We will be surveying members of our school community: parents, staff and students in Years 4-6. I encourage you to complete this anonymous online survey as it is your opportunity to give feedback to us about what you feel we are doing well and where you see our school could improve.

The survey will be sent to your email address on 16 August. Please take the time to share your views.

UNESAP Art Competition

Last Friday the New England Regional Art Museum held a virtual online ceremony to announce the winners of this year's UNESAP Art Competition.

It is my pleasure to inform you that our school was named the "Most Outstanding School" in this year's competition. Thank you to Mrs Bremner for the amazing work that she does in supporting our students with their visual arts projects. Congratulations to all of our students on the exceptional work that they do in this space.

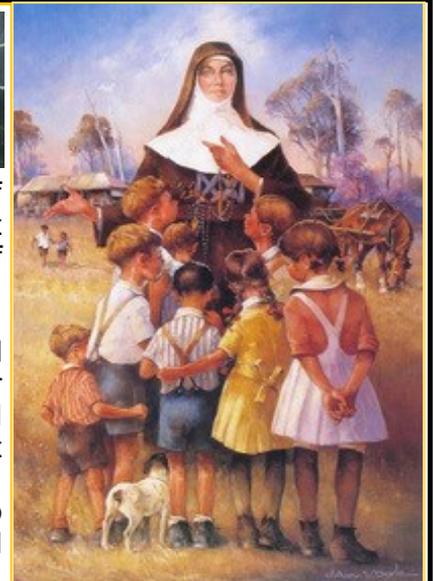
Ordination of Damien Locke

Please note that we inadvertently advertised the wrong time for Damien's Ordination Mass on the 14th August. It will be held at the special time of **10:00am on Saturday 14th August**. If you are able to attend, please let the office know. This is a very special occasion for one of our ex-students. We ask for God's blessing for Damien and his family on this special day.

Kind regards
Judy Elks

RELIGION NEWS

**St Mary the Cross
Feast Day 8th August**

**Mary MacKillop's Story**

Mary was born in Victoria to Scottish immigrants. She was the eldest of eight children and spent her early years working to support her family. At the age of 24 she dedicated her life to God and took on the name "Mary of the Cross".

Along with Fr Julian Tenison-Woods, Mary opened a school in a disused stable in Penola, South Australia. Her vision was to provide education for underprivileged children. Many other women came to join her there, and Mary and Julian founded Australia's first religious order: the Sisters of St Joseph.

Mary and the Sisters were committed to serving the poor – to going to where the need was and living amongst those in need. This took Mary all over Australia to many rural areas.

Mary faced fierce opposition throughout her life, which at one point culminated in her being excommunicated. In the face of trial, Mary was a model of forgiveness, insisting no ill be spoken of those who wronged her, while also remaining resolute in her convictions.

Mary was remarkable as a strong female leader in 19th century Australia. Education in this country is what it is today thanks to her dedication and determination.

Downloaded August 3 2021 from <https://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/who-we-are/mary-mackillops-story/>

We continue to live out the teachings and values of Mary Mackillop with a particular focus on the following values:

Make room in your heart for all; Listen for God's call; Do Your Bit and Attitude of Gratitude. The students are familiar with these values and try also to live by them daily.

Uralla Sisters of St Joseph – 1886-1985

**Vinnies Winter Sleepout Postponed**

Due to the recent COVID outbreak the sleepout has been postponed to the 27th August. Families can still register at the link provided.

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We're registered to

WIN a \$20,000

**Play-Based Learning Village
for our School!**



**CASTLE
& CUBBY**



And if we WIN, so could YOU!

For the chance to win a \$2,000 cubby for home simply register at www.castleandcubby.com.au/pages/competitions



IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM - K/1/2

Within our K-2 classroom we have a strong focus on building oral language. Oral language includes speaking and listening. The skills from oral language provide the foundation for reading, writing and comprehension. Through a variety of activities we are aiming to improve oral language within the classroom, to develop and enhance our social skills and interactions as well as improving our overall communication and understanding.



OLYMPICS 2020 GAMES



Last Friday we applied our teamwork skills that we have learnt in Organic Learning to play Olympic games at our school.

Mr Mackson and Mr McGann set up a variety of games. We had two sections: mental activities and physical activities. Everyone was divided into a group and each leader was in charge of remembering how many points they had.

In these groups we first did mental activities, students solved codes, completed word searches, wrote acrostic poems, made liquid pictures and squiggle pictures. After we completed the given tasks, Mr Mackson scored our points.



Next it was physical activities, we participated in activities like:

- Kicking a ball in between the cones (1 point if you get it in between)
- Throwing a ball with a partner
- Soccer
- Relay races
- Balancing on buckets
- Throwing a bean bag in a hoop (Third hoop 1p second hoop 2p third hoop 3p.)



After we were finished everyone went into the 3/4/5/6 classroom where Mr McGann and Mr Mackson added up the points we received for each activity. At the end of the day we had two winning teams, two second place winners and two third place winners. We each reserved a medal to put on display around the school and the winners got a medal to take home.

We had a fabulous day competing in our own type of Olympic Games!

Samantha Munzenrieder

WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to Term 3
 Week 3 award recipients:

Marlee Garrahy-Brennan,
 Nigel Garrahy-Brennan,
 Samantha Munzenrieder
 and
 Skylar Shoobert (absent)



BLUEY AUTHOR INTERVIEW

This Friday our students will be joining a very special one off live streamed conversation with the creator of popular Australian tv show *Bluey*, Joe Brumm. We will hear about his inspirations for creating memorable characters, the process for creating an animated series and his favourite moments while creating his award winning stories.



SCHOOL MASS

There will be **NO MASS** this Friday 6th August 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 5 - Stuffed Mexican Potatoes 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:

PT&F Meeting 5pm (postponed to 16 Aug
 due to Real Talk Parent Night)

SAC Meeting 6:40pm

Mon 9 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 10am

Mon 16 Aug:

PT&F Meeting 5:00pm

BIRTHDAYS

5 Aug: Neve Whitton
 7 Aug: Marlee Garrahy-Brennan

