



St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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TERM 4 WEEK 1

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope you all were able to have a rest and recoup during the holidays because this Term will be very busy! I have included with this newsletter a term calendar with the dates as we have them now. There are a number of activities we have in the pipeline that we are hoping can proceed later in the term. We will keep you well informed of any upcoming events or changes as they arise.

COVID Protocols

Under the current Public Health orders, the protocols in place at St Joseph's are:

- Non-essential visitors are not permitted on the school site.
- All staff and essential visitors will adhere to mask-wearing requirements and sign-in using the Service NSW QR code
- Allied Health partners and other providers are permitted to enter the school and will continue to operate in a COVID-safe way.
- Hand sanitiser will be in use for students and staff and any essential visitors.

Parents should:

- Drop off and pick up their children at the front gate. Arrangements can be made by phoning the school for any early pick-ups.
- Follow the physical distancing advice and avoid gathering outside of school gates.
- Adhere to mask-wearing requirements and sign-in using the Service NSW QR code if you need to enter the school for a pre-arranged reason.
- Keep their children at home if they are unwell and especially if showing any cold or flu symptoms.

Maths Money Game

One of the concepts being taught in Maths this term is Money. This unit focuses on identifying the notes and coins, counting money, adding and subtracting money and understanding financial mathematics across the respective years. In order to support our students' confidence and ability in handling money we are introducing a Money Game across the whole school. This game will involve students earning 'play money', recognising their individual effort and application that they put into their learning task during their maths sessions each day. At the end of each lesson, the students will total their money earned and record this in their 'bank book'. On Friday they will need to 'buy entry' into the Maths Challenge session.

We are hoping that this game will be a fun, practical and engaging activity to support the students in their learning.

Thunderbolt Festival

We have had notification that the Thunderbolt Festival will be going ahead on the 30th October, at the Uralla Showground. We have been informed that there will be a COVID-safe management plan in place as per the NSW Government Guidelines and in the event of an outbreak the Festival may need to be cancelled at short notice. Organisers will provide as much warning as possible if this happens.

If the event does go ahead, our school will be part of these activities including the parade down the main street. The PT&F has also been invited to run a BBQ stall. We would like as many volunteers as possible to help out on this day. Further details will be sent out in next week's newsletter. The PT&F will hold a meeting on Thursday 14 October at 5:30pm to plan and organise the BBQ stall. If the COVID regulations do not allow an onsite meeting, it may need to be done as a zoom meeting instead. We will keep you posted once arrangements can be confirmed. Thank you in anticipation.

Kind regards
Judy Elks

WELCOME BACK TO ALL OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF



MATHS MONEY GAME



REAL TALK

There will be a joint **ONLINE Parent Night** with other schools on **Monday 18 October 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. More information will be included in next weeks newsletter.

TRANSITION - Story Time With Mrs Walters



IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM - K12



RELIGION

In Religion we are exploring sacraments, students will deepen their understanding of sacraments and sacramentality. The unit will particularly explore the sacraments of Penance and Holy Orders.

Sacraments are visible signs of the presence of God. They are an encounter with God. Sacraments are moments of God's self-communication and occur throughout human life. They capture our imagination and reveal to us something of God. People can be sacraments to one another. Creation can be a sacrament, communicating the presence of the creator God. These are referred to as sacramental moments or experiences. They inspire awe and wonder in the awareness of the presence of God.

Jesus is the original and central sacrament. He is the revelation of God par excellence. The Church, the body of Christ, is also a sacrament. Hence sacraments are visible signs of the incarnate God and the God of salvation (the Paschal Mystery). The life of the Church reveals the saving and transformative presence of God. The Church defines seven ecclesial actions that are sacraments in its liturgical life. These sacraments of the Church are distinctive and transformative events in the community and the individual person. These seven sacraments of the Church are grouped into 3 categories:

Initiation:

Baptism
 Confirmation
 Eucharist

Healing:

Reconciliation
 Anointing of the sick

At the service of communion:

Marriage
 Holy Orders

CANTEEN

\$5 REGULAR MEAL OR \$7 LARGE MEAL

Week 2 - Lasagne and Salad 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!

SUMMER UNIFORM

The school's official uniform supplier is InterSports Armidale located at 151 Rusden Street, Armidale. Phone 6771 2344. The green school bucket hat is available from school (\$10) and must be worn by all students all year round. Such hats are compulsory in all NSW Primary Schools as is the school's 'no hat, no play' policy. This is strictly enforced.

<u>Boys Uniform</u>	<u>Girls Uniform</u>
<p><u>Summer</u></p> <p>Black shoes with grey ankle socks</p> <p>Grey shorts - Rugger's / stubbies design</p> <p>Pale green hang out short-sleeved shirt with bottle green school crest on left pocket</p>	<p><u>Summer</u></p> <p>Black shoes with white ankle socks</p> <p>Skorts for all girls K-6 in the new check (special makes are available)</p> <p>Hang out white short-sleeved shirts with bottle green school crest on left pocket.</p>

Dates to Remember

<p><u>TRANSITION</u></p> <p>Recommended Wed 6th Oct</p> <p>9am - 3pm</p> <p>Will continue every Wednesday</p>	<p>Thurs 14 Oct:</p> <p>5:30pm PT&F Meeting</p> <p>Mon 18 Oct:</p> <p>6pm REAL TALK Parent Information Night</p> <p>Wed 20 Oct:</p> <p>REAL TALK Yr4 & Yr6</p>	<p>Wed 27 Oct:</p> <p>Prayer Twilight</p> <p>Sat 30 Oct:</p> <p>Thunderbolts Festival</p> <p>Wed 10 Nov:</p> <p>BOOK FAIR</p>
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