



St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



Ph 02 6778 4063 Fax 02 6778 3010
Email: uraadmin@arm.catholic.edu.au
Website: www.stjosephsuralla.catholic.edu.au

16 FEB 2022
TERM 1 WEEK 4

Dear Parents

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you everyone for your support as we manoeuvre through the COVID-safe operational guidelines. As always, our highest priority is the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff. Your compliance with our weekly RAT testing of students every Monday and Wednesday is greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to those parents who have engaged with our school through COMPASS. The COMPASS site allows us to communicate with parents and guardians in a quick and efficient manner. You can also use COMPASS to record and explain your child's absence to avoid receiving an unnecessary text message asking for you to explain an absence. It also allows you to return required notes quickly. If you need help to join COMPASS please ring the office and Ellen will step you through this process.

Swimming Carnival

Last Friday we held our annual swimming carnival. Thank you to Miss Kelly for organising this event and to the staff for their support in its running. Thank you also to all our parent and sibling volunteer helpers and those who were able to attend to support and encourage our students. We can not run our carnival without your support.

I would like to congratulate all our students on the very enthusiastic way in which you all participated in the carnival. The sportsmanship that was clearly demonstrated is a credit to you all. It was very pleasing to see everyone having a go and getting in the water and do their best. Well done, we are all very proud of you! Championship medals and ribbons were handed out on Monday and the results of medal winners can be found within this newsletter. Due to COVID restrictions we were unable to have parents attend this assembly.

Congratulations to Sienna Garside, Tahlia Burney and Zephyr Burney who have qualified to attend the Diocesan Swimming Trials to be held in Gunnedah next Thursday 24th February. We wish them all the best.

Annual Improvement Plan 2022

Each year the staff look carefully at what we have achieved the previous year and what we see are the next steps of improvement for our students and school. These goals then form our Annual Improvement Plan and become the focus for the year ahead.

Our 3 goals in our Annual Improvement Plan for this year are:

- To build teacher capacity in a flexible space in order to support student learning
- To implement the new K-2 Literacy and Maths Syllabus
- To continue to build our Organic Learning on a larger scale

Through the implementation of these goals we aim to further support each and everyone of our students on their learning journey. The staff are looking forward to a very productive year for all within our school community.

School Fees

Term 1 school fee statements were scheduled to go out this week, however due to Mrs Biddle being unwell these statements won't be sent out until next week.

New Baby

Congratulations to Lauren and Nathan Jordan, on the arrival of their baby boy Joseph, a little brother for Lucy and Freddy born last Thursday evening. We wish you all the best as your family grows.

Kind regards
Judy Elks



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

AND THE HOUSE WINNER IS

MACKILLOP!!

- Junior Boys Champion - Zephyr Burney
- Junior Girls Champion - Sienna Garside
- 11 Yr Girls Champion - Millie Swift
- 11 Yr Girls Runner-up - Chelsea Doran
- Senior Boys Champion - Riley Lester
- Senior Boys Runner-up - Ethan Wooldridge
- Senior Girls Champion - Tahlia Burney
- Senior Girls Runner-up - Samantha Munzenrieder





RELIGION NEWS



Sir William Deane's guiding principle as Governor General was his belief that 'the ultimate test of our worth as a truly democratic nation is how we treat the most disadvantaged and vulnerable of our citizens'. His guiding objective was 'that we Australians, indigenous and non-indigenous and regardless of our racial or cultural or other backgrounds, will go into the second century of our nation and the third millennium of the Christian era united as a people...walking together, talking together, working together, and achieving together – and with mutual respect and tolerance'. Sir William Deane

Can we really say with joy and honesty "Australians ALL, let us rejoice?" What are some of the barriers I can work towards breaking down? What are the attitudes I hold that build barriers? What are the attitudes I hold that break down or prevent barriers?

This term our Religion unit explores how Jesus broke down barriers that prevented right relationships. It looks at concepts such as personal and social sin, and how our behaviour and relationships can advance or hinder the reign of God. Students will explore issues of prejudice, discrimination, rejection and acceptance, exclusion and inclusion.

PT&F NEWS

The PT&F will be holding its AGM on *Monday 7th March at 5:00pm*. All positions will be declared vacant and nominations from parents are invited to fill the following positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Canteen Convenor. If you would like to nominate someone for a position please complete the nomination form included in this newsletter and return it to the school office no later than 3pm Tuesday 22nd February.



The AGM will be followed by an ordinary meeting to discuss plans for the year ahead. Please come along and feel free to offer your ideas.

CANTEEN

\$5 REGULAR MEAL OR \$7 LARGE MEAL

Week 5 - Chicken Burgers (Lettuce, Tomato or BBQ Sauce, Optional Cheese and/or Mayo)
 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

<p>Thu 24 Feb: DIO Swimming Fri 25 Feb: Golf and School Mass 12noon (Only Students and Teachers) Fri 4 Mar: Golf Mon 7 Mar: PT&F AGM 5pm and SAC Meeting 6:40pm</p>	<p>Fri 11 Mar: Golf Fri 18 Mar: Golf Mon 21 Mar: NAPLAN Practice Testing Starts Fri 25 Mar: Golf Fri 8 Apr: Last Day Of School</p>	<p>BIRTHDAYS 19 Feb: Eden Hunt</p>
--	---	---