



# St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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Dear Parents

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Mufti Day Friday for Lismore Flood Appeal

This Friday 18 March, we will be holding a mufti day to raise funds to send to the 'Lismore Flood Appeal'. We will combine this with our celebration of **St Joseph's Day** which is Saturday 19th March. All our students are asked to come dressed in mufti clothes and bring a gold coin donation and any other money they would like to contribute to the cause. The students will attend Mass at 9:10am followed by golf for our Year 2-6 students. After lunch the students will all participate in some fun activities that the senior students will organise. Please make sure your child brings a hat and wears closed in shoes that they can run in. Thanks for your support.

### Recycling Blister Packs

The CSO's Annual Improvement Plan includes a focus on 'Laudato Si': *On Care for our Common Home*. The 2015 encyclical letter written by Pope Francis is a call to action for the people of the world to care for and restore the Earth. Because Pope Francis has called us to action, it is our responsibility as a Catholic organisation to promote care for our planet.

One item that is problematic in our environment is medication blister packs, which contain a mix of shiny foil paper and softer plastic. There is a place in Inverell that recycles these. The CSO has asked all the schools in our Diocese to help in this recycling. Families are asked to send in any empty blister packs to the school. Representatives from the CSO will collect these as they visit and forward them to the centre at Inverell. We have a collection box in the office, so please send in any used blister packs to the school. Thanks for your support.



### PT&F Meeting

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our PT&F meeting on Monday evening. Congratulations to our new committee. Thank you for offering to serve our school community in this way. I look forward to working closely with you all.

The committee for 2022 is:  
President Kristy Redmond  
Vice President Abby Smith  
Treasurer Tiffany Jeffers  
Secretary Jordan Hannaford  
Canteen Peta Garrahy

### COMPASS Parent Portal for All Student Absences

Parents are asked to please use the COMPASS portal (not Class Dojo) to explain your child being absent from school. Putting it through Class Dojo means we have to double handle the information. Thanks for your cooperation.

### Lantern Making

The annual Uralla Lantern Parade will be held on Saturday 26 March. The organising committee will attend St Joseph's next Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 March from 2:00 -3:00pm to support our students to design and make their lanterns. Further details about the parade will be given next week.

### Uniform Pool

Please note that we have a uniform pool with some items of winter uniform. Parents are welcome at any time to have a look. Items are "purchased" for a gold coin donation. If you have any uniform items in good condition that your children have outgrown, you may consider donating them to the uniform pool. Thank you.

### NAPLAN Practice Tests

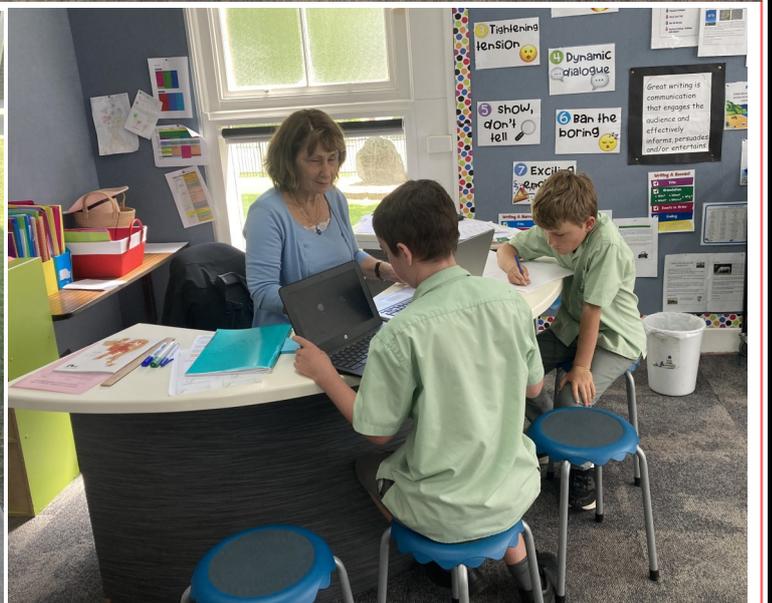
Next week, students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be sitting NAPLAN Practice Tests to allow them to become familiar with the online platform. Parents are able to obtain further information about NAPLAN on the website [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

Kind regards  
Judy Elks

### REFURBISHED CLASSROOMS AT ST JOSEPH'S



With the commencement of 2022 we opened up a third classroom and rearranged other rooms to cater for our growing community. All three classrooms have had upgrades of varying degrees. Each classroom allows for flexibility in both teaching pedagogy and student learning styles. They have the latest up to date IT and classroom resources allowing our students and teachers to learn and work in spaces that are bright, inviting and versatile. We also have started to create our outdoor learning space which again allows versatility in where teachers teach and where students learn. Thankyou to our staff for their ongoing support of each and every child's learning.



### GOLF



### CANTEEN

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



Week 9 - Chicken Tender Wraps with Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato (Choice of Tomato or BBQ sauce, Sweet Chilli sauce or Mayo) Or \$5 Plain cheese sandwich (toasted optional)

**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!**

**The PT&F suggested that we provide parents with an order slip to assist in the ordering process for the Canteen. Please see enclosed slips for your use.**

**If ordering with the enclosed slip, please return it to the front office no later than Friday. Money can be sent in with the form or handed to the office on Monday.**



## St. Joseph

**Feast Day:** March 19

St. Joseph of Nazareth is a great saint who totally lived by faith – a faith that made him a real hero. He was chosen by our heavenly Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, Jesus his divine son and Mary Queen of heaven. Joseph was Jesus' foster-father and Mary's husband.

He was poor all his life and had to work very hard in his carpenter shop, but he did not mind. Joseph was happy to work for his little family. He loved Jesus and Mary so very much. In the Holy Bible we do not find even one word spoken by St. Joseph, and yet, even without words, he shows his deep faith and trust in the Living God.

Whatever the Lord wanted him to do, St. Joseph did at once, no matter how difficult it was. He was humble and pure, gentle and wise. Jesus and Mary loved him and obeyed him because God had placed him as the head of their family. What a joy for St. Joseph to live with the Son of God himself. Jesus obeyed him, helped him, and loved him.

We pray to St. Joseph as the protector of the dying for a special reason. We believe that Joseph died peacefully in the arms of Jesus and Mary when God finally called his faithful servant to the joy of heaven. St. Joseph died before Jesus' passion and death on the Cross.

St. Teresa of Avila chose St. Joseph as the protector of her order of Carmelite sisters. She had a great trust in his prayers. "Every time I ask St. Joseph for something," she said, "he always obtains it for me." St. Joseph is the patron of the Universal Church.

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Would you like to share your ideas, opinions and contribute suggestions on how to make our Shire a great place to live for young people?

Uralla Shire Council invite community minded 12-24 year olds from our Shire to come along and have the chance to be involved in your community.

Tell us what opportunities, events and activities you would like for young people.

**Let's celebrate youth in our community.**

**WHERE:** Uralla Shire Library, Bridge Street Uralla

**WHEN:** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 4.00pm – 4.45pm

Come along, the more the merrier.

**Enquiries:** Uralla Shire Library 67786470

### Dates to Remember

<p><b>Fri 18 Mar:</b> Golf                  St Joseph's Day                  Celebrations at school /                  Mufti Day (Flood Appeal)  <b>Sat 19 Mar:</b> St Joseph's                  Feast Day</p>	<p><b>Mon 21 Mar:</b> NAPLAN                  Practice Testing Starts  <b>Fri 25 Mar:</b> Golf  <b>Fri 8 Apr:</b> Last day of term</p>	<p><b>BIRTHDAYS</b>  <b>19 Mar:</b> Sam Smith</p> 
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