



St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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TERM 2 WEEK 7

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Parent / Student / Teacher Interviews and Semester 1 Reports

As advised in last week's newsletter, our Semester 1 Reporting will have two components – Written Reports AND Interviews. A formal report will be given to parents at the parent/teacher interviews. These interviews will be run as a three-way Parent/ Teacher/ Student Conference and Learning Plan. Three-way Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences actively involve parents, student and teacher in reflecting on student progress and setting future goals. These are different from regular parent/teacher interviews as the student is involved in the discussion about their progress as a learner. The students provide information to clarify what they have learnt, what the next steps are in their learning and what progress they are making towards this. The three-way interview places the student at the heart of the assessment and reporting process and provides a student voice in discussions about performance and progress. It is also an opportunity to allow children to see their parents and teacher working together for them. These formal conferences have been scheduled for Week 9 (Tues 20 June, Wed 21 June & Thurs 22 June). **Parents are able to book these conferences through the Compass Portal.**

School Uniform

Thank you to all our parents who ensure their child is wearing the correct school uniform when coming to school. Our school ties orders have finally arrived! Ties (\$14) and hats (\$12) are available at the school office. All other new uniform items are available at InterSport in Rusden St, Armidale.

The PT&F Uniform Pool is also available for our families to buy a second hand item for a gold coin donation. If you have any uniform items still in good condition that your child has outgrown please donate them to our uniform pool - we are always in need of them.

Parents are reminded of the importance of labeling all uniform items so that "lost" items can be returned to their rightful owner without the expense of having to replace them.

Banned "Treats"

There have been a number of students who have been occasionally bringing **chewing gum and lollies** to school. **These items are not to be brought to school.** Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Welcome

Last week we welcomed a new student into Year 1 - Stevie McLeod. We hope that Stevie and her parents will enjoy being a part of the Joey's school family.

Twilight Prayer Invitation

Parents, grandparents and parishioners are welcome to join the staff in our Twilight Prayer for this term next Wednesday 14 June from 3:30 pm to 5:00pm. If you would like a little "time-out" with God in some gentle reflection and prayer, this is for you! Just let the office know if you'd like to come along.

Long Weekend

Next Monday 12 June is a Public Holiday. With all the colds and flu viruses going around, this might be a little "circuit breaker" for us all to rest and recharge! Wishing you a restful and relaxing holiday weekend.

*Kind regards
Judy Elks*

RELIGION NEWS

In Religion we are revisiting the Pentecost experience in the Scriptures and students are exploring the sacramental symbols and rituals in Confirmation.

Symbols speak to our imagination, our senses, our emotions, in fact to the whole person. Life is full of symbols and rituals. We use them for a wide range of experiences from the ordinary to the special events in our lives. God is beyond our limited symbols, however, symbols help us understand something of the mystery of God.

Symbols like fire, wind, a dove or symbolic actions like anointing with oil or laying on of hands, are useful but limiting. Any way we talk about God is inadequate. St Augustine writes about our inner restlessness. "Our hearts are restless until they rest in You (God)", The Bible refers to creation groaning, and our spirit longing for God. The whole of creation groans with the presence of the Holy Spirit. Our hearts leap. These images may suggest our inability to use words to adequately describe the Holy Spirit.



Food for thought: When are you aware, beyond words, of the presence of the Holy Spirit?
 What makes your heart leap with desire/joy/anticipation?
 What energises you and gives you life?

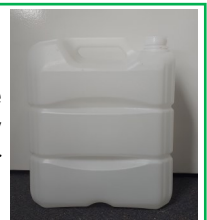
IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM

Year 5 and 6 are working on problem solving in Maths and using the 'defend it' map to help justify their answer. This is to improve their ability to check their answer. The process to defend their answer helps them to think critically about what is being asked of them and make sense of their own understanding and areas for improvement. Working with a partner also helps them to clarify their thinking. The classroom discussions were inspiring!



CATHOLIC EARTHCARE GROUP

One of our responsibilities around the school is to take care of our gardens. To do so, we require a few more watering containers. We are asking our families, if you have any empty water containers (as pictured) that you are happy to donate they can be sent in with your child/children or dropped off to the school office. This would be greatly appreciated.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Uralla Library School Holiday Activities

Looking for something fun and creative to do in the winter school holidays?

Bright Minds Tamworth will be presenting two creative kids workshops at the Uralla Library on Wednesday 12 July. Both sessions will have activities designed for children from Kindergarten to Year 12.

Session 1: 10.00am to 11.30am Wednesday 12 July

Wax Bead Candles & Personalised Door Hanger Workshop

Session 2: 1.00pm to 2.30pm Wednesday 12 July

Wax Bead Candles & Mosaic Photo Frame Workshop

All bookings are to be made online using the link below. This is a great opportunity to redeem any outstanding NSW Creative Kids Vouchers; simply book before June 30 and enter your voucher details. A reminder that these vouchers expire June 30.

Bookings: <https://brightmindstamworth.com.au/workshops/>

Enquiries: Uralla Library

Email: library@uralla.nsw.gov.au

Phone: 02 6778 6470



Toolkit for Dads - FREE 3 hour session for men

Join us to learn about:

- What gets in the way
- What to do if you lose it
- What children need
- Smarter ways to parent
- Neuroscience and kids
- Helping children thrive
- New ways to discipline
- Self-care for dads



Centacare NENW acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land and pays respect to the elders past and present.

DATES AVAILABLE in 2023

- Wednesday 28th June 2023, 10am - 1pm
- Wednesday 26th July 2023, 10am - 1pm
- Wednesday 16th August 2023, 10am - 1pm
- Wednesday 27th September 2023, 10am - 1pm
- Wednesday 18th October 2023, 10am - 1pm
- Wednesday 29th November 2023, 10am - 1pm
- Wednesday 20th December 2023, 10am - 1pm

WHERE: 150 Rusden Street, ARMIDALE

For more information ring Facilitator on

6738 7200 or to book, please call

1800 372 826 FREE CALL



ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to Term 2 Week 6 award recipients:

Kindy - Archer and Freya



1/2 - Remy and Charlotte



3/4 - Liam and Eva



5/6 - Chloe and Jayden



CANTEEN ORDERS

There is no Canteen next Monday 12 June 2023 due to it being a PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

Canteen will resume on Monday 19th June 2023.

Dates to Remember

Mon 12 June:

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wed 14 Jun: Yr 6 RE Test

Thur 15 Jun: Yr 5 STEP Day at O'Connor

Tue 20, Wed 21 & Thur 22

June:

Parent/Teacher/Student

Conferences

Fri 23 July: ASSEMBLY 2:45pm

Fri 30 July:

Last Day of Term 2

BIRTHDAYS

10 June: Joshua

13 June: Bobbi

