



St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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TERM 3 WEEK 3

Dear Parents

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Student Supervision - Important Notice

Parents are reminded that teachers are not on duty until 8:30am, thus there is no supervision of students at St Joseph's School before 8:30 am. Although the gates may be open, students should not be on school grounds until 8:30 am when supervision will commence. We are aware that this may be inconvenient for those families who have been using the Before & After School Facility but until the appointment of a new Co-Ordinator by Esteem Kids, parents are asked for safety reasons to ensure that their children do not arrive at school until 8:30am. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

Fundraising Meeting for the Year 5/6 Excursion 2024

Parents of our current Year 4 and Year 5 students are invited to a short meeting to be held in the Organic Learning Studio at 5:30pm on Monday 7 August. This will be an opportunity to discuss fundraising ideas for next year's Yr 5/6 Major Excursion.

Book Week and Grandparents Day

On Wednesday 16 August, we will be celebrating Book Week with our Annual Book Fair and Grandparents Day. As part of the day's celebrations, we are asking our students, including Transition, to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. The day will commence with the parade at 9:15 followed by book readings by our Grandparents, parents and teachers. We will have a special celebratory cake and visits to our classrooms. Our Book Fair will be running throughout the morning for families to purchase books for home or to donate books to the School Library. This year, our book fair will be provided by Collins Booksellers from Armidale, offering quality books at reasonable prices. Parents and Grandparents are invited to come along and join in the celebrations. Parents, it would be very much appreciated if you could bring a plate to share for morning tea.

McCrossin's Mill Excursion

Next Tuesday 8th August, our students will visit McCrossin's Mill as part of our Organic Learning unit, "A World of Stories". The students will walk down to the museum and there will be a small cost of \$3 per child for entry into the museum. This excursion is an opportunity for our students to see how local history fits into the bigger picture of colonial history. Parents are asked to go into the Compass portal to submit permission notes and payment. Thank you.

Special Visitors

On Monday we invited a number of CSO staff, the Principal from Mungindi and Mr Chad Ferris, our Organic Learning mentor, into our school, to share with them the progress that we have made in Organic Learning. During the day Mr Ferris spent time with the students and teachers in their classrooms to introduce them to a number of thinking tools that they can use across all subject areas to support their thinking. In the afternoon he spent time with the staff reviewing our journey in the Organic Learning space so far and looking at future directions.

Assembly Friday

This Friday we will have a special assembly to hand out the ribbons and medals from our athletics carnival. You are all welcome to come along. The assembly will start at 2:45 in the Organic Learning room.

Let's Hang It! Competition

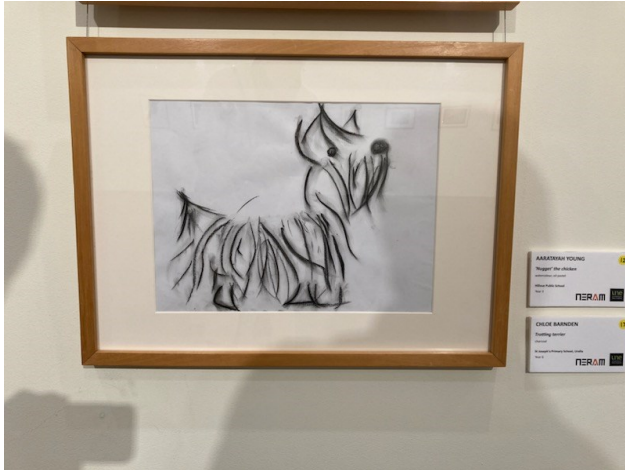
Last Friday I had the pleasure of attending the opening night of the Let's Hang It Exhibition at the New England Regional Art Gallery in Armidale. I felt very proud to see our two finalists', Lilly's and Chloe's, artworks on display. The exhibition is open to the public until Sunday 13 August so pop in and take a look.

Students as Authors Writing Competition 2023

Congratulations to Joshua Turner on receiving a Highly Commended Award for his entry in the Year 3 - 6 section of the 2023 Diocesan Students as Authors Writing Competition. This competition was open to all the schools throughout the whole Diocese of Armidale. Well done, Joshua!

Kind regards
Judy Elks

LET'S HANG IT



PT&F NEWS

Thank you to the three families who have already sent in their replies to go on the roster for our annual Street Stall. It would be great to get some more offers of help - please send in your forms as soon as possible so that we can finalise the roster.

SAC MEETING

The Term 3 School Advisory Council Meeting will be held next Monday 7 August at 6:40pm.

MSP PROMOTIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Tomorrow, Damian Riches from MSP photography will be in to take some photos of our school facilities and learning environment. These will be used in future advertising and promotion of the wonderful things we have on offer here at St Joseph's.

RELIGION NEWS

On Tuesday 8th August we will celebrate the Feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. All students will receive a prayer card as a keepsake.

To find out more about her you can view the youtube clips on [Mary's Story - Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart](#).

We continue to be inspired by the works of Mary MacKillop's life in recognising values such as: Do your bit; An attitude of gratitude; Make room in your heart for all; and Listen to God's call.

*Woman of vision,
With an unwavering spirit.*

*Pioneer educator of disadvantaged, isolated
and bush children.*

*Extraordinary friend to all faiths and none.
Fearless advocate who lifted the vulnerable to greater things.*

*Shining example of complete belief
in the providence of God.*

*Pray for us to be fair and courageous and walk
beside us as we face our daily journey.*

Sr Sandra Hopkins rsj



IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM - 3/4

This week we were practising our addition and subtraction skills with money. We set up shops and priced all our items. We got to visit other shops and buy things and then the shop keepers had to give change. This is a really fun and engaging way to learn about financial literacy.



CANTEEN ORDERS

Canteen lunch orders need to be in no later than 3pm on the Friday PRIOR to canteen on the Monday.

Menu for Monday 7 August 2023

Morning Tea - Strawberry Cheesecake Muffins 50cents each

(If your child wishes to purchase recess items, please allow them to hold the cash so they can make the purchase on the Monday.)

Lunch - Bosciola Pasta (Bacon and/or Mushroom) with a slice of Garlic Bread \$5 Medium or \$7 Large

(Students are asked to hand their money in to the front office in a bag clearly labeled with their name and order. This includes any drinks they would like with their lunch)

Drinks - Strawberry or Chocolate Milk \$2.00
Apple or Black Currant Juice \$2.00
500ml Water \$1.50

Other Items - Red Deli Chips \$1.50
Packet of Popcorn \$1.00
Cheese and Crackers \$2.00

WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to Term 3 Week 2 award recipients:

Kindy - Boris and Isla

1/2 - Stevie and Ella

3/4 - Riley and Xavier



5/6 - Mackenna and Byron



Congratulations to Joshua



ESTEEM KIDS JOB VACANCY

Esteem Kids Group specialises in Before and After School Care Services.
We are currently recruiting for our Uralla Centre.

Position Requirements/Information:

- 1) Valid Working with Children Check or willing to obtain, First Aid qualifications (HLTAID012) or willing to obtain, Child protection (CHCPR001) or willing to obtain, and Work experience with children preferred
- 2) Hourly wage – between \$29 and \$35 per hour + Superannuation
- 3) Casual position – 20 hours a week

Remuneration and relevant information will be discussed directly with William via 0410841628 or info@esteemkidsgroup.com.au



Dates to Remember

Fri 4 Aug: Assembly 2:45pm - Athletics Medals and Ribbons will be presented

Mon 7 Aug:

5:30pm - Yr3/4 parents meeting re: 2024 Excursion **AND**
6:40pm - SAC Meeting

Tue 8 Aug: McCrossin Mill Excursion **AND**
Mary MacKillop's Feast Day Liturgy at school

Thur 10 Aug: Music Program
Wk5 14-20 Aug: Street Stall

BIRTHDAYS

22 July: Ella
5 Aug: Neve
7 Aug: Marlee and Kreu

