



# St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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TERM 2 WEEK 1

Dear Parents

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### ANZAC Day March

Thank you to all the students and parents who were able to be a part of the ANZAC day march. The march honors those who have given their lives to protect our freedom and to those who are still serving our country in peacekeeping. We had a great turnout considering it was in the holiday period. Thank you also to Miss Kate Moule and Mrs Bianca Walters for their attendance.

### GRIP Student Leadership Conference

Our Year 6 students will be attending the GRIP Leadership Conference which will be held at the Armidale Ex-Services Club on Monday 13th May from 9:15 until 2:30pm. Students are asked to bring their own morning tea, lunch and a drink. If any parents are available to drive our students to and from this event please contact the office. The school will be covering the cost of the conference fees. Could you please give your permission through COMPASS as soon as possible. Thank you.

### School Uniform

Thank you for sending your child to school in their full winter uniform. They look amazing!

Our winter school uniform presents us with an opportunity to support our students in learning to be responsible. The school tie is one thing that does not need to be washed regularly. Therefore I have put it to the students that it is their responsibility to make sure they put their tie on each morning Monday - Thursday. They can not blame Mum or Dad for forgetting it. Encourage them to put their tie somewhere safe when they take it off in the afternoon i.e. their bedroom door knob. Then they are responsible to put it back on when they come to school. I hope you will support me in helping make your children responsible for their belongings.

### School Rules

School rules are an important part of what makes St Joseph's the great place it is. Please note that our school rules are:

***The students at St Joseph's are: Safe Respectful, Responsible Learners.***

This slogan was developed by our students in order to make our school a happy workspace for our students to learn, play and be safe in. We also encourage our students to ***"Use their words"***. *We encourage our students to ask questions and discuss issues with their peers, in a polite way, to solve problems that inevitably will arise between students. If students need more support to sort these issues they are encouraged to speak to teachers so problems can be solved as quickly as possible. All issues brought to teachers attention are dealt with on the day and parents will be contacted if necessary. Please encourage your child to follow this procedure.*

### Kindergarten Homework Information Evening

On Monday 13th May, Week 3, the Kindergarten parents are invited to an information session to discuss the homework expectations, as well as providing some ideas for you to use at home to help your children with their learning. An invite has been sent out on COMPASS with further details.

### Author/Illustrator Visit

This Friday we have a special guest visiting our school, Cheryl Orsini. Cheryl has illustrated over 50 children's books and is very excited to visit our school to work with and inspire our students.

This event has been organised by The Children's Book Council NSW - New England North-West Region and the New England Writers' Centre and there is no cost.



### Term 1 Calendar

Please find included within this newsletter a draft calendar of Term 2. Marked on it are the dates and events we are currently aware of for Term 2. As other items arise we will inform you through our weekly newsletter that is sent home on a Wednesday or you can access it on our website or through COMPASS.

Kind regards  
Judy Elks

### YEAR 6 ATTEND THE MAYOR'S LUNCHEON

At 9:30 Yr 6 dressed smartly in blazers and headed down the main street of Uralla on our best behavior and arrived at the Uralla Council Chambers. We all sat at a big u shape of wooden tables in big black comfy chairs. The only other school that was there was Uralla Central School. To begin, the Mayor, Mr Robert Bell, Introduced himself and what his role is as Mayor. His role is to make lots of decisions in the town to make it better for the community. Then his work colleagues did the same. We voted on the Junior Mayor who was from Uralla Central and he got to sit in the Mayors seat. We had afternoon tea there too which was scrumptious cake, biscuits and juice. More people introduced themselves and then we asked them questions. We talked about youth crime and how young people can stop youth crime and how the council can help stop youth crime too. We had a delicious lunch of gluten free pizza and more cake and juice. To end the day we visited the town library discovering all the amazing activities on offer before we headed back to school. It was a great day and we all felt heard. By Ruby Smith



### ANZAC DAY MARCH



### KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

We have noticed an increase in the chat amongst kids about gaming at home and the late and early hours that kids are telling us they are on devices. We have provided below some government links for parents with information about safety online, recommendations for online screen time per day for primary aged children and information about setting parental controls on devices that may be useful or of interest to some parents.

<https://aifs.gov.au/resources/short-articles/too-much-time-screens>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids>

Please contact the school if you would like any help accessing this information.

**Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms**

**13** is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps.

X, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Messenger, Tik Tok, Discord, Snapchat, Twitch, Yubo, Reddit, YouTube, BeReal.

### UNESAP 'LET'S HANG IT!'

Our students will again be entering artworks into the UNESAP 'Let's Hang It!' Competition at NERAM. If you would like your child to be a part of this please complete the permission slip that was sent home today with this newsletter and return it before Tuesday next week.

University of New England School Acquisitive Art Prize

# LET'S HANG IT! 2024

Exhibition Dates

**FRIDAY 26 JULY - SUNDAY 11 AUGUST 2024**

New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale

NERAM, LNE, S&S Country artwork

UNESAP

### CANTEEN ORDERS

Menu for Monday 6 May 2024

**MORNING TEA - 50cents each:**  
Blueberry and White Chocolate Muffins

**LUNCH \$5 - ONE SIZE ONLY:**  
Mexican Beef Wraps with optional toppings:  
lettuce/tomato/cucumber/cheese

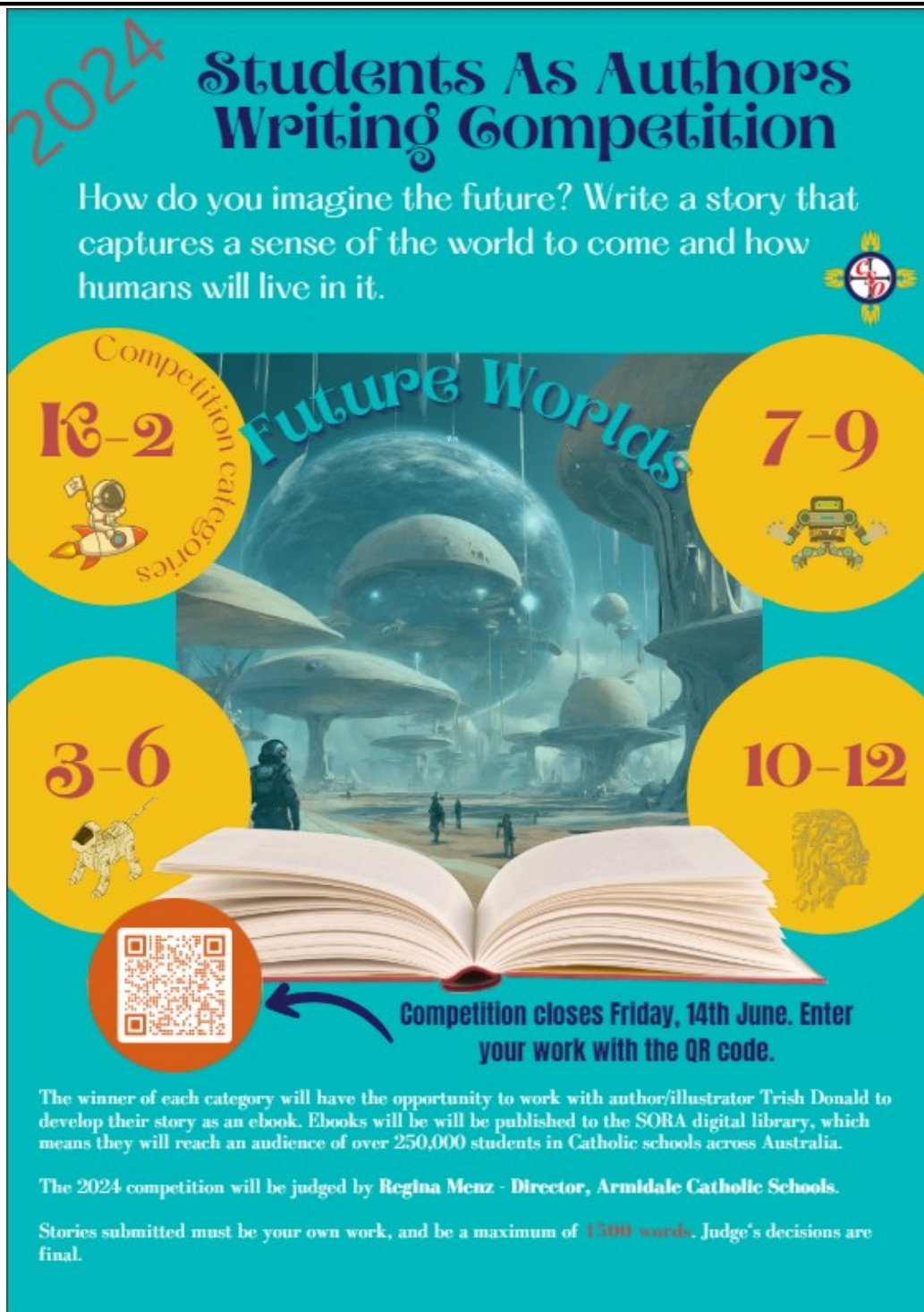
**Drinks**

Strawberry or Chocolate Milk \$2.00  
Apple or Black Currant Juice \$2.00

**Other Items**

Red Deli Chips \$1.50  
Packet of Popcorn \$1.00  
Quelch Sticks \$0.50cents





**2024 Students As Authors Writing Competition**

How do you imagine the future? Write a story that captures a sense of the world to come and how humans will live in it.

**Future Worlds**

Competition categories:

- K-2** (Illustration of a rocket)
- 3-6** (Illustration of a dog)
- 7-9** (Illustration of a robot)
- 10-12** (Illustration of a lion's head)

Competition closes Friday, 14th June. Enter your work with the QR code.

The winner of each category will have the opportunity to work with author/illustrator Trish Donald to develop their story as an ebook. Ebooks will be published to the SORA digital library, which means they will reach an audience of over 250,000 students in Catholic schools across Australia.

The 2024 competition will be judged by Regina Menz - Director, Armidale Catholic Schools.

Stories submitted must be your own work, and be a maximum of 1300 words. Judge's decisions are final.

### Dates to Remember

**Fri 3 May:** Illustrator Visit - Cheryl Orsini

**Tue 7 May:** 5:30pm PT&F Meeting

**Wed 8 May:** Mr Gibney Visiting Yr 5/6

**Mon 13 May:** GRIP

Leadership Conference

**Fri 17 May:** Diocesan Cross Country in Barraba

**Tue 21 May:** CPR Yr 3/6

**Wed 22 May:** Eisteddfod

### BIRTHDAYS

**5 May:** Ruby P

