



St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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TERM 2 WEEK 2

Dear Parents

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Catholic Schools Week

This year Catholic Schools Week will be held this term in Week 5. The theme for this year's Catholic Schools Week is 'Pray with Hope'. This theme resonates with the vision of our Catholic schools to be a Christ-centred inclusive learning community that supports young people to realise a hope-filled future. We will be taking the whole school to Armidale to attend the celebration Mass in the De La Salle Chapel at O'Connor Catholic on Thursday 30 May. We are in the process of organising another worthwhile activity for the students while we are in Armidale to maximise the use of the bus which will be provided free of charge to our families through the CSO. We will notify you of these plans once they have been confirmed.

Flexible Learning Space

During the holidays we had the dividing wall removed in the Year 3-6 classroom. This has now created a flexible learning space to allow the students to move around the classroom and work with either teacher or aide in groups or individually as needed.

By having two teachers working within our classroom spaces it enables us to create inclusive classrooms where all learners have access to the expertise of both teachers. Teachers collaboratively work together to co-create learning experiences for each individual student allowing targeted teaching for each student as their needs arise.

Co-teaching allows for peer collaboration and discussion resulting in students learning more than twice what they would learn in a traditional classroom with a traditional teacher. Even more than differentiation and immediate feedback. (Education expert, John Hattie 5 Nov 2017)

McMaugh Gardens Visits

After a long break caused by health regulations we are delighted to be able to resume our visits to the residents of McMaugh Gardens. Our students will commence fortnightly visits on Thursdays from 23 May. An event will be uploaded onto Compass by the end of the week for you to submit permissions via the Compass parent portal. We are pleased to be able to offer our students this special opportunity to interact with our "grand friends" at McMaugh Gardens.

Open Morning

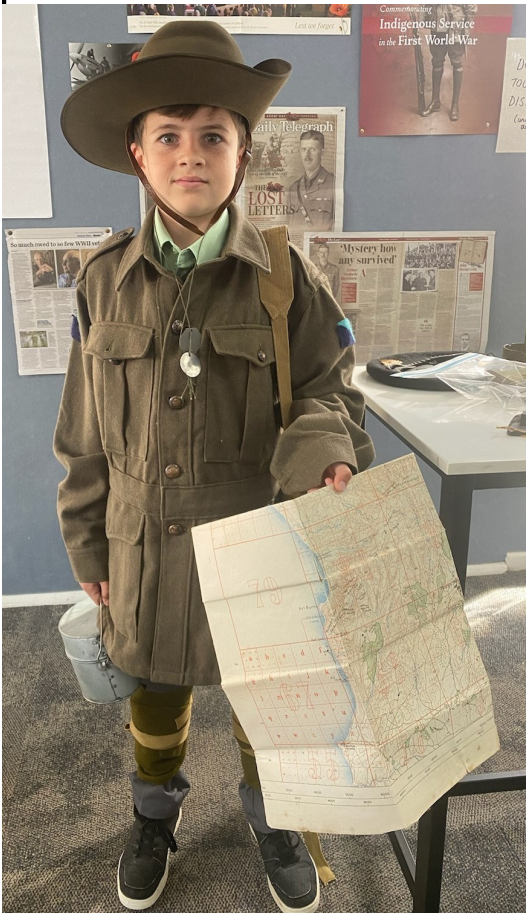
Our Open Morning will be held on **Wednesday 5 June**. The morning is an opportunity for new parents to speak with the Principal, meet with current parents of the school, have a guided tour of the school and morning tea. The pre-schoolers are invited to join in with the current Kindergarten class for a morning of activities.

If you know of anyone with a child ready to start school next year, or anyone who would like to just have a look at our school and what we have to offer please invite them along for the morning.

I would also like to invite any of our current parents who would be available to meet the prospective parents and welcome them to the morning tea and to provide a plate of morning tea to share. Please contact the office if you are able to join us. Thank you.

Kind regards
Judy Elks

IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM



We have borrowed a memorial box from the Australian War Memorial for the students to explore. This Memorial Box explores the Australian experience of the First World War. It includes objects that show the Anzac experience, and the involvement of over 416,000 Australian soldiers, sailors, airmen, and nurses – as well as those on the home front – during a defining period of our nation's history. Their stories come to life as we unpack the real and replica First World War items in this box.

This memorial box also supports our students to explore the idea that the cultural, historical and social contexts surrounding WW1 affected the point of view from which texts were written and how they were read. These contexts have changed over time, influencing how modern readers interpret past WW1 texts and how modern writers represent the experience of war.

RELIGION NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all enjoyed a restful time with family.

We have been revisiting the Easter story in our classrooms as we continue to move through the Easter season. The children are remembering after the sorrow and sadness of Good Friday, the joyous celebration of the Resurrection. Jesus appeared many times to his disciples before his Ascension, which we celebrate this week and will be reflecting on using scripture passages in class.

Our senior students have been preparing beautiful whole school morning prayer sessions. They have been thoughtful in creating a prayer focus that reflects the readings of the day and showing wonderful leadership in their reverence.



WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to Term 2 Week 1 award recipients:

Mason, Quinn, Zahlee, Flossy, Teresa, Lydia, Charlotte, Eva, Nash, Ryder, Harry and Byron



CANTEEN ORDERS

Menu for Monday 13 May 2024

MORNING TEA - 50cents each:
Orange Cake

LUNCH \$5 - ONE SIZE ONLY:
Home Made Lasagna with a slice of Garlic Bread

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



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL URALLA

**INVITES YOU TO OUR
OPEN MORNING
WEDNESDAY 5 June 2024
9:30AM–11:00AM
COME & TAKE A LOOK!
We look forward to meeting you.**

"The family school where happy students learn"

Our Open Morning will include:

- *Tour of the school with the Principal
- *Meeting other parents
- *Morning Tea for parents
- *Classroom activities for your pre-schooler
- *Information Pack about our Transition Program



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Dates to Remember

Mon 13 May: GRIP Leadership Conference

Fri 17 May: Diocesan Cross Country in Barraba AND 2:45pm Assembly (All Welcome)

Tue 21 May: CPR Yr 3/6

Wed 22 May: Eisteddfod

Wed 29 May: Healthy Harold Visit AND Resilience Program Begins

Thur 30 May: Catholic Schools Week Mass AND Feast Day

Fri 31 May: 2:45pm Assembly

Wed 5 June: Open Morning

Mon 10 June:

PUBLIC

HOLIDAY

Thur 13 June: Year 6 STEP Day