



St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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TERM 2 WEEK 5

Dear Parents

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Catholic Schools Week

This week is Catholic Schools Week and we are celebrating Catholic education!

Our theme for 2024 is 'Pray with Hope'. This theme encompasses the collective focus on student learning and wellbeing, which is a vehicle of hope for the future. It also stems from our system vision statement:

'A Christ-centred inclusive learning community that supports young people to realise a hope-filled future'

Tomorrow, Thursday 30 May, our students will be attending Mass in the De La Salle Chapel at O'Connor Catholic College with other schools from across the diocese to celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

We have planned a full day out for our students which will also include a visit to the new exhibition at NERAM and a UNE Science Discovery session. The bus will leave school at 9:00am sharp. Students are asked to wear their full winter uniform and bring a hat recess and lunch and a drink bottle. They will return in time for the afternoon buses.

If you have not already done so, please submit your permissions via the Compass parent portal today.

Open Morning

Our Open Morning will be held next Wednesday, 5 June from 9:30am -11:00am. The morning is an opportunity for new parents to talk with me, meet with current parents of the school, have a guided tour of the school and have a chat over morning tea. The pre-schoolers are invited to spend the morning with Mrs O'Connor 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 for this morning, to come and share their experience of our school with our new parents and please bring a plate of morning tea to share. Thanks for your support.

Armidale Eisteddfod

Thanks to Nicole Mackson, Liz Smidt and Laura Tiong from NECOM for supporting our students to prepare for the eisteddfod. The students' performances were amazing. The adjudicators were very impressed with their choral performances. Our Primary group received a Highly Commended Award and were praised for their "Sparky performance...intense focus and concentration". Our Infants group received some very positive remarks from the adjudicators: "Robust and enthusiastic sound with confidence in movements...sustained notes were very well held and the dynamics added to the excitement". Well done everyone! Thanks also to the staff who supervised our students at this event and to the parents who were able to join the audience.

Let's Hang it! Finalists

We are thrilled to inform you that two of our students are amongst a group of 60 finalists in the 2024 University of New England School Acquisitive Art Prize. This is an amazing achievement given there were 553 art entries this year from 46 schools. The selection committee commented that there was wonderful expression of creativity and diverse styles represented which made the selection process very difficult, given the high standard across all entries.

Congratulations to Freya Yr1, ('Cat', mixed media) and Isla Yr1, ('Self Portrait', oil pastel).

All finalists' works will be judged and the winners will be announced at the opening of the 2024 UNESAP Let's Hang It! exhibition which will be held at 6pm on Friday 26 July 2024 at the New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM) in Armidale. The exhibition will then be on display until Sunday 11 August 2024.

Life Education Van Visit

As advised through Compass, we have had to postpone our Life Education van visit for next week due to unforeseen circumstances experienced by the Life Ed coordinators.

It is now scheduled for Monday 3rd June 2024.

Kind regards
Judy Elks

ASSEMBLY

There will be a whole school assembly this Friday 31 May at 2:45pm in the Organic Learning Room. All families are welcome to attend.

MCMAUGH GARDENS VISITS

We have been advised by McMaugh Gardens staff that our visits will need to be postponed until further notice.

YEAR 6 STEP DAY

On Thursday 13th June our Year 6 students will be attending the O'Connor STEP day. Further information and permission notes will be uploaded onto the Compass parent portal closer to the date.

RELIGION NEWS

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024 REFLECTION FOR STUDENTS

Imagine you have a special light inside you. It's not like any ordinary light; it's the brightest, warmest, and most magical light you can imagine. This light isn't just for you to keep to yourself. Jesus says that you are like this light in the world!

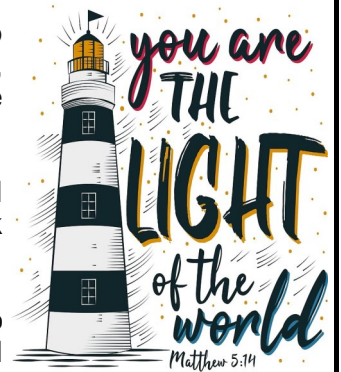
Jesus wants you to shine brightly wherever you go. Just like a light in a dark room helps everyone see, your kindness, love, and good deeds can brighten someone's day and show them how wonderful God's love is.

Sometimes it might feel easier to keep your light hidden, especially if you're shy or if you're not sure if people will like your light. But Jesus says, "No way!" He wants you to let your light shine so bright that everyone can see it!

Maybe your light shines when you share your toys with a friend, or when you help someone who's feeling sad. Maybe it shines when you stand up for what's right, even if it's hard. Every time you do something good, your light shines a little brighter, just like adding more stars to the sky.

And guess what? When you let your light shine, you're not just making the world brighter for others, you're also showing them how amazing God is! People will look at you and see the love of God shining through you. How cool is that?

So, remember: you are like a special light in the world. Let your light shine so bright that everyone around you can see the love of God in you. And together, we'll make the world a brighter, happier, and more loving place for everyone!



CANTEEN ORDERS

Menu for Monday 3 June 2024

MORNING TEA - 50cents each:

Banana Bread with Cream Cheese Frosting

LUNCH \$5 - ONE SIZE ONLY:

Chicken & Bacon Pasta Bake with a slice of Garlic Bread

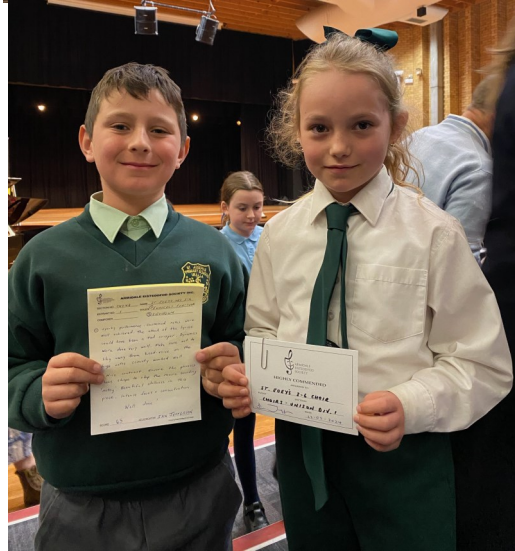
Drinks

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

EISTEDDFOD AND UNE DISCOVERY VISIT (Continued from last week)



WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to Term 2 Week 4 award recipients:

Maggie-Marie, Florence, Ari-Blu, Lillian and Bobbi



COMMUNITY NEWS

CENTACARE PROGRAMS



PARENTING EXPLOSIVE KIDS

WHEN: 3 x Mondays 3rd, 17th & 24th June 2024 10am to 1pm

WHERE: Centacare, 150 Rusden Street, ARMIDALE

COST: FREE

For more information please call Pedro on 6738 7200 or to register 1800 372 826

Does your child:

- ⇒ Show extreme behaviour?
- ⇒ Have intense temper tantrums?
- ⇒ Refuse to do what they are asked?
- ⇒ Use verbal and physical aggression?



Parenting Explosive Kids shows parents how:

- ⇒ To identify the child's concerns and triggers that cause the behaviour,
- ⇒ To teach the child coping skills and
- ⇒ To find workable solutions that satisfy both parent and child and lessen the likelihood of negative behaviour.

TUNING IN TO KIDS

WHEN: 4 x Tuesdays 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th June 10am to 1pm

WHERE: Centacare, 150 Rusden Street, ARMIDALE

COST: FREE

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A four session parenting program for parents of children aged 2-12 years old.

Would you like to learn how to:

- ⇒ Be better at talking with and understanding your child?
- ⇒ Help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- ⇒ Help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- ⇒ Teach your child to deal with conflict?



Children with higher emotional intelligence: have greater success with making and keeping friends, have better concentration at school, are more able to calm down when upset or angry, tend to have fewer childhood illnesses.

Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Dates to Remember

Thur 30 May: Catholic Schools Week Mass, NERAM and UNE Discovery

Fri 31 May: 2:45pm Assembly

Mon 3 June: Life Ed Van Visit

Wed 5 June:
Open Morning

Mon 10 June:

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Thur 13 June: Year 6 STEP Day

Fri 21 Jun: 2:45pm Assembly

Tue 2 July: Athletics Carnival

BIRTHDAYS

31 May: Harry S

