ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to these students who received Awards at last Friday’s Assembly.

Principal’s Awards for “Setting a great example in attitude to work” went to:

- Jade Redmond (Infants) and Georgia White (Primary).

The Infants Learning Studio Award went to:

- Meredith Hannaford for “Her efforts at the swimming carnival”.

The Primary Learning Studio Award went to:

- Angela Ryan for “Showing excellent sportsmanship at the swimming carnival”.

Our assemblies are held each Friday in the School Hall at 2:45pm unless otherwise advised. All welcome.

SWIMMING CHAMPIONS
AND RUNNERS-UP

Dates to Remember

Mon 22 Feb: Board Meeting
6:30pm
Thu 25 Feb: Diocesan Swimming Carnival
6-12 Mar: Catholic Schools Week
19 Mar: St Joseph’s Day
EASTER BREAK
25 Mar: Good Friday
27 Mar: Easter Sunday
28 Mar: Easter Monday

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31 Mar: Life Ed Van Visit
8 Apr: Last day of Term 1
25 Apr: ANZAC Day March
26 Apr: First day of Term 2

CANTEEN ROSTER
Mon 22 Feb:
Toni Tricker

Roster included in newsletter today
Dear Parents

Last Thursday we held our annual school Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to all our students for their enthusiasm, excellent participation and their sportsmanship. It was lovely to be a part of such an exciting carnival where everyone had a go and did their best. All the students supported and encouraged each other in a positive way and displayed outstanding sportsmanship. What a great school we have!

I would like to say a big thankyou to the parents who came along on the day and willingly took on jobs and to those parents who came to cheer on. Each and everyone of you helped make our carnival so successful. Thankyou!

This afternoon we will be holding our first afternoon of parent teacher interviews. I look forward to meeting with you and starting our exciting journey together in educating your children.

Thankyou for the great attendance at our Opening School Mass last night. Congratulations to our new school leaders: Alex Baker, Zac Walters, Ronald Boxsell, Daniel Murrell and Blake Tricker. I know that you will be excellent role models for our younger students and worthy ambassadors for our school when the need arises.

Thankyou to all the parents who were able to attend last week’s PT&F meeting. It was great to see such interest and enthusiasm amongst our parent body. I look forward to an exciting and productive year as we work together to support all the students in our school. Congratulations to those parents who have accepted positions on our PT&F Committee.

A reminder to all board members our first meeting for 2016 will be this Monday 22nd February at 6:30pm. I look forward to meeting and working with you throughout this year.

Tomorrow and Friday Kelly Walters and I will be attending a Leaders in Literacy in-service at the CSO in Armidale. These days will be of great value to the literacy programme and of great benefit to the students.

Judy Elks

PRAYER FOR OUR LEADERS

Thank you for being willing to take the lead in your life. Thank you for knowing you have something of value to contribute to others. May you be an inspired leader in your life and in the lives of others. May you allow God to be your leader in more and more of your life. God blesses you. Amen
SCHOOL MASS
There will be NO school Mass this Friday 19 February. School Masses will resume the following week. Monsignor Peters’ first anniversary is on Monday. A Mass will be held on Monday at 5:30pm in the church.

SCHOOL SWIMMING RESULTS
Congratulations to the following champions and runners-up who were presented with their medallions at last Friday’s Assembly (see photo on back page):

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The Monsignor Peters Cup for Swimmer of the Carnival went to Zac Walters.
The house points were VERY CLOSE with MacKillop on 68 points and Koolyangarra on 66 points!
Well done everyone!

DIOCESAN SWIMMING
The Diocesan Swimming Carnival will take place at Moree next Thursday 25 February. Entrants for this carnival must meet selection criteria based on minimum times. Congratulations to Charlotte Murrell, Zac Walters and Ethan Walters who will represent St Joseph’s School at the Diocesan Carnival.

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR NEWS
Hello my name is Darren. I am the new School Counsellor here at St Joseph’s. I am here to provide counselling support when students are finding things hard at school. It is important to reach out and ask for help if you feel these issues are impacting on your schooling. When you have counselling, we try to talk about dealing with the issues and find ways to cope with them. Below are some things we can work on during counselling:

If you are worried all the time
If you often feel sad
If you often get angry
If you have recently lost someone or a pet you loved
If you are being bullied
If you have problems understanding others

I will be at the school once a fortnight every Tuesday. If you would like more information please contact your school principal.
If you need help and feel you need support, talk to your teacher parent or principal and they will support you.

PARISH STREET STALL
St Joseph’s Parish Street Stall starts on Monday 7 March. When you are down town call in and support the stall during the second week in March.
PT&F CORNER

Thankyou to everyone who attended our meeting last week, which was also an AGM. It was fantastic to see so many old and new faces and to welcome our Principal Judy. Thankyou to everyone who was dedicated in 2015. Looking forward to another new and exciting year.

Committee for 2016:

President—Kathy Dodd  
Vice President—Dylan Bastian  
Treasurer—Jordan Hannaford  
Secretary—Jo Fletcher  
Canteen Manager—Nicki Fraser  
Canteen Co-Ordinator—Belinda Moir

Special thanks to Kelly, Nicki and Shar who have been strong committee members and are leaving big shoes to fill. With their help and guidance we are sure Dylan, Jordan and Belinda will also do an excellent job. Welcome aboard !!!!!

Meetings:

Our meetings will be held every Tuesday at 5.30pm. The next meeting will be on 15th March 2016. Please come and share your ideas and visions for 2016.

If unable to attend, minutes of our meetings are in the school office for your convenience.

Thankyou to everyone for your continued support and if you need please call me anytime.

Kathy Dodd (President) Phone 6778 4774 or Mob. 0423 418 467

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URALLA TIGERS RUGBY LEAGUE

Uralla Tigers RL Club will hold its 2016 Registration Day THIS Thursday 18 February from 5:30pm—6:30pm at the Uralla Sporting Complex. Cost is $70 per player and the season commences on 30 April. For further information contact Clare Baker on 0427 705 058 or email clarebaker@bigpond.com

URALLA PLAYGROUP

The Uralla Playgroup meets each Tuesday from 10:00am to 12:00noon at the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre. All welcome—parents with babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. Free morning tea and transport provided if needed. Bring hats & water bottles for outdoor activities. For further information and expression of interest contact Michelle or July at the Armidale Family Support Service on 6772 7243.

FREE PARENTING PROGRAM

Parents of children aged 12 months—2.5 years are offered a free course at the Uralla Neighbourhood Centre on Mondays 22/2, 29/2, 7/3 & 15/3. Facilitators are Anne Chaffey and July Funnell from the Armidale Family Support Service. Topics will include:

- Normal toddler social and emotional development
- Discipline and tantrums/sleep patterns
- Eating habits; toileting, coping with change and more.

For more information or to register contact Anne on 0429 922 981 or July on Ph 6772 7243 Mob 0488 371 742