ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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

**Principal’s Awards** for “Setting a great example in manners” went to:
- Infants - Malakye
- Primary - Zoe Walters

**The Infants Learning Studio Award** went to:
- Ethan Wooldridge for “Great counting and number work”.

**The Primary Learning Studio Award** went to:
- Sascha for “Using organisational skills to learn at a higher level”.

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

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**Dates to Remember**

| Thu 25 Feb: | Diocesan Swimming Carnival |
| 6-12 Mar:  | Catholic Schools Week |
| 8 Mar:     | STEP Day at O’Connor for Year 6 |
| 19 Mar:    | St Joseph’s Day |
|            | **EASTER BREAK** |
| 25 Mar:    | Good Friday |
| 27 Mar:    | Easter Sunday |
| 28 Mar:    | Easter Monday |

| 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 |

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Mon 29 Feb: Mel Vella

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

28 Feb: Matilda Boxsell
Dear Parents

I hope you have all had a great week. Thankyou to those parents who have attended our first round of informal Parent teacher interviews / chats. All the teachers have found these talks very beneficial. Getting to know you as well as your children is very important. This abundance of information allows us to learn more about your child and will guide us in the best possible way to support them in their learning. Thankyou for being so honest and allowing us to work with you in the education of your children.

Congratulations to Rumiya and Zoe on their acceptance into the Wii Gaay program. The girls will attend their first week of activities from next Monday 29 February to Thursday 3 March.

Tomorrow Charlotte Murrell, Ethan Walters and Zac Walters will be travelling to Moree to represent our school in the annual Diocesan swimming carnival. We congratulate them on their selection and wish them all the best of luck.

On Monday night we held our first School Board meeting for the year. The Board plays an important part in supporting the principal and parish priest in the making of financial decisions and policy development. We are looking for a new member to be a part of this important team. We are calling for nominations to fill this position. Nomination forms and further information are available at the school office.

At this meeting, the board also decided that due to the difficulty in sourcing reasonably priced green socks for the girls summer uniform they have approved a uniform change. The girls socks will change to white. This means for the rest of this year the girls can wear either green or white socks when wearing their summer uniform. This change will be phased in during this year and as of the start of 2017 the girls socks will be white.

On Tuesday 8 March our Year 6 students will be attending a STEP Day at O'Connor Catholic College. These days are held once each term and are about exploring life in a secondary school while “tasting” some of the curriculum options on offer. Further details and permission notes will be sent home with these students in due course.

Judy Elks
**SCHOOL MASS**
There will be a whole school Mass this Friday 26 February at 9:10am in St Joseph’s Church. All welcome.

**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.

**LIBRARY NEWS**
It is great to see so many students excited about borrowing books on Fridays. Reading is such an important skill to aid learning. It is fabulous that so many parents take the time to read to their children and encourage the older students to read daily.

Please make sure that all library books are returned on time, as the students cannot borrow until overdue books are returned. We are requesting that all students use a library bag to protect the books from accidental lunch box mishaps.

Great reads for for K—2: Any of the Nick Bland books such as *The Very Cranky Bear*

Great reads for Yr 3—6: *Pennies for Hitler* by Jackie French.

For the reluctant reader: Comics, newspapers, magazines that cover their interests. Short stories.

*Kim Heagney*

**URALLA SHOW ART ENTRY RESULTS**
St Joseph’s students have again taken out a number of prizes in the schools section of the art competition.

These were submitted at the end of last term and judged at the recent Uralla Show.

Congratulations to the following:

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Highly Commended in their sections: Charlotte Baker, Sienna Bastian, Mariah Carlon, Shyan Dodd, Meredith Hannaford, Kaitlyn Walters, Zoe Walters and Adrian Walters.

**URALLA SOCCER**
Uralla United Football Club will be holding its registration days on Saturday 19 March and Sunday 3 April at the Uralla Bowling Club from 9:00am to 12:00noon. Fees are $95 (5—7 years); $110 (8—11 Years); $120 (12—17 years).

For further information contact Glen Young on 0409 724 663 or Danielle Hunt on 6778 3442.
Welcome to P T & F News.

**Easter Raffle**
Wanting to remind everyone that our next fundraiser is Thursday 24th March 2016 with our Easter Raffle!!! Now is the time, could you please while shopping pick up an extra bunny, solid eggs, basket or anything to do with Easter that you could donate and drop into the office for our Easter Raffle.

The Kids love this time of year Fun with Chocolate!!!!!

Thankyou in advance for your generous support.

**Canteen News**
For the parents that have misplaced their menu, a copy has been sent home for your convenience this week.

We canteen ladies have been invited to a canteen workshop next Wednesday.

We are looking at the new menu for Canteen to be out in TERM 2 and WE NEED YOUR SUGGESTIONS!

You as parents, know what your child likes and dislikes so could you please drop your ideas in a note form with your child's lunch order bag or just send in a note with your suggestions on Monday (Canteen Day).

The ideas and suggestions can then be collected and considered. Thankyou for your valuable input.

We like to make our only canteen day exciting. Thankyou for supporting YOUR School's Canteen.

**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 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