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

**Principal’s Awards** for “Using technology responsibly to learn” went to:

**Infants:** Jack Young

**Primary:** Rumiya McGuiness

The **Infants Learning Studio Award** went to:

Cohen Hannaford for “Improvement in written work”.

The **Primary Learning Studio Award** went to:

Charlotte Baker for “Persevering and improving output in challenging literacy activities”.

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**

| 6-12 Mar: | Catholic Schools Week |
| 8 Mar: | STEP Day at O’Connor for Year 6 |
| 9 Mar: | CSW Mass at Cathedral |
| 18 Mar: | St Joseph’s/St Patrick’s Day @ Walcha |
| 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 7 Mar: Toni Tricker

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**URALLA SHOW ART PRIZE WINNERS**

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Dear Parents

Thank you again for your participation in our parent teacher interviews over the last two weeks. Following on from these interviews, our teachers have had time out of the classroom to analyse all the information gathered from you combined with student assessment tasks, as well as classroom observations. Using this information the teachers are now able to develop learning programs that will address the individual learning needs of each and every child in our school.

Last week the teachers also had a chance to further improve their Google computer skills with the support of a personal Google trainer. This was a very worthwhile activity. As a result, we have gained more expertise in this area (some more than others!), so we can further support our students in upgrading their IT skills.

O’Connor Step Day

Next Tuesday our Year 6 students will participate in their first STEP Day at O’Connor Catholic College. This program is aimed at developing strategies to assist students in their transition into secondary schooling. It allows the students to become familiar with the high school structure, meet their teachers, and spend time with their future classmates.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week will be held next week from the 6th to the 12th March. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2016 is ‘I belong. You belong. We belong.’ The theme ties in with the Catholic Church’s celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which centres on pardon, strength and love. Next Wednesday 9th March our two school captains will travel to Armidale with Mrs Elks to represent our school at the Diocesan Mass.

St Joseph’s Day / St Patrick’s Day Celebrations

This year we will be doing something a little different to celebrate the feast day of our patron St Joseph. On Friday 18 March we will be travelling by bus to Walcha to have a joint celebration with St Patrick’s School also who will be honouring their patron St Patrick on that day. As St Patrick’s Day falls on Thursday 17 March and St Joseph’s Day falls on Saturday 19 March we are having a joint celebration at Walcha on 18 March. The bus will leave St Joseph’s at 9:00am and the celebrations day will begin with Mass at Walcha at 10:00am followed by morning tea, tabloid games and a picnic lunch. We will return home by 3:00pm. Parents are most welcome to drive across to attend the Mass and morning tea.

This Thursday and Friday I will be out of the school at a Principals’ meeting in Armidale.

Judy Elks
SCHOOL MASS
There will be a whole school Mass this Friday 4 March 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.

DIOCESAN SWIMMING RESULTS
On Thursday 25 February, three of our students, Charlotte Murrell, Zac Walters and Ethan Walters travelled to Moree to represent St Joseph’s at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival. They had a wonderful day and enjoyed the experience of meeting other students from all the primary schools in the Dioceses to compete for honours. Charlotte came first in her heat for 100m freestyle and 29th in the finals. Zac was placed 9th in freestyle and 10th in backstroke while Ethan was placed 9th in freestyle. Well done, Team!

ARMIDALE SHOW SUCCESS
Georgia White took home a few prizes and ribbons from the recent Armidale Show. Georgia has been working with the families his heifers on weekends and after school to break them in, feed them, brush them, washing and blow drying, polishing the halter leathers and brass etc. Her sister Callie was also a great help with the chores. Georgia’s efforts were rewarded with a second ribbon for Junior Parader; a Reserve Champion at Friday night's heifer show and on Saturday Georgia led her cattle in the ring, winning a second ribbon for her heifer's class. Well done Georgia!

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.

URALLA JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
Uralla Junior Rugby League has commenced training on Tuesdays (starting 1/3/16) and Thursdays (starting 3/3/16) from 5pm to 6pm at the Uralla Sporting Complex. For insurance reasons, ALL PLAYERS ATTENDING TRAINING MUST BE REGISTERED. Registrations for all age groups (U8’s, U10’s, U12’s, U14’s, U16’s, 9-12 Girls League Tag and 13-16 Girls League Tag), are still open and can be processed at training on Thursdays only. However, all registrations MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE at the following link: https://reg.sportingpulse.com/regoform.cgi? aID=124&pKey=644d50fde548143430fc350c6af6b46db&cID=12512&formID=53641
Further information can be obtained from Clare Baker on 0427 705 058 or clarelbaker@bigpond.com
PT&F CORNER

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 today.

We are looking at the new menu for Canteen to be out in TERM 2 and WE NEED YOUR SUGGESTIONS! Also, if you have any good recipes suitable for canteen please send them in to Nicki on canteen day.

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 monthly on Tuesdays 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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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