Dear Parents,

Today our school will commemorate Remembrance Day with our primary students attending the service at the Memorial Gates in Alma Park and our infants will be conducting their own service here in the school. It is most important to commemorate the lives of those lost in armed conflicts and to honour and thank the many men and women who have served and are still serving on behalf of our country in times of conflict and war.

“On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month of the year 1918, an armistice was signed, ending the "war to end all wars" - World War I. November 11 has therefore been set aside as Armistice Day, a day to pray for those who have died serving their country.”

Prayer of Remembrance

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God; May God give peace, God give peace For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss; May God give peace.

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return; May God give peace, God give peace For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity; May God give peace.

For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free; May God give peace, God give peace. For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace. May God give peace.

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. Amen.

In Christ's peace,
John Phillips

The Director of CSO Armidale has commissioned a broad organisational study (Current Context Analysis) of the Services to students with special or additional needs in the Diocese. Emails with a link to a survey were sent to all families with a current email address. This is just a friendly reminder that if you would like to contribute to that survey, you will need to do so by tomorrow 12 November.
SCHOOL MASS
There will be NO school Mass this Friday 13 November at 9:15 as the priests of the Diocese are on a retreat.

ALTAR SERVERS CHRISTMAS PARTY
All altar servers are invited to a Christmas Party on Saturday 21 November for a BBQ in the school grounds after the 6:00pm Mass. BYO drinks and a salad to share. RSVP by 14 November to Mrs Hull on 6778 5190 or 0458 785 190.

CURRICULUM CORNER
Active Kids Learn Better
Recently, I attended the ‘2015 K-6 Physical Activity, Sport and Healthy Eating Conference’. This comes in light of the 2015 Sport and Physical Activity Policy (to be implemented in January 2016) revising the amount of minutes children are physically active at school. It is now mandatory for Students in Years K-10 to participate in a minimum of 150 minutes of planned moderate with some vigorous physical activity across the school week. For teachers, this is an increase of 30 minutes each week in an already overcrowded curriculum and week! However, fear not! Rest assured that this is a fantastic move for 2 simple reasons:

Reason 1: Teachers can do this! We as a school will be introducing innovative ways to meet the curriculum AND meet the moving requirement. Watch this space for more information on this! Reason 2: Substantial current research actually shows that there are strong links between physical activity levels and academic performance. So, when classrooms will take time to move in creative ways, students will not be disadvantaged by that time not being spent on ‘Literacy’ or ‘Numeracy’ activities as such!

References:
http://activelivingresearch.org/blog/2015/01/infographic-active-kids-learn-better

Kelly Walters—Project Teacher
PT&F CORNER

**Raffle:** Please return your tickets and money for the raffle of the Four Burner BBQ as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Fete:** Our annual Parish & School Fete will be held on Sunday 6 December in the school grounds from 11:00am to 2:00pm. St Joseph’s School families are kindly asked to begin sending in items suitable for the Tombola Stall, White Elephant Stall and the Arts & Crafts Stall—any non-perishable food (must be in date); sweet treats; small toys; bath and beauty products; anything a child or adult would like to win or buy….be imaginative! If you have a green thumb and could prepare potted plants that would be great—send them in as close as possible to fete day. We will be looking for volunteers to man the stalls and will be sending home volunteers notes in due course—please give a little of your time for this once-a-year fundraiser.

**Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 18 November in the school hall from 5:00pm. Please note change of date and time.** All families are welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend our meetings but would like to know what is going on, copies of the minutes from our meetings are available in the office at any time.

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

PARISH & SCHOOL FETE

Our annual Parish & School Fete will be held on Sunday 6 December in the school grounds from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

Stalls and convenors for this year's fete are as follows:

- **Cakes and Produce**—Parish Ladies
- **BBQ**—Des Harris, Bob Locke, Gerard Ryan
- **Chocolate Wheel**—Peter Kelly, Tim Bower, Fergus Fitzsimons, Owen Ryan
- **Tombola**—Di Scott
- **Arts & Crafts**—PT&F
- **Jumping Castle/Rides**—Gerard Ryan
- **Family Numbers**—PT&F
- **Tea & Coffee**—PT&F
- **Hamper Raffle**—School Staff
- **Crazy Hair & Face Painting**—Julie Hayes & Youth
- **Plant Stall**—Sue Barnden, Shelly McMillan
- **White Elephant Stall**—Peter Feitz, Jane Leggatt

ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL BAGS

St Joseph’s School now has its own school back pack with our logo available for our students. There is a special introductory offer of $25 for anyone wishing to buy one by 20 November (to be ready for Christmas!). After the introductory offer expires on 20 November, the bags will be available at Independent Sports in Armidale along with the uniform. A sample of the bag will be in the office for you to check out. Orders for the introductory offer can be placed with Kerrie in the office.
**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

**WEEK 5**

Principal's Awards for “Consistency in Learning” went to:
- Infants - Jack Young
- Primary - Daniel Murrell

Learning Studio Awards
- Infants - Montana Hayes for “Her work with learning her sight words”.
- Primary - Chloe Welbourn for “Attention to neatness and accuracy in spelling activities”.

MiniLit Awards went to:
- Malakye for “Learning the new MiniLit sounds with enthusiasm; focussing and self-correction”; and
- Ethan Walters for “Fluent reading, clear sounding of ar words and detailed retelling of the story”.

A special award from Operation Art was presented to Matilda Boxsell for having her artwork titled *The Happy Giraffe* chosen to be displayed in the Office of the Children’s Guardian NSW.

Our assemblies are held each Friday at 2:45pm in the school hall. All welcome.

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**REMEMBRANCE DAY PHOTOS**

**Dates to Remember**

- Wed 11 Nov: Remembrance Day
- Fri 13 Nov: Mass 9:15am
- Assembly 2:45pm
- Thur 12 Nov: PT&F Meeting 5:30pm
- Tue 17 Nov: Yr 6 STEP Day
- Wed 25 Nov: Transition ends
- Mon 30 Nov: School Board Meeting 6:30pm
- Mon 30 Nov—Fri 11 Dec: School Swimming Program

- Sun 6 Dec: Parish & School FETE
- Thur 10 Dec: School Play
- Tue 15 Dec: Presentation Night
- Wed 16 Dec: Last day for students
- Fri 18 Dec: Term 4 ends

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

- Mon 16 Nov: Kathy Dodd