Dear Parents,

As you know, Anne Kelly has been on extended leave this term. Anne has decided after serving this school for nearly five years as a class teacher and REC, that she will not be returning to St Joseph’s Uralla. Anne has considerable love and devotion for St Joseph’s, however, feels it time to seek new challenges and is excitedly exploring other opportunities.

In her time here at St Joseph’s, Anne has been a dedicated teacher to the students, providing outstanding pastoral care while nurturing them as life-long learners. Her passion and skills in the creative arts permeated throughout her teaching to the benefit of the children. In her role as REC, she has demonstrated a genuine commitment to the Mission of Jesus and a deep spirituality, which enabled her to fully contribute to the religious life of the school and the faith development of the students.

As a school community, we appreciate Anne’s wonderful contribution to St Joseph’s Primary school and we wish Anne and her husband Peter, all our very best wishes for the years ahead.

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I would like to thank Ms Rochelle Joyce for working with Mrs Kelly Walters in Anne’s absence. Rochelle’s enthusiasm, commitment and care for the students has been very much appreciated. Rochelle will be finishing here at St Joseph’s this Friday as she has other planned commitments. Kelly will take on full teacher duties for the Primary Studio for the remainder of the year.

I am pleased to announce that our staffing allocation will remain at our present level for 2016. An advertisement for a replacement teacher will be placed this week.

In Christ’s peace,

John Phillips
**SCHOOL MASS**
There will be a whole school Mass this Friday 20 November at 9:15 in St Joseph’s Church. All welcome.

**ALTAR SERVERS CHRISTMAS PARTY**
All altar servers are invited to a Christmas Party this 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**

*What One Physically Active Lesson Looks Like*

Last week I said that we, as a school, will be introducing innovative ways to meet the curriculum AND meet the moving requirement. I also asked you to watch this space for more information on this! Well, here it is!

The infographic in last week’s newsletter stated “*Just One Physically Active Lesson creates a 13% increase in students’ physical activity for the week.* So what may that lesson look like?

The students in both the Primary and Infants Studio are beginning to integrate Physical activity into regular classroom activities. We as teachers are very excited to be able to rethink how to teach important and fundamental concepts of the curriculum using the vehicle of Physical Activity.

*Students are practising their times tables!*  
*Students are learning their spelling words!*

**URALLA CAROLS IN THE PARK**
The Uralla community is holding its annual “Carols in the Park” on Wednesday, 9th December from 5.30pm with a Sausage Sizzle and the Carols will commence at 7pm. St Joseph’s students will be performing a choral item at the Carols.

**CAROLS IN THE CATHEDRAL**
Bishop Michael Kennedy invites St Joseph’s School families to join with him for “Carols in the Cathedral” on Friday 11 December at 6:00pm. Light refreshments will follow with a Christmas Tree for children in the Torreggiani Forecourt and Precinct carpark (on the western side of the Cathedral).

**O’CONNOR CATHOLIC COLLEGE CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL**
O’Connor will hold its Christmas Carnival on Friday 27 November from 4:00pm ‘til late. There will be delicious food, fantastic entertainment, lots of fun and fireworks by ‘Holy Smoke’.
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 is TONIGHT Wednesday 18 November in the school hall from 5:00pm. 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 InterSports in Rusden Street, 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. **HURRY—SPECIAL OFFER ENDS THIS FRIDAY!**
WEEK 6

Principal’s Awards for “Sharing a talent for the good of others” went to:

Infants - Matilda Boxxsell
Primary - Bailey Redmond

Learning Studio Awards

Infants - Ethan Walters for “His efforts in reading”. (Montana Hayes was presented with her Week 5 award)
Primary - Angela Ryan for “High quality work in Remembrance Day activities”. (Absent for photo)

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