Dear Parents,

With Christmas just around the corner, we might be too busy to give attention to what we are actually commemorating. Those who live “by the cash register” will do everything they can to keep our attention on our wallets and purses. The Three Wise Men seem to have had the true understanding of the Christmas event. They spent many weeks in anticipation as they travelled from their homeland to Bethlehem. When they arrived, their purpose was to honour the newborn child and out of courtesy they brought one gift each.

We too, have the opportunity for a period of anticipation in the Season of Advent which starts this Sunday. Advent promises new life in Christ. Christ’s coming gives us a living picture of God; through Christ we get to know God. Advent fosters in us the attitude of expectation; it is an essential part of our Christian belief that we should be looking forward, throughout our life, to a life in fullness with God. Jesus told us, “I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.” John 10:10.

For thousands of years, the Hebrew prophets told in the Hebrew Scriptures how they looked forward to the redemption of their people. Now, in the Christian Scriptures, we hear how we have that redemption:

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” John 3:16,17.

Each Advent we renew our expectation and each Christmas we celebrate Christ’s coming and God’s redemption.

God, our Father, Help us to put aside those things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy. Amen.”

In Christ’s peace, John Phillips
SCHOOL MASS
There will be a whole school Mass this Friday 27 November at 9:15 in St Joseph’s Church. All welcome.

CURRICULUM CORNER

A Busy Time of Year for Intelligence!

This time of the year is always busy for students at school: they have many inclass assessment to complete; there is the excitement of the Creative Arts production with everything from performing, dancing, creating and building to do; the Intensive swimming program takes place; and the social gatherings for Christmas and End-of-year celebrations. While this seems a lot at once (and it often is), as teachers this is an exciting time of the year to provide students with a rather unique platform for educational opportunities.

Many educators have had the experience of not being able to reach some students until presenting the information in a completely different way or providing new options for student expression. The theory of multiple intelligences challenges the idea of a single IQ, where human beings have one central “computer” where intelligence is housed. Howard Gardner, the Harvard professor who originally proposed the theory, says that there are multiple types of human intelligence, each representing different ways of processing information (as seen below). Everyone has all nine types of the intelligences (some not shown here) at varying levels of aptitude.

When your child comes home over the coming weeks, take notice of the activities and learning experiences that are engaging his or her individual senses: View the vehicles of Intensive Swimming program, end of year functions and in particular the Creative Arts Production using the lens of Multiple Intelligences. St Joseph’s staff are providing different contexts for students to engage a variety of their senses, and apply their learning and knowledge using all of their Multiple Intelligences strengths.

Kelly Walters (Project Teacher)

References: http://www.edutopia.org/multiple-intelligences-research
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.

THANK YOU TO THOSE FAMILIES WHO HAVE SENT IN SOME CREATIVE BASKETS ALREADY!
TODAY EACH FAMILY HAS BEEN GIVEN A BASKET WHICH WE KINDLY ASK YOU TO FILL WITH GOODIES TO SELL ON THE CRAFT STALL. WE ALSO ASK THAT THE BASKET BE COVERED WITH CLEAR CELLOPHANE IF POSSIBLE.
THANK YOU IN ANTICIPATION!

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
Di Scott is calling for volunteers to help package the tombola prizes— meet here at school this Friday after lunch if you can give a bit of your time.

ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL BAGS

St Joseph’s School now has its own school back pack with our logo available for our students. We have extended the special introductory offer of $25 for anyone wishing to buy one by THIS FRIDAY (to be ready for Christmas!). After the introductory offer expires on 27 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!

THUNDERBOLTS FESTIVAL PARADE PRIZE

St Joseph’s School has been presented with a $50 cheque and a certificate for taking out second place in the schools’ group of the parade. Well done everyone!

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.
### ASSEMBLY AWARDS

**WEEK 7**

**Principal’s Awards** for “Setting a great example in manners” went to:
- Infants - Mariah Carlon
- Primary - Charlotte Baker

**Learning Studio Awards**
- Infants - Meredith Hannaford for “Great work in addition”.
- Primary - Alex Baker, Ronald Boxsell, Zac Walters for “Engaging the school community in a positive way in the mud pit play”.

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

### KINDY TRANSITION

Today we say farewell to our delightful Kindy Transition children. We have enjoyed having Lilliana, Ruby, Chelsea, Cohen, Archie, Jade and Ethan with us each Wednesday. We wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday 28 January when you begin school!

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### Dates to Remember

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### CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 30 Nov: Kathy Dodd

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

28 Nov: Makaala Dodd