Dear Families,

This week parents have had the opportunity to come along and talk to teachers about their child’s progress so far this year. This process is one that I believe is valued and supported by both parents and teachers. At these interviews all parties have the opportunity to celebrate successes and also to work through any recommendations and goals to improve learning outcomes for the remainder of the year.

I thank parents for taking the time to come along and talk with teachers about first semester progress and encourage you to keep the conversation open with your child’s teacher to ensure that the remainder of the year is a productive and rewarding one for your children.

Next Friday we are celebrating NAIDOC Day at school. This celebration occurs nationally in the holidays. During NAIDOC celebrations our country is called to remember with respect and understanding the long history of our Aboriginal people. We will begin our celebration with a Mass at 10.15am and we will then be entertained by Mereki, an indigenous performer who uses music, dance and story telling to tell stories of the Dream time.

The following reflection is offered for us to think about the message the Aboriginals have for us in respecting and valuing this home we share.

**An Australian Creed with an Indigenous Influence**

We believe in God, creator and sustainer of life,
creator of the black woman and the white woman
of the black man and the white man
of the woman who is not quite black and not quite white
of the man who is not quite black and not quite white.

We believe in God the Creator
who gave us the desert pea and the flowering gum
the Murray cod and the platypus,
the Southern Cross and the Milky Way.

We believe in Jesus, born of a woman
who was not quite black and not quite white,
a woman who was not quite sure of whom she was or who she was to be,
a woman who faithfully struggled to believe.

We believe in Jesus - risen,
liberator of all humanity, Emmanuel, God-with-us, God-for-us.

We, women and men of the Great South Land of the Holy Spirit,
believe in the power of the Spirit to set us free to regenerate our land,
to transform our world,
to work for peace,
to listen to the loneliness of ‘the drover’s wife’ and the ‘weeping man’.

We believe in the power of the Holy Spirit
to transform our dealings with our sisters and brothers
of other colours and diverse creeds.

Amen.

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**ST JOSEPH’S CORAKI PARISH WEEKEND MASS TIMES & WOODBURN/EVANS HEAD ALTAR SERVERS**

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Eucharist Meeting Reminder
The first Eucharist Parent Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 7th August at 5.30 pm. It is a parish and school expectation that at least one parent attend this meeting (it would be great to see both parents!).

Writers' Festival
On Wednesday Mrs Lowrey will be taking a group of students to the Writers’ Festival in Ballina. This a great opportunity to listen to quality authors speak about their craft. Thank you to parents who are providing transport for the day.

Casual Day and Sausage Sizzle
As you know Alice Bradford was selected in the NSW State Primary Schools’ Hockey team after representing in the Polding team last term. This is a major achievement for Alice and we congratulate her on her selection. To assist Alice we are holding a fundraiser on Friday, 2nd August. This will be a casual day with a gold coin donation as well as a sausage sizzle lunch. A sausage sandwich (one piece of bread and one sausage) will cost $1.50. If you would like your child to order their lunch please fill out a lunch order bag with your child’s name and class and their order and enclose the money and return to school by Tuesday, 30th July.

Greyhound Fundraiser
Don’t forget our Greyhound fundraiser is on Tuesday night, 30th July at the Lismore Greyhound Track, Coleman Street, Lismore. Come along and support our school whilst enjoying a great social evening. Starts at 6.00 pm with the first race at 6.45 pm. Food is available at the venue plus raffles. Tickets are available at school for $5.00 each and children are free.

You are invited to our
School Disco

Where: St Joseph’s Primary School, Woodburn
When: Friday, August 9th, 2013
Time: 6.00 - 7.30PM (Disco)
Cost: $4.00 each or $10.00 per family
Bar-b-que From 5.30pm

Sausage sandwiches ($1.50) and veggie pattie ($3.00) sandwiches will be available prior to the disco but must be pre-ordered. Drinks and chip will also be available. Orders should be written on a lunch order bag with name and Disco written clearly on the front. These orders need to be returned to school by Wednesday, 7th August.

**CALENDAR – TERM 3 WEEK 3**

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MUSICAL FESTIVAL
All children in Years 2 - 6 will perform at the Lismore Musical Festival (formerly known as the Eisteddfod) on Friday, 16th August at the Lismore Workers Club in Keen Street.
♦ The bus will leave at 9.20 am and return in time for school buses in the afternoon.
♦ Children are to take morning tea, lunch and water with them.
♦ School uniform to be worn:
  - Boys: grey shorts, green shirts and green sloppy joes, black shoes and grey socks;
  - Girls: green dresses, green sloppy joes, black shoes and white socks;

The children have been practising extremely hard on perfecting their performances over the past couple of weeks and I am sure that, regardless of the results, they will do themselves, their families and our school proud. We wish all the groups well and sincerely thank Mrs Lowrey for her hard work, planning and preparation for the Musical Festival.

Please return the completed Consent/Medical Form to school by Monday, 12th August. The cost for the two buses for the day is covered by the schools’ Performance Levy.

FRUIT ‘N’ VEGIE BREAK
A reminder that all children are encouraged to bring fresh fruit or vegetable snacks for our mid-morning break. For younger children it’s a good idea to cut apples and oranges into segments for easier eating - especially with our loose teeth! Thanks to parents who go to so much trouble to provide these ready-to-go snacks.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2014
Any families who have not returned their Enrolment Forms are asked to do so as soon as possible. We are organising our Junior Joey’s program for later this term and we need approximate numbers. If you know anyone in the community wanting to enrol students for next year please ask them to contact the office.

AFTERNOON TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS
We have had some confusion with children lately regarding their home-time arrangements. If there is a change in your child’s travel arrangements please let us know by note or phone call. Please remember:
♦ We are unable to allow children to go with another parent unless we have permission (preferably written);
♦ If we have no notification and your child ‘thinks’ you are coming for them they will be sent on the bus when it arrives.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Happy Birthday and best wishes from all at St Joseph’s to those who celebrated their birthday this week: Cooper Davis, Imogen Farlow and Heidi McClure.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Monday, 29th July
Megan Woolley
Yvonne Stevenson
Wednesday, 31st July
June Blunn
Naomi Robinson

Thank you ladies!

BOOK CLUB
Please note that orders for Issue 5 of the Scholastic Book Club are due back at school by Wednesday, 31st July.

THANK YOU!
A big thank you to our SRC members who organised and ran our Pyjama Day on the last day of last term. It was a great way to finish a very long and busy term and all students were appreciative of the opportunity to dress down for the day!
Thank you also to Mya Tosomeen, our SRC President, for overseeing the organisation for the day. Well done everyone!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
TERM 3 – WEEK 1
Class    Student
Kinder  Presley Jubber
        Jack Oldham
Year 1   Jacob Woolley
Year 2   Billy Bradford
Year 3   Matthew Woolley
        Charlie Hennessy
        Leilai Mangan
        Kye Evans
Year 4   Kaitlyn Cook
Year 5   Mya Tosomeen

CONGRATULATIONS!
SPORTS CONGRATULATIONS
We congratulate Alice Bradford who has been named senior girls champion and Nella Bradford who was third in the junior girls championship from the Richmond Zone Athletics Carnival last week. Well done, Alice and Nella!

LISMORE DIOCESAN NETBALL CHALLENGE
Yesterday our netball team under the great leadership of team coach, Naomi Robinson travelled to Casino to play against St Mary’s in this Diocesan netball challenge.

The girls played well with some great goals, strong defensive work and a very keen midfield. Unfortunately they did not win the match but the final score was a very creditable 25-10 against a much taller St Mary’s team.

Congratulations to our girls on a great effort and a special thank you to Naomi for giving up her time to coach the girls—well done! Thanks also to our parents who transported the girls to Casino.

PAUL WILSON MEMORIAL SOCCER CHALLENGE
Yesterday St Joseph’s Woodburn played St Carthage’s Lismore in the Paul Wilson Memorial Soccer Challenge. The winning team would progress to the finals and represent the Richmond Zone at the diocesan Gala Day in Grafton.

The St Joseph’s players gave one hundred percent and never gave up. Their positive attitude over the duration of the match was a credit to them all. The final score was 12-0 St Carthage’s way. The team was gracious in defeat and displayed excellent sportsmanship.

Thank you to Miss Taylor for coaching the team, Lisa Racz for being a point of contact, and to Steve McClure for not only refereeing the game, but also setting up the nets and corner flags prior to the match.

Well done, everyone!

LISMORE DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2013
This Carnival will be held at Riverview Park, Lismore next Friday, 9th August. St Joseph’s have ten students representing Richmond Zone at this event, and we wish them all the best:


Good luck all!

If successful at Lismore, the students will travel to Newcastle to the Polding Athletics Carnival on Friday, 6th September (Week 8).

IT’S TAX TIME AGAIN!
The free Tax Help Program is for people who qualify and are under the tax threshold, will be offered out of the Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre from 22nd July to 31st October 2013. Please phone the Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre on 6682 4334 for appointment times and dates as places are limited.

GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS—CORAKI
Exercise Cross Training is held at the Brandon Hall—behind the Anglican Church at Coraki—each Monday at 5.30 pm. Classes run throughout the school term at $6 per class or $50 for ten.
Courses are organised through CHEGS—Community Health Education Groups.
For more information contact Sherry 6662 2112.

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GREYHOUND FUNDRAISER
Please return to school by Monday, 29th July
NAME: ______________________________
NUMBER OF TICKETS REQUIRED AT $5.00 each ______
AMOUNT ENCLOSED: $_____
Signed: _________________________________ Date: ______________