Dear Families,

Yesterday, 8th August, we celebrated the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Our school was founded by the Sisters of St Joseph - Mary MacKillop was the founder of this inspirational group of women who continue her work both in our country and in neighbouring countries today. The Sisters staffed our school until the early 1970s. Mary MacKillop is an example of faith put into action and words as she followed her dream to ensure country children in small rural communities were able to receive a good education in their Catholic faith and academic skills for their future. She always went out of her way to minister to the poor, the lonely, the sick and those who were outcasts. As a school community we try to carry on the charism of Saint Mary MacKillop through providing an education based on Catholic teaching, welcoming all who come to us, assisting those in need, providing programs for those with particular needs, and sharing in prayer, celebrations and the Sacraments.

*St Mary of the Cross MacKillop’s Story*

1842 - 1909

Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne in 1842. Her father had spent the family fortune, so the MacKillops were poor. Mary left home to work when she was fourteen and gave all the money she earned to her family. In 1861 she went to work in Penola, a small town in South Australia. Here Mary met Father Julian Woods. Mary felt a religious calling, but hadn't been able to find an order that suited her. Consequently, in 1866, she and Father Woods started their own: 'The Sisters of St. Joseph'. The Order was dedicated to the education of poor children. The order spread to Adelaide and other parts of South Australia, and membership grew rapidly. Mary was a woman who stood up for what she believed which brought her into conflict with religious leaders. She took a vow of poverty, which meant she had to beg for money. Catholic church leaders didn't like begging, but Mary refused to change her ways. The tension escalated into conflict over educational matters and as a result Mary was excommunicated by Bishop Shiel for insubordination in 1871. The excommunication placed on her was lifted six months later. In 1883, Mary came into conflict with the Roman Catholic Church establishment by insisting on an equalitarian rather than hierarchical organisation. Bishop Reynolds told her to leave his diocese and Mary transferred the headquarters of the Josephites to Sydney and died in Sydney on 8 August, 1909. Mary never became bitter against the Church leaders that had opposed her. This forgiving attitude was complemented by the outstanding work of the congregation. Protestants, as well as Catholics, loudly praised her charity to the poor, her personal poverty, and for not imposing her personal views on others.

In 1973, Mother Mary became the first Australian to be formally proposed to Rome as a candidate for canonization and she was beatified by Pope John Paul II at St Francis’ Church on 27th November, 1994. In October 2010 St Mary of the Cross MacKillop became Australia’s first saint.

May St Mary of the Cross MacKillop guide us as we, the parents and staff of our school, model Christian values and share our faith and dreams with the children in our care.

We now have a statue of Mary MacKillop in our garden area. This will be a quiet place where children can sit quietly and pray and reflect. Seats will be added to our sacred space and hopefully this area will be a constant reminder to our children that when they ‘see a need to do something about it’. 

**PARISH MASS**

There will be a Parish Mass on **THURSDAY, 15th August at 10.15 am** to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption and only our primary students will attend. Our next school Mass will be on Friday, 30th August at 10.15 am and this mass will be prepared and led by Kindergarten and Mrs Boyd.

**EUCHARIST ENROLMENT CEREMONY**

The Eucharist Enrolment Ceremony will be held at the parish masses over the next two weekends: the 5 pm mass at All Saints’ Church Woodburn Saturday 10th August and Saturday 17th August; the 7.15 am mass at St John’s Church Evans Head on Sunday 11th August and Sunday 18th August; and 9.15 am at St Joseph’s Church, Coraki on Sunday, 11th August. Everyone is welcome to join with our first Eucharist children and their families at this special time in their faith journey.

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

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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 ensure that the completed Consent/Medical Form has been completed and returned to school by **Monday, 12th August**. The cost for the two buses for the day is covered by the schools' Performance Levy.

Parents are welcome to meet us at the Workers Club, or may wait to see the children’s items that will be performed again during National Literacy and Numeracy Week celebrations being held on Tuesday, 20th August.

WORLD OF MATHS

On Wednesday all students had the opportunity to participate in the World of Maths activities. There were seventeen large, colourful displays in each session, with corresponding worksheets for the students that they completed as they moved through the activities.

The activities belong to the strands of: number, space, measurement, chance and data and logical thinking and sequencing.

All activities met the national curriculum requirements.

The instructions and questions on the displays made each session a guided discovery lesson, where the students solved a variety of problems, discovered number patterns, identified geometric properties, thought logically and applied mathematics to the physical world.

By giving students this experience, they had an opportunity to acquire a variety of different skills and strategies needed for problem solving.

**Specific Values**

- Students have the time and freedom to pursue their own paths in trying to solve the problems.
- Motivation is very important. WORLD OF MATHS is an enjoyable and attractive situation which encourages the students to think.
- The students can experience mathematics related to practical and real-life situations.
- It helps develops skills necessary to work in small groups as an effective way of learning mathematics.
- It allows the students to interact, which will boost their confidence.

DISCO REMINDER:

**You are invited to our SCHOOL DISCO**

**Where:** St Joseph’s Primary School, Woodburn

**When:** TONIGHT

**Time:** 6.00 - 7.30 PM (Disco)

**Cost:** $4.00 each or $10.00 per family

**Bar-b-que** From 5.30 pm

EVERYONE WELCOME

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.

ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL CENTENARY

Our school will celebrate 100 years of operation next year. As this is a very important milestone in our school's history it is important that we begin planning for our celebrations as soon as possible.

We have a number of people who have indicated that they would like to be a part of this committee, however we have room for more! If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining our Centenary Committee please contact the school and leave your name at the office.

Our first meeting will be on **Tuesday, 13th August at 2.30 pm in the meeting room**.
NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK AND BOOK WEEK

In Week 6 we will be celebrating Literacy and Numeracy and Book Week at St Joseph's. The week is a collaboration between the Australian Government and the school community to highlight the importance of literacy and numeracy for all children.

This year’s theme for the week is Reach for the Stars and the Book Week theme is Across the Universe. The theme emphasises the importance of setting goals and working hard to achieve these even if, at times, they appear out of reach.

The week gives schools the opportunity to get involved in a range of activities and to recognise locally the achievements of students and the work of teachers, parents and members of the community who support young people to develop stronger literacy and numeracy skills.

Our Open Day will be held on Tuesday, 20th August. The focus in each classroom will be on writing. Classrooms will be open from 10.00 am to look at children’s books.

The program for Tuesday is:

10.00 am  Open Classrooms
10.15 am  Shared Writing Activity
11.15 am  Shared Morning Tea with your child/children (tea and coffee supplied)
11.45 am  Musical festival Items

Book Fair will operate in the Library on Tuesday only—see details below.

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

On Friday, 23rd August we will have a focus on reading to celebrate Book Week. The children are invited to dress up as a book character on this day and bring along the book to share with others. We will have activities throughout the day focussing on reading. Students may choose to wear their character outfit to school, otherwise normal uniform is to be worn.

Parents are welcome to come along at 9.30 am for our Book Character parade.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

CALENDAR - TERM 3 WEEK 5

Monday, 12th August
Tuckshop
Stage Meetings - 3.30 pm
Parent Forum Meeting—3.30 pm

Tuesday, 13th August
Sports Uniform
Centenary Committee—2.30 pm

Wednesday, 14th August
Library
Tuckshop

Thursday, 15th August
Sport
Parish Assumption Mass—10.15am

Friday, 16th August
Musical Festival—Years 2-6, Lismore City Hall

WEEK 6—LITERACY/NUMERACY WEEK

Monday, 19th August
Tuckshop
Staff Meeting - 3.30pm

Tuesday, 20th August
Sports Uniform
Open Day: 10.00 am—12.15 pm
Book Fair: 8.30 am—3.00 pm

Wednesday, 21st August
Tuckshop
Library
Woodburn Pre-school Playground opening—Kindergarten

Thursday, 22nd August
Sport

Friday, 23rd August
Book Character Parade—9.30 am
Stage 2 Assembly—2.30 pm

BOOK FAIR

To celebrate Book Week we are holding a Book Fair in the Library on Tuesday, 20th August. The children will be able to view the books on Monday afternoon, 19th August. The Book Fair will operate from 8.30 am to 3.00 pm on the Tuesday. There will be a wide range of books with prices starting at $3.00.

If you are unable to make it on the day you can send money in an envelope with your child on the day and we can help them choose a suitable book.

Thank you for your support.
See you there! Gayl Feros
LISMORE DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
2013
St Joseph’s has ten students attending this Carnival in Lismore today.
We look forward to hearing their results.
If successful today, the students will travel to Newcastle to the Polding Athletics Carnival on Friday, 6th September (Week 8).

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
TERM 3 – WEEK 3

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CONGRATULATIONS!

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Monday, 12th August
Kim McClure
Yvonne Stevenson
Wednesday, 14th August
Megan Woolley
Katie O’Connor

Thank you ladies!

KOREAN WAR VETERANS
A petition from the Korea War Veterans Association of NSW will be sent home next week, seeking support for recognition of those wounded or killed in the Korean War conflict.
If you would like to support this cause, the form can be returned to school for forwarding to Lyle Martin, who is the North Coast district Representative of the Korea War Veterans Association.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Happy Birthday to those who celebrated their birthday this week: Emma Racz and Sharon Roxburgh.

TRASH AND TREASURE SALE
The Woodburn Memorial Hall Committee are running a Trash and Treasure Sale at the Woodburn Memorial Hall on Sunday, 11th August from 9 am to 3 pm.
‘One person’s trash is another person’s treasure.’ Book a space and bring your unwanted treasures in to make some quick dollars. $10 per area which will include a table to display your treasures.
No food stalls, no commercial traders.
Set up from 7 am, doors open 9 am.
Come along to pick up a bargain!
For enquiries and bookings please contact Glenn Crawford on 6682 2032 or Pam Bellingham on 0414 953 879.

WORLD OF MATHS