Dear Families,

On Sunday we celebrate Fathers’ Day - a day when we are given the opportunity to acknowledge the many wonderful things our fathers do for us. We give thanks for that special man whose care and example have helped to make each of us the person we are today - our dad. Fathers’ Day is an opportunity for us to show our love and gratitude for our dads, granddads and the father figures in our lives. I hope you enjoy the following prayer:

Holy Father,

You are the one who knows how absolutely special fathers are.
You made them that way. How else can a man work so hard, give so much, and love unconditionally, without your strength?

So first, Lord, thank You for fathers, for daddies. For big, strong men with tender hearts, with hands that are calloused and rough, yet so soft and gentle when hearts need mending.

Lord, help children to delight this day in being with their dads, even if it must be only by phone. May the precious memories flow, and bring laughter, and new love and appreciation.

Lord, please take care of our dads. Though they are brave and protective, they must also be frightened sometimes, when money runs low, when we need things, when we’re hurt or sick.
Lord, when their hearts break because they can’t do it all, please help us to let them know how much we love them. And how much You love them.

Lord, forgive the men who know they are not good fathers and help them to know when and if they can make things better, with Your help. And Oh, Lord, for those Dads who keep trying and keep loving after messing up so many times, help their children to love them even more in return.

Lord, for that Dad who has lost a child, please let him know You are there, right beside him, for nothing else can heal a heart so torn. For the father who is parenting alone, strengthen him with your love.
For those whose father is already with You, Give him a hug, Lord, and tell him it’s from his children.
And you, too, Lord.

Happy Father’s Day!

In Jesus’ name,
Amen.

Happy Fathers’ Day to all dads and granddads - have a wonderful family day.

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

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**BEACH-A-THON**

A reminder that we are holding our annual Beach-a-thon on Monday 16th September (we need to hold this on a Monday due to tides). For those of you new to our school, a beach-a-thon is like a walk-a-thon, however we walk along the beach. Students are sponsored by family, friends, neighbours for the beach-a-thon. All parents and friends are invited to come along and share in the day - the more the merrier! Sponsorship forms have been sent home.

Please note the following details:

- All children are to wear their sports uniform and joggers. Everyone must wear their school hat and wear sun-screen.
- All children to take a drink of water.
- Cold water and frozen orange quarters will be available during the walk.
- Children to bring fruit snack and morning tea to have before we set out.
- Children may take snacks in their pockets to eat along the way.
- Children may meet teachers at the Surf Club from 9:30 am, or travel to school as usual and travel out by bus at 9:20 am to Evans Head at no cost.
- Everyone needs to return the travel note **by Wednesday, 11th September** to assist us in planning transport. *Please do not drop students at the Surf Club prior to 9:30 as there will be no supervision prior to this.*
- The Beach-a-thon will start at approximately 10.00 am.
- At the end of the day children may be collected by parents by 2.15 pm from the Kiosk area, or they will be returned to school on the bus. Children will not be allowed to travel with another family unless we have your written permission.

**Lunch**

This year students will need to bring their own lunch. Bags will be left in the Surf Club whilst we are walking and will be collected at the end of the beach walk when we will continue walking to the kiosk area to eat our lunch.

After lunch we will have time for a play before returning to school at 2.15 pm.

**FIRST EUCHARIST CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to our students who celebrated their First Eucharist last weekend. It was a wonderful celebration due to the great support from our school family. Thank you to Mr Sandral who prepared the children so well for the celebration and reception of the Sacrament. Thank you also to the parents who supported us throughout their sacramental preparation by completing the home activities with your children. A special thank you also to Judy and Adam Lollback who came along and prepared supper for the children and their families Thank you also to Fr Richard, Mrs Boyd and Miss Egan, our Evangelisation and Catechesis Co-ordinators who offered their support in so many ways.

A special thank you to all our teachers and the children from all classes for their preparations, efforts and prayers throughout the Sacramental Programs during the year.

**FAREWELL**

On Tuesday we said goodbye to Hayden and Corey Stewart and their parents Michelle and Sheldon who are going on a travelling holiday. We wish them all the best as they begin this new adventure.

**STRANGER DANGER**

It is been reported to us from Woodburn Police that there is an elderly male in a white sedan acting in a suspicious manner in our area. This may be an opportune time for you to reinforce the ‘Stranger Danger’ message to your children as we will be doing at school.

**PARENT FORUM NEWS**

**FATHER’S DAY BAR-B-QUE CANCELLATION**

Due to a lack of numbers our Father’s Day Bar-b-que has been cancelled for tonight.

**FATHERS’ DAY STALL**

Thank you to Naomi Robinson who organised the Fathers’ Day Stall on Thursday. Thank you also to those who helped in selling the gifts. The children really appreciate the opportunity to ‘shop’ for the ones they love.
**SCHOOL LUNCH BOXES**

We have had many children complaining that they do not have enough food left to eat at lunch time, having eaten most or all of their food at morning tea. It is important that the children have enough food to sustain them through the afternoon session so it may be necessary to put more food into their lunch boxes. Please ask your children if they need more food to avoid the hunger pains throughout the afternoon!

We also have a number of children who are bringing lollies and chocolates to school. With your support we encourage children to eat healthily whilst at school so we ask that these be kept as after school treats.

*Thank you for your continued support of our no peanut products policy.*
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALICE BRADFORD WHO COMPETED IN THE NATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL'S HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS IN CANBERRA LAST WEEK. NSW COMPETED IN THE FINAL AGAINST QUEENSLAND AND UNFORTUNATELY WENT DOWN 3-1 IN THIS FINAL TO TAKE THE SILVER MEDAL. ALICE WAS THE GOAL SCORER FOR NSW IN THIS FINAL. WE CONGRATULATE ALICE ON HER OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN HOCKEY THIS YEAR.

ST JOSEPH'S CROSS COUNTRY 2013

We are attempting to run our cross country (for the 4th time!) on Tuesday, 10th September at 9.30am. Parents are welcome to come along and watch this event. We have lessened the distance due to a lack of training. Distances are:

- Kinder, Year One: 500 metres
- 8 yr, 9 yr, 10 yr olds: 1500 m (1.5 kms)
- 11 yr, 12 yr, 13 yr olds: 2000 m (2 kms)

The program for the day is:

- 9.30am: 12/13 years girls/boys
- 9.50am: 11 years girls/boys
- 10.10am: 10 years girls/boys
- 10.30am: 9 years girls/boys
- 10.30am: 10 years girls/boys
- 10.50am: 11 years girls/boys
- 11.10am: Year One and Kindergarten

(NB: Times are approximate)

Students may wear their colour house t-shirts to school on this day.

POLDING ATHLETICS

This Carnival will be held in Newcastle on Friday, 6th September at the Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale. St Joseph's Woodburn have two students representing the Lismore Diocese: Alice Bradford and Nella Bradford. We wish these students all the best with their training in preparation for the Newcastle carnival.

ST JOSEPH'S ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - COMPLETED!

We finally had the opportunity to complete our 2013 Athletics Carnival on Tuesday! Our sports captains did a great job in organising their relay teams and they were ably supported by their colour house in cheering on all teams.

Gahgan dominated the relays winning everyone and this pointscore, combined with their earlier points saw them take out the athletics carnival trophy.

Congratulations to Alice Bradford and Harry Stanley-Jones who, as Gahgan house captains accepted the trophy on behalf of their house.

Congratulations to all our colour house captains from a job well done!

Final pointscore is:

- Gahgan - (green): 598 points
- Guraman - (yellow): 508 points
- Burbi - (blue): 503 points

WOODBURN RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL—SATURDAY, 12TH OCTOBER

On Saturday, 12th October Woodburn and surrounding communities will be celebrating the Riverside Festival. We have been invited to participate in these celebrations by performing an item. This day falls on the first weekend back after the school holidays. I would like to encourage as many of our students to be part of our school group performing on this day. Mrs Lowrey has written a song that the students will perform, and we need a large number of voices to ensure that this is a success.

If you feel that your children will be able to participate on this day please fill out the reply slip and return it to school by Wednesday, 4th September.

This is a great way for our school to be involved in our local community.

PORTFOLIOS

We have quite a few students who have not returned their portfolios following the reporting and interview period last term. As teachers are busily preparing assessments for these portfolios in preparation for the end of term it is vital that these portfolio folders are returned as soon as possible.

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to the many families who have finalised their school fees for this year. We still have a number of families with outstanding fees who have made no contact with the school. Please phone me at school immediately if you are facing difficulties with fee payments. I would ask that these fees are paid by the last week of this term or contact the office to discuss payment options.

Please be reminded that school fees need to be up to date or arrangements made, or attendance at school excursions and camps could be in jeopardy.

BOOK CLUB REMINDER

Book Club orders are due back at school on Wednesday, 4th September so that books can be ordered and returned before the holidays.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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CONGRATULATIONS!
EVANS HEAD CRICKET
Evans Head Cricket club is hoping to put together some junior cricket teams for the upcoming season. If you would be interested in joining one of these teams please contact Paddy Wilde on 66828144 to register your interest.

WOODBURN RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL 2013
Organised by Woodburn Chamber of Commerce
Saturday, 12th October—10.00am to 9.00pm
In the Riverside Park and on the Richmond River at Woodburn—Dragon Boats, Kayak races
Children’s activities, Markets, Barbeque, Fireworks

Watch this space for further details!
For information contact Glenn Crawford at Woodburn Visitors Information Centre 6682 2032 or Pam Bellingham 0414 953 879

EVANS HEAD-CASINO SURF LIFESAVING CLUB
SIGN ON
Sunday, 8th September 9 am to 11 am and
Sunday, 15th September 9 am to 10 am
At the club house; new and returning members all welcome.

Annual Golf Day: 15th September 2013; 9 am start; 4 person Ambrose; $25 per player includes lunch. Great prizes and raffles.
To book your spot call Woodburn-Evans Head Golf Club on 6682 2385.

EVANS HEAD PRE-SCHOOL
Evans Head Pre School Association is celebrating forty years of service to the community. Are you, or were your children, past enrolments?
The Pre School is having a big celebration on Sunday, 27th October. 4 pm—5 pm open pre-school 5 pm onwards—dinner and celebrating at Evans Head Bowlo. Tickets will be available soon.
Do you know of anyone who can be invited to the celebration? Please call 6682 5235 or email evansheadpreschool@bigpond.com

Commemorative Cook Book
The Preschool is currently compiling a cookbook jam packed with favourite recipes, photos, drawings, quotes and memories. If you have an association with the preschool, please send your favourite recipe and any preschool snaps, memories or quotes to the pre-school ASAP.
40 years is a big achievement.—please help celebrate!

ENTERTAINERS
The Evans Head Pre School is looking for some entertainers to help celebrate their 40 years of operation on Sunday, 27th October. If you have a talent and would like to contribute, please call 6682 5235 or email: evansheadpreschool@bigpond.com

WOODBURN RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL 2013
Please return by Wednesday, 4th September
My child/children ____________________________________________ in Year/s__________
Will be attending the Woodburn Riverside Festival celebrations
Will not be attending the Woodburn Riverside Festival celebrations
Name: ____________________________________________ Date: ________________

BEACH-A-THON TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS
Please return by Wednesday, 11th September
My child/children ____________________________________________ will be attending the Beach-a-thon at Evans Head on Monday, 16th September.
My child/children will:
1) Travel to Evans Head and back on the bus
2) Travel privately to and from the Surf Club
Name: ____________________________________________ Signature: __________________________