Dear Families,

Last weekend we welcomed spring and as we leave winter behind we tend to feel re-energised and reinvigorated ready to tackle anything!! As we become aware of the signs of the new life of spring bursting around us we are reminded of the love, life and energy that are the gifts we receive with each new day. Let us embrace each day as an expression of God’s love for us.

What has happened before in our lives is all passed.
What we had been and what we have done belong to yesterday.
What we are and what we can be - with God’s help - is our TODAY.

One day at a time - this is enough.
Do not look back and grieve over the past for it is gone;
And do not be troubled by the future, for it is yet to come.
Live in the present and make it so beautiful it will be worth remembering.

It is God who enables us to smile in spite of tears;
To carry on when you feel like giving in;
To pray when you are at a loss for words;
To love even though your heart has been broken time and time again;
To sit calmly when you feel like throwing your hands up in frustration;
To be understanding when nothing seems to make sense;
To listen when you’d rather not hear;
To share your feelings with others because sharing is necessary to ease the load.

Anything is possible because God makes it so.

Life is a series of beginnings that brings us closer to the realisation of our dreams.

Father,
Let every day be a dream we can touch,
Let every day be a love we can feel,
Let every day be a reason to live.

MAKING JESUS REAL—What’s it all about?
If you have visited St Joseph’s recently you will notice the Making Jesus Real posters around our school. Each week I will provide some information about MJR so that you can support this program at home.

○ MJR is not a programme, but a way of life –Christ’s way.
○ MJR is easy, you are already doing it.
○ MJR is a simple message, it is part of our lives, the way we live our daily lives.
○ There are 30 or so God Moments happening in your school yard each day, come and GET SWITCHED ON TO THEM.
○ MJR is aimed at the children recognising they are in charge of their attitude to life and people, and they are responsible for their own growth as a person.
○ MJR changes the culture of your school, it is aimed at recognising the God Moments in your class and school. It has changed school cultures throughout each state in Australia.

GOD MOMENTS
A God Moment is when you see Jesus reflected through that person or event or scenery. Very often it happens when you think back on your day. Each week we will choose two people (randomly selected from our ‘God Moments’ box) and put their photo and their ‘god moment’ on display.

Katelyn Bodley—Year 4—For seeing a friend sitting on their own and inviting them to sit with her.

Madison Newman—Year 3—For lending her pencils to another class member.
BEACH-A-THON
We are looking forward to a great day on Monday, 16th September. All parents and friends are invited to come along and share in the day - the more the merrier!
Please note the following details:

♦ All children are to wear their sports uniform and joggers. Everyone must wear their school hat and wear sunscreen.
♦ 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 2.15pm.

WELCOME ‘JUNIOR JOEYS’
On Monday we welcomed our ‘Junior Joeys’ to our school. This was their first visit and it was great to see how well they settled into the school routine. Each and everyone of them left with a smile on their face looking forward to their next visit on Monday!
**SRC FUNDRAISER REMINDER**

Our SRC representatives have organised another end of term fundraiser. The money raised will go to the Junior Diabetes Foundation. Each class will come dressed in a jellybean colour (as jellybeans are the junior diabetes symbol):

- Kindergarten—rainbow
- Year One—red
- Year Two—yellow
- Year Three—green
- Year Four—blue
- Year Five—purple
- Year Six—black and white

There will also be a jellybean guessing competition with guesses 50 cents each.

The students have also been practising for the talent quest with finalists performing on this day.

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**ST JOSEPH’S CROSS COUNTRY 2013—REMEMINDER**

We are running our cross country (our 4th attempt!) 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.

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: 8 years girls/boys
- 10.50am: 8 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.

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**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

**Monday, 9th September**
- Judie Lollback
- Linda Collin

**Wednesday, 11th September**
- Naomi Robinson
- Ria Pearson (AM)
- Helen Kirk (PM)

*Thank you ladies!*

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**POLDING ATHLETICS**

This Carnival was held in Newcastle today at the Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale. St Joseph’s Woodburn had two students representing the Lismore Diocese: Alice and Nella Bradford. We are looking forward to hearing about their experience on their return.

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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

**TERM 3 — WEEK 8**

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

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**NEW TUCKSHOP PRICES**

Please note the change of price for some tuckshop items:

- LARGE PIES $3.80
- CHOCOLATE MILK $1.50
- BERRI 350ml JUICE $2.30

Please ensure that lunch orders are written on a lunch order bag with the money enclosed. We are getting quite a number of orders on envelopes or in small plastic bags and money is being lost before these orders get to school.
DEADLY AUSTRALIANS PERFORMANCE

Yesterday we had Mark from Deadly Australians visit our school. Below are some recounts on this performance.

Deadly Animals by Jed Dougherty—Year One
Snakes are deadly animals. They can kill people. How about sea creatures—like box jellyfish? If you didn’t already know box jelly fish are the most dangerous living things on earth even including human beings! If you got stung by a box jellyfish you would start bleeding. IT WOULD BE SO PAINFUL! I’ve heard of a child who was stung by one but he didn’t die!

How about spiders? It definitely depends on what spider. For example, red back spiders, definitely yes!

Deadly Australians by Cooper Davis—Year Two
In the library Mark showed us many deadly Australian animals like box jellyfish, brown snakes and long necked turtles (they aren’t deadly!). We also saw some animals that were not from Australia like a children’s python. We got to pat it! Mark also talked about dangers and what to do if you are bitten or stung by a dangerous animal. For example, if a snake bites you on the arm you wrap a bandage around it and you go to hospital.

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.

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

At this stage we have only a very small number of students indicating that they are able to be part of our performance. I urge any family who will be around on the day of the festival to consider joining St Joseph’s as the more voices the more successful the performance will be. Please let fill out the reply slip and return to school.

SUMMERLAND CREDIT UNION COLOURING IN COMPETITION
If your child/children are interested in entering this competition please returned the completed entry to school by Wednesday, 18th September and we will forward to the Credit Union.

BOOK FAIR THANKS
Thank you to all families who supported our Book Fair during Book Week. We now have $550.00 to spend on books for our library. This is a great effort and we are grateful of your support that enables to add new books to our library.

LIBRARY BOOKS
There will be no borrowing in the last week of term. Please ensure that all books are returned to the library prior to this so that books can be returned to shelves in preparation for next term.
WOODBURN RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL 2013
Riverside Park, Woodburn
Saturday, 12th October - this is the first weekend after the school holidays
Start designing and building your raft for the Great Raft Race! Rafts can be made of anything that will float as long as it is not a boat or a rubber raft, and must not be motor-powered.
Start training for the Biathlon! Swim across the river and run back across the bridge.
Two age groups - 16 and under, and over 16. Plus much more entertainment and activities during the day from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
For more information contact the Woodburn Visitor Information Centre on 6682 2032.

WOODBURN WOLVES FOOTBALL CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD 15/10/2013 @ WOODBURN PUB

BEACH-A-THON TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS
Please return by Wednesday, 11th September
My child/children ________________________________ in Year/s ____________
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: ________________________________