Dear Families,

I would like to thank the many parents who have offered me their best wishes as I leave St Joseph’s to take up the Principalship at St Carthage’s in Lismore next year. This was not an easy decision as my time at St Joseph’s has been an extremely rewarding and happy time. This was due to the fantastic students, staff and parents who have made my job so enjoyable on so many different levels. I have at all times felt supported and valued in my role over the past six years and will leave this school community with a sense of fulfilment as well as so many happy memories that I will talk about as the year draws to an end.

Today is World Teachers’ Day in Australia. Elsewhere World Teachers’ Day was celebrated on 5th October, but here in Australia most schools are on holidays, so it is usually celebrated on the last Friday of the month of October. World Teachers’ Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society. It is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community. Around Australia ceremonies and celebrations will acknowledge the work that teachers do. We, at St Joseph's Woodburn, are most fortunate to have a highly skilled, dedicated and professional teaching staff.

Teaching is a very rewarding profession where we can watch the changes, and sometimes transformation of students in so many different areas—academically, socially, creatively, physically and spiritually. We thank our students and families for making our profession exciting and stimulating and also, at times, challenging. Thank you also to our wonderful parents (the first teachers of your children) for your valued support and cooperation as we work together to shape the minds of the future.

I leave you with this quote:

“From the time a child enters a school to the time an adult finishes the last of their education, the teacher is there helping, guiding, instructing, but above all inspiring individuals to learn. Without them we have no education.”

(Bill Ratteree)

YEARS 5 and 6 LAKE KEEPIT EXCURSION
Last week forty Stage 3 students from St Joseph’s Woodburn travelled to Lake Keepit, near Tamworth, for a week of magical learning experiences. Part of this camp was to take risks, meet new challenges, work as part of a team and to take the students out of their comfort zones and try new activities. Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 students from Woodburn who accepted the challenges of this camp and really enjoyed being with students from other schools as well. Activities included archery, rock-wall climbing, canoeing, kayaking, sailing low ropes, giant swing, games night and a social/dance to name a few. All of the students came away with memories that will last quite a while - from reaching the top of the difficult wall climb to getting a bulls-eye at archery. It wasn’t easy for some students as some activities were difficult and required co-operation, working with others, skill and problem solving. Thank you to Miss Egan, Mrs Bell, Mr Gaggin, Mr Cocciola, Miss Bone and Miss Beattie for giving up their family time to ensure that all students were well fed, clean and happy – well done, everyone!

INFANTS CURRUMBIN EXCURSION
Last Friday our Infants students and teachers boarded the buses in the rain on their way to the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. The children were all very excited to be on a bus with seatbelts! and the conversation on the journey was filled with excitement about the day ahead. Thankfully the rain was intermittent and light before it cleared to an overcast day so that movement around the park was not hindered. The faces of the children were priceless as they encountered each new experience. We thank our parent and grandparent helpers who assisted so proficiently and helped to make the day a wonderful experience for our students.

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Next Meeting
The next Parent Forum meeting will be held on Monday, 28th October at 3.30 pm. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Christmas Raffle
We have started collecting items for our Christmas Hamper that will be raffled at our Christmas Concert in December. Please send items in with your children.

Remembrance Day
Remembrance Day is on Monday, 11th November. We will commemorate this very special day with a liturgy that will be prepared and led by Year 5 and Mr Cocciola at 10.45 am.

UPCOMING EVENTS
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

School Reports and Interviews
School Reports will be sent home in Week 10 and parents who wish to have an interview with their child’s teacher are advised that staff will be setting aside times for interviews if needed. Some parents may not feel that an interview is required at this time and may prefer to wait for our interview period early in Term 1, 2014 to catch up with your child’s new teacher.

Swimming Carnival
St Joseph’s Swimming Carnival for Years 2 - 6 will be held on Friday, 13th December at the Evans Head Aquatic Centre.

St Joseph’s Christmas Concert
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SUMMERLAND CREDIT UNION COMPETITION
Congratulations to Natasha Wotherspoon and Daniel Lollback who were winners in the recent colouring in competition. They were presented with their prizes on Tuesday. Congratulations also to our certificate winners—well done everyone!

PARENT FORUM NEWS

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SCU PRACTICUM STUDENTS
Today we said goodbye and thank you to our four Southern Cross University students who have been working at St Joseph’s for the past three weeks. We thank them for the positive contribution that each of them has made to teaching and learning, and we wish them all the very best for their future careers in the teaching profession.

SCHOOL FEES
We wish to thank those families who have:

- Paid their accounts in full
- Established and maintained regular payment plans
- Contacted the Principal to discuss payment options

However, we still have a number of families with outstanding school fees. We remind parents that it is your responsibility to contact the Principal to discuss issues that are affecting you in meeting your school fees obligations. We are currently reviewing the list of those families who have not finalised their 2013 fees (unless they have maintained a consistent, regular payment schedule).

Please finalise your school fees payments as soon as possible or make an appointment to meet with the Principal to discuss final payment by Friday, 8th November.
**CALENDAR - TERM 4 WEEK 4**

**Monday, 28th October**  
School Tuckshop  
Stage Meetings—3.30 pm  
Parent Forum Meeting—3.30 pm

**Tuesday, 29th October**  
Sports Uniform  
Centenary Committee Meeting—2.30 pm

**Wednesday, 30th October**  
School Tuckshop  
Library  
Leaders of Catechesis and Evangelisation Conference—Miss Egan and Mrs Boyd

**Thursday, 31st October**  
Sports Uniform  
Swimming ($2.00 per student)  
Science Enrichment Day, Casino—Mr Cocciola  
Leaders of Catechesis and Evangelisation Conference—Miss Egan and Mrs Boyd  
Richmond Zone Summer Sports Trials—4 pm

**Friday, 1st November**  
All Saints’ Day  
Richmond Zone Summer Sports Trials, Lismore  
School Assembly: 2.30 pm - Stage 3

**Saturday, 2nd November**  
Children’s Liturgy—6 pm—All Saints’ Woodburn

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**PARISH MELBOURNE CUP SWEEP**  
Thanks to those who have supported the Parish Melbourne Cup Sweep. Tickets need to be returned to the school office by Friday, 1st November, sold or unsold. Thank you for your support of our Parish in this way.

**BOOK CLUB**  
The latest Book Club brochures have been sent home. Please note that orders are due back at school by Tuesday, 29th October.

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

- Monday, 28th October  
  Judie Lollback  
  Linda Collins

- Wednesday, 30th October  
  Tanya Davidson  
  Alisha Youngberry (AM)  
  Naomi Robinson (PM)

*Thank you, ladies!*

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
Happy Birthday to Eamonn Wilde who celebrated his birthday this week.

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**NELLA BRADFORD**  
Last Wednesday and Thursday Nella Bradford represented Polding at the PSSA Athletics Competition in Sydney. Nella was competing in the junior girls shotput event. There were over forty girls competing in this event and Nella was successful in making the finals (only 8 girls competed in the final). Nella finished fifth in this event and we congratulate her on this outstanding achievement.

**RICHMOND ZONE SUMMER SPORTS TRIALS**  
The Richmond Zone Summer Sports Trials for Years 4 and 5 talented/skilled students will be held in Lismore on Thursday, 31st October commencing at 4 pm. St Joseph’s has three students trialling in touch football—Tara Blunn, Ryne Dicinoski and Toby Felsh. We wish them all the best at these trials.

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**CURRUMBIN**
YEAR 5 and 6 CAMP—LAKE KEEPIT