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**SCHOOL MASS**
Our next school Mass will be on Friday, 31st May at 10.15 am. We have postponed our Naidoc Mass until a later date. This Mass will be prepared and led by Year 2 and Miss Taylor. Everyone is welcome to join us for this celebration.

**CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT CEREMONY**
Our Confirmation candidates will be formally enrolled at our Parish Masses next weekend—**Saturday, 25th May at 5.00 pm at All Saints’ Church, Woodburn or Sunday, 26th May at 7.30 am at St John’s Church Evans Head.**
There will be a children’s liturgy at the 5.00 pm Mass at Woodburn.

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—THURSDAY, 30th MAY**
There will be no school for students on Thursday, 30th May as staff are involved in the Diocesan PROCLAIM Day at Trinity, Lismore.

**MINI VINNIES WINTER APPEAL**
At the recent meeting of St Joseph’s Woodburn’s Mini Vinnies Team it was decided that our team would assist the Evans Head St Vincent de Paul Society by collecting for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

Students may bring to school as a donation any warm clothing or blankets that could be distributed as needed by the Evans Head St Vincent de Paul Society. There are needy families in our local community who would appreciate our generosity.

Contributions to this appeal can be sent along to school before the end of June. We thank you for your support and generosity.

St Joseph’s Woodburn Mini Vinnies Team

**WOOLWORTHS DOCKETS**
Please collect your Woolworths shopping stickers and send them into school. Woolworths are offering educational resources. Every docket helps!

**PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS**

**EARLY LITERACY SKILLS**
Thank you to Mrs Boyd for organising our Early Literacy Skills information evening on Wednesday and to the many parents who came along to learn more about the acquisition of these important literacy skills—well done, Megan!

**CYBER SAFETY AND AWARENESS**
Straun Presgrave, Youth Liaison Office with the Police Department, will be speaking to parents on **Tuesday, 11th June at 5.30 pm** in the school library about the need for parents to be cyber aware, particularly when children are using social media. With the rapid growth of social networking sites, many of them being unprotected, it is important that parents are aware of the implications and dangers of unsupervised usage of this media. I encourage as many parents as possible to attend this evening. (Please fill out the reply slip at the back of this Newsletter.)

**CALENDAR TERM 2**

**WEEK 4**

| Monday, 20th May | Tuckshop  
| Staff Meeting |
| Tuesday, 21st May | Sports Uniform |
| Wednesday, 22nd May | Tuckshop  
| Library |
| Thursday, 23rd May | Sport  
| Richmond Principals’ Cluster Meeting  
| Pie Drive pick-up: from 2 pm |
| Friday, 24th May | Biggest Morning Tea—10.30 am: School Library  
| Stage 3 Assembly—2.30 pm: School Library |

| **Saturday, 25th May** | Confirmation Enrolment Ceremony: Mass 5.00 pm  
| All Saints’ Church, Woodburn |
| **Sunday, 26th May** | Confirmation Enrolment Ceremony: Mass 7.30 am  
| St John’s Church, Evans Head |

**WEEK 5**

| Monday, 27th May | Tuckshop  
| Staff Meeting  
| Paul Wilson Soccer Challenge—11.30 Woodburn Soccer Grounds  
| Diocesan Netball Challenge—11.30am School |
| Tuesday, 28th May | Sports Uniform |
| Wednesday, 29th May | Tuckshop  
| Library |
| Thursday, 30th May | **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY—PROCLAIM**  
| **- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS** |
| Friday, 31st May | **Mass - 10.15am** |
CROSS COUNTRY
I think we are jinxed! Unfortunately our school grounds are again water logged with pools of water still lying on the surface making it impossible for us to run our Cross Country again! We will keep you posted on a new date.

SCHOOL FEES
School fees statements have been sent home this week. The second termly payment is due by Friday, 7th June. If you have any queries about your statement, please don’t hesitate to give Lesley a call.

TUCKSHOP
Soup will once again be available to order on Monday: PUMPKIN or MINESTRONE at $1.00 per serve

Please also note the following Tuckshop price changes which were also on the latest Tuckshop Menu and price list sent home earlier this term:

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TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Monday, 20th May
Kim McClure
Robyn Hatcher

Wednesday, 22nd May
Jodie Sauer
Alisha Youngberry

Thank you ladies!

STUDENT ATTENDANCE REMINDER
The School Attendance Exemption application is available on the website. This form must be used to apply for exemption from school. This form is not needed if a student is sick but MUST be lodged if you are taking any days off school for holidays, family events or trips to out of school sporting events. Thank you to the many families who have lodged these forms for events.

NAPLAN
Congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 5 students who completed the National Assessment in Literacy and Numeracy this week. By all accounts students were quite happy with their performance. For parents’ information the results of these assessments will not be available until the end of Term 3 or early Term 4.

PARENT FORUM NEWS
PIE DRIVE
Just a reminder that pies will be available for collection on Thursday, 23rd May from the Meeting Room from 2 pm onwards.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA
Parent Forum will host a Biggest Morning Tea next Friday, 24th May at 10.30 am in the school library—please see details later in the attached flyer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Happy birthday to those who celebrated their birthday this week: Nella Bradford, Angus O’Connor-Lohman, Heidi Pearson, Jonathan Robinson, Alex Yager, Matthew Woolley, Toby Felschy, Kellie-Ann Boland and Bailey Hatcher.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
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CONGRATULATIONS!

WINTER UNIFORM REMINDER
As the weather is becoming cooler please ensure that your children are in the correct uniform for the winter months. Please note the following winter requirements:

Girls are not to wear tracksuit pants under their summer dress. They can wear:
♦ Bottle green slacks (not dance pants) with gold polo shirt
♦ Green tights under their summer dress with green sloppy joe/jacket.
♦ Boys and girls can wear track suit pants with gold polo shirts on sports days.
♦ Reminder that girl’s hair MUST be tied back.

Please return by Friday, 31st May

NAME: __________________________

I / We will be attending the Cyber safety awareness Information evening on Tuesday, 11th June at 5.30 pm in the school library.

Signed: __________________________

CYBER SAFETY AND AWARENESS