Dear Families,

At this time of the year teachers are in the process of finalising students’ assessments and Semester One reports and I frequently hear them talking and discussing work covered, results gained and effort applied in order to decide on a final grade. Reporting is not an easy process and there is much time, thought and deliberation put into the final result. It becomes an even more difficult task when teachers are required to teach all day and then work on their reports after school and on weekends. I congratulate all staff on their commitment in ensuring that students’ reports are a true and accurate reflection of their progress and effort. I recently read this article about the teaching vocation and thought that this was an appropriate time to share it with you.

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life. One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued, “What’s a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher?”

He reminded the other dinner guests what they say about teachers: “Those who can, do. Those who can’t, teach.” To stress his point he said to another guest: “You’re a teacher, Bonnie. Be honest. What do you make?”

Bonnie, who had a reputation for honesty and frankness replied, “You want to know what I make?” (She paused for a second, then began...)

“Well, I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could. I make a C+ feel like the Order of Australia. I make kids sit through 2 hours of class time when their parents can’t make them sit for 5 without an IPod, Game Cube or movie rental. You want to know what I make?” (She paused again and looked at each and every person at the table.)

Their jaws dropped, and they went silent.

“I make kids wonder. I make them question. I make them apologize and mean it. I make them respect and take responsibility for their actions. I teach them to write and then I make them write. Keyboarding isn’t everything...I make them read, read, read. I make them show all their working in maths. They use their God given brain, not the man-made calculator. I make my students from other countries learn everything they need to know in English while preserving their unique cultural identity. I make my classroom a place where all my students feel safe. Finally, I make them understand that if they use the gifts they were given, work hard, and follow their hearts, they can succeed in life. That’s what I make!”

(Bonnie paused one last time and then continued.)

“Then, when people try to judge me by what I make, with me knowing money isn’t everything, I can hold my head up high and pay no attention because they are ignorant...You want to know what I make? I MAKE A DIFFERENCE. What do you make Mr CEO?”

It is timely that we have our long weekend this weekend. With the large amount of sickness around at the moment hopefully the extra day will give children the opportunity to re-energise and rest, ready for the remainder of the term. I hope that each of you enjoy your long weekend together!

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2014

Places for Kindergarten 2014 are filling fast. There will be an information evening for parents who would like more information about St Joseph's on Wednesday, 19th June at 6.00 pm in the library. We will have a tour of the school at the conclusion of the meeting for anyone who may be interested.

Our current families who have a child starting in Kindergarten next year will have their enrolment form sent home next week. These families are also welcome at our information evening although this is not necessary.

We are also enrolling now for Years 1 - 6, 2014. Information is available from the school office.
SEMESTER 1 REPORTS
All children will bring home their Semester Reports on Thursday, 27th June. Portfolios will remain at school to be used at interview. The reports are designed to be read in a quiet setting with your child focusing on the positives and looking at future goals. Reports are NOT a comparison between children. If you require further information about the Common Grade Scale used for reporting, your child's teacher can supply this.

Every family is expected to attend a Parent-Teacher Interview in Week 2 of Term 3. Details of the interview times will be sent home in the first week of next term. Please select a time from the note and we will try our best to fit everyone into the requested time slot. Parents requesting consecutive interviews for their children must return their notes promptly to ensure getting times requested. We look forward to celebrating your child's successes with you.

Your Child's Report
All schools in NSW are required to use the A-E (the Common Grade Scale) reporting system for students from Year 1 onwards. What does this mean? The Common Grade Scale describes performance at each of five grade levels as set out below.

A: The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.

B: The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.

C: The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

D: The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

E: The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

Celebrate if your child receives a C for achievement - C is the grade that each child is expected to achieve in each Key Learning Area. C is success.

SCHOOL MASS
Our next school mass will be on Friday, 14th June at 9.30 am (please note the earlier time). The mass will be prepared and led by Miss Taylor and Year 2. Everyone is very welcome.

BISHOP'S VISIT
On Friday, 14th June we will welcome Bishop Jarrett, Bishop of the Lismore Diocese, who will be visiting our school to speak to the Confirmation candidates.

CALENDAR – TERM 2 WEEK 7
Monday, 10th June
NO SCHOOL - QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday, 11th June
Sports Uniform
Straun Presgrave Parent Information Evening
—Cyber Safety—5.30 pm
Wednesday, 12th June
Tuckshop
Library
Thursday, 13th June
Sport
Friday, 14th June
Mass Year 2—9.30 am (Please note earlier time)
Bishop Jarrett’s Visit—10.30 am
Saturday, 15th June
Confirmation—5.00 pm All Saints’ Church, Woodburn

TERM 2 WEEK 8
Monday, 17th June
Tuckshop
Tuesday, 18th June
Sports uniform
Poetry and Prose Evening—5.30 pm
Wednesday, 19th June
Tuckshop
Library
Curriculum Co-ordinators and Leaders of Pedagogy meeting—Miss Egan and Mr Maslen
Kindergarten 2014 Information Evening—6.00 pm
Thursday, 20th June
Sport
Friday, 21st June
Infants Assembly—2.30 pm

CYBER SAFETY INFORMATION EVENING - REMINDER
Just a reminder that our Cyber Safety Information Evening is on Tuesday, 11th June at 5.30 pm in the library. Everyone is welcome.

MINI VINNIES PRE-SCHOOL VISIT
Representatives from our Mini Vinnie’s group visited the Woodburn Pre-school on Wednesday. Whilst there they helped the children to make a musical instrument that they had designed themselves. There was a lot of fun and laughter as the students interacted together.

SRC PYJAMA DAY FUNDRAISER
The SRC have organised a fundraiser for Thursday, 27th June. The day will be titled “Pyjama Party”. The students may come to school dressed in their pyjamas, dressing gowns, slippers etc. The students will be charged a gold coin for this privilege.
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - Wednesday, 26th June
The St Joseph’s Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday, 26th June at Riverview Park, Union Street in Lismore. Students will travel by bus to and from Lismore. There will be no charge for the bus. Parents may take their child/children directly from Lismore with parent’s signed permission. Please fill in the permission note at the back of this newsletter, and return to school by Friday, 14th June.

Parents are needed to help with this Carnival, e.g. recorders, judges, etc for both field and track events. If you are able to assist please fill out the reply slip and return it to school by Friday, 14th June.

Pizzas will be available on the day but they must be pre-ordered at $1.00 per slice.
Options available are:
♦ Ham and Pineapple
♦ Cheese
♦ Meat Lovers

If you would like to order lunch for your child or yourself on this day please complete your order on a lunch bag as usual, labelled ‘Athletics Carnival’ and return it to school with the money by Friday, 21st June.

Cakes will be available for purchase at morning tea.

Juice, water and packets of chips will also be available on the day.

Please return the note in this Newsletter if you are able to help out with the serving, preparing, etc on the day.

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

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Ella Robinson
Kell Reese
Jak Ferguson |
| 7.30am | St John’s Church, Evans Head | 15th/16th June
Eamonn Wilde, Jasmine McClure
Jonathan Robinson, Tara Blunn |
| 9.15am | St Joseph’s Church, Coraki | Liana Sparenburg |

5 ways to a healthy lifestyle
Our school is participating in Live Life Well at School.

In the classroom and playground we will be building the knowledge, skills and attitudes of your children to help make them more active, more often, as well as helping students to make healthy eating choices.

At home, with good food habits and daily physical activity the family will be well on their way to a healthy life. Easy to say, but sometimes not so easy to do! Our busy lifestyles can be hard on our family's health. Rushing to and from school and work can make it hard to find time to be physically active.

We can also slip into the habit of choosing unhealthy snacks and take-away foods or spending our free time watching TV or in front of the computer. However, these choices can be dangerous for our health and our children's health – both now and in the long-term.

That’s why it’s so important to stop, take stock and make a conscious decision to follow a healthy lifestyle.

There are five simple ways for your family to lead a healthy lifestyle and get back on track:

♦ Choose water as a drink
♦ Eat fewer snacks and select healthier alternatives
♦ Get active each day
♦ Turn off the TV or computer and get active
♦ Eat more fruit and vegies

SICKNESS
It’s that time of the year again when there are incidences of colds and the usual winter bugs. We ask that if your children are not well, please keep them at home to stop the spread of germs.

We have also had reports of head lice, so please check and treat your children if necessary.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Monday, 10th June
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday, 12th June
Jodie Sauer
Buffie Scott (PM)
HELP NEEDED IN AM

Thank you ladies!
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - TAKE 4!
We are going to attempt to run our Cross Country on Thursday, 13th June at 11.30 am. Students may wear their colour house t-shirt to school but may need a change of clothes if the grounds are still damp. We will keep you informed as the day gets closer—fingers crossed!

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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - Riverview Park, Lismore
Please return by Friday, 21st June

I give permission for my child/children ________________________________ in Year/s ________________ to travel to and from Lismore by bus on Wednesday, 26th June to participate in the School Athletics Carnival.

My child/children will travel by bus to and from the Athletics Carnival.

I will be picking my child/children up from Riverview Park

Other: __________________________________________________________

Name: ___________________________ Signature: _________________________

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - EVENTS HELPERS
Please return by Friday, 21st June

I am able to help with events at the Athletics Carnival on Wednesday, 26th June.

Name: ___________________________ Phone number: ______________________

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - Morning Tea and Lunch Assistance
Please return by Friday, 21st June

I am able to help with morning tea (selling cakes, etc) ☐

I am able to assist selling chips/drinks at morning tea ☐ Please tick

I am able to help distribute lunches ☐

I am able to assist selling chips/drinks at lunch time ☐

Name: ___________________________ Phone No: _________________________

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CONGRATULATIONS!