Dear Families,

Religious commitment is a highly personal decision. God calls all of us to a loving and personal relationship with Him. For each of us this call may come in many different ways and each person has to make a conscious, thoughtful, free decision to accept and follow that call. Sometimes, for a thousand different reasons, we allow our commitment to our Church community to lapse.

However, along the path of our life, God provides what could be termed as ‘little interventions’ or chances to evaluate our life and especially our faith life. Maybe such an intervention is associated with a particular event in the life of your children, perhaps an illness, accident or death of a friend or relative. Such events might help us to reconsider our life’s direction.

As parents, you have given life to your children and are their principal educators. It is in the family group that Christian values are first instilled and Christian attitudes formed. As you took your children to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, it is your role to walk with them as they continue their initiation into the Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation, Penance and Eucharist.

As we celebrate Confirmation in our Parish family this weekend, we reflect on our own Confirmation and personal faith journey. In this Sacrament the Holy Spirit calls, helps and co-operates with us in our efforts to become witnesses to Christ in our family, school, workplace and community. It is an effective sign of God’s presence and activity. It is a Sacrament of process, of change and growth. It is kept alive by the way a person, with the help of the Holy Spirit, tries to overcome negative forces in their lives.

This morning Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett, Bishop of Lismore, visited our school and spent some time talking with our Confirmation candidates. Bishop was very impressed with the depth of knowledge expressed by the students and he commented on their overall enthusiasm and energy. May all of us renew our faith through sharing in the gifts of the Spirit as we pray for our Confirmation candidates. We congratulate our Confirmation candidates as they take this next step in their faith journey:

Deklan Allen  
Billy Bradford  
Lateisha Doran  
Taylah Fardy  
Domanic Mason

Amity McMahon  
Zackery McMahon  
Savannah Novak  
Lani Reese  
Kell Reese

Tom Reese  
Charlotte Walsh  
Declan Wilde  
Kade Williams

We also thank Miss Taylor, Mrs Boyd, Miss Egan, Sr Jenny and Fr Richard for the great work that they have done over the last couple of weeks in preparing these students for their Confirmation.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to join us at this special Mass tomorrow evening - 5 pm at All Saints’ Church, Woodburn.

KINDERGARTEN 2014 INFORMATION EVENING

Next Wednesday evening at 6.00 pm we will be holding an Information Night for families who wish to consider St Joseph’s as an option for school next year. This night gives families and carers the opportunity to visit the school and get a feel for what our school espouses. Not only does it afford parents and carers the opportunity to learn more about what our school offers educationally, but many visitors have stated that our school has a ‘lovely feel’, that it is a very welcoming place to walk into and hopefully prospective parents will also feel this as they enter the school. St Joseph’s is a school renowned for its welcoming and inclusive atmosphere and that is largely thanks to you, our parent body. It is our families and friends who make St Joseph’s a great place to be and I see this in action regularly; at the school disco, the zone cross country canteen, helpers and volunteers around our school and on many other occasions - people working together to achieve the best all round outcomes for your children - our students.

Information nights such as these are very valuable, but I believe that the best advertisement or recommendation for our school is word of mouth. It’s what you say that influences people’s decisions on their child’s education more than any other form of advertising. So if you are happy with your child’s school let others know, as this is a great opportunity to celebrate with others the wonderful sense of community that exists here and to acknowledge the great things that continue to happen at St Joseph’s.
SCHOOL REPORTS
School reports will be sent home on Thursday, 27th June. As you are aware School Reports are now in the Plain English Report format as mandated by the government in 2006.

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.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY REMINDER
Just a reminder that our next Professional Development Day for this year will be on Friday, 28th June the last day of Term 2 and also the first day back in Term 3, Monday, 15th July. There will be no school for students on these days.

INFANTS ASSEMBLY
There will be an Infants Assembly next Friday, 21st June at 2.30 pm in the library. Everyone is welcome!

CROSS COUNTRY
We are going to leave our Cross Country until next term after four unsuccessful attempts. As we have our Athletics Carnival in a couple of weeks we will hold off our Cross Country until the weather improves!

PARENT FORUM NEWS
GREYHOUND FUNDRAISER
Parent Forum are again organising a Greyhound Fundraising night for Tuesday, 30th July. This night has been a great success in the past and we are looking forward to your support again this year. Sponsors are needed for the nine races — please see attached flyer. More details to follow.

SCU PRACTICUM STUDENTS
We would like to thank our practicum students who today complete their four weeks school placement as part of their Bachelor of Education studies at Southern Cross University. We hope that they have enjoyed their time here and we thank them for the positive contribution they have made to St Joseph’s.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We’re now at the important stage of the program where Points Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn Points Stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they may be stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!

FAREWELL TO SR JENNY
After six years of living and working in the St Joseph’s Parish, Sr Jenny will be leaving at the end of July to take up a new ministry in Grafton. Her ministry will be to contribute to the life of the Sisters’ community, to share administrative tasks on behalf of the Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua and New Guinea, and to the pastoral and liturgical life of the parish.

St Joseph’s school community would like to farewell Sr Jenny with a thank you liturgy followed by morning tea on Tuesday, 25th June at 10.45 am. We invite our school family to come along and say goodbye and thank you to Sr Jenny for her six years of energy, enthusiasm and support that she has shown our school community.

We will have morning tea in the library and I ask that you bring along a plate to share.
SPORTS NEWS

POLDING HOCKEY 2012
Good luck to Alice Bradford and Kalani Moss who are competing in Polding Hockey on Tuesday, 18th June until Thursday, 20th June in Grafton. Good luck girls!

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. All students are expected to travel to Lismore on the bus. Parents may take their child/children directly from Lismore with parent’s signed permission. There will be no charge for the bus.

Each family needs to have a Permission Note completed and returned to school by Friday, 21st June.

Children may wear a blue/yellow/green coloured T-shirt appropriate to their Sports House and appropriate shorts. Students will need to take their morning tea and lunch (if they have not pre-ordered pizza) and plenty of water. Sunscreen should be applied before leaving home and students must wear their school hat.

Parent helpers are needed to help with tasks such as recording on the day - please return the reply slip in this Newsletter by Friday, 21st June if you are able to help out.

Pizzas will be available on the day but they must be pre-ordered at $1.00 per slice.
Please write each child’s order on a lunch bag and send to school with the money enclosed by Friday, 21st June. Options available are:
♦ Ham and Pineapple
♦ Cheese
♦ Meat Lovers

Cakes will be available for purchase at morning tea.
Could children from Kindergarten, Years 1 and Year 6 please provide a plate to be sold for morning tea; eg cakes, slice, biscuits. These can be sent to school on the morning of the carnival. Thank you.

Juice, water and packets of chips will also be available on the day. If you are able to help out with the serving, preparing, etc, please return the note in this Newsletter by Friday, 21st June.

A Mobile Coffee Van will be on site during the Carnival for those who would like to indulge in a cappuccino, tea, or hot chocolate.

Thank you to families for your support.

We’re looking forward to a successful and enjoyable day for all.

SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

Thank you to the many families who have finalised their school fees for this term.

We still have a number of families who have not paid their school fees for Term 2. This totals a substantial amount of money and, like any organisation, we too have accounts to pay. Some families are ignoring fee reminders and will be contacted to explain unpaid fees.

Please phone me at school immediately if you are facing difficulties with fee payments. I would ask that these fees are paid by the first week of Term 3 or contact the office to discuss payment options.

Please be reminded that unpaid school fees could jeopardise attendance at school excursions and camps.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
TERM 2 – WEEK 6

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CONGRATULATIONS!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Best wishes from St Joseph’s school community to those who celebrated their birthday this week: Bridie Moss, Donovan Moss, Lateisha Doran and Mr Andrew Maslen.

LOCAL AMATEUR THEATRE
‘The Last Tempest’ is the name of the latest performance being presented by The Village Players Amateur Theatre. It is being performed on 12th, 13th, 14th, 19th and 20th July 2013 at the Evans River K-12 School Performance Hall. Tickets are $18 each from the Evans Head Bowling Club. Phone 6682 4343 (or at the door subject to availability). For more information regarding times, etc go to: www.thevillageplayers.com.au

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:____________________________

CAR SEAT COVER—FOUND!
A car seat cover for a toddler’s car seat was recently found at the front of the school. Please ring the school for more information.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Monday, 17th June
Kim McClure
Yvonne Stevenson
Wednesday, 19th June
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