Dear Families,

To reach our personal potential we need to have a vision or goal for what we are aiming for in life. At times our vision or goals for the future become clouded by worries, pressures of relationships and disappointments related to work, etc. But we need to have faith that with God’s help we can become ‘a mountaineer’ as in the following story. The following story is a great one to share with our children who sometimes find it hard to keep going when they can’t see the ‘destination’

A Parable
Let us imagine a party of tourists who have set out to climb a difficult peak, and let us take a look at them some hours after they have started. By this time we may suppose the party to be divided into three sorts of elements.

Some are regretting having left the inn. The fatigue and risks involved seem out of all proportion to the value of a successful climb. They decide to turn back.

Others are not sorry that they set out. The sun is shining, and there is a beautiful view. But what is the point of climbing any higher? Surely it is better to enjoy the mountain from here, in the open meadow or deep in the wood. And so they stretch out on the grass, or explore the neighbourhood until it is time for a picnic meal.

And lastly there are the others, the real mountaineers, who keep their eyes fixed on the peaks they have sworn to climb. So they set out again.

The tired - the hedonist - the enthusiast. Three types of people: and, deep within our own selves, we hold the germ of all three.

As this will be our last Newsletter for this term I would like to thank everyone who has supported our school during Term 2. It has been an extremely busy term with several major celebrations and events. Special thanks to staff for their co-operation and support which ensures everything runs smoothly and who give of their best at all times. Special thanks to the children who are the life and spirit of our school - their interest, enthusiasm, co-operation and happy manner make this school a welcoming place to be each day.

Have a safe and happy holiday with your children.

CONFIRMATION CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS

Congratulations to the fourteen students who were confirmed on Saturday evening by Bishop Jarrett - Bishop of Lismore. It was a wonderful celebration and all children and families should be very proud of their children for the positive manner in which they participated in this ceremony. A very heartfelt thanks to our parent helpers, Judie Lollback and June Blunn - who came along and helped prepare supper whilst we were at Mass, served food throughout the supper and remained to clean up afterwards.— without your help events such as these would not run as smoothly as they do. It is generosity such as this that helps to make St Joseph’s the wonderful community that it is!

Also, a huge thank you to all the staff, especially Miss Taylor for preparing the students so well, Mrs Boyd, Miss Egan, Father Richard and Sr Jenny for , for the contribution that each one made throughout the time of preparation and on the night. Well done and thanks everyone!
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.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
These interviews are on Monday, 22nd and Tuesday, 23rd July after school. Notes will be sent home next week for you to indicate your preferred times.

HOW DO TEACHERS GIVE A TO E GRADES
Teachers use their professional judgement to determine a student’s grade. Both formal and informal assessments are undertaken throughout the reporting period and an overall achievement judgement call is made by the teacher based on what the student has demonstrated, the standards described in the A-E grade scale and the NSW Syllabus documents.

What does the grade “B” mean?
The student has demonstrated a thorough knowledge and understanding of content and achieved a high level of competence in the processes and skills, and can readily use them in most situations.

What does the grade “E” mean?
The student has demonstrated elementary knowledge and understanding in a few areas of content and achieved very limited competence in some processes and skills that have been taught. For some students more time, practice and support is needed to demonstrate achievement.

PARENT FORUM NEWS
GREYHOUNDS FUNDRAISER
St Joseph’s have been lucky enough to again secure a Greyhound Meet at the Lismore Greyhound track on Tuesday, 31st July. This is a major fundraiser for our school and we would like our school community to support this. Thank you to Tracey Bodley for organising this event for St Joseph’s.

There are several ways that you can assist:
1) Asking family or friends to sponsor a race
   Purchasing a ticket to the greyhound meet.
   Tickets are $5.00 for adults and children are free.
2) All money from tickets sold go to the school.
3) Donating prizes for the raffles.
   Spread the word to family and friends!
   Everyone is welcome!

PARENT FORUM MEETING
Our next Parent Forum Meeting will be on Monday, 22nd July at 2.30pm in the meeting room. Everyone is welcome!

CAL cuE - TERM 2 WEEK 9
Monday, 24th June
Staff Meeting - 3.30 pm
Tuesday, 25th June
Sports Uniform
Farewell Liturgy and Morning Tea for Sr Jenny—10.45, School Library
Wednesday, 26th June
ATHLETIC’S CARNIVAL—Riverview Park, South Lismore
Thursday, 27th June
SRC Fundraiser—‘Pyjama Party’
LAST DAY OF TERM FOR STUDENTS
Friday, 28th June
STAFF RETREAT DAY—No School for students

TERM 3 WEEK 1
Monday, 16th July
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY - NO STUDENTS
Tuesday, 17th July
Students return to school

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.

POLDING HOCKEY 2013
Congratulations to Alice Bradford and Kalani Moss who were representing Polding at the State Hockey Titles in Grafton last week. Alice was named captain of this team which is a great honour. The Polding team made it to the final where they were defeated in the final minute of the game 0-1. Both Kalani and Alice played exceptionally well with Alice being selected in the NSW State Catholic Primary Schools team. Well done Alice and Kalani.

POLDING RUGBY UNION
We congratulate Max Fisher on his selection in the Polding Rugby Union team that will be competing at Forbes next week. We know that he will represent with passion and pride—good luck Max!
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 Monday, 24th 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 Monday 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 Monday, 24th 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 Monday.

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 7

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CONGRATULATIONS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Best wishes from St Joseph’s school community to those who celebrated their birthday this week: Joel Davidson, Mya Tosomeen and Lorna Storman.
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!

WOODBURN TENNIS COURTS
The re-furbished Woodburn Tennis Courts are now open and are available for use 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week. The hire charge is $5 per court for day-time use, $10 for night-time, plus a refundable $5 key deposit. Booking can be made at the Woodburn Visitor Information Centre in the Riverside Park, River Street (Pacific Highway) - phone 6682 2032. Visitor Information Centre opening hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Saturdays, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - Riverview Park, Lismore
Please return by Monday, 24th 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 [ ]

Name:__________________________________________ Signature:____________________________________

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - EVENTS HELPERS
Please return by Monday, 24th 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 Monday, 24th 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:__________________________________________