Dear Families,

This will be our last Newsletter for this term. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the staff and children for all the hard work and commitment that they have shown in this busy and, once again, most rewarding term. Thank you to the many parents who continually support the school with your involvement in so many different ways and in so many different areas at St Joseph's School. We appreciate your generosity in assisting us, for without your help we could not achieve the positive outcomes and partnership that are so important if a school is to run smoothly and efficiently. So THANK YOU to all who continue to make St Joseph's School, Woodburn a safe environment that is rich in learning, and where students are challenged to do their best academically, spiritually, culturally, in sport and socially.

It has been a long term, with many students and teachers succumbing to the many flus and viruses that have been circulating throughout the winter months. I would like to congratulate all students on their excellent behaviour this term and I wish both students and staff all the best for a well earned break to relax and refresh to commence Term 4 on Tuesday, 8th October.

I recently came across this reflection that I believe has a message for each of us!

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His Father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence. The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence. Finally the day came when the boy didn’t lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone.

The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. But it won’t matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound will still be there. A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one. Remember that friends are very rare jewels, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share words of praise and they always want to open their hearts to us.'

I wish all students, families and staff a safe and restful holiday so that all are fresh and ready to take up the challenges of Term 4.

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

14th/15th September

5.00 pm - All Saints’ Church, Woodburn
Leilani Mangan
Ella Robinson

7.30 am - St John’s Church, Evans Head

9.15 am - St Joseph’s Church, Coraki
END OF TERM THANKS
There are many positives to celebrate this term and so much to be grateful for as a community. I have listed some of these positives here:

♦ Successful participation in the Lismore Musical Festival
♦ Participation by our Stage 3 students at the various Enrichment days
♦ Literacy and Numeracy Week and Book Week culminating in our book character parade
♦ Great school Masses prepared by students and staff
♦ The celebration of First Eucharist
♦ Fr Richard’s continual support and presence at the school
♦ The Poetry and Prose Evening for students and families
♦ Fantastic Parent Forum members who continue to work hard to raise funds to improve school resources
♦ The response from the students with school, Zone, Diocesan and Polding sports commitments
♦ Fantastic commitment and dedication shown by staff and students throughout the term

Thank you for the hard work, effort and commitment from our school community; students, staff, parents, families and wider community for the great effort in ensuring we experienced another happy and successful term at St Joseph’s.

FINAL REMINDER _ BEACH-A-THON
We are looking forward to a great day on Monday, 16th September. All parents and friends are invited to come along and share in the day - the more the merrier!
Please note the following details:

♦ All children are to wear their sports uniform and joggers. Everyone must wear their school hat and wear sunscreen.
♦ All children are to bring their own water.
♦ Cold water and frozen orange quarters will be available during the walk.
♦ Children to bring fruit snack and morning tea to have before we set out.
♦ Children may take snacks in their pockets to eat along the way.
♦ Children may meet teachers at the Surf Club from 9.30 am, or travel to school as usual and travel out by bus at 9.20 am to Evans Head at no cost.

Please do not drop students at the Surf Club prior to 9.30 as there will be no supervision prior to this.
♦ The Beach-a-thon will start at approximately 10.00 am.

At the end of the day children may be collected by parents by 2.15 pm from the Surf Club area, or they will be returned to school on the bus. Children will not be allowed to travel with another family unless we have your written permission.

Children must bring their lunch on the day as there will be no lunch orders.

SURF CLUB KIOSK
We have been advised that the Surf Club Kiosk will be open from 8.00am—11.00am for coffee on Monday for anyone who may be interested.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
Thank you for your support of our Woolworths Earn and Learn sticker collection. Our final tally was 11,000 points which is a fantastic effort. We have ordered more musical instruments to complement what we received last year through this program. Thanks again!

STAGE THREE CAMP
In week two of next term our Year 5 and Year 6 students will be travelling to Lake Keepit Sports and Recreation Centre (near Tamworth) for their four night camp. The students will be involved in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities, and if the previous camps are anything to go by, they are in for a challenging but very enjoyable experience

STAGE TWO CAMP
Our Year 3 and Year 4 students will again be visiting Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre for their overnight camp this year. They will be participating in a very different program from previous years and I know that we have forty very excited students anxiously counting down the days!

INFANT’S EXCURSION
Our infant’s students are also looking forward to their excursion to Currumbin Wildlife Centre on Friday, 18th October. The countdown has certainly begun! Please ensure that money is returned with the note.

TALENT QUEST
Today we were thoroughly entertained by our students as they competed in the finals of St Joseph’s talent quest. We are again reminded of the great talent that we have amongst our student body. Winners will be put in the Newsletter next term.

GOD MOMENTS
A God Moment is when you see Jesus reflected through that person or event or scenery. Very often it happens when you think back on your day.
Ryley Davis—Kindergarten—for playing fairly and letting other people join the game.
Lani Reese—Year 3-for being a WEST person by talking to someone who was on their own and feeling lonely.
WORLD CHILDREN’S DAY MASS

On Wednesday our School Leaders Heidi Pearson, Zayd Thomas, Kell Reese, Laura Davidson and Mini Vinnies President and Vice President, Natasha Wotherspoon and Jasmine McClure attended the World Children’s Mission Day Mass at St Carthage’s Cathedral Lismore. This beautiful Mass was celebrated by Bishop Jarrett and representatives from many local Catholic Schools attended. Our Bishop spoke about Pope Francis’ World Mission Day message, “that everyone should be able to experience the joy of being loved by God and that we all have an evangelising mission to share the love of Jesus with others.” A big thank you to Kim McClure for transporting these students to and from Lismore.

FAREWELL

Next Friday we say farewell to Oskar and Jack Sheen and their family who are moving to Mullaway. We thank them for the positive contribution that they have made to our St Joseph’s school community and wish them all the best as they move to their new home and school.

WOODBURN RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL— Saturday, 12th October— Reminder

At this stage we still have only a very small number of students indicating that they are able to be part of our performance. I urge any family who will be around on the day of the festival to consider joining St Joseph’s as the more voices the more successful the performance will be.

SRC FUNDRAISER
SPORTS MATTERS

POLDING ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
- NEWCASTLE

Alice and Nella Bradford attended the Polding Athletics Carnival at Newcastle last Friday. Both girls performed very well and were terrific ambassadors for their families, school and Diocese. Congratulations to Nella who won the junior girl’s shotput event, throwing 8.22 metres—a great achievement. Also congratulations to Alice who ran in the finals of the senior girls 100 metres narrowly missing a place in a very close final! Nella will now compete in the Polding team at the PSSA Athletics’ Championships in Sydney on 17th-18th October. We wish her all the very best as she continues to train for this carnival.

ST JOSEPH’S CROSS COUNTRY

St Joseph’s Cross Country for 2013 was held on Tuesday. Well done to all students who participated and ran enthusiastically for their colour house. Thank you to the many parents who came along to support their children. Well done to the school staff who helped make this event run smoothly.

Final Results

1st Gahgan (green) 288 points
2nd Guraman (gold) 266 points
3rd Burbi (blue) 250 points

Age Champions 2013

5 year old girls Presley Jubber
5 year old boys Alexander Pursey
6 year old girls Heidi McClure
6 year old boys Charlie Hong
7 year old boys Joel Davidson
7 year old girls Tatum Hodges
8 year old boys Billy Bradford
8 year old girls Courtney Bell
9 year old boys Donovan Moss
9 year old girls T’Ahna Allen
10 year old boys Jonathan Robinson
10 year old girls Hannah McClure
11 year old boys Brodie Forsyth
11 year old girls Lily Davidson
12 year old boys Zack McMahon
12 year old girls Alice Bradford

DIOCESAN GALA DAY

Students from Years 5 and 6 will be participating in the Diocesan gala Day next Wednesday at Grafton. St Joseph’s has entered teams in netball, basketball, oztag and a couple of students will join with St Joseph’s, Alstonville to play soccer. This is a fun day and an opportunity to compete against teams from all around the Diocese.

CALENDAR TERM 3 WEEK 10

Monday, 16th September
Beach-a-thon

Tuesday, 17th September
Sports Uniform

Wednesday, 18th September
Gala Day—Years 5 and 6, Grafton

Thursday, 19th September
Sport

Friday, 20th September
LAST DAY OF TERM 3

TERM 4 - WEEK 1

Monday, 7th October
PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, 8th October
SCHOOL RESUMES FOR ALL STUDENTS

SWIM AND SURVIVE PROGRAM

Sport during Term 4 for all K to 6 students will follow the Board of Studies PDHPE water confidence section. Swim and Survive is not a learn-to-swim program but, as the name suggests, a water confidence program teaching survival skills in the water. The program will commence at Woodburn Pool on Thursday, 24th October (Week 3 of Term 4). This program cannot run without parental help. Parents of infants children should be prepared to get into the water. Times are:

10.00 am - 11.00 am Years 3 and 4
11.30 am - 12.30 pm Years 1 and 2
12.30 pm - 1.30 pm Years 5 and 6
2.00 pm - 3.00 pm Kindergarten

The cost is to be advised. If you can help please fill in the cut off slip in this Newsletter and return it to school before the end of this term.

St Joseph’s swimming carnival will be held on Friday 13th December at Evans Head Sports and Aquatic Centre. Students from Years 2-6 will be involved in this carnival. Kindergarten and Year One will remain at school on this day.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

TERM 3 – WEEK 8

Class        Student
Kinder       Summer Newman
             Adrian Westeman
Year 1       Zak Busteed & Joel Davidson
Year 2       Kade Williams
             Jackson Higham
Year 3       George Campbell
Year 4       Lily Fisher, Will McIntosh &
             Daniel Westeman
Year 5       Elise Davies
Year 6       Jaak Schneider

CONGRATULATIONS!
**TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Term 4 2013**

Please return by Wednesday, 18th September

I can assist with Tuckshop on:

- Mondays, 11.45 am - 2.00 pm
- Wednesdays, 9.30 am - 3.00 pm
- Wednesdays: half day (AM/PM)

I can help:

- Once a fortnight
- Once a month
- Once a term
- Other: ____________________ (e.g. a specific day)

Name:________________________ Signature:_______________________ Phone No.:_______________________

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**WOODBURN WOLVES FOOTBALL CLUB PRESENTATION DAY**

SATURDAY 14TH SEPT. 2013 FROM 11AM.
LOTS OF THINGS TO DO, BBQ LUNCH, TROPHY PRESENTATIONS.
COME ALONG AND CELEBRATE ANOTHER FUN SEASON.
WOODBURN WOLVES FOOTBALL CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD 15/10/2013 @ WOODBURN PUB
COMMENCING 7PM. ALL WELCOME

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**EVANS HEAD LITTLE ATHLETICS 2013/2014 SEASON**

SIGN ON
Monday 16 Sept, 4.30 to 5.30pm
ATHLETICS STARTS and Sign ON
Monday 14 Oct, 4.30pm
At K-12 School Oval
Contact: Teena Ph 0409202579

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Happy Birthday to those who celebrate their birthday this week: Daniel Westerman, Oscar Brown, Billy Bradford, Amber Walsh, Lani Blunn, Jackson Higham, Tayla Ferguson, Greg Steader, Zac Landigan, Zac McMahon, Matthew Coombs, Blake Doohan, Jessica Williams, Jed Dougherty and Carmel Pollard.

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**Free Healthy Lifestyle Program for Kids!**

Go4Fun
Healthy - Active - Happy - Kids
Do you have children 5 to 13 years old? Are you worried about their weight?
Go4Fun programs run for 10 weeks after school hours. Sessions are fun, interactive and help kids build their fitness and motivation!

*Registrations for Term 4 are now open for:*

Starting at Evans Head
4 - 6pm on Weds 16 October

To book or find out more, call: (02) 6620 7504

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