Dear Families,

Welcome back everyone to the 2014 school year. I hope you all had a wonderful relaxing time with family and friends over our Christmas break.

This year we welcome the return of Mrs Melissa Barnes from maternity leave. Melissa will be teaching Year 1 on Fridays this year.

May I take this opportunity to welcome our new families who started with us on Wednesday: we have Patrick (Year 1) and Lara (Year 4) Barham and their parents Joanne and Joe, and Lionel (Year 2) Ribeiro Deornelas and his parents Lionel and Neli. I am sure that you join with me in welcoming these new students and their families to St Joseph’s and we trust that their transition will be a happy and successful one.

As I walked around the classrooms over the first couple of days this week, the children seemed settled and happy in their new classes. Their eagerness and enthusiasm is a pleasure to witness. I am most impressed with the collaborative teaching and learning that is taking place already. As always at the beginning of a new year we are reminded of the importance of the partnership of parents and teachers in helping each child to achieve in their learning and growth as a person.

I especially want to thank everyone - from the staff and Fr Richard to parents and children - who have made me feel very welcome over the first few days. The genuine friendliness of the school is tangible.

I look forward with excitement to the 2014 school year and meeting many of you over the coming weeks.

Kind regards
Jeanette

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**OPENING SCHOOL MASS**

Our School Leaders, Sports Captains, Student Representative Council members and Mini-Vinnies’ President will receive their badges at our Opening School Mass on **Friday, 14th February at 10.15 am**.

All families and friends of the school are invited to share in this celebration with us.

Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea in the library. Please bring a small plate to share.

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**NUT BAN**

We now have two children in our school who have a very **severe peanut & other nut allergy**.

If they are exposed to nuts in any form it may be life threatening.

I am asking parents to ensure that children do not have peanut butter, peanuts or nuts of any kind in their lunch boxes. Bars that are not specifically peanut bars but may state that they may contain traces of nuts are acceptable.

I thank you for your understanding and compliance with this request.
PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

These Parent-Teacher Meetings are a vital communication link between home and school. I encourage every family to attend the Kindergarten to Year 6 meetings. This sends a powerful message to your children about the value you place on your child’s learning this year. Teachers go to a lot of trouble preparing these nights and I thank them for giving up their family time to assist your children’s education.

The meetings will be held on **Wednesday, 19th February**.

In order to make it easier for parents to attend these important meetings, we will repeat each meeting at a different time on the same evening. This means that parents will be able to attend each of their child’s class meetings on the one evening. The meetings will run for 30 minutes.

We will commence the evening with a barbeque at 5.30 pm and keep cooking until around 7 pm. All are welcome to catch a bite to eat and have a chat with staff and meet our new principal, Jeanette Wilkins. There will be a short talk in the Library with the Principal before the meetings commence.

The schedule for these meetings is listed below:

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In a few weeks’ time parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child’s class teacher individually at Parent/Teacher interviews.

SPORTS NEWS from John Cocciola

**RICHMOND ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL**
The Richmond Zone Swimming Carnival will be held at Alstonville on Friday, 21st February (9.30 am to 2 pm). Good luck to the St Joseph’s squad of thirty five students attending this event. Successful students from this Carnival will travel to Murwillumbah on Friday, 7th March for the Lismore Diocesan Swimming Carnival.

**WINTER SPORTS TRIALS 2014**
The Richmond Zone Winter Sports Trials will be held in Lismore on Thursday, 27th February commencing at 4 pm. Sports include netball, rugby union, rugby league (U11s, opens), football (soccer) and hockey. Students in Years 5 and 6 who are interested in attending these trials have collected a note from Mr Cocciola.

**DAILY FRESH FOOD BREAK**
‘Fruit Break’ at school occurs midway through the morning session. The children will have a short break to eat their fruit (fresh fruit or veggies only). Please ensure your child has a small piece of fruit, cut up if possible and ready to eat.

This provides an easy and practical solution to encouraging healthy eating practices at school while helping children to remain alert and energetic throughout the morning session.

**TUCKSHOP HELPERS**
We are asking for volunteers to assist in our school tuckshop on Mondays and Wednesdays. If you are able to assist (even for half a day), please fill out the return slip on the back page of this Newsletter and return to school as soon as possible.

Tuckshop ordering for lunches will commence next week. Lunches are able to be ordered on Mondays and Wednesdays.

A Tuckshop Price List is attached.

**UNIFORM**
Thank you to parents for sending your children to school looking smart in their uniforms, and well prepared for school.

Just a few reminders: Please ensure that your children wear fold down socks not ankle sports socks with their school uniform and sports uniform. Sports shoes are plain black in colour with white socks. Dunlop Volley shoes are not suitable for school as they do not provide support or protection for children’s feet during physical activity that occurs each day at school.

Haircuts and styles should be neat and tidy with no extremes in either cut or style. Boys hair should be no longer than collar length and girls’ hair should be tied back.

**CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS**
Our school is turning 100 this year! A Centenary Committee has been set up, and is busily starting preparations to celebrate this occasion in October this year.

A survey is attached to this Newsletter to help decide the best way to celebrate the Centenary. Please return completed surveys to school as soon as possible. All input is valued and appreciated.
TERM 1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Included with this Newsletter is a Calendar of Events for Term 1 of this year detailing Mass and Assembly times as well as many other events on the school calendar.

CLASSROOM HELPERS
If you are able to assist in your child’s class in any way this year please fill out the return slip at the back of this Newsletter so that teachers can prepare rosters. Teachers are always appreciative of any assistance that parents are able to provide!

PARENT FORUM NEWS
PARENT FORUM MEETING
Our first Parent Forum Meeting for 2014 will be held on Monday, 10th February at 3.30 pm in the School Meeting Room. We would like to extend an invitation to all parents and carers to come along and help plan our activities for 2014.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Happy Birthday to those who celebrated their birthday this week: Kaedy Doohan, Presley Jubber, Amity McMahon and Sky Oldham.

EVANS HEAD LITTLE ATHLETICS
Commences on Monday, 10th February 2014. 4.30 pm at Evans River K-12 School oval.

PAM BELLINGHAM SCHOOL OF DANCE WOODBURN
Ages 3 to adult
Classical, contemporary, tap
Ladies’ fun and fitness class
Classes resume week of 3rd February
For enquiries and enrolments phone 0414 953 879

JUST DANCE! Richmond Valley
Classes resume 10th February
Jass/Funk, Modern/Contemporary & Stunt Cheer in Woodburn and Coraki for ages 3 and up.
Prices start at $4 per lesson.
Competitive Cheer tryouts/workshop are on 10/2 from 5.00 pm to 7.30 pm (ages 10 and up).
New students welcome!
Check out our 2014 timetable @ www.facebook.com/JustDanceRV
Or contact Tammy on 0409 822 565 for further details.

WAVES DANCE STUDIO 2014 EVANS HEAD and BROADWATER
Ages 4 and up to adult.
In genres: Hip Hop, Jazz, Ballet, Tap, Contemporary Stage Performance and adult fitness
Please contact Megan on 0435 111 463

EXERCISES AT CORAKI
Low impact ‘cross training’ aerobic classes are held at Coraki at 5.30 pm Tuesdays at Brandon Hall (adjacent to the Anglican Church) in Coraki.
Stretch and Strengthen classes are also held at 6.30 pm on Tuesdays at Brandon Hall.
Classes are co-ordinated by CHEGS Inc.
Contact Sherry on 6662 2112 for more information.

GOONELLABAH TENNIS CLUB OPEN DAY
Sunday, 9th February, 10 am—12 pm
Reserve Street Goonellabah
Phone Melinda on 0431 021 085 for more information.

JRLFC—NORTHERN UNITED
Join online for the 2014 season at: reg.sportingpulse.com OR sign on at Clifford Park Goonellabah on 1st, 8th and 15th February.
Enquiries to Trish on 0401 578 917
SCHOOL FEES

Fees for 2014 are listed below for your information. Fees Statements will be sent home to families shortly. Please speak to Lesley if you have any queries at all about your fees statement. The first termly payment of school fees is due by Friday, 28th February. For those choosing to pay fortnightly, the first payment is due by Friday, 14th February.

SCHOOL FEES FOR 2014

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PERFORMANCE LEVY

The Performance Levy of **$30 per child for 2014** will cover whole school events for the year such as performances and local excursions. The Performance Levy is payable by Friday, 28th February and will be billed to families on the Fees Statements.

SCHOOL’S DIRECT DEBIT DETAILS

Account Name: St Joseph’s School Woodburn
Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Branch: Lismore
BSB: 062-565
Account Number: 1005 6169

Please Note:

Please ensure there is a notation stating the student’s name (not just surname) when paying by direct debit.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

Please advise any change of contact details, addresses or phone numbers to the school as soon as possible to keep our records up to date. Thank you!

TUCKSHOP HELPER

Please return by Monday, 3rd February

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.: __________________________

CLASSROOM HELPER

Please return as soon as possible

I would like to help in:

- Year ____ doing ________________________________
- Year ____ doing ________________________________
- (Reading, Maths, Computers, Craft, etc.)

If you have a special interest/skill you would like to share please let us know.

Preferred days: ________________________________ (Class Teachers will contact you when they receive names.)

Name: __________________________ Signature: __________________________ Phone No.: __________________________