Dear Families,

Next Wednesday evening we will have our Parent Information Nights. These meetings give parents the opportunity to hear about what the children will be learning throughout the year and the expectations around behaviour, attitude, goal setting, etc in each classroom. These meetings will be followed in the next couple of weeks with individual parent/teacher interviews where together goals can be set for the 2014 school year. I encourage you to make the effort to come along to these meetings as they give our parents the opportunity to meet with teachers and to establish a partnership to ensure that students, parents and teachers are all on the same page in regard to each student’s educational journey. **A reminder that our barbeque starts at 5.30 pm.**

**Class Parents**

This year we are looking to have a Class Parent for each class. Being a class parent involves being part of a friendly, helpful group of parents who are available to lend a hand when needed. Class Parents’ duties include welcoming new families to the school and being a point of contact for parents in the class for information about different school activities.

**Class Parents’ Role Description:**

⇒ Liaise between parents and teachers
⇒ Provide Pastoral Care support to families in the class in the way of organising card/food drive, etc in times of need and or celebration.
⇒ Support and organise class/grade social activities to build community within the school
⇒ Support social activities among parents and the Parent Forum
⇒ Organise a phone tree for families in their class
⇒ Include all parents as much as possible in the life of the class
⇒ Care for the children and teacher
⇒ Exhibit complete confidentiality and professionalism
⇒ Refer any mediation issues to the appropriate channels

**DESIRABLE CRITERIA FOR CLASS PARENT**

⇒ Confidentiality – this is vital to maintain the integrity of the school and privacy of families in the school
⇒ Knowledge of the Parent Forum and willingness to assist
⇒ Accessibility to the class teacher and other class parents
⇒ Openness and understanding
⇒ School familiarity – with staff, classroom timetables (sport, library etc)
⇒ Knowledge of class members and their families
⇒ Able to attend at least one Parent Forum meeting once per term

If you are interested in helping out and becoming a Class Parent, please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return to the school as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing you at the Parent Information Evenings.

Jeanette

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**ST JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC PARISH WEEKEND MASS TIMES & ALTAR SERVERS**

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**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS**

The following Sacraments will be celebrated this year:
- Penance (First Reconciliation): Year 3
- First Eucharist (First Communion): Year 3
- Confirmation: Year 2

If you wish your child to be enrolled in the Preparation Programs for these Sacraments, please return the reply slip in this Newsletter by Friday, 7th March. If your child is Catholic and in another grade and has not yet received these sacraments, they may also participate in the Sacramental programs.

In Term 2 Catholic children in Year 3 (and other primary classes who are catching up) will be preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will be celebrated on **Tuesday, 20th May at 6.00 pm in All Saints’ Church, Woodburn.**

The Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation and Eucharist is on **Tuesday, 6th May at 7.00 pm in the Year 3 classroom.** At least one parent from each family is expected to attend this meeting.

The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated on **Saturday 21st June.**

In regards to the Sacrament of Confirmation: The Sacramental Enrolment Ceremony is on Saturday, 26th July; Bishop Jarrett’s visit is on Friday, 8th August and the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, 9th August.

**OPENING SCHOOL MASS**

Today we celebrated our first school mass for 2014. At this mass our school leaders for 2014 were commissioned. We thank Father Richard for his continued support in providing faith opportunities for our students.

Many thanks to the families and friends who attended this mass. Photos will be published in next weeks newsletter.

**TUCKSHOP HELPERS STILL NEEDED!**

We are still in urgent need of volunteers to assist in our school Tuckshop this year on **Mondays and Wednesdays.** At this stage we do not have enough helpers to complete our Term 1 roster.

If you are able to assist in the Tuckshop on a Monday, or a Wednesday (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 ROSTER**

- Monday, 17th February: Renee Stone, Robyn Hatcher
- Wednesday, 19th February: Naomi Robinson, Stacey Bradford

*Thank you, ladies!*
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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STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

The following days have been set down as Staff Development Days for St Joseph’s for 2014.

If you have difficulty with arrangements for the care of your child/children on these days please let us know as soon as possible. We thank you for supporting us in our Professional Development opportunities.

Students do not attend school on these days.

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A date for one further Staff Development Day will be advised later in the year.

CALENDAR – TERM 1 WEEK 4

Monday, 17th February
Tuckshop

Tuesday, 18th February
Sports Uniform
Making Jesus Real Inservice—Mrs Roxburgh
Centenary Committee meeting—2.30 pm

Wednesday, 19th February
Tuckshop
Library
BBQ and Parent/Teacher Information Meetings

Thursday, 20th February
Sport
Electronic Roll Inservice -Mr Cocciola and Mrs Dorrell

Friday, 21st February
Principals’ and Assistant Principals’ Meeting
Richmond Zone Swimming—Alstonville

TERM 1 WEEK 5

Monday, 24th February
Tuckshop

Tuesday, 25th February
Sports Uniform

Wednesday, 26th February
Tuckshop
Library

Thursday, 27th February
Sport
Assessment and Reporting Meeting — Ms Wilkins and Mrs Reese
Richmond Zone Winter Trials

Friday, 28th February
Mass—Year 6—10.15 am
Clean up School Day

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

TERM 1 – WEEK 2

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CONGRATULATIONS!

LIBRARY BOOKS

To assist with the smooth running of Library borrowing on Wednesdays, we request *that all library books be returned to school on Tuesday.*
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 twenty 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 4pm. Sports include netball, rugby union, rugby league (U11s, opens), football (soccer) and hockey.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS
We have received a letter of thanks from the St Vincent de Paul Conference Members from Evans Head for the Christmas hampers that students and families donated. The ‘donations went a long way and were given to a number of families.’ ‘This is a very special way of assisting those who find managing their lives extremely difficult.’

SURF SHACK GROMS
Surf lessons
Saturday, 12 noon, Surf Club
Thursday, 5 pm, surf shack
2 classes, surfing and surf training $25
Some SUP and kayaking
Learn ocean safety, how to use local surf spots confidently. Surf and surf training to obtain strength and skills to surf and use the ocean safely. Phone Plenko on 0432 773 967.

SELECTION OF CLASS PARENT
The Class Parent is selected by the class teacher in consultation with the Principal and Assistant Principal.

I would like to be considered for the role of Class Parent of my child’s class.

Child’s Name: _____________________________ Class: ___________
Parent Name: _____________________________ Contact No. ____________

I have read the role description and believe I can fulfil the role as Class Parent.

SACRAMENT REPLY SLIP
Please return by Friday, 7th March

I wish to enrol my child/ren in the Sacramental Program for:

Child’s Name: _____________________________ Class: ____________

Penance _____________________________
First Communion _____________________________
Confirmation _____________________________

Name: _____________________________ Signature: _____________________________

TUCKSHOP HELPER
Please return by Monday, 17th 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.: _____________________________