Dear Families,

After attending a professional development day on Thursday with Mrs Reese about changes to assessment and reporting with regards to the Australian Curriculum, I stopped to contemplate all the changes that are currently happening to better prepare our students for their future. An article from the Council Of Catholic School Parents (Oct 2013) helps to explain why the changes are both necessary and essential for the 21st Century learner.

The Future of Learning

Students starting kindergarten this year will graduate in 2025 and many of the jobs and careers they will choose are, as yet, unimagined. Even just a decade ago jobs like social media strategist, user experience specialist, data scientist and sustainability manager were unheard of.

A key question for schools today is how do we prepare young people for an unknowable future. This edition of CCSPNet looks at some of the ways schools are addressing this question.

Curriculum and Core Capabilities

The new Australian curriculum recognises that ‘disciplinary’ or subject knowledge should be taught in ways that also develops skills and concepts that help students learn how to think critically and learn for themselves, so they can use the knowledge in new situations and in an environment where there is rapidly changing information, technologies, jobs and social conditions. In addition to core content knowledge and capabilities such as literacy and numeracy, the new Australian Curriculum includes five other general capabilities:

• Information and communication technology (ICT) capability
• Critical and creative thinking
• Personal and social capability
• Ethical understanding
• Intercultural understanding

The Classroom Environment

The physical classroom environment can also make an important contribution to learning. Increasingly we are designing classrooms that reflect and support the diverse learning styles of students and provide opportunities for more flexible and innovative teaching methods. It is not uncommon now to find classrooms with lounges, beanbags, learning booths (pods), carpeted walls, sound rooms, computer stations, electronic smartboards and ‘rooms within rooms’ for quiet work, one-on-one and group instruction. Classrooms can look and feel very different from the more traditional classrooms that many parents remember

New Technologies in the Classroom

New technologies, including digital technologies, are helping to change the way students learn and the way teachers teach. Some of these technologies include digital devices (tablets, smart-boards, laptops), web based resources and portals (wikis, blogs, glogs), podcasts and social media such as Twitter and Pinterest.

How can parents help?

• Be prepared to learn something new - be open to new ways of teaching and learning.
• Take an active interest in what’s being taught (content and capabilities) AND how it’s being taught (new technologies and teaching strategies).
• Provide opportunities for young people to demonstrate at home how they use new technologies and tools in their learning. Don’t be afraid of technology!
• Have conversations with your children about responsible use of technology, including social media. Set rules around technology in the home, for example length of screen time, use of phones and laptops in bedrooms and privacy settings.

Jeanette
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS’ WEEK 2014

More than a Great Education

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated this year across NSW and the ACT from 9th March to 15th March. The theme for 2014 is ‘More than a Great Education’. This year, more than 611 Catholic schools will take part in the celebrations, involving about 264,000 students. This is an ideal opportunity to showcase the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day, and to celebrate the many achievements of our students.

We are immensely proud of our Catholic heritage, and are committed to offering children in our schools the opportunity to follow Jesus as members of the Catholic community.

Our school has a supportive community of teachers, parents, carers, Parent Forum, clergy, parishioners and support staff who work together to focus on giving students the best education possible, encouraging success, promoting good behaviour, supporting creativity and instilling compassion.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of St Joseph’s and I look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you.

The main focus of our celebrations will be on Friday, 15th March starting at 10.15 am.

Our program for the day is outlined below for your information:

Mass 10.15 am - 11.15 am
Shared Morning Tea 11.15 am - 11.45 am
with your child
Open Classrooms 11.45 am - 12.15 am
(Tea and coffee will be available in the library)

Please come along and join with us as we celebrate Catholic Schools’ Week together.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS’ WEEK PARISH MASS

Catholic Schools' Week will conclude on Saturday, 15th March with a Parish School Celebration in All Saints’ Church, Woodburn at 6.00 pm. The students from St Joseph’s will be involved in this Mass. We would like to see as many children and families as possible at this special celebration as it highlights the value that you, as parents, place on Catholic education. Please fill out the reply slip at the back of the Newsletter to indicate your child/children's availability.

Class Parents

A big thank you to those people listed below who have already offered to be class parents. We really need a class parent for all classes for this to work. Mums or dads are welcome. Please consider taking on the role.

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.

Kinder
Year 1 Alison Smith
Year 2 Robyn Hatcher
Year 3
Year 4
Year 5
Year 6 Carissa Pursey
Our School is a “MAKING JESUS REAL” school. Jesus left a simple message, to love God and your neighbour; and you love God by loving your neighbour. The students are encouraged to be WEST People – Just like Jesus at home, school and out and about in the community. So MJR focuses on how we greet, speak and treat people. All students discuss and share MJR understandings during their Religion/Personal Development lessons.

WEST is an acronym for:
- Welcoming
- Encouraging
- Say Sorry
- Thankful

Our students are asked to nominate students each week who they see are “being like Jesus.” Jesus during his life showed kindness, compassion, friendship, helpfulness and forgiveness.

The Making Jesus Real Award winners for Week 4 are Eammon Wilde and Bella Stanley Jones. Their photos are displayed on the MJR Poster in the playground to recognise their goodness and remind others to be like Jesus too!

PARISH ALTAR SERVERS
All Saints’ Church Woodburn – Saturday 5pm
1st March – Stephanie Bell, Courtney Bell, Jason Bell
8th March - Jak Ferguson, Taylah Ferguson, Victoria Mohammed
St John’s Church Evans Head – Sunday 7.30am
9th March – Amity McMahon

SHROVE TUESDAY - PANCAKE DAY
- Tuesday, 4th March
Traditionally, Shrove Tuesday is the celebration before Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Church’s Liturgical Season of Lent. As families used to fast during Lent, on Shrove Tuesday they used all their eggs, milk and flour to make pancakes.
This year, to help raise money for our Mission Appeal, Project Compassion, the families of children in Year 4 and Year 6 are asked to provide a plate of plain pikelets. At Morning Tea on Shrove Tuesday, all children will be able to purchase plain, jam, or jam and cream pikelets for 30 cents each.
Thank you to the families who support this fundraising - your generosity is most appreciated.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion appeal. Donations allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice. The theme this year is have “Life and Have it to the full” - John 10.10

Each family will receive a Project Compassion box next Wednesday which families can use to make donations that will be forwarded to Caritas Australia.

Thank you for your support.
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

You will have received a note in relation to Parent Teacher Interviews—now to be held on Monday, 10th March and Tuesday, 11th March. The organising of times this year is a little different. You are asked to indicate three time preferences on your day of choice and return the note to your child’s class teacher by Wednesday, 5th March.

If you have children in different classes, please ensure that you nominate different times and the teachers will work together to accommodate sibling interviews.

We look forward to sharing this time with you to further support your child’s progress. Thank you for your cooperation.

SPORTS MATTERS from John Cocciola

RICHMOND ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Richmond Zone Swimming Carnival was held at Alstonville Memorial Pool last Friday, 21st February. Congratulations and well done to the 35 students from St Joseph’s who competed against other students from eight other Catholic schools in our zone. The students swam very well and their times show development and improvement. Some notable performances were from Aimee Landrigan who was the champion senior girl swimmer. Aimee won the senior girls 100 metres freestyle, 50 metres freestyle, 200 metres individual medley, came second in 50 metres backstroke and third in 50 metres butterfly. Tara Blunn also performed beautifully in the water in senior girls events and was placed first in 50 metres backstroke, second in 50 metres breaststroke, third in 50 metres freestyle, fourth in 50 metres butterfly, fourth in 100 metres freestyle and fourth in the 200 metre individual medley. Charlee Spackman in the eight years girls 50 metres freestyle was placed fourth—a fantastic swim. The senior girls relay team was placed fourth overall (Aimee Landrigan, Tara Blunn, Mikaela Miller and Amity McMahon). Well done girls.

LISMORE DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This Carnival will be held at Murwillumbah on Friday, 7th March. Congratulations to Aimee Landrigan and Tara who will represent Richmond Zone schools at this event. If successful the girls have the opportunity to represent Lismore Diocese schools at the Polding Catholic Carnival in Sydney on 28th March at Homebush in Sydney. All the best, girls.

RICHMOND ZONE WINTER SPORTS TRIALS

Yesterday afternoon seventeen Year 5 and 6 students from St Joseph’s attended the Richmond Zone Winter Sports Trials in Lismore. Sports were rugby union, rugby league (opens and under elevens, hockey, netball and football [soccer]). Well done to all our talented boys and girls who competed for a place in Richmond Zone teams to compete at the Lismore Diocesan Trials in Grafton on 20th (hockey) and 21st March (netball, football-soccer), rugby union and rugby league.

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to represent Richmond Zone against teams from Tweed, Clarence and Hastings Zones at Grafton:

Football (soccer) - Katelyn Bodley
Hockey—Tara Blunn and Nella Bradford
Netball—Ella Robinson
Rugby Union—Ryne Dicinoski

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

This week Kindergarten to Year 6 students commenced training for our school Cross Country that will be held on Thursday, 3rd April. The students are showing early signs of keenness to develop and improve their fitness levels. During daily fitness sessions at school the students will have the opportunity twice a week to train for Cross Country. Maybe at home as a family, if the opportunity arises, go for a walk along the beach, around the block, or jog around the oval or sporting fields.

BASEBALL COMES TO WOODBURN

Yesterday all classes were involved in skills lessons during PE classes with a development officer from Queensland Baseball. The students enjoyed these lessons, and leaflets were handed out encouraging them to join a local T-Ball/Baseball club to continue to develop their skills on a regular basis in a popular sport in our area.
CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Lara Barham whose U10 Girls Touch Football Team placed second in the Junior State Cup at Port Macquarie on 15th and 16th February.

ENRICHMENT—SCIENCE DAY
Today students from Years 5 and 6 are attending an Enrichment Science Day at St Mary’s High School in Casino. They are working with other primary students from Catholic schools from Kyogle, Casino and Coraki who have been given he opportunity to work together and use the facilities at a high school in the KLA (key learning area) of Science and Technology. St Joseph’s Woodburn is part of what is called the Casino Cluster of schools involved in this enrichment program in all KLAs. The students will be using the science laboratories and working in the area of food technology. Sounds fun and exciting learning.

SOUTHERN CROSS PRACTICUM
Next week we welcome Matthew Bordin, a fourth year student at Southern Cross University. Matthew is in his final year of Bachelor of Primary Teaching. He will be working in Kindergarten and with his mentor teacher, Megan Boyd. We wish Matthew a successful and rewarding final practicum.

PARENT FORUM
The Parent Forum are already busily looking at Easter and Mothers’ Day fundraisers. Any suggestions and/or help would be very welcome. Remember many hands make light work and it would be lovely to see more people involved.

If you would like to be involved or are available to help in either of these events could you please contact the office or Naomi Robinson on 0413 388 459 or 6682 2773.

Next Meeting
Our next Parish School Parent Forum meeting will be held on Monday, 17th March 2014 at 3.30 pm in the school meeting room. There will be a short presentation on flying-foxes at this meeting. Everyone welcome.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Best wishes to those who celebrated their birthday this week: Elise Davies and Deklan Allen.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Monday, 3rd March
Linda Collins
Judie Lollback
Wednesday, 5th March
Naomi Robinson
Valentina Cauchi

Thank you, ladies!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
TERM 1 – WEEK 4

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CONGRATULATIONS!
REMINDERS

SCHOOL PHOTOS—MONDAY, 17th MARCH
Envelopes for pre-paid school photos were sent home this
week.
Please follow the payment instructions on the back of the en-
velope. Please note that the school is unable to provide
change. All envelopes and money should be returned to
school by Wednesday, 12th March.
If you would like a family photo of siblings at school please
collect a special family envelope from the Office.

PERMISSION NOTES—2014
Could any outstanding forms please be completed and re-
turned to school as soon as possible.

LIBRARY BOOKS
Library books are to be returned to school on Tuesdays.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT LUNCH BOX IS IMPORTANT
• Make sure children can open all containers and
lunch boxes easily. Practise this at home first
• Check that containers can fit inside the insulated
lunch box bag
• Ensure children can easily take off any food
wrappings
• Make markings on the food wrapping to show
children where to start
• Check that all bottles of water can be opened
• Small, easy to open containers are excellent for
cut up or canned fruit, cut up vegie sticks or sal-
ad, homemade muffins

EVANS HEAD BOMBERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
Hi Guys our Junior Club has a great group of U/7s and U/8s who want
to play League, they are 3 players short in the U/7s and 4 players
short in the U/8s. Registration Fee is only $80.00 for the Season and
there is a payment plan set up so that you don't have to pay all of it
upfront, this includes shorts and socks. If you have a child who is
interested in playing Rugby League here in Evans Head I encourage
you to make contact with Jeremy Bryant on 0422585226 the Junior
President – email jezzabryant@hotmail.com or make contact through
the Junior Facebook site.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
28th February and 2nd March 2013
Thank you to all our students for being involved in the 'Clean
up' of our School, as part of Clean Up Australia Day.
Community Clean-up Day is Sunday, 2nd March. Once again,
I invite interested School community members to join me at the
Evans Head Reserve area weather sheds at 8:30 am on
Sunday. This is our registration point. Families then collect
bags/gloves and move along the Bike Track to the Main
Beach car park area, collecting as you go. This generally
takes approx. 1-2 hours. All children must be accompanied by
an adult. Hats, sunscreen and sensible footwear are essen-
tial.
There is no formal finish. Families are free to leave their bags
at these designated locations and proceed with your own day.
Those involved will be acknowledged back at school during
an Assembly.
If you are unable to join us at Evans, check with your Sports
Clubs, etc. and join their initiatives or simply enjoy attending
to your own special spot in this beautiful part of Australia.
Happy Clean-up Day
Sharon Roxburgh

Open Night
You are warmly invited to attend our College Open Night
on Thursday, 15th May, 2014
starting at 6pm
(family Sausage Sizzle 5.30pm)
This is an opportunity to assist prospective parents to hear
more about this dynamic school and to see it at work.
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SELECTION OF CLASS PARENT
The Class Parent is selected by the class teacher in consultation with the Principal and Assistant Princi-
pal.

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. ___________

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS’ WEEK PARISH MASS

My child/children ___________________________________________ will be attending the Catholic Schools’
Week parish Mass on Saturday, 15th March at 6 pm.

Name: __________________________ Signature: __________________________