Dear Families,

As we begin to near the end of term I find myself taking the time to look around our beautiful school and am thankful for all the wonderful things I see happening. I am immediately reminded of the ‘Making Jesus Real’ Program that is alive throughout our school. Within that program, is a section titled ‘Use the big “T” word - Thanks - Ten Times a Day. The program speaks to all of us, stating that “thanks” is a small word that seems to be forgotten in so many cases.

Are we grateful for all that we have and for all that others do for us? How many times have we said ‘Thank you’ today?

Today I’d like to say **THANK YOU** to:

- Our students who teach us so much on a daily basis in all they say and do.
- Our Year 6 Leaders who take seriously their role and lead with enthusiasm and commitment.
- Our Student Representative Council who are dedicated to being a voice for the students at our school and working towards helping others, by initiating fund-raising activities.
- The many students who have joined Mini Vinnies this year to make a difference in other peoples’ lives.
- You, our parents for your generous support, kindness, honesty, input and interest in our school and your child/children’s learning.
- Father Richard for his support, involvement and example to our children and staff.
- Our teaching staff for their support, dedication, enthusiasm, passion and professionalism.
- My Executive team, for their backing, willingness to give, time, enthusiasm and leadership.
- Our secretary Lesley for keeping our school running smoothly, communicating with our parents and caring for our sick children.
- Our Parent Forum for the tireless work you do to make our school a better place to be.
- Our cleaner Alan and groundsman Jim for the upkeep of our beautiful school.
- Our teacher who ran staff prayer this week and sought to answer the question “What is it about our school that makes it such a wonderful place to be?”

**Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”**  
*Matthew 25: 40*

**School Improvement Surveys**

The students and staff have completed the survey online this week. Just a reminder to the 60 families who received the survey that the cut off date to complete the survey is 3rd April. We encourage as many of those 60 families as possible to complete the survey as a way to help us to improve our school and your child’s learning. If you have completed the paper copy of the survey, please return to the school by 2nd April 2014.

Thank you.
Jeanette
On Thursday, 27th March 2014 Mrs Karen Davies, Assistant Principal of Trinity Catholic College, along with ten Year 10 students from the CSYMA (Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Australia) class came to our school to run a leadership day for our Year 6 students. The program was well-planned and ran around the themes of Leadership in our School; Leadership happens in our home, school and community; Communication and Trust. I had the opportunity to spend a couple of times of the day with the students and was most impressed by the Year 10 students with their enthusiasm, confidence and leadership in running the activities and the insight and maturity of our own students in discussion and involvement. If this is the future of our country then I know we are in good hands! Special thanks to Karen and the students: Miranda Jordon, Chloe Adams, Jessica Anderson, Tyler Boyd, Isaac Goodwin, Hugo Sherlock, Emma Feros, Ellie Schneider, Eliza Stormon and Mitchell Coveney. Congratulations to our Year 6 students!
PROJECT COMPASSION
During Lent the children are encouraged to donate small change to Project Compassion, pray more often and to give kindness and love to others in whatever way they can. In class the children will be learning about the people and communities that will benefit from our generosity.

3rd Week of Lent
Project Compassion, Week 3, brings you the story of Archie.

For Archie from the Philippines, the threat of weather-related disasters such as typhoons meant that his house was no longer a safe or secure place to be. Now living in a new home away from the flood-prone Plaridel river, Archie is able to resume his education and gain a sustainable income thanks to a livelihood program.

Your donation to Project Compassion enables families like Archie’s to live happier and healthier lives.

PALM SUNDAY - Saturday, 12th April
Palm Sunday is when Christians celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the week before his death and resurrection. Palm Sunday, often referred to as "Passion Sunday," marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes on Easter Sunday. The Bible reveals that when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds greeted him by waving palm branches and covering his path with palm branches. Immediately following this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus, he begins his journey to the cross.

This year Palm Sunday will fall on the first weekend of the school holidays. Our students traditionally dress in the costume of Jesus’ time and process into the church with Father Richard. All students are invited to be present at this Mass on Saturday, 12th April.

ST JOSEPH’S WOODBURN MINI VINNIES
We were very impressed with the fact that 44 students from Years 4-6 attended the St Joseph’s Woodburn Mini-Vinnies meeting recently. This meeting was held during lunch-time requiring the students to give up their time to be members. Our students are very caring and truly do aim to be of service to members of our school and local community.

During the meeting the decision was made that on Wednesday, 9th April our members will visit the elderly residents of the Coraki Retirement village. While at the village they will celebrate Mass with Father Richard and spend time with the elderly. The students also all agreed to make an Easter Card to present to a resident.

We are very proud of our students and their commitment to live out the gospel values by their words, deeds and example.

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

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A.N.Z.A.C. DAY MARCH 2014
Advance Notice

A.N.Z.A.C. Day this year once again falls in the school holidays on the last Friday before school commences for Term 2. I fear that this may cause some issues with our attendance at the Dawn Service at Evans Head and A.N.Z.A.C March in Woodburn as students will still be away on holidays. St Joseph's has always been extremely well represented and I hope that this will be the case once again this year. I ask that you give careful consideration to your child's participation in this very special celebration and I urge as many students (K-6) as possible to again represent St Joseph's in these community events. The R.S.L. Club has again asked that we lead the National Anthem at both of these services. Our School Leaders have been asked to speak at both services.

More details regarding the March will be given in the next newsletter.

John Coccioola
Assistant Principal

Lismore Diocesan Winter Sports Trials

The Lismore Diocesan Winter Sports Trials were held last Friday, 21st March at Grafton. Five stage three students from St Joseph's were selected in Richmond Zone teams following trials in Lismore earlier this term: Ella Robinson (netball), Tara Blunn (hockey), Nella Bradford (hockey), Katelyn Bodley (football – soccer) and Ryne Dicinoski (rugby union) attended these important trials last week.

Well done to all five students who attended the Diocesan Winter Sports Trials and congratulations to Nella Bradford (hockey) who was selected in the Diocesan hockey team. Nella will now travel to Tamworth on Friday, 2nd May for Polding hockey trials.

Lismore Diocesan Swimming Carnival

The Lismore Diocesan Swimming Carnival was held at Murwillumbah on Friday, 7th March. Aimee Landrigan and Tara Blunn, both Year 6, from St Joseph's attended this event as part of the Richmond Zone team.
Both girls competed very well at the carnival against strong competitors from Tweed, Clarence and Hastings Zone schools.

Congratulations to both girls who made the Lismore Diocesan team and now they travel to Homebush, in Sydney to compete at the Polding Swimming Carnival. Both girls are swimming today in Sydney.

Results from the Diocesan carnival were as follows for both students:

- Aimee Landrigan: 1st 100 m freestyle, 2nd 50 m freestyle, 2nd 50 m backstroke, 3rd I.M. 200 metres, 6th 50m butterfly
- Tara Blunn: 1st 50m backstroke, 5th 50m breaststroke, 7th 50 m freestyle

Well done girls and we wish you the all the best in Sydney today.

ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 2014

St Joseph’s Cross Country will be held at the school grounds on Thursday, 3rd April commencing at 9:30 am and finishing at approximately 11:30 am. We have been training for this event through daily fitness activities three mornings each week.

Please encourage the children to involve themselves in walking/running/jogging at home if possible; maybe go as a family for a walk after dinner.

Distances for the cross country are:

- 3000 metres (3 kilometres) for 11,12 and 13 year old boys and girls.
- 2000 metres (2 kilometres) for 8, 9 and 10 year old boys and girls.
- 1000 metres (1 kilometre) for Year 1 and Year 2 students.
- 500 metres (0.5 kilometres) for Kindergarten boys and girls.

Children who are successful at the school cross country (8-13 year old) will attend the Richmond Zone Cross Country which will be held at this stage at Woodlawn College next term.

If you are able to assist at the school cross country please complete the reply slip and return to school by Tuesday, 1st April.

Hot Dog Orders

Members of the Parent Forum are offering hot dogs for lunch on the Cross Country day. They will consist of a hot dog with sauce in a bun and will cost $3.00 each. Please complete your child’s order on a paper bag (the same as for Tuckshop orders), labelled ‘Cross Country’, with the correct money inside and return to school by Monday, 31st March.

ST JOSEPH’S CROSS COUNTRY HELPER

Please return by Tuesday, 1st April

I am available to be a helper for the St Joseph's Cross Country on Thursday, 3rd April 2014 (9.30 am—11.30 am)

Name:____________________ (please print) Phone No.:____________________
MAKING JESUS REAL AWARDS—Week 8
Lily Davidson: for being a WEST person and for being such a caring friend
Ryley Davis: for being a great friend

SCHOOL RESOURCES
If you happen to find any home readers, library books or school resources (e.g. counting blocks, etc) around your home, please return them to school as soon as possible.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Monday, 31st March
Judie Lollback
Valentina Cauchi
Wednesday, 2nd April
Tanya Davidson
Stacey Bradford (AM)
Helen Kirk (PM)

Thank you, ladies!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Best wishes to Tara Blunn and Jordie Forsyth who celebrated their birthday this week.

PARENT FORUM
Next Meeting
The next Parent Forum meeting (Annual General Meeting) will be held on Monday, 7th April at 6 pm.
Everyone welcome.

Easter Raffle
Thank you to those families who have already sent in donations for the Easter raffle. Families are asked to donate Easter eggs, baskets or other non-perishable items that will contribute to the creation of the prizes for the Easter raffle. The raffle will be drawn on Friday, 11th April.

Mothers’ Day Stall
Naomi Robinson, Judie Lollback, Linda Collins and Megan Woolley have been busily organising and wrapping gifts for the Mothers’ Day Stall next term.

Hot Dogs—Cross Country
The Parent Forum are organising hot dogs for the Cross Country. Details re ordering are in this newsletter.

CALENDAR – TERM 1 WEEK 10
Monday, 31st March
Tuckshop
Evans River K-12 Information Evening Year 7 2015

Tuesday, 1st April
Sports Uniform
Return library books

Wednesday, 2nd April
Tuckshop
Library
Information Meeting: Open Classroom Learning-6 pm

Thursday, 3rd April
St Joseph’s Cross Country
Sports Uniform

Friday, 4th April
Ms Wilkins and Mr Coccio P to P Inservice Lismore

TERM 1 WEEK 11
Monday, 7th April
Tuckshop
Diocesan Assistant Director Mr Paul Thornton visits St Joseph’s
Parent Forum Meeting: 6 pm

Tuesday, 8th April
Sports Uniform
Return library books
Xavier Catholic College Principal—Mr Michael Vella visit to Year 6

Wednesday, 9th April
Tuckshop
Library
Mini Vinnies visit to Mid Richmond Residents Village Coraki
PSSA swimming Homebush (Day 1)

Thursday, 10th April
St Joseph’s Cross Country
Sport Uniform
PSSA swimming Homebush (Day 2)

Friday, 11th April
LAST DAY OF TERM 1
Holy Week Mass

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
TERM 1 – WEEK 8

Class  Student
Kinder  Blake Yager
Year 1  Keira Higham
Year 2  Alex Yager
Year 3  Jackson Higham
Year 4  Faith Stewart
Year 5  Amity McMahon
Year 6  Oliver Mason

CONGRATULATIONS!
LIVE LIFE WELL AT SCHOOL
Courtesy of the Heart Foundation: http://heartfoundation.org.au

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 salad, homemade muffins

ST JOHN’S COLLEGE, WOODLAWN
ENROLMENTS FOR YEARS 7, 2015

Wednesday, 7th May: College Open Night at 6.30 pm
Staff and students at St John’s College warmly invite any family who is considering enrolment at the College to attend the College Open Night. This is an opportunity to meet the staff and students and view the College facilities.

Wednesday, 14th May: Closing date for Year 7 Applications

Sunday, 25th May: Interviews 9.00 am—6.00 pm
(Appointments are made on Open Night)

For further enquiries phone Mrs Debbie Melino on 6626 2606.

UNSW COMPETITIONS—YEAR 2 TO YEAR 6 ONLY
Please return by Tuesday, 8th April
(If you have more than one child entering, please write a separate list.)

I wish to enter my child ___________________________ in Year ____ in the following UNSW tests:

Computer Skills
(Years 3—6)
20th May $8.00

Science
(Years 2-6)
4th June $8.00

Mathematics
(Years 2-6)
12th August $8.00

Spelling
(Years 3-6)
17th June $11.00

Writing
(Years 3-6)
18th June $17.00

English
(Years 2-6)
29th July $8.00

TOTAL COST: $__________

I enclose $_____________ to cover entry fees.

Name: __________________________________________Signature: __________________________________________