Dear Families,

An information evening was held on Wednesday to enlighten parents on the Whole School Spelling approach currently being used at St Josephs and the practice of Open Classroom Learning. Miss Ann Dawson, the Principal of St James Primary School at Yamba, did a presentation of the Whole School Spelling approach. Ann was an Educational Consultant at Catholic Schools Office for the last 6 years and worked with staff here at St Josephs over an 18 month period to introduce the approach.

Following the spelling presentation, parents were asked to list their current knowledge or understanding of open classroom learning on a data board.

The teaching staff together then presented:

- How Open classroom learning works– a visual demonstration with helium balloons and some discussion
- The journey so far… - The purpose built classrooms, visits to schools using the model and research
- Professional Learning Teams Meetings. Meetings that inform Open Class learning. The teams, Infants/Primary meet once a week to focus on learning, collaboration and data. Through the 4 critical questions staff discuss:
  - What do we want the children to know? (Content)
  - How will we know if they learn it? (Assessment)
  - What will we do if they don’t learn it? (Differentiation)
  - What will do it if they do learn it? (Extension)
- Researched advantages of Open Class Learning
- Comments from teachers who have worked in Open Classroom Learning Schools and finally,
- The importance of teaching adaptability to our children, at school and at home.

The meeting completed with some short videos and photos of open classroom learning at our school. Thank you to those parent who were able to attend and to all the staff who assisted on the night. We are in the process of adding the Powerpoint of the night to our Moodle site.

School Improvement Surveys
Thank you to all the families, students and staff who were involved in the School Improvement Survey. Feedback will be provided when the Diocese is provided with the results.

Thank you.
Jeanette
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) FUNDRAISER
INTERESTING HAT FUN DAY

The Student Representative Council Fundraiser for this term is an
INTERESTING HAT / CASUAL FUN DAY to be held on Friday 11th April.
Our Students may wear comfortable and sensible casual clothes, decorate a hat
and make a gold coin donation towards Caritas Project Compassion.
A Jelly Bean competition is being organised by the SRC. The cost for one guess
will be ten cents!

Katelyn and Oliver (SRC Leaders)

ST JOSEPH’S WOODBURN CROSS COUNTRY

The St Joseph’s Woodburn Cross Country event was held yesterday. We were blessed with
beautiful weather and the wonderful support of parents, grandparents and carers. Everyone
was impressed with the excellent sportsmanship displayed by the students and the great job
the Sports Captains did with organising their teams. Mr Cocciola will give a detailed account
of the results of the Cross Country in our next school newsletter.

Congratulations to Ghargan the GREEN team for winning the School Cross Country trophy!

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.
SCHOOL MASS
Our next whole School Mass (Holy Week Mass) will be on **Friday, 11th April at 2.00 pm**. This mass has been prepared by Mrs Boyd however, each class will take a lead in different parts of the Mass. Everyone is invited to attend.

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. Please return home mission boxes by Wednesday, the 9th April.

POLDING SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The swimming carnival was held at Homebush stadium, Sydney on Friday 28th March. St Joseph’s students, Tara Blunn and Aimee Landrigan attended this event as part of the Lismore Diocesan Team. Congratulations to both girls on obtaining PB’s in their events. Both girls enjoyed the experience of competing against students from Catholic schools in NSW and they were thrilled at swimming at a fantastic complex.

Results were:
Tara Blunn - 50m Backstroke 4th (37:35)
Aimee Landrigan - 100m freestyle 8th (1:11:67), 50m Freestyle 8th (33:32), 50m Backstroke 6th (38:08), and 200m IM 14th (3:10:50).

Well done girls on some fantastic results with your swimming!

PALM SUNDAY - Saturday 12th April – All Saints Church, WOODBURN at 5 pm
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 and their families are invited to be present at this Mass on **Saturday 12th April at 5 pm**

Please indicate on the form at the end of the newsletter if your child is able to attend the Palm Sunday Mass.

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

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PROJECT COMPASSION - Week 5, brings you the story of Lorraine

When Lorraine, from Aboriginal Australia, learnt that she would have to move 550km away to receive vital dialysis treatment, she was heartbroken to be separated from her mob and culture. *The Purple House* is providing her with a home away from home. An income-generating bush balm program is helping her reconnect with culture and community.

Your donation to Project Compassion helps Lorraine, and other First Australians, retain their dignity and connection to culture during difficult times.
MAKING JESUS REAL AWARDS—Week 9

Nyah Roxburgh: for being really nice to me and playing with me.

Toby Felsch: for being a good friend

COOLER WEATHER

Please ensure that your child has a jumper (with their name on it) in their bag each day due to the changeable weather.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Monday, 7th April
Yvonne Stevenson
Megan Woolley

Wednesday, 9th April
Naomi Robinson
Carissa Pursey (AM)
Renee Stone (PM)

Thank you, ladies!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Best wishes to Deklan Wilde who celebrated his 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.

Please return all raffle tickets to school by Wednesday, 9th April, 2014

The raffle will be drawn on Friday, 11th April.

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
SRC FUNDRAISER—Interesting Hat CASUAL FUN DAY
EASTER RAFFLE DRAWN

CALENDAR: TERM 2 - WEEK 1

Monday, 28th April
Tuckshop

Tuesday, 29th April
Sports Uniform
Return Library Books

Wednesday, 30th April
Tuckshop
Zone Cross Country—Hepburn Park Goonellabah
Library

Thursday, 1st May
Sports uniform

Friday, 2nd May

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

TERM 1 – WEEK 9

Class  | Student
Kinder | Jimmy Bradford
       | Lacie Soward
Year 1  | Eli Harrington
Year 2  | Daniel Lollback
Year 3  | Blake Allan
Year 4  | Madison Newman
Year 5  | Ella Cutler
Year 6  | Eamonn Wilde

CONGRATULATIONS!
ANZAC DAY
Please return by Wednesday, 10th April
My child/children _________________________________ will be attending the Anzac Day celebrations on Friday, 25th April as follows: (Please tick)

☐ Dawn Service, Evans Head, 5.15 am
☐ Woodburn March, 9.50 am
☐ Both the Dawn Service and Woodburn March

Name: ___________________________________ Signature: ____________________________________

UNSW GLOBAL COMPETITIONS
2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools
Each year students from Years 3-6 are invited to participate in the University of NSW Competitions in various subject areas. This year students from Year 2 are also eligible to participate in the English, Mathematics and Sciences competitions. Parents who wish their children to participate should complete the form in this newsletter and return to school with the entry fee no later than Tuesday, 8th April 2014. Costs and dates for each competition are listed on the form. If more than one child in a family is participating please write out a separate list. Unfortunately, if your child is absent on the day of the test no refund is available.

== 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: ____________________________

PALM SUNDAY MASS—SATURDAY 12TH APRIL @ 5pm.
Please return by Wednesday, 9th April
My child/children __________________________ will be attending the Palm Sunday Mass on Saturday, on the 12th April at 5pm in All Saints Catholic Church, Woodburn.

Signed: __________________________