Dear Families,

**The Canonisation of John XXIII and John Paul II**

As a Catholic school and parish we celebrate the recent Canonisation of John XXIII and John Paul II.

Canonising two recent popes in the presence of his immediate predecessor, Pope Francis praised the new Saints John XXIII and John Paul II as men of courage and mercy, who responded to challenges of their time by modernising the Catholic Church in fidelity to its ancient traditions.

"They were priests, bishops and popes of the 20th century," the pope said in his homily during Mass in St Peter’s Square. “John XXIII and John Paul co-operated with the Holy Spirit in renewing and updating the church in keeping with her original features, those features which the saints have given her throughout the centuries," he said.

Speaking before a crowd of half a million that included retired Pope Benedict XVI, Pope Francis praised St John for his best-known accomplishment, calling the Second Vatican Council, which he said “showed an exquisite openness to the Holy Spirit”. “He let himself be led, and he was for the Church a pastor, a servant-leader,” the pope said.

During his 26 years as pope, John Paul worked towards energizing a new generation of Catholics. Pope Francis characterised St John Paul as the “pope of the family,” and Pope Francis said he was sure St John Paul was guiding the Church on its path to two upcoming synods of bishops on the family, to be held at the Vatican this October and in October 2015.

John XXIII and John Paul II changed the face of the Catholic Church and had a profound influence on Pope Francis who, along with retired pontiff Benedict XVI helped Francis celebrate the sainthood ceremony, an unprecedented occurrence of two living popes canonizing two of their predecessors.


**MOTHER’S DAY**

On Sunday we celebrate Mother’s Day - a very special day when we say thank you to our MUMS for everything that they have done for us. For some of us it is a time of remembering the past and for others it is a time to celebrate the future. Mothers are the precious treasure troves which remain an important part of one's life. There are times when we just sit back and think about the times we learnt from our mother, or suddenly after tasting a dish you prepared, you think of how your mother used to prepare it. These are some precious moments that we are reminded about incessantly even after many years. Such reflections never fail to bring a smile on our face.

We hope that many of you can join us at the Parish School Mass this Saturday at 5pm to celebrate Mother’s.

‘Of all the rights of women, the greatest is to be a mother’.

*(Lin Yutang, Chinese writer)*

Happy Mother’s Day to all our mums for this Sunday!

Thanks

Jeanette

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**NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM IN LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)**

Students in Years 3 and 5 will undergo the National Assessment Program on 13th, 14th and 15th May. If you have a child sitting the tests please make sure they have an early night the night before, a healthy breakfast and arrive at school on time in order to be calm and relaxed for the tests. **We wish them all well!**

**MOTHERS’ DAY LITURGY AND MORNING TEA**

Thanks to all the mother’s and grandmothers who were able to join us today for the liturgy and morning tea!
To be celebrated on 24, 25 & 26th October 2014, Come along for a great weekend!

We’d like to invite all students, ex-students teachers, parents, parishioners & the community to join in our 100 years celebration.

Anyone interested in joining the committee, being involved or may have any memorabilia, please contact the school on 66822468 or Yvonne Stevenson (coordinator) on 66825695 or 0419 611 361.

NEXT MEETING—MONDAY 26th MAY 2014 @2.00pm

MOTHER’S DAY PARISH MASS
This Saturday 10th May at 5pm
This Saturday evening we will join with the Parish to celebrate Mother’s Day. The church is beautifully decorated with the portraits and art work completed by the students. The children will be involved in the presentation of this Mass so it would be wonderful to have many families present to enjoy the celebration of Mother’s Day.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
This Term we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Penance - First Reconciliation this Wednesday 14th May at 6pm and the Sacrament of Eucharist - First Holy Communion on Saturday 21st June at 5pm. During the term Mr Sandral and the participating students are preparing for the Celebration of these important sacraments. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Sacramental Children:
FIRST RECONCILIATION/EUCHARIST
Deklan Allen
Daniel Bass
Sarah Biffin
Jordan Biffin
Billy Bradford
Zac Campbell
Leteisha Doran
Domanic Mason
Demi McKenna
Charlotte Walsh
Declan Wilde
Kade Williams

MAKING JESUS REAL AWARDS—WEEK 11
Zac Landrigan- For helping me at morning tea when we were playing tips.

ALTAR SERVERS
ALL SAINTS WOODBURN:
Saturday 5pm
10th May - Eamonn Wilde and Elise Davies
17th May - Stephanie Bell, Courtney Bell and Jason Bell
SAINT JOHN’S EVANS HEAD:
Sunday 7.30am
18th May - Amity McMahon

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Parent Meeting - Tuesday 6th May at 6.30pm.
Thank you to the parents and children who were able to attend this time of preparation for the Sacraments. We were very happy with the response of the children and the participation of all present. A big thank you to the grandparents who attended and added to our meeting with their wisdom and advice.

POLDING WINTER SPORTS TRIALS 2014
Nella Bradford (Year 5) is attending these trials for hockey.
St Joseph’s School Community wishes Nella all the best.

CLASS TELEPHONE TREE
Anyone who has received Class Telephone Tree notes, please send them in asap.

SCHOOL FEES - TERM 2
2nd termly fee payments are due by Friday, 23 May.
**Whooping Cough (Pertussis) Alert**

We have had three cases of children diagnosed with whooping cough (pertussis) at our school.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough caught at school can spread to any other members at home. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and is worse at night. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children.

**What should people sick with pertussis do?**

Pertussis is readily spread from an infected person to others by coughing and sneezing. If left untreated, it can be spread for up to three (3) weeks after the start of the infected person’s cough.

Do not attend work, school or a childcare facility if you or any household members:

- Have a cough as described above. Please see your doctor.
- Are being tested for whooping cough by your doctor and waiting for test results.
- Are being treated with antibiotics for whooping cough for at least five (5) days after starting the medicine.

**Keep coughing children away from babies.**

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades. If your school-aged child has younger siblings, it’s a good idea to check that they are up to date with their vaccines.


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**ST JOSEPH’S SPORT—TERM TWO 2014**

Kindergarten to year six students commenced Athletic skills training (shot putt, high jump, long jump, relays, sprint starts, 100, 200, 800 running) for our School Athletics Carnival which will be held at Riverview Park, South Lismore on Friday, 13th June (10am—2pm).

Sport this term will be held at 2.30pm each Thursday afternoon with the students rotating through two different skill sessions each week.

**DAILY FITNESS—TERM TWO**

Daily Fitness sessions will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings each week for Kindergarten to year six students. This week we commenced our Autumn/Winter program with the students. Some of the activities include running, skipping, ball skills and games for hand/eye co-ordination, fundamental movement skills, yoga, parachute adventures, exercises, walking and health hustles.

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**DONATIONS—SCHOOL UNIFORM POOL**

Donations of 2nd hand uniforms, jumpers, socks etc would be greatly appreciated for our school uniform pool as we have many families looking for these items.

**COOLER WEATHER**

Please ensure that your child has a jumper (with their name on it) in their bag each day due to the cooler weather.
PARENT FORUM MEETING
The next Parent Forum Meeting will be held on Monday, 12th May at 2 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PARENT FORUM PIE DRIVE—AMMENDMENT
Order forms were sent home this week for the pie drive. Order forms are due back at school by Wednesday, 14th May and the delivery date is Thursday, 27th May. Thank you to Tracey Bodley for co-ordinating this event.

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL
Thank you to Naomi Robinson for co-ordinating the Mothers’ Day stall for us yesterday, and also to the helpers who assisted her on the day - thank you! Thanks also to Naomi Robinson, Judy Lollback, Linda Collins, Megan Woolley and June Blunn for preparing the presents.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
TERM 2—Week 1

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CONGRATULATIONS!

SCHOOL UNIFORM
With the cooler mornings, please check your children have correct uniform items for winter:
♦ Girls may wear bottle green slacks but tracksuit pants are not to be worn under their uniform dress.
♦ Green tights may be worn under their dress.
♦ Please ensure all jumpers and tracksuits are clearly labelled.
♦ All hair styles need to be neat and tidy - the uncombed messy look does not fit our school expectations.
♦ Earrings are only to be plain silver or gold studs or sleepers.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2015
Parents of children who are ready to start school in 2015 are asked to register their child’s name at the school Office so that we can begin the enrolment process. Please pass on this message to family and friends who are intending to enrol children in Kinder next year. Children must turn five by 31st July 2014 to be enrolled in Diocesan schools.

CALANDER – TERM 2 WEEK 3
Monday, 12th May
Tuckshop
Parent Forum Meeting– 2pm

Tuesday, 13th May
Sports Uniform
NAPLAN Years 3 & 5

Wednesday, 14th May
Library
NAPLAN Years 3 & 5

Thursday, 15th May
Sport
NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5
Trinity Open Night- 6pm

Friday, 16th May
Mass: Year 3 - 10.15 am
Ms Wilkins– Principal’s Meeting

TERM 2 WEEK 4
Monday, 19th May
Tuckshop
K-2 Ballina Seabird Rescue Excursion

Tuesday, 20th May
Sports Uniform
Yrs 3-6 UNSW Computer Skills Test
Ms Wilkins and Mr Cocicola– Survey Inservice

Wednesday, 21st May
Library

Thursday, 22nd May
Sport
2.30pm Class Parents Meeting

Friday, 23rd May
Diocesan Cross Country
Assembly 2.30pm Stage 3

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Monday, 12th May
Naomi Robinson
Valentina Cauchi

Wednesday, 14th May
Tanya Davidson
Stacey Bradford

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday to those who celebrated their birthday this week: T’Ahna Allen, Taj Ferrier, Lionel Ribeiro-Deornellas and Robinson.