Dear Families,

Traditionally May is the month when we remember, celebrate and thank Mary, the mother of God in a special way. During his 26 year pontificate John Paul II frequently reminded us that the month of May is, in a particular way, dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. In their reflection on the significance of Jesus’ passion, the Church fathers understood that when Jesus, dying in agony on the Cross, said to John, “This is your mother”, he was not merely entrusting Mary to John’s care, but also to making Mary the spiritual mother of all followers of Christ. In Mary’s life on earth we see a strong woman, the author of the Magnificat, who was willing to embrace motherhood as a vocation from God in all its joys and sorrows. Every mother will know exactly the meaning of the prophet Simeon’s words to Mary, when Jesus was presented in the temple in Jerusalem: “A sword will pierce your own heart”. She was with Jesus at every important moment of his life: from his conception, his birth in Bethlehem, during his public ministry, at his crucifixion, and with the disciples on Pentecost Sunday, when the Holy Spirit came down upon them.

In following in the footsteps of Jesus, and in the richness of the Christian tradition, we find in Mary the perfect mediator between mankind and God, in who we can confide our most private thoughts and deepest fears, asking her intercession in the confident knowledge that Jesus will hear her, as happened at the Feast at Cana. During this month of May, dedicated to Mary, we are encouraged to pray to her to intercede on our behalf.

Holy Mary,
help those in need,
give strength to the weak,
comfort the sorrowful,
pray for God’s people,
assist the clergy,
intercede for religious.
Mary all who seek your help
experience your unfailing protection
Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS
To our students who made their First Reconciliation on Wednesday. It was a beautiful prayerful celebration. Also congratulations to Jordan Biffin on his Baptism and Daniel Bass for being welcomed into the Church. What a wonderful week it has been!

BEEF MEETS REEF
We have decided, as a school to be a part of the Beef Meets Reef Parade at Evans Head for 2014. The theme for the festival this year is Heroes and Villains. We will walk as a school and the children are invited to be dressed up as heroes or villains. The Parade starts on Sunday, 25th May at 2pm. We will need to be marshalled by 1.30 pm at the Kiosk carpark, Oak Street, Evans Head. Parents are welcome to walk with us. If your child/children wish to participate please complete the note in this newsletter.

Thanks

Jeanette

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM IN LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)
Congratulations to all our Years 3 and 5 students who sat the four NAPLAN tests this week in Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. We wish them all well in their results.

OASIS 2014: ‘Light the Fire Within’
Lismore Diocesan Young Adult Weekend (18-40 years)
9 am Saturday, 31st May to 2 pm, Sunday, 1st June 2014
‘Koinonia by the Sea’, Terrace Street, Evans Head
Presenter: Fr Richard Leonard
Diocesan Co-ordinator: Fr Richard Foley
6683 2051 or 0417 699 708
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 6682 2468 or Yvonne Stevenson (co-ordinator) on 6682 5695 or 0419 611 361.

NEXT MEETING—MONDAY 26th MAY 2014 @2.00pm

Many hands make light work!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Congratulations to the following students who received their First Reconciliation on Wednesday evening. We thank Father Richard for his support and care for our students and their families during this special time.

Please keep the following students in your thoughts and prayers as they continue their journey into full initiation into the Catholic Christian family as they prepare for their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 21st June at 5pm:

Deklan Allen
Daniel Bass
Sarah Biffin
Jordan Biffin
Billy Bradford
Zac Campbell
Lateisha Doran
Domonic Mason
Demi McKenna
Declan Wilde
Kade Williams

Congratulations also to Daniel Bass who was received into the Catholic Church and Jordan Biffin who was Baptised last weekend.

ST VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul have launched their Vinnies Winter Appeal. They would appreciate donations of blankets and warm clothing. If you have items to spare please deposit them at the roadside St Vincent de Paul drop off sites or send them along to school and our Mini-Vinnies team will give them to our local Evans Head centre. Winter can be a difficult time for some families so your support would be greatly appreciated.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS from Megan Boyd

TWILIGHT RETREAT

As Part of Proclaim Lismore our school staff attended Fr Richard Leonard’s Twilight Retreat in Ballina. The theme for the retreat was ‘On Darkness to Light: Holding on to Christ through the tough times’.

The diocese is very privileged that Fr Richard Leonard, SJ, a Jesuit of the Australian Province, has made time available between his national and international commitments to give our staff this valuable opportunity.

MAKING JESUS REAL AWARDS

Bridie Moss—for being a WEST person and a very kind and caring friend;
Miss Pollard—for being nice; and for being a WEST person when she prepared the Mothers’ Day cards and flowers for the Mothers’ Day Mass.

ALTAR SERVERS

ALL SAINTS WOODBURN:
Saturday 5 pm
17th May - Stephanie Bell, Courtney Bell and Jason Bell
24th May—Jak Ferguson, Tayla Ferguson and Victoria Mohammed

SAINT JOHN’S EVANS HEAD:
Sunday 7.30 am
18th May - Amy McMahon
25th May—Hannah McClure
**PIE DRIVE**—All order forms were due back at school by Wednesday, 14th May and the delivery date is Tuesday, 27th May. Thank you to Tracey Bodley for co-ordinating this event.

**Class Parent Meeting:** Thursday, 22nd May 2.30pm

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**Don't Miss A Great Night at The Greyhounds**

_Bring the family along, for lots of fun and a fantastic night._

**10th JUNE 2014**

Tickets $5
Available at School Office

_Venue: Coleman’s Point Greyhound Track_  
**FUNDRAISER FOR ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL**

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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**  
**TERM 2—Week 2**

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Principal's Award: Lani Reese

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

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**CALENDAR – 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 Cocciola—Survey Inservice

**Wednesday, 21st May**

- Library
- Tuckshop

**Thursday, 22nd May**

- Sport
  - 2.30 pm Class Parents Meeting

**Friday, 23rd May**

- Diocesan Cross Country
  - Assembly 2.30 pm Stage 3

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**TERM 2 WEEK 5**

**Monday, 26th May**

- Tuckshop
- Centenary Meeting 2pm

**Tuesday, 27th May**

- Sports Uniform
- Parent Forum Pie Drive pick-up

**Wednesday, 28th May**

- Library
- Tuckshop

**Thursday, 29th May**

- Sport
- Principals’ Conference

**Friday, 30th May**

- Whole School Mass 10.15 am (led by Year 2)
- Principals’ Conference

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**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

**Monday, 19th May**

- Judie Lollback
- Renee Stone
- Wednesday, 21st May
- Megan Woolley
- Shelley Cleaverley
- Robyn Hatcher (PM)

_Thank you ladies!_

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Happy Birthday to those who celebrated their birthday this week: Nella Bradford, Jonathan Robinson, Alex Yager, Matthew Woolley and Toby Felsch.
WHOOPING COUGH (PERTUSSIS)

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?
Paulitics 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 sib-

lings, it’s a good idea to check that they are up to date with their vaccines.

For further advice, please call the Public Health Unit (02) 6620 7585 or NSW Health website

KINDGARTEN 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 2015 to be enrolled in Diocesan schools.

Enrolments may also be made for any of the other classes, Year 1 to Year 6.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos have been sent home this week.
We have a sample photo of the Mini-Vinnies Leaders and the whole Student Representative Council in the school office. These are available to order at $15 each.
Please see Mrs Dorrell in the office to view the photos, or request a payment envelope for Classic Color Studios if you wish to place an order.

POLDING WINTER SPORTS TRIALS
The Polding Winter Sports Trials in netball, rugby league- 11 years and opens, hockey and football (soccer) were held at Tamworth on Friday, 9th May.
Nella Bradford (Year 5) attended the girls hockey trials and was successful in being selected in the Polding girls hockey team that will contest the New South Wales P.S.S.A. State hockey championships at Narr-

lan from 16th to 19th June this term.
Congratulations Nella with your selection in the Polding girls hockey team and all the best at the State Carnival in June.

WELL DONE, JAK!
Congratulations to Jak Ferguson who has been involved in organising a drought fundraiser to be held this Satur-

day at 5.30 pm at the Rod ‘n’ Reel Hotel in Woodburn. There will be a mechanical bull, face painting, photo booth, raffles and more. All welcome!

BEEF MEETS REEF PARADE—EVANS HEAD

My child/children _____________________________________________ would like to participate in the Beef Meets Reef Parade on Sunday, 25th May at 2 pm at Evans Head.

Name:_________________________________________ Signature:___________________