Dear Families,

Earlier this year, as part of a Diocesan initiative, our school was involved in the School Improvement Survey. The resultant data will be used to bring about improvements in our school effectiveness. The survey was completed by Years 5 and 6 students, all staff and sent out to 60 randomly chosen families. The results were returned to the school last Tuesday when Mr Cocciola and myself attended an inservice to examine the data. Some of the data is quite complex and will need some time to decipher.

Our parent surveys were completed by 28 families and showed positive results that we celebrate, whilst areas that need some input and further attention were also highlighted. The areas covered in the survey included Community Engagement, Learning Opportunity, Staff Engagement, Student Engagement, Peer Relations and Student Behaviour. The parents surveyed, rated our school in the top 50% of schools in Australia in the areas of Peer relations and Student behaviour. Student Engagement in Learning was rated in in the top 25% of Australian Schools by the students.

Areas of concern that were singled out by the families surveyed, included Extra Curricular Activities, Transitions and Homework which rated in the lower 25% of Australian schools and actual Classroom Behaviour which rated in the lower part of the middle 50% of Australian Schools. We will be working on these areas as a school and in the near future propose to hold an afternoon tea or meeting to discuss ways with you that we can improve on this. We wish to continue to do well in our strength areas and will work to improve areas that require attention. I will attempt to display results in the coming weeks that can be easily understood by all.

KINDERGARTEN 2015 INFORMATION EVENING

We have planned an Information Evening for parents who are thinking about enrolling their child at St Joseph’s in 2015. This will be held on Wednesday, 28th May at 6:00 pm in the library and we invite any interested parents or carers to come along and learn more about what our school has to offer. This night gives families and carers the opportunity to visit the school and get a feel for what our school espouses. Not only does it afford parents and carers the opportunity to learn more about what our school offers educationally, but many visitors have stated that our school has a ‘lovely feel’, that it is a very welcoming place to walk into and hopefully prospective parents will also feel this as they enter the school. St Joseph’s is a school renowned for its welcoming and inclusive atmosphere and that is largely thanks to you, our parent body. It is our families and friends who make St Joseph’s a great place to be and I see this in action regularly - people working together to achieve the best all round outcomes for your children - our students.

Information nights such as these are very valuable, but I believe that the best advertisement or recommendation for our school is word of mouth. It’s what you say that influences people’s decisions on their child’s education more than any other form of advertising. So if you are happy with your child’s school let others know, as this is a great opportunity to celebrate with others the wonderful sense of community that exists here and to acknowledge the great things that continue to happen at St Joseph’s.

BEEF MEETS REEF

We look forward to seeing you at the marshalling area this Sunday for 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 2 pm. 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.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE: Mrs Megan Boyd left today for 3 weeks Long Service Leave. Ms Chaya Wilson will teach Kindergarten in her absence. We wish Megan all the best for her holiday.

Thanks

Jeanette
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 (coordinator) on 6682 5695 or 0419 611 361.

NEXT MEETING—MONDAY 26th MAY 2014 @2.00pm

Many hands make light work!

Eucharistic Ministers Training
There is a need in our Parish for new Eucharistic Ministers - (the people who help Father Richard distribute the Eucharist at Mass during Parish and School Masses). Father Richard is offering training and revision sessions for all who would be interested in becoming Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist in our Parish. A commissioning of new ministers will take place at the First Holy Communion Mass at 5 pm at Woodburn on 21st June. A new Parish handbook for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will be given to each participant. Only one training session is required.

Training sessions are as follows:
Woodburn: 3 pm on Saturday, 14th June
Coraki: 2.30 pm on Saturday, 21st June

It would be wonderful to have a team of parents and grandparents of students at our school willing to take up this ministry opportunity.

Sacrament of Eucharist - First Holy Communion - Saturday, 21st June 5pm
All are invited to attend First Holy Communion on Saturday 21st June at the All Saints’ Church Woodburn at 5 pm. After the Mass there will be a light supper and cutting of the celebration cake at the back of the church.

Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 2)
This year Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Jarrett on Saturday, 9th August at 5 pm at the All Saints’ Church Woodburn. A Parent meeting for this Sacramental Program will be on Tuesday, 22nd July at 6.30 pm and a CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT Ceremony will be held during the Parish Mass at the All Saints’ Church Woodburn at 5 pm on Saturday, 26th July.

Sacramental Celebration Gifts
The St Vincent de Paul shop at Evans Head has suitable gifts and cards for the children who are receiving their First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year. It is a lovely idea to mark the celebration with an appropriate gift, and the shop has a variety of inexpensive treasures most suitable for these special celebrations.

School Mass
The next school Mass will be prepared by Miss Taylor and Year 2 and will be celebrated on Friday, 30th May at 10.15 am. The theme of the Mass will be the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven.

MAKING JESUS REAL AWARDS
Tahlia Robson: For playing fairly in handball and for doing re-plays just for me - thank you!
Billy Bradford: For helping me get my ball.

ALTAR SERVERS
ALL SAINTS WOODBURN:
Saturday, 5 pm
24th May—Jak Ferguson, Tayla Ferguson and Victoria Mohammed
30th May—Tara Blunn, Eliza Blunn, Aimee Landrigan

SAINT JOHN’S EVANS HEAD:
Sunday, 7.30 am
25th May—Hannah McClure

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
PARENT FORUM

Pie Drive
Pick up date is Tuesday, 27th May from the Meeting Room after 2.30 pm. If you are free to help out the sorting of the Pie Drive orders, please see Tracey Bodl ey or leave your name at the Office. Thanks to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

Greyhounds
Don’t forget to buy your Greyhound tickets from the Office at $5 a ticket.

Tuesday, 10th June 2014—Don’t miss a great night
We are still looking for Sponsors for our $100 races, and our raffles. Please consider these options, or ask businesses you support that may like to sponsor this event.

Athletics Carnival—Cake Stall
We are asking families of Year 5 and Year 3 to donate cakes or slices to sell at the Athletics Carnival to be held on Friday, 13th June.

Next Parent Forum Meeting
The next meeting will be held at 2 pm on Monday, 16th June in the Meeting Room.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL
St Vincent de Paul Conference Evans Head is offering a family a small dental program in conjunction with the children’s Medicare dental scheme. If you are interested please contact Veronica on 6682 4224 or Wilma on 6682 4429.

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.

SCHOOL FEES STATEMENTS
School Fees statements have been sent home this week. The second termly payment is due to be paid by Friday, 30th May. Please check your statements, and if you have any queries please give Lesley a call.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday to those who celebrated their birthday this week: Kellie-Ann Boland, Bailey Hatcher, Aimee Landrigan and Zac Campbell.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK  
TERM 2—Week 3

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CONGRATULATIONS!

FAREWELL
This week we say farewell to Charlee Spackman (Year 2) and her parents, Ross and Deanna. The Spackman family have had a long association with St Joseph’s with their 4 children, Molly, Hanna, Ella and Charlee all attending our school. We wish them all the best and thank them for the contribution they have made to St Joseph’s.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
We have a sample photo of the Mini-Vinnies Leaders, the Student Representative Council and the Sports Captains 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.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Monday, 26th May
Tanya Davidson
Megan Woolley

Wednesday, 28th May
Naomi Robinson
Kerrie Tunsted (AM)
Buffie Scott (PM)

Thank you ladies!