Dear Families,

At this time of the year teachers are in the process of finalising students' assessments and Semester One reports and I frequently hear them talking and discussing work covered, results gained and effort applied in order to decide on a final grade. Reporting is not an easy process and there is much time, thought and deliberation put into the final result. It becomes an even more difficult task when teachers are required to teach all day and then work on their reports after school and on weekends. I congratulate all staff on their commitment in ensuring that students' reports are a true and accurate reflection of their progress and effort. I read this article about the teaching vocation recently and although it is not quite the way I would express it, it is a true indication of the wonderful work our teachers do!

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life. One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued, "What's a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher?"

He reminded the other dinner guests what they say about teachers: "Those who can, do. Those who can't, teach." To stress his point he said to another guest; "You're a teacher, Bonnie. Be honest. What do you make?"

Bonnie, who had a reputation for honesty and frankness replied, "You want to know what I make?" (She paused for a second, then began...)

"Well, I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could. I make a C+ feel like the Order of Australia. I can engage kids through 2 hours of class time when their parents can't make them sit for 5 without an iPod, Game Cube or movie rental. You want to know what I make?" (She paused again and looked at each and every person at the table.)

Their jaws dropped, and they went silent.

"I make kids wonder. I make them question. I make them apologize and mean it. I make them have respect and take responsibility for their actions. I teach them to write and then I make them write. Keyboarding isn't everything...I make them read, read, read. I make them show all their working in maths. They use their God given brain, not the man-made calculator. I make my students from other countries learn everything they need to know in English while preserving their unique cultural identity. I make my classroom a place where all my students feel safe. Finally, I make them understand that if they use the gifts they were given, work hard, and follow their hearts, they can succeed in life. That's what I make!"

(Bonnie paused one last time and then continued.)

"Then, when people try to judge me by what I make, with me knowing money isn't everything, I can hold my head up high and pay no attention because they are ignorant...You want to know what I make? I MAKE A DIFFERENCE. What do you make Mr CEO?"

Welcome to Sr Janet Cummings

This week we welcome Sr Janet Cummings to our school family. Sr Janet will be working in the school in a pastoral role. She will be the listening ear to those children who require it throughout the day; she may assist in classes when needed; she will look to initiate some well-being programs and social groups and assist Mrs Boyd with the Mini Vinnies group. Sr Janet is a Josephite sister, therefore we will be calling on her assistance with our upcoming Centenary Celebrations as well. Please join with the staff and students in welcoming Sr Janet when you see her around the school.

Proclaim Lismore:  Parent Gathering 2014 is the exciting first stage in a journey designed to promote “new ardour, new methods and new means of expression” for the mission of Catholic education in the Diocese of Lismore. Catholic education is moving from good to great as it engages with the changing social and cultural changes of our times that are impacting on the religious lives of students.

The journey began in 2013 with school staff, in 2014 we are walking with our parents and in 2015 it will be our students turn.

Proclaim Lismore Parents 2014 is an unprecedented opportunity for parents to join with us as partners in co-designing an even stronger and more effective Catholic schooling for each child – intellectually, emotionally, physically and spiritually. Please see our moodle site for more information

It is timely that we have our long weekend this weekend. Hopefully the extra day will give us all the opportunity to re-energise and rest, ready for the remainder of the term. I hope that each of you enjoy your long weekend together!

Thanks

Jeanette
To be celebrated on 24th, 25th & 26th October 2014,
Come along for a great weekend!

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

NEXT MEETING—Tuesday 17th June 2014 at 2.00 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS from Megan Boyd

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.

MAKING JESUS REAL AWARDS
Jarrod Lohse: For being a nice friend and talking to me when I was sad.
Sarah Biffin: Thank you for forgiving me when I was not being kind.
Mrs Reese: For being a caring teacher

ALTAR SERVERS

ALL SAINTS WOODBURN:
Saturday, 5 pm
7th June: Leilani Mangan
Elise Davies
14th June: James Pursey
Amber Walsh

SAINT JOHN’S EVANS HEAD:
Sunday, 7.30 am
8th June: Hannah McClure
15th June: Amity McMahon

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2015

We are pleased with the number of families interested in enrolment for Kindergarten 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.

Our current families who have a child starting in Kindergarten next year will have their Enrolment Application Form sent home next week. I would like to meet individually with parents and their child in Week 9 (23-26 June) to get to know you and your child a little better. Further Information will be provided in the enrolment pack.

We are also enrolling now for Years 1 - 6, 2015. Information is available from the school office.
INVITATION TO AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA
All St Joseph’s parents and friends are invited to Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea on Friday, 20th June being organised by the Class Parents of St Joseph’s Woodburn. It will be held at Café Chill at Evans Head starting at 10 am.
The cost is $12 per person, $5 of which will be donated to the Cancer Council.
Hope to see you there! Please complete the note in this Newsletter and return to school by Tuesday, 17th June.

BOOK CLUB
Please note that Book Club orders are due back at school by Thursday, 12th June.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday to those who celebrated their birthday this week: Lara Barham, Blake Yager, Ella Cutler and Lani Reese.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Monday, 9th June
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday, 11th June
Stacey Bradford
Naomi Robinson
Thank you ladies!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
TERM 2—Week 5

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CONGRATULATIONS!

PARENT FORUM NEWS
Greyhounds: Tuesday, 10th June 2014
Don’t miss a great family night!
Gates open at 5 pm; First race approximately 6.30 pm
Venue: Coleman’s Point Greyhound Track
$5 ticket from the school office. Children FREE.
All proceeds of tickets bought at the office go to the Parent Forum which goes back into our school. (We do not make any money from tickets bought at the gate.)
Great raffles, meals available in upstairs bistro, takeaway food downstairs, TAB and bar facilities.
A big thank you to all our sponsors. We are still in need of donations for raffle prizes—see the office if you can help with this. Please support this event. It is the Parent Forum’s major fund raiser for this year.

CALENDAR – TERM 2 WEEK 7

Monday, 9th June
Public Holiday

Tuesday, 10th June
Sports Uniform
Questacon Science Circus
Greyhound Fundraiser evening

Wednesday, 11th June
Library
Tuckshop
Year 6 Religion Test

Thursday, 12th June
Sport

Friday, 13th June
St Joseph’s Athletics Carnival, Lismore
Curriculum Meeting—Mrs Reese

TERM 2 WEEK 8

Monday, 16th June
Tuckshop
Mrs Boyd returns from Leave
Parent Forum Meeting 2pm

Tuesday, 17th June
Sports Uniform
Centenary Meeting 2pm
Years 2-6 Spelling Test UNSW

Wednesday, 18th June
Library
Tuckshop
Years 3-6 Writing UNSW
Leadership Inservice—Mr Cocciola and Mrs Boyd

Thursday, 19th June
Sport

Friday, 20th June
Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea—Chill Café Evans Head
2.30 pm Infants Assembly

Saturday 21st June
First Eucharist Parish/School Mass 5pm

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SPONSORS OF OUR GREYHOUND FUNDRAISER:
Coraki Takeaway
Broadwater Sugar Mill
Evans Head Denture Clinic
Warren Innes Contractor
Gold Crust Bakery, Lismore
Bexhill Haulage
Sly Brothers, Woodburn
River Bistro, Evans Head
Evans Head Bowling Club

Next Parent Forum Meeting:
Monday, 16th June 2014 at 2 pm. All welcome.
ST JOSEPH’S ATHLETICS CARNIVAL—FRIDAY, 13th JUNE
The St Joseph’s Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday, 13th June at Riverview Park, South Lismore. Students will travel by bus to and from Lismore. There will be no charge for the bus—this cost will be covered by the Performance Levy. Parents may take their child/children directly from Lismore with parent’s signed permission.

Please fill in the permission note in this Newsletter, and return to school by Tuesday, 10th June.

Parents are needed to help with this Carnival, e.g. recorders, judges, etc, for both field and track events. If you are able to assist please fill out the slip and return it to school by Tuesday, 10th June.

Children may wear a blue, green or yellow coloured t-shirt appropriate to their Sports House, and appropriate shorts. All students will need to bring fruit, morning tea and lunch as well as water/drinks as no canteen will be operating at the grounds on the day of the carnival. Sunscreen should be applied before leaving home and students must wear their school hat.

Cakes will be available for purchase at morning tea. Students from Year 3 and Year 5 are asked to please provide a plate to be sold for morning tea; e.g. cakes, slices, biscuits. These can be sent to school on the morning of the carnival.

Thank you to families for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours in sport,
John Cocciola
Sports Co-ordinator

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA
Please return by Tuesday, 17th June

I will be attending Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea on Friday, 20th June at Café Chill at Evans Head.

Name: ___________________________________ Phone Number: ____________________________

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL—Morning Tea Assistance
Please return by Tuesday, 10th June

I am able to help with morning tea (selling cakes, etc).

Name: ____________________________ (please print) Phone Number: ____________________________

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL— Event Helpers
Please return by Tuesday, 10th June

I am able to help with events at the Athletics Carnival on Friday, 13th June.

Name: ____________________________ (please print) Phone Number: ____________________________

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL—Permission and Travel Note
Please return by Tuesday, 10th June

I give permission for my child/children _______________________________ in Year/s ___________________________ to participate in the St Joseph’s Athletics Carnival on Friday, 13th June.

My child/children will travel by bus to and from the Athletics Carnival

I will be picking up my child/children from Riverview Park

Name: ____________________________ (please print) Phone Number: ____________________________

Shell QUESTACON Science Circus

The Science Circus is visiting our school on Tuesday, 10th June. It is a major outreach program from Questacon—the National Science and Technology Centre in Canberra. A Science Circus experience is designed to stimulate and challenge students to explore science and technology for themselves and is an ideal basis for follow-on activities. It includes an exciting and interactive presentation covering aspects of science in everyday life. The presenters use familiar everyday materials that demonstrate a variety of scientific principles. Two sessions will be run, one for our Infants classes, and one for Primary, which will be tailored to the age, ability and experience of the audience.

The cost of the Science Circus is covered by the Performance Levy.

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