Dear Families,

Every Thursday morning before school we come together for staff prayer with a different staff member leading each week. It is a quiet, insightful and reflective experience that we take time to share. We sometimes use an excellent resource, ‘Going Deeper’, that includes a short video, a reading and some questions for discussion. Our prayer yesterday focussed on looking at how the power of witnesses changed the future of the world, referring to the courage of the apostles to continue to teach the ways of Jesus, despite the threat of death for doing so.

We, as a society, are lucky today, we don’t have to worry about such threats but do we have the courage to continue to teach and live the way Jesus taught? On a daily basis do we stand up for and demonstrate love, kindness, respect, justice, and forgiveness?

One of the questions for discussion in our prayer session was about the effectiveness of Christian witness in our school. If observers spent a week at our school what would they encounter? Our thoughts included:

- The children—they teach us every day about kindness, forgiveness, love, patience, beauty, passion and appreciation, through their words and actions.
- A welcoming and caring staff
- Fr Richard visiting regularly
- The Mini Vinnies group
- The Student Representative Council
- Our Year 6 Leaders
- Our Year 6 buddies
- Our Year 5 reading buddies
- Our supportive and welcoming parent community
- Our Parent Forum
- Our Class Parents
- Our class helpers
- Class prayer
- Making Jesus Real lessons, discussions and awards
- School and Parish Masses
- Singing
- Quiet prayer time in our St Mary MacKillop garden
- The Sacramental Program
- Staff Prayer
- Our Assemblies
- Staff and student interactions

Quite a list! I wonder if we had to list the ways that we are witnesses to our faith at home, what would our list include?

AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA
A special thank you to Katrina Williams and the St Joseph’s Class Parents group for organising and running the Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea today. I had a quick visit to Café Chill this morning where more than fifty people were enjoying their morning tea and each other’s company. $484.00 was raised for the Cancer Council—a great effort.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
Just a reminder that our next staff Development Day (PUPIL FREE DAY) is the last day of this term Friday 27th June. We will be combining with the staff at St Joseph Coraki for a Parish School Retreat day.

If you have difficulty with arrangements for the care of your child/children on these days please let us know as soon as possible. We thank you for supporting us in our Professional Development Opportunities.

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—Monday 14th July 2014 at 6pm

CELEBRATION of the SACRAMENT of EUCHARIST
Saturday, 21st June
The following children will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday evening at the All Saints’ Catholic Church Woodburn at 5 pm. We encourage all our families to be present with us as the children celebrate their final Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic Church family.
After the Mass all attending will share a light supper at the back of the church. We ask that families please provide a small plate of finger food to share. A congratulation cake will also be shared at the supper.
We thank Mr Sandral for his preparation of the students for this very special occasion.
Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this important celebration:

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

MINI VINNIES EXCURSION
Woodburn Preschool
On Wednesday, 25th June approximately thirty Mini Vinnies team members will visit the Woodburn Preschool to be of service to others in the community.
They have been given the challenge of helping a preschool child decorate a pot using recycled materials. The Mini Vinnies members will also assist the preschoolers to plant either seeds or seedlings; and then the pots will be used to decorate their playground.
We are very proud of our Mini Vinnies team for their enthusiasm for the project and the effort needed to prepare for the occasion. We look forward to the Mini Vinnies having an enjoyable and beneficial experience as they work with the Pre-school children.

ALTAR SERVERS
ALL SAINTS WOODBURN:
Saturday, 5 pm
21st June: Elise Davies
Tara Blunn
Victoria Mohammed

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.

PARENT FORUM MEETING
Our next Parent Forum meeting will be held on Monday, 21st July 2014 at 3.30 pm in the Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Proclaim Lismore Parents 2014 – “It takes a village to raise a child”
Over the past few months all parents of children in Catholic schools throughout the Lismore Diocese have been receiving Proclaim Parent e-bulletins that have highlighted the need for developing and improving ways for parents to be valued partners in the education of their children. Parish Schools are in an adventurous time of change as parishes, principals, staff and parents become co-designers of a strong, bright future for Catholic education. But to do this successfully we need you. We need people who can contribute courage, vision and passion as we look for ways to take Catholic education from good to great. Please visit the Proclaim Lismore website to learn more about our journey of co-designing a stronger future for each child at www.proclaimlismore.com.au.
SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

All children will bring home their Semester Reports on Thursday, 26th June. The reports have been updated this year to include the Australian Curriculum Outcomes for English and Science and Technology. Portfolios will remain at school to be used at interview. The reports are designed to be read in a quiet setting with your child focusing on the positives and looking at future goals. Reports are NOT a comparison between children. If you require further information about the Common Grade Scale used for reporting, your child’s teacher can supply this.

Every family is expected to attend a Parent-Teacher Interview on Tuesday or Wednesday of Week 2 of Term 3. Details of the interview times will be sent home in the first week of next term. Please select a time from the note and we will try our best to fit everyone into the requested time slot. Parents requesting consecutive interviews for their children must return their notes promptly to ensure getting times requested. We look forward to celebrating your child’s successes with you.

Your Child’s Report

All schools in NSW are required to use the A–E (the Common Grade Scale) reporting system for students from Year 1 onwards. What does this mean? The Common Grade Scale describes performance at each of five grade levels as set out below.

A: The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.

B: The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.

C: The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

D: The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

E: The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

Celebrate if your child receives a C for achievement - C is the grade that each child is expected to achieve in each Key Learning Area. C is success.

SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

Thank you to the many families who have finalised their school fees for this term. We still have a number of families who not paid their school fees for Term 2. This totals a substantial amount of money and, like any organisation, we too have accounts to pay. Some families are ignoring fee reminders and will be contacted to explain unpaid fees. Please phone me at school immediately if you are facing difficulties with fee payments. I would ask that these fees are paid by the first week of Term 3 or contact the office to discuss payment options. Please be reminded that unpaid school fees could jeopardise attendance at school excursions and camps.

THE FAMILY BUSH DANCE RETURNS!

After its great success last year the Bush Dance will return to St Joseph’s Woodburn! We have set the date as Saturday, 2nd August 2014, so make sure you mark it in your diaries, phone calendars, etc. This year it will be a fundraiser to help support the Centenary celebrations in October.

This will be a great opportunity for families to get together and to meet the new families in our school. We would love to see as many of our school families join with us as we dance the night away to the band “Playin’ Possum”. You don’t need to know the steps as they will be called on the night, so plan to come along and join in the fun!

More details to follow next term.

SRC FUNDRAISER TERM 2

On Thursday, 26th June, the SRC will be holding a fundraiser. It will be a movie day.

If you follow State of Origin you can wear your team colour. Or you can wear your favourite PJs. Please remember to bring a gold coin donation. All money raised will go to Redkite Foundation, a foundation that supports children, teenagers and young adults with cancer, and their families.

Oliver Mason and Kaitlyn Cook
SRC Representatives

PS: Please remember to wear sensible shoes and school hat.
CAN YOU HELP?
St. Joseph’s School Woodburn would like to introduce the LAP Program into the school. To do this we need the support of mothers, fathers, friends, grandparents.

The philosophy of LAP:
- It is always one-to-one.
- Is about relationship.
- Builds self – confidence and self-esteem.
- Takes a creative approach to learning.
- Promotes parent and community participation in the school.

Student centred and volunteer/mentor based, this program is established on the concept of one-to-one interaction between student and volunteer for a regular session each week.

If you have skills in woodwork, craft activities, card making, knitting, board games etc and would like to help please complete the form in this Newsletter and return it to: Sr. Janet Cummings at the school.

For further information please contact Sr. Janet Cummings at St. Joseph’s School. Monday-Thursday 6682 2468

CALENDAR – TERM 2 WEEK 9

Monday, 23rd June
Tuckshop

Tuesday, 24th June
Sports Uniform

Wednesday, 25th June
Library
Tuckshop
Mini Vinnies visit to Woodburn Pre-school

Thursday, 26th June
Sport
SRC Casual/Movie Day fundraiser
Semester 1 Reports go home.
Last day of Term 2 for the students

Friday, 27th June
Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

HOLiDAYS!!!

TERM 3 WEEK 1

Monday, 14th July
Tuckshop
Centenary Meeting 6pm

Tuesday, 15th July
Sports Uniform

Wednesday, 16th July
Library
Tuckshop

Thursday, 17th July
Sport

Friday, 18th July
Richmond Zone Athletics, South Lismore

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday to those who celebrated their birthday this week: Darcy Hodges, Joel Davidson and Mrs Lorna Stormon.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Monday, 23rd June
Alison Smith
Naomi Robinson

Wednesday, 25th June
Kerrie Tunsted
Carissa Pursey

Thank you ladies!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
TERM 2—Week 7

Class | Student
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Kinder | Whole class
Year 1 | Ryley Davis
Year 2 | Annabelle Robinson
Year 3 | Bridie Moss
Year 4 | Madison Newman
Year 5 | Lilli Sheen
Year 6 | Lochlan Campbell

CONGRATULATIONS!
St Joseph’s Athletics Carnival was held at Riverview Park, South Lismore on Friday 13th June, a great venue for athletics and although it was overcast the sun appeared out for most of the day.

Thank you to the many parents who supported the carnival by your attendance and help throughout the day.

Thank you to the sports leaders who did a fantastic job with organising their house teams and running the colour house meetings.

Thank you to the year 3 and 5 parents who supplied cakes and slices to sell during morning tea.

Thank you to the staff from St Joseph’s who have worked during P.E. classes to develop athletic skills with the students and for working hard throughout the carnival day running the various events.

Finally, congratulations to all students who competed hard and in a most sportsmanlike manner during the day.

The final results of the carnival are:

1st Guraman – Yellow 529 points
2nd Gahgan – Green 518 points
3rd Burbi – Blue 455 points

Age Championships:

5 years Boys: 1st Finlay Stevenson
5 years Girls: 1st Farrah Carpenter 2nd Nyah Roxburgh
6 year Boys: 1st Jimmy Bradford 2nd Alexander Pursey 3rd Blake Yager
6 year Girls: 1st Erin Williams 2nd Presley Jubber 3rd Jozie Murada
7 years Boys: 1st Patrick Barham 2nd – Adrian Westerman 3rd – Lewi Scott
7 years Girls: 1st Olivia Hayden 2nd – Heidi Mc Clure 3rd – Mikaela Robson
8 years Boys: 1st Alex Yager 2nd – Zac Busted 3rd – Jed Dougherty
8 years Girls: 1st Tatym Hodges 2nd – Lilly Sauer 3rd – Jessica Williams
9 years Boys: 1st Billy Bradford 2nd – Domanic Mason. 3rd - Declan Wilde
9 years Girls: 1st Madison Newman 2nd – Mila Scott 3rd – Charlotte Walsh
10 years Boys: 1st George Campbell 2nd – Lewis Irwin 3rd Zac Campbell
10 years Girls: 1st Amity Mc Mahon 2nd – Lara Barham 3rd – Lani Reese
11 years Girls: 1st Nella Bradford 2nd – Mikeala Miller 3rd – Hannah Mc Clure
12 years Boys: 1st Eamonn Wilde 2nd – Toby Felsch 3rd – Brodie Forsyth
12 years Girls: 1st Amber Walsh 2nd – Lily Davidson 3rd - Tara Blunn
13year Boys: 1st Lochlan Campbell

Congratulations to the students who were successful at both track and field events and will represent the school at the Richmond Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday, 18th July at Riverview Park, South Lismore.

John Cocciola
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

Richmond Zone Athletics Carnival 2014
The Richmond Zone Athletics Carnival will be held at Riverview Park, South Lismore on Friday 18th July (week 1, term 3) with the backup date Tuesday, 22nd July.

St Joseph’s Primary students will compete against students from other Catholic Primary Schools in the zone (Kyogle, Casino, Coraki, South Lismore, Lismore, Alstonville, Ballina and Skennars Head).

Students from St Joseph’s were given permission notes at last Friday’s school carnival. These notes were due back to school today (Friday, 20th June).

This year’s Diocesan Athletics Carnival will be held at Port Macquarie on Friday, 8th August.

I WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST WITH THE LAP PROGRAM.

NAME: ...............................................................

SIGNATURE: ...............................................................

PHONE CONTACT: ...............................................................