Dear Families

To reach our personal potential we need to have a vision or goal for what we are aiming for in life. At times our vision or goals for the future become clouded by worries, pressures of relationships and disappointments related to work, etc. But we need to have faith that with God’s help we can become ‘a mountaineer’ as in the following story. The following story is a great one to share with our children who sometimes find it hard to keep going when they can’t see the ‘destination’

A Parable

Let us imagine a party of tourists who have set out to climb a difficult peak, and let us take a look at them some hours after they have started. By this time we may suppose the party to be divided into three sorts of elements.

Some are regretting having left the inn. The fatigue and risks involved seem out of all proportion to the value of a successful climb. They decide to turn back.

Others are not sorry that they set out. The sun is shining, and there is a beautiful view. But what is the point of climbing any higher? Surely it is better to enjoy the mountain from here, in the open meadow or deep in the wood. And so they stretch out on the grass, or explore the neighbourhood until it is time for a picnic meal.

And lastly there are the others, the real mountaineers, who keep their eyes fixed on the peaks they have sworn to climb. So they set out again.

The tired - the hedonist - the enthusiast. Three types of people: and, deep within our own selves, we hold the germ of all three.

As this will be our last Newsletter for this term I would like to thank everyone who has supported our school during Term 2. It has been an extremely busy term with several major celebrations and events. Special thanks to staff for their co-operation and support which ensures everything runs smoothly and who give of their best at all times. Special thanks to the children who are the life and spirit of our school - their interest, enthusiasm, co-operation and happy manner make this school a welcoming place to be each day.

Have a safe and happy holiday with your children.

Thanks

Jeanette
SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST – Celebration of First Holy Communion
Congratulations to the students from our school and their families for the celebration of First Holy Communion. We were very proud of the students for their prayerful and reverent response during the Mass and for their beautiful behaviour. Thank you to Mr Sandral for preparing the students and to Father Richard for his support.
A sincere thank you to Mrs Judie Lollback and Mrs June Blunn for assisting with the preparations for the supper.

Mini Vinnies Excursion to the Woodburn Preschool
Yesterday 31 students from our Mini Vinnies Team visited the Woodburn Preschool. They were given the challenge of helping a preschooler prepare and decorate a pot suitable to be used for planting seedlings. The students were encouraged to use recycled materials. The Mini Vinnies Team were wonderful ambassadors for our school and they certainly impressed all present with their resourcefulness, kindness and the care taken with the little ones. This community project was a valuable learning experience for all involved and we hope to be able to visit the Preschool again next Semester.
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.

At this stage we require at least 15 volunteers.

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

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
These interviews are on Tuesday, 22nd and Wednesday, 23rd July after school. Notes will be sent home week 1 for you to indicate your preferred times.

HOW DO TEACHERS GIVE A TO E GRADES
Teachers use their professional judgement to determine a student’s grade. Both formal and informal assessments are undertaken throughout the reporting period and an overall achievement judgement call is made by the teacher based on what the student has demonstrated, the standards described in the A-E grade scale and the NSW Syllabus documents.

What does the grade “B” mean?
The student has demonstrated a thorough knowledge and understanding of content and achieved a high level of competence in the processes and skills, and can readily use them in most situations.

What does the grade “E” mean?
The student has demonstrated elementary knowledge and understanding in a few areas of content and achieved very limited competence in some processes and skills that have been taught. For some students more time, practice and support is needed to demonstrate.

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 have been given permission notes and were due back to school by Friday, 20th June.
This year’s Diocesan Athletics Carnival will be held at Port Macquarie on Friday, 8th August.

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.

MINI VINNIES REPORT
On 25th June the Mini Vinnies team visited the Woodburn Preschool. All students had a great time creating a pot plant with the pre-schoolers. After the pot plants were finished we enjoyed playing in the sandpit and on the play area. Here are some comments from the students who attended:

Toby: ‘The preschool was very fun and I want to go back.’
Hannah: ‘I enjoyed it very much. It was the best experience.’

Amber Walsh and Lily Davidson
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday to those who celebrate their birthday this week or in the coming holidays: George Campbell, Liana Sparenburg, Lilly Sauer, Tahlia Robson, Siabh Rigley, Brodie Forsyth, Mrs Jocelyn Reese and Mr Ern Sandral.

CALENDAR – 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

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Monday, 14th July
Judie Lollback
June Blunn

Wednesday, 16th July
Naomi Robinson
Tanya Davidson

Thank you ladies!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
TERM 2—Week 8

Class       Student
Kinder     Chloe Woolley
           Tahlia Newman
Year 1     Patrick Barham
Year 2     Chelsea Campbell
Year 3     Kade Williams
Year 4     Jason Bell
Year 5     Ella Cutler
Year 6     Lochlan Campbell

CONGRATULATIONS!

RICHMOND VALLEY SWIMMING CLUB
Will hold its Annual General Meeting on Monday, 26th August at 6 pm at the Evans Head Aquatic Centre. All club members are welcome and encouraged to come along. Nomination forms will be available from the pool and are due in by Monday, 12th August. Nomination forms can be dropped back to the pool office. All positions are open for nomination.

NAIDOC Family Movie Night in Evans Head
You are invited to attend a Mid Richmond Celebration of NAIDOC WEEK on Wednesday, 16th July at 5.30 pm at Evans River School, under cover on concrete, so remember to bring your camp chairs, cushions and blankets. Fresh hot soup and BBQ available.

Brought to you by the Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre and proudly sponsored by the Richmond Valley Council our NAIDOC family movie night will feature short films made by Aboriginal people from all over the country—some are funny, some are informative, some are thought provoking and some are just wonderful. There will also be guest performances and a special premiere viewing of a locally made film produced by the Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre of last year’s NAIDOC Painting Poles project.

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I WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST WITH THE LAP PROGRAM.

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

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