Dear Families,

I trust that you all had a very relaxing and restful holiday with your children. The children have returned to school with enthusiasm and eagerness to begin the second semester for 2014!

**Parent Teacher Meetings**

At the end of last term you would have received your child’s report. Hopefully you were pleased with their results and saw them as a reflection of their hard work and effort for Semester One.

As you know our Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings next week. Year 6’s will be held in Week 3. This process is one that I believe, is valued and supported by both parents and teachers. At these interviews parents and teachers have the opportunity to celebrate successes and also to work through any recommendations and goals to improve learning outcomes for the remainder of the year. As you know Legislative requirements mandate that students are assessed using an A-E grade scale and this can cause some anxiety for parents. These interviews can allay any of these anxieties by discussing and supporting grades that have been given by teachers. During the interviews teachers also have the chance to walk through student’s portfolios that contain work samples and assessments. They will be used to discuss and support a student’s report in context. The portfolios are a celebration of success as well as a record of assessment tasks.

Thank you to the many families who returned their forms. Please check your child’s folder or diary for your interview time. As each interview will last only ten minutes it is a good idea to write down any questions, queries or concerns so that they are not forgotten. It is important that interviews run to time so that families are not left waiting unnecessarily. We thank you for your interest in assisting your child/children by attending these very important interviews with your child’s teacher.

**Centenary Preparations**

As we get closer to our Centenary Celebration a lot of work continues to be done behind the scenes. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank Yvonne Stevenson for the hours she is putting in coordinating the Centenary and for her committed drive in keeping us on track. I’d also like to thank the committee, Jenny McCormack, Judie Lollback, June Blunn, Laura Thomas, Maria Pearson, Naomi Robinson, Paddy Wilde, Sr Janet Cummings, Fr Richard Foley, John Cocciola, Jo Sly, Emma Salmi and Karen Westerman. Each has their own role to play in organising advertising, sponsorship, invitations, entertainment, souvenirs, timetables, venues, contacts, the Centenary Book, the Bush Dance, the Mass, the Official Ceremony and the list goes on.

I know many of you will be reading this and thinking how can I help? Well there are many areas. Our first project is the Centenary Fundraiser Bush Dance on Saturday 2nd August and we need helpers for raffle ticket sellers, food and drink sellers, the Tombola stall and with the set up and clean up. **A barbeque order slip is attached for catering purposes. Money is to be paid on the night. Any donations for the Tombola Stall will be gratefully accepted.**

Thanks

Jeanette
St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
A sincere thank you to the families who were able to donate to the Mini Vinnies Winter Appeal. We do appreciate your kindness and generosity. It has been a cold winter and I am sure your gifts will help families have a warmer winter.

Pictured: President and Vice President of the Mini Vinnies, Lily Davidson and Amber Walsh

Baptism Celebrations
At a parish and school celebration on Thursday 31st July at 9.45am we will celebrate the Baptisms of Taj and Max Ferrier, Tatum and Darcy Hodges, Jed and Noah Dougherty. Baptism is the first Sacrament of Initiation into the Christian family. We will welcome them into the Catholic Church family and we will pray that this time of celebration is a blessing to them and their families.

Proclaim Lismore Parents 2014 – “It takes a village to raise a child”.
- What do you want most from a Catholic education for your child?
- How are parents valued and respected as important educators by your school?
- What do you see as the greatest challenges for schools in the areas of parent partnership, education, student well-being, and faith formation?

If these are questions that concern and interest you as a parent or carer then you should register your interest for Proclaim Lismore Parents 2014. The Proclaim Parent Meetings will be held throughout our Diocese in October, only a few short months away. These meetings will be opportunities for vibrant discussion about your experience for Catholic schooling and the exciting possibilities for the future.

Sacrament of Confirmation - Parent Meeting (Year Two and other students) Tuesday, 22nd July
This year Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Jarrett on Saturday 9th August 5pm at the All Saints’ Church Woodburn. A Parent meeting for this Sacramental Program will be on Tuesday 22nd July at 6.30pm. Students are reminded to bring a few photos of any family Sacramental Celebration eg Baptisms, Confirmations, First Holy Communion, Marriage etc to share with others during the activities component of the evening. The evening will commence with a shared meal of Chicken and Corn soup or Pumpkin Soup and Bread Rolls.

A CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT CEREMONY will be held during the Parish Mass at the All Saints’ Church Woodburn at 5pm on Saturday 26th July. Our Confirmation students will receive their Confirmation Candle at this Mass. Please keep the following students in your prayers. Alex Yager, Annabelle Robinson, Brianna Evans, Chelsea Campbell, Coco Zoro, Daniel Bass, Daniel Lollback, Dominic Youngberry, Halle Fardy, Imogen Farlow, Jed Dougherty, Noah Dougherty, Jessica Williams, Jacob Woolley, Joel Davidson, Jordan Biffin, Sarah Biffin, Lily Sauer, Lionel Ribeiro-Deornelas, Sky-Maree Oldham, Taj Ferrier, Tatum Hodges, Zac Busteed, and Zac Landrigan.

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

School Mass
The next whole School Mass will be celebrating the Assumption of the Blessed Mary. This will be celebrated on Friday, 15th August at 10.15am. The Mass celebrates Mary’s unique destiny with her role as Mother of God, it also sees her Assumption as a sign and promise for the pilgrim people of God.
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.

CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED URGENTLY
The convenience of ordering lunch on Mondays and Wednesdays from the school tuckshop is much appreciated by many families, and staff, and we thank our tuckshop helpers for giving up their time to make this available at St Joseph's. However, we've reached a point this term where we don't have enough tuckshop helpers to put a tuckshop roster together.

So we are appealing to those who may be able to give up some of their time either on Mondays or Wednesdays so that we can continue providing lunches, etc to our students. Please give the office a ring for more details, or complete the note in this newsletter and return to school ASAP.

THE FAMILY BUSH DANCE RETURNS!
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 fund-raiser to help support the Centenary celebrations in October. This event is open to the wider community. 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!

This year the cost of the Bush Dance will be $15.00 per family and $5.00 for singles. Tickets will be

Richmond Zone Athletics Carnival 2014.
The Richmond Zone Athletics Carnival was held in Lismore today at Riverview Park, South Lismore. St Joseph’s had forty students attend and compete against eight other Catholic Primary Schools from the Richmond Zone.

Students who were successful at zone level will travel to Port Macquarie for the Lismore Diocesan Athletics Carnival which will be held on Friday, 8th August. Details of the Richmond Zone Carnival will be in next week’s school newsletter.

Term Three Sport at St Joseph’s.
Sport during Term 3 will consist of Game Skills and minor games with various sports such as tennis, golf, softball, volleyball, oz-tag, basketball, netball, T-Ball and football.

The students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will have the opportunity to learn rules, develop new skills and experience different sports during sports time.

Parents are most welcome to come in and help during sports sessions at the school.

Times for these session are:
- 11:45am Stage Two
- 12:45pm Stage Three
- 2:30pm for ES1 and Stage 1 classes
CALENDAR – TERM 3 WEEK 2

Monday, 21st July
Tuckshop
Parent Forum Meeting 6pm

Tuesday, 22nd July
Sports Uniform
Maths Inservice Mrs Reece and Mr Maslen
Parent Teacher Interviews (Kinder– Year 5)
Parent Sacramental Meeting 6.30pm

Wednesday, 23rd July
Library
Tuckshop
Maths Inservice Mrs Reece and Mr Maslen
Parent Teacher Interviews (Kinder– Year 5)

Thursday, 24th July
Sport
Census Meeting Ms Wilkins and Mr Cocciola

Friday, 25th July

Saturday 26th July
Confirmation Enrolment Ceremony 5pm Mass

Sunday 27th July
Parish Christmas in July Evans Head, 12 noon,
Evans Head

TERM 3 WEEK

Monday, 28th July
Tuckshop
Sports Conference Planning—Mr Cocciola
Centenary Meeting 4pm

Tuesday, 29th July
Sports Uniform
Parent Teacher Interviews (Year 6)

Wednesday, 30th July
Library
Tuckshop
Parent Teacher Interviews (Year 6)

Thursday, 31st July
Sacrament of Baptism 9.45am
Sport

Friday, 1st August
Naidoc Celebrations
Principals Meeting– Ms Wilkins

Saturday 2nd August
Centenary Bush Dance

WHOLE PARISH POT LUCK LUNCHEON
CHRISTMAS IN JULY THEME
SUNDAY, 27th JULY

All parishioners (and Families) are invited to bring a favourite food, be it a casserole, salad, finger food, sweets or slice, to a shared luncheon. The lunch will be in the “Gathering Room” behind St John’s Catholic Church, Wattle Street, Evans Head from 12 noon on Sunday, 27th July. Lucky door prizes. Tea/coffee provided, but you may like to bring your own cold liquid refreshments. Any questions, please phone Sue on 6682 5453.

ALL WELCOME!

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.

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.

TUCKSHOP HELPER

I can assist with Tuckshop on:
(please tick)  Mondays, 11.45 am - 2.00 pm
             Wednesdays, 9.30 am - 3.00 pm
             Wednesdays: half day (AM/PM)

I can help:
          Once a fortnight       Once a month
          Once a term

Other: __________________________ (e.g. a specific day)

Name: ____________________________________ Signature:________________________ Phone No.:________________________

I WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST WITH THE LAP PROGRAM.

NAME:____________________________________ PHONE:________________________

SIGNATURE: ____________________________________________
CENTENARY
BUSH DANCE

GRAB YOUR FAMILY and BRING THEM ALONG

Saturday, 2nd AUGUST 2014
$5 per person, $15 a family

BBQ Dinner & Refreshments Available

ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TOWARDS THE CENTENARY CELEBRATION

THIS IS A COMMUNITY EVENT

Popular Bush Band
‘PLAYIN' POSSUMS'

I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE TICKETS TO THE CENTENARY BUSH DANCE : Money included

NAME____________________                 FAMILY  _______                 SINGLE_____________    For  catering purposes ...

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