Dear Families,

With so many sad events happening in our world at the moment it is a timely that we join together in prayer for peace, compassion, understanding and comfort for those who are hurting.

**Prayer for world peace**

Give us the strength it takes to listen rather than to judge, to trust rather than to fear, to try again and again to make peace even when peace eludes us.

We ask, O God, for the grace to be our best selves. We ask for the vision to be builders of the human community rather than its destroyers. We ask for the humility as a people to understand the fears and hopes of other peoples.

We ask for the love it takes to bequeath to the children of the world to come more than the failures of our own making. We ask for the heart it takes to care for all the peoples of Afghanistan and Iraq, of Palestine and Israel, Ukraine and Russia as well as for ourselves.

Give us the depth of soul, O God, to constrain our might, to resist the temptations of power to refuse to attack the attackable, to understand that vengeance begets violence, and to bring peace—not war—wherever we go.

For You, O God, have been merciful to us. For You, O God, have been patient with us. For You, O God, have been gracious to us.

And so may we be merciful and patient and gracious and trusting with these others whom you also love.

This we ask through Jesus, the one without vengeance in His heart.

This we ask forever and ever. Amen

Sr Joan Chittister - Benedictine Sisters of Erie

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**THE FAMILY BUSH DANCE IS HERE!**

Our Bush Dance is ready to go for tomorrow night, **Saturday, 2nd August 2014**. Tickets will be available at the entrance.

This year it will be a fundraiser 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!

If you are able to, please consider giving a helping hand in one of the areas of selling raffle tickets, food/drink sellers, Tombola stall and set up or clean up.

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

Look forward to seeing you there!

Thanks

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

Proclaim Lismore Parents 2014
In the latest edition of the Proclaim Lismore Parents e-bulletin, we explore the Be-Happy-Attitudes and what it means to be happy through the eyes of Samuel Foggingsworth III - an animated story specifically designed for Proclaim Parents.

WATCH THE VIDEO

To read the full e-bulletin click here.

You can now register your interest in attending the Proclaim Parent Gatherings 2014 which will be held over six separate days across the Diocese of Lismore in October (numbers are limited). Proclaim Lismore 2014 is an unprecedented opportunity to join with us as partners in co-designing an even stronger and more effective Catholic schooling for each child. Please visit the Proclaim Lismore website to find out more: www.proclaimlismore.com.au or subscribe to our

Sacramental Celebration Gifts
The St Vincent de Paul shop at Evans Head has suitable gifts and cards for the children who are receiving their Confirmation this year. It is a lovely idea to mark the celebration with an appropriate gift, and the shop has a variety of inexpensive mementos most suitable for these special celebrations.
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, 19th August 2014 at 2 pm

P.R.O.F.E.S.S.I.O.N.A.L DEVELOPMENT DAY

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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.

N.A.I.D.O.C CELEBRATIONS

Today, as a school we enjoyed N.A.I.D.O.C celebrations. During the week the students made and planted coloured hands in the gardens around the school to symbolize peace and friendship between all people within Australia.

This morning the school came together in prayer and the students read special prayers about the Indigenous people of Australia, Reconciliation and all people living in harmony.

Rory Close, our special guest speaker for the day, worked with the students through music, story telling and dance. After lunch the students had the opportunity to learn and play simple Indigenous games.

Thankyou to Rory, students and teachers for making this years N.A.I.D.O.C celebrations very memorable for all.

TREE DAY CELEBRATIONS

St Joseph’s Woodburn celebrated TREE DAY with a morning prayer and by planting citrus trees into pots for our school garden. We acknowledged the importance of trees in our environment and thanked God for the many wonderful things trees do to keep our environment beautiful and healthy. A special thank you to Mr Sandral and Mrs Roxburgh for their organisation for this day.

Richmond Zone Athletics Carnival 2014.

The Richmond Zone Athletics Carnival was held on a windy Friday 18th July at Riverview Park, South Lismore. Catholic Primary School students from the Richmond Zone competed in both... the Richmond Zone at the Lismore Diocesan Athletics Carnival which will be held at Port Macquarie on Friday 8th August. The following seven students from St Joseph’s will attend the Diocesan Athletics Carnival on Friday 8th August: Eliza Blunn (junior girls shot put & discus) Amity McMahon (junior girls long jump), Declan Wilde... discus) and Tara Blunn (senior girls discus). We wish these students all the best at the Diocesan Carnival.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday to those who celebrate their birthday this week: Imogen Farlow, Heidi McClure, Lily Davidson, Chelsea Campbell, Kallarney Collier and Mrs Barnes.

CALENDAR – TERM 3 WEEK 4
Monday, 4th August
Tuckshop
Tuesday, 5th August
Sports Uniform
Wednesday, 6th August
Library
Tuckshop
Thursday, 7th August
Sport
Friday, 8th August
Diocesan Athletics Carnival – Port Macquarie
2.30pm School Assembly (Stage 3)
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day

TERM 3 WEEK 5
Monday, 11th August
Pupil Free Day - Staff Development Day
Tuesday, 12th August
Sports Uniform
University of NSW Maths Test
Wednesday, 13th August
Library
Tuckshop
Thursday, 14th August
Sport
Stage 3 Bowls
Friday, 15th August
10.15am Whole School Mass
Miss Taylor – Masters Inservice.

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.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
TERM 3—Week 2

Kinder
Sunny McLean

Year 1
Adrian Westerman

Year 2
Skly Oldham

Year 3
Noah Dougherty

Year 4
Courtney Bell

Year 5
Ella Cutler

Year 6
Ryne Dicinoski

Ella Robinson

CONGRATULATIONS!

I WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST WITH THE LAP PROGRAM.

NAME: ................................................................. PHONE: .................................................................

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