Dear Families,

On Sunday we celebrate Fathers’ Day - a day when we are given the opportunity to acknowledge the many wonderful things our fathers do for us. We give thanks for that special man whose care and example have helped to make each of us the person we are today - our dad. Fathers’ Day is an opportunity for us to show our love and gratitude for our dads, granddads and the father figures in our lives.

I understood the real meaning of love when you said that you were proud of me even when I failed. Thanks dad.

Just like how it is impossible to thank God for everything He has given us, it is impossible for me to thank you for everything you have done for me. Thanks dad.

It is not possible to be a great father until a person becomes a great human being, and you are both. Thanks dad.

For me, FATHER is the abbreviation for Forgiving Affectionate Tolerant Humble Energetic and Respected. Thanks for being the awesome dad that you are.

For all the sacrifices you have made, for everything you have given us. For all your love and concern and for every time you tolerated our fuss – Today we want to say thank you, for being the dad that you are. No matter how old we become, you will be our life’s brightest star. Thank you.

You have been a perfect husband, brilliant son, awesome uncle, reliable brother, amazing nephew and trustworthy cousin.

But the way you have been an extraordinary dad beats them all. Thanks dad.

I don’t idolize Superman, Batman or Spider-Man simply because I know someone who is all of them rolled into one cool superhero called DAD.

I love you.

HAPPY FATHERS’ DAY TO ALL DADS, GRANDDADS AND FATHER FIGURES IN OUR LIVES.

HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY ON SUNDAY.
Proclaim Lismore Parents 2014

In the latest edition of the Proclaim Lismore Parents e-bulletin, we ask the question: what does it look like when parents, teachers and the parish work together to create an environment that fosters collaboration, communication and community? We take a closer look at parent-teacher partnership in one of our schools: St Joseph's Primary School, Maclean.

Make sure you 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 monthly e-bullets by emailing proclaim@lism.catholic.edu.au.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS—Megan Boyd

CENTENARY MASS - Sunday, 26th October - 9.00 am
The Centenary Mass planning team would like to invite present students of the school to be actively involved in the celebration of this very important Mass. Thank you to the families who have already responded positively to this invitation. We have very few of our students in Years 3-6 attending at the moment. As these students have stronger voices we really need them to help support our choir. So could parents please indicate on the reply slip below if your child/children will be able to attend this Mass and would like to take an active role. We will need students to help form a choir, serve on the Altar, be ushers, and students also to feature in a liturgical movement during the Presentation of the Gifts. We encourage your support for this significant celebration and we thank you for consideration in this matter.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD TRAINING AND REVISION
Father Richard is offering a revision and Training Session, for all who already are and those who would be interested in becoming Ministers of the Word (READERS) in our Parish. A recommissioning and commissioning of new ministers will take place soon at all Parish Masses. It would be wonderful if new people are able to help our Parish by taking up the challenge of helping with the Readings at our Parish Masses. Training Sessions are as follows:
CORAKI: Saturday 13th September

MJR AWARDS
Bell Family: Stephanie and Courtney Bell for showing compassion and caring for others.
Jason Bell – For helping out and showing initiative.

ALTAR SERVERS
ALL SAINTS’ WOODBURN:
Saturday, 6th September: Elise Davies, Tara Blunn, Victoria Mohammed
13th September – Stephanie Bell, Jason Bell, Courtney Bell

NEXT SCHOOL MASS
Our next school Mass will be held on Thursday, 11th September at 10.15 am. It will be led by our Year 1 class. The theme for the mass is ‘Love One Another’. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

DEVELOPMENT DAY
Just a reminder that our final two staff Development Days (PUPIL FREE DAYS) are on Tuesday, 7th October Term 4 Week 1 (Diocesan Day), and Monday, 3rd November (Term 4 Week 5). 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.
PARENT FORUM

FATHERS’ DAY STALL
Thank you to our Parent Forum for organising the Fathers’ Day stall on Thursday. Special thanks to Naomi Robinson, Karen Westerman and Tracey Bodley for purchasing, wrapping and working on the stall. There will be very many happy fathers on Sunday!

FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST
What an amazing response to our Fathers’ Day Breakfast. Thank you to all the dads and families who were able to attend. It was a great way to start the day and have some special time together to celebrate our dads, grandfathers and the father figures in our lives. Thank you again to the Parent Forum for organising the breakfast and to Naomi Robinson, Karen Westerman, Alison Smith, Judie Lollback, Yvonne Stevenson and all who helped to cook and serve our magnificent breakfast.

THE NEXT PARENT FORUM MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY, 21ST OCTOBER AT 2.00 PM. ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO SEE SOME NEW FACES AND HELPERS!

100 years of Catholic Education excellence

It’s getting closer now—the 100th anniversary of Catholic Education in Woodburn! What a celebration it will be on the 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 Centenary celebration.

NEXT MEETING—Tuesday, 9th September 2014 at 2.30 pm. ALL WELCOME

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Monday, 8th September
Judie Lollback
Megan Woolley

Wednesday, 10th September
Kerrie Tunsted (AM)
Renee Stone (PM)

+ HELP NEEDED

THANK YOU LADIES!

CALENDAR – TERM 3 WEEK 9

Monday, 8th September
Tuckshop
Block Practicum SCU Danika Waters, Charlotte Morrison

Tuesday, 9th September
Sports Uniform
Peer to Peer Learning Environment—Miss Taylor
Centenary Meeting 2.30 pm

Wednesday, 10th September
Tuckshop
Junior Joeys
Poetry and Prose night 5.30 pm

Thursday, 11th September
Library
Sport
Stage 3 Bowls
Year 3/4 Excursion
School Mass: 10.15 am—Year 1

Friday, 12th September
Year 3/4 Excursion

TERM 3 WEEK 10

Monday, 15th September
Tuckshop
Block Practicum SCU Danika Waters, Charlotte Morrison

Tuesday, 16th September
Sports Uniform
Ms Wilkins Meeting—Kyogle

Wednesday, 17th September
Library
Tuckshop
Junior Joeys 9 am–11.45 am

Thursday, 18th September
Sport
Stage 3 Bowls

Friday, 19th September
SRC Talent Quest Gold Coin Donation
Last Day Term 3

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
TERM 3—Week 7

Class  Student
Kinder  Jett McKenna
Year 1  Olivia Hayden
Year 2  Jacob Woolley
Year 3  Billy Bradford
Year 4  Tayla Ferguson
Year 5  Blake Doohan
Year 6  Aimee Landrigan

CONGRATULATIONS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday to those who celebrated their birthday this week: Georgia Hughes, Olivia Hayden, Victoria Mohammed, Zak Busteed, Emily Townsend and Erin Williams.
The Evans Head Hammerheads Cricket Club is looking for enthusiastic junior players for the up and coming 2014/15 cricket season. If you are interested in playing or have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact Paddy Wilde on 0468827697.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM CHECK**

It’s that time of the year to check that our students are wearing the uniform correctly and with pride. Some little reminders:

- Girls may wear bottle green slacks but tracksuit pants are not to be worn under their uniform dress.
- Green tights may be worn under their dress.
- Please ensure all jumpers and tracksuits are clearly labelled.
- All hair styles need to be neat and tidy - the uncombed messy look does not fit our school expectations.
- Earrings are only to be plain silver or gold studs or sleepers.
- Nail Polish is not to be worn at school.

Thank you for ensuring that the children are wearing the correct uniform.

**SCOOOL FEES**

Many thanks to those families who are continuing to meet their commitment to school fees payments for their children. If you are having problems making payments, please make contact with the school to organise a meeting with me to discuss your situation. Thank you.

Jeanette Wilkins

**TUCKSHOP HELPERS**

If you would like to help out in the Tuckshop in Term 4 (and are not currently on the Helpers’ Roster), please give Lesley a call. More helpers are always needed!

**WOODBURN RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL 2014**

Riverside Park, Woodburn, Saturday, 11th October: the first weekend after the school holidays

Start designing and building your raft for the Great Raft Race! Rafts can be made of anything that will float as long as it is not a boat or a rubber raft, and must not be motor-powered. Any number of people to a raft. Life jackets must be worn. Prizes!

Start training for the Biathlon! Swim across the river and run back across the bridge. Two age groups: Under 16 (children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult), and 16 and over. Cash prizes!

Plus lots more entertainment and activities during the day from 9 am to 9 pm. For more information contact the Woodburn Visitor Information Centre on 6682 2032.

**EVANS HEAD LITTLE ATHLETICS**

Sign On

Monday, 15th September 2014

4.30—5.15 pm at Evans K-12 Ovals

Club afternoons start 13th October 2014

**NAIDOC FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT IN EVANS HEAD**

You are invited to attend a Mid Richmond Celebration of NAIDOC WEEK on Wednesday, 17th September at 5.30 pm at Evans River School, under cover on concrete so remember to bring your camp chairs, cushions and blankies. BBQ available for gold coin donation.

Brought to you by th 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.

**AN EVENING OF POETRY AND PROSE - Anne Lowrey**

On Wednesday, 10th September at 5.30 pm in the library a group of very dedicated students in Years 3 to 6 will be reciting poetry that they have been learning as part of their Performance Poetry Assessment.

These particular students have decided to extend themselves further and are preparing a performance piece to present to their fellow students in the afternoon and then for parents in the evening. (This was an optional decision made by these students.) Moving into high school, where oral assessment is such a large part of the curriculum, it is a wonderful opportunity for these students to gain skills and confidence in this area.

**CENTENARY MASS PARTICIPATION**

Please return as soon as possible

My child/ children will be available to attend the Centenary Mass on Sunday, 26th October and will be able to assist with the celebration.

Name: ____________________________________     Signature:____________________________________
I was visiting a High School once and a boy of about fourteen years of age came up to me to tell me that his ‘real’ Dad was seriously ill.

Nowadays children can have a number of adults in their lives who take on parent roles for them, though it seems that no-one can really fully usurp the role of a person’s NATURAL mother or father, who will always hold a special place in their child’s heart.

With Fathers’ Day coming up shortly, the unique role that a father, or father figure, plays in a child’s life cannot be over-stressed. For a boy, the father will model what it means to be male and so the father plays a crucial role in a boy’s formation for adulthood. He will also, hopefully, model for his son, in the best possible way, how to treat and relate well to women in his adult life, and in particular, the woman with whom he may choose to form a permanent relationship. For a girl he will determine the image she will have of men, which will be crucial in her choice of a partner.

In Genesis, the first book of the Bible, we are told that humans were fashioned in God’s own likeness—male and female. God’s own comment on his creation: ‘Indeed it was very good.’ The input of BOTH male and female into a child’s life must not be deliberately denied.

And if any of us still needs to do so, look into the eyes of our mother and of our father (or if they are no longer physically with us, look at a photograph of them) and just say from the heart, ‘I love you’, because love is the greatest thing of all.

Fr Richard Foley
Parish Priest
St Joseph’s Coraki Parish