Dear Families

Due to the fact that I was away at the Stage 3 Excursion last week it is important that this week we take time to reflect and celebrate our great Centenary weekend.

It was an absolute honour to host the 100 year celebration and welcome so many past students, staff and families back to St Joseph’s.

The weekend of events was a resounding success, thanks to the immeasurable effort of so many passionate, generous people, including Centenary Coordinator Yvonne Stevenson and the Centenary committee, parent volunteers, teachers, staff, parents and carers, past students, past parents, sponsors, partners and community members and businesses.

Saturday:
Saturday was a wonderful day with many past students, staff and families of varying ages attending from as early as 10am. The Memorabilia Display was a huge favourite, with people consistently filing through the Library and reminiscing throughout the day. Many wandered through our beautiful classrooms and marvelled at the changes that have occurred since their school days.

The children were definitely a highlight of the day and the weekend, with their animated performance of ‘Our Story– 100 Years’. Many people were amazed by our talented students and complimented them on their amazing effort and the joy they provided! Mrs Anne Lowrey was thanked for creating and producing the wonderful musical.

Celebrations continued into the night with the Dinner Dance at the Woodburn Evans Head RSL, where past and present students, staff and families enjoyed a beautiful dinner and were entertained early in the
**Sunday: Mass and the Official Ceremony**

Another beautiful day greeted us on Sunday for our 9am Centenary Mass. We gathered as one to celebrate a thanksgiving Mass for all that has been and for all that is still to come. We were honoured to have Sr Noeline Quinane, a member of the Regional Leadership Team of the Sisters of St Joseph and a number of Josephite Sisters with us at Mass. Three levels of Government were represented at our special Mass with the attendance of Mr Kevin Hogan, Federal Member for Page, Mr Chris Gulaptis, State Member for Clarence and our Local Mayor, Mr Ernie Bennett. It was wonderful to see so many past principals in the congregation. Father Richard Foley and Father Dacey celebrated the Mass.

Morning Tea and the Official Ceremony followed. We would like to thank our guest speakers: Sr Noeline Quinane (Regional Leadership Team of the Sisters of St Joseph), Mr Glenn Roff (First Lay Principal) and Mr Kevin Hogan (Federal Member for Page) for their valuable contributions. The Bell, that had been at the school since 1945 was blessed and unveiled. The Centenary cake was cut by Mrs Betty Powell and Finlay Stevenson.

**Swan Bay Blessing**

Following the Official Ceremony, a small group of staff and past students accompanied the Sisters of St Joseph out to the original site of the School, Old Ferry Road, Swan Bay. Fr Richard blessed the sandstone and plaque memorial dedicated to St Joseph's School and our pioneers—the Sisters of St Joseph. A big thank you to the Butler family for the donation of their land for the memorial; to Mrs Jenny McCormack for organising the memorial and plaque and to Newman's Quarry for the donation of the sandstone.

Many thanks to everyone involved in making the celebration of our Centenary such a wonderful experience. It was a true St Joseph’s community effort to help us to remember the past, celebrate the present and go forward into the future with great hope!

Jeanette
Dear Parents

During Term 4 on 11th November, 2014, Jeanette Wilkins will be involved in a formative principal appraisal process as part of her contract conditions. This formative appraisal process, conducted at the end of the first year in the role, seeks information from a variety of people associated with the parish school and uses a number of tools to ensure effective consultation. The process aims to highlight the positive aspects of the leadership offered and identify areas for further development.

A timeline is currently being arranged to suit the needs of the parish school community. The panel consists of a Catholic Schools Office (CSO) education consultant and a diocesan principal nominated by the CSO. The CSO education consultant facilitates the process.

The formative principal appraisal process involves:

review of the principal’s goals for the year
interview with the principal
interview with the parish priest
interview with the school executive
interview with local associate principals
surveys of randomly selected parents and a survey of the parish school staff
interviews with parents of the official parent body

In writing the appraisal report, the education consultant makes use of the information gathered but does not identify sources. The principal does not sight the survey returns and they are destroyed at the CSO once the report is finalised.

The Director of Catholic Schools provides an appraisal report to the principal.

Yours sincerely

Tony Boyle
Education Consultant
Catholic Schools Office

Making Jesus Real Awards
Eliza Blunn: Happily welcoming others to a group!
Jimmy Bradford: Helping out a friend when a friend was in need.

Father Richard’s Annual Leave
Fr Richard will begin his annual leave on Monday, 10th November and we wish him all the best as he takes some well-earned rest and relaxation. He will return from leave on 13th December.

Stage 3 Excursion
Last week we had a wonderful 4 days in Brisbane, the Sunshine Coast and the Gold Coast with Years 5 & 6 from St Joseph’s Woodburn and Coraki. For some it was their first time away from home, for others it was their first experience of sharing a room with up to 8 people for 4 nights but for all it was a week to participate in many different learning opportunities and experiences. We are so proud of the way they conducted themselves and represented our school. We hope to share some of their experiences and photos next week. A big thank you to the teachers involved Mr Cocciola, Mrs Reese and from Coraki Mr O’Brien, Mrs Wilde and Mrs Verrell.

Altar Servers
All Saints’ Church Woodburn
8th November—Saturday, 6 pm
Victoria Mohammed
Kade Williams

15th November—Saturday, 6 pm
Tara Blunn
Eliza Blunn
Aimee Landrigan

Thank You
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS from Megan Boyd

LESSONS FROM POPE FRANCIS:
As a school community we should be very proud of our celebrations for our Centenary celebrating 100 years of Catholic Education at St Joseph's Woodburn. Upon reflection it was an opportunity to give thanks, celebrate and share our stories. I sincerely thank all the families who were able to be present at the Mass. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate as a school family and acknowledge the inspiring work of Mary MacKillop and the Josephite Sisters who founded our school. Father Richard in his Homily at the Mass spoke about love and how Jesus’ message of love should be present in our everyday lives. Pope Francis spends a lot of time speaking about how we can love Jesus and one another more. His wisdom is profound so as a response to our centenary and in an effort to share his wisdom with our school community. I have decided to share some of our Pope’s message to the world in our school newsletter. Each week I will share some of the thoughts and reflections from the book “Lessons from Pope Francis” by Angela Burrin.

LESSONS FROM POPE FRANCIS WEEK ONE:

“God’s love for us is so great!”
God’s love for us is so great, so deep. It is an unfailing love, one which always takes us by the hand and supports us, lifts us up, and leads us on.....God does not forget about us, any of us!
Pope Francis wants us to know that God loves us!

During the coming week you might like to reflect on the following thoughts:
Think about Jesus taking your hand. He walks beside you everywhere - at home; at school, at sport’s events at Church, - everywhere!! You are very precious and important to your Heavenly Father. He gave you the gift of life because he loves you.

MINI –VINNIES FUNDRAISER- SOCKTOBER
Crazy Sock and Rock your socks off Dance!- Friday 21st November

Due to our CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS we postponed our Mission Fundraising held usually during the month of October. This year's theme for World Mission Month is “When I grow Up I want to be ….. Alive!” with the slogan “Sock it to poverty in Jamaica.” The focus this year is the Church’s outreach in the dangerous ghetto areas in the city of Kingston, Jamaica. In the poor and disadvantaged areas of Jamaica, the children know that without a good education their future will be bleak.

On Friday, 21st November we will hold a school fundraiser – A CRAZY SOCK DAY and ROCK YOUR SOCKS OFF DANCE PARTY. Students and teachers will be encouraged to dress in all kinds of socks on their feet, hands, body and head and at lunchtime there will be a “ROCK your SOCKS off Dance Party. To raise money for the children of Jamaica a gold coin donation will be needed to dress in casual and socks on the day!

This week take time to think about how you can show LOVE to others?
SWIM AND SURVIVE PROGRAM
Swimming for Sport in Term 4 continues on Thursdays.
Times are:
10:00am - 11:00am  Years 3 and 4
11:30am – 12:30pm  Years 1 and 2
12:30pm – 1:30pm  Years 5 and 6
2pm – 3pm  Kindergarten
The cost is $2 per week.
It is strongly recommended that with summer approaching you enrol your child in swimming classes at a local pool if they cannot swim so that they can be taught to swim by qualified instructors.

CALENDAR – TERM 4 WEEK 4
TERM 4 WEEK 6
Monday, 10th November
Tuckshop

Tuesday, 11th November
Remembrance Day Liturgy
Principal Appraisal

Wednesday, 12th November
Library
Tuckshop
WOW Day—wear orange to support SES
Police visit: Stage 2 and Stage 3

Thursday, 13th November
Swimming K-6
Woodlawn Information Evening

Friday, 14th November
Assembly: 2.30 pm—Stage 3

TERM 4 WEEK 7
Monday, 17th November
Tuckshop

Tuesday, 18th November

Wednesday, 19th November
Library
Tuckshop
Kindy Orientation Night—6pm

Thursday, 20th November
Swimming K-6

Friday, 21st November
ROCK YOUR SOCKS OFF & DANCE PARTY
- casual day with gold coin donation

St Joseph’s Swimming Carnival 2014
Nominations to enter St Joseph’s Swimming Carnival that will be held on Friday, 12th December at Evans Head Aquatic Centre were sent home this week with students from Years 1 to 6. Year 1 students who can swim 50 metres and who are turning eight next year may swim at our carnival. All year 2 to 6 students will attend the annual swimming carnival. Parents are asked to carefully read and fill out the nomination form and return it to school by Friday, 14th November.

Police Visit to School
Next Wednesday 12th November, the Police Liaison Officer for this area Strawn Presgrave will visit the school. He will be speaking to the Primary grade students (Stage 2 at 9.30am and Stage 3 at 10.15am) in the school library.
Some of the topics he will be talking to the students about include social media and bullying. Parents are most welcome to attend these sessions.

Remembrance Day
Remembrance Day is on Tuesday, 11th November. We will commemorate this very special day with a school liturgy at 10.45am in the school library. This liturgy will be prepared and led by Year 3 and Mr Sandral. Parents are welcome to join us.
Our school captains will lay a wreath at the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Evans Head on our behalf.

WOW DAY!
On Wednesday, 12th November, WOW Day will be celebrated in recognition of the State Emergency Services (SES). Orange is the official colour of the SES all across the country, so wearing orange on WOW Day is the perfect way to show your support and appreciation for the SES. Our local SES does a great job to help people in the Woodburn community and surrounding areas. So get out your ORANGE socks, shirts, hair bands, and say WOW! What a great job the SES does!

This is not a fundraiser, so no gold coin donation is required.

Many thanks. Kaitlyn Cook and Oliver Mason
SRC Representatives

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
TERM 4—Week 3

Class  | Student  |
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Kinder  | Georgia Hughes |
Year 1  | Adrian Westerman |
Year 2  | Bella Keilior |
Year 3  | Declan Wilde |
Year 4  | Year 4 |
Year 5  | Amity McMahon |
Year 6  | Tara Blunn |

TERM 4—Week 4

Kinder  | Jimmy Bradford |
Year 1  | Ashlyn Stevenson |
Year 2  | Chelsea Campbell |
Year 3  | Mila Scott |
Year 4  | Jordie Forsyth |

CONGRATULATIONS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday to those who celebrated their birthday this week: Mackenzie Allen, Tahlia Newman and Summer Newman.

Richmond Zone Summer Sports Trials
The Richmond Summer Sports Trials (cricket, basketball, softball, touch football and tennis) were held in Lismore on Thursday 30th October. Thank you to all students from St Joseph's who trialed last week.
Congratulations and good luck to the following students:
Alec Robinson (softball), Lara Barham (touch football), Daniel Westerman (tennis), Eliza Blunn and Katelyn Bodley (cricket) who will attend further trials at Diocesan Level against students from Tweed, Clarence and Hastings Zones on Friday, 21st November in Lismore.

WOODBURN TENNIS COURTS OPEN AFTERNOON
Sunday, 9th November—4 pm to 8 pm
All welcome! Free entry!
Come along and enjoy 'having a go'.
Racquets and balls provided
Barbecue ($2.50) from 5.30 pm
Organised by Woodburn Chamber of Commerce
For further information contact Woodburn Visitor Information Centre on 6682 2032

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Monday, 10th November
Judie Lollback
June Blunn
Wednesday, 12th November
Tanya Davidson
Naomi Robinson
THANK YOU, LADIES!

Milo In2 Cricket, Evans Head Is Beginning Soon!!!
The Milo In2 Cricket program is starting at the beginning of November.
The sessions will be run by NSW Cricket Development Officer Luke Cleaver.
The sessions will be every Friday afternoon from 4:30pm – 6pm at Stan Payne Oval, Evans Head. Total cost of the 10 week program is $65.00. Every participant will receive a Milo Into Cricket Backpack which contains some great merchandise including a t-shirt, cricket bat, ball, drink bottle, and cap.
Evans Head Cricket Club will be running a BBQ after the session and will have sausage sandwiches etc for sale.
Participants can register online at In2CRICKET.com.au.

Block 1 Term 4
Week 5 - 10
Starting on Friday 7th November 2014
Friday 14th November
Friday 21st November
Friday 28th November
Friday 5th December
Friday 12 December

Block 2 Term 1
Week 1 - 4
Starting on Friday 30 January 2015
Friday 6th February
Friday 13th February
Friday 20th February