Dear Families

On Wednesday evening we had our final meeting for the parents of our Kindergarten 2015 students. It was well-attended and the perfect time for a conversation about a child’s first year at school. I want to take this opportunity to thank Miss Sophie Taylor for all her work with the Junior Joey’s this year. A sentiment echoed from the parents at the meeting that night. She has done a wonderful job and is very excited about 2015. Thanks also to Mrs Megan Boyd for sharing her wealth of expertise.

The prayer at the beginning of the meeting looked at 40 ways to pray by doing. It nicely compliments our MJR school program where we all work to make Jesus real every day in every possible way. I’ve shared 9 of those forty ways with you this week. How will you pray today?

1. Smile

10. Be a mentor to someone

3. Mow your neighbour’s lawn

5. Help someone achieve a goal

7. Bring your neighbour’s wheelie bin in

9. Donate money to a charity

11. Compliment someone

16. Support your loved ones no matter what

19. Accept other people’s ideas without promptly disregarding them

It is a very busy time of the year with many diary dates filled over the coming weeks but please take the time to read the newsletter and note the important dates and functions for our school community in the coming weeks. Hope to see a good roll up at the Parent Forum Dinner on Monday night at 6pm

Thanks

Jeanette
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS from Megan Boyd

Pope Francis spends time speaking about how we can love Jesus and one another more. His wisdom is profound so 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 include some of the thoughts and reflections from the book “Lessons from Pope Francis” by Angela Burrin.

Week 1: God’s love for us is so great!
Week 2: We are all called to be friends with Jesus

LESSONS FROM POPE FRANCIS WEEK THREE:
“Holy Spirit, make my heart open”

“While the disciples were praying, they suddenly heard a loud noise that sounded like strong winds. Then they saw flames of fire over their heads. “It’s the Holy Spirit!” they said. “Jesus has kept his promise!” The Holy Spirit helped them to love everyone, even those who were of a different religion or from a foreign country.

Pope Francis wants to teach us about the gift of the Holy Spirit: Let us open the doors to the Holy Spirit.... How beautiful it would be if each of you, every evening, could say, “Today at work, home or school guided by God, I showed a sign of love towards one of my colleagues, friends, parents, or an older person! How beautiful!

Pope Francis has given us a prayer to the Holy Spirit: “Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God; make my heart open to goodness; make my heart open to the beauty of God every day!”

MINI – Vinnies Fundraiser - Socktober

Crazy Sock and Rock your socks off Dance! - Friday 21st November

Thank you to the students and teachers who supported our Mission Fundraising event. It certainly was a colourful day with some very imaginative use of socks worn in most unusual ways! Our fundraising donations will be sent to Catholic Mission to aid children in Jamaica. Thank you to all families for your generosity and support.

Making Jesus Real: God Moments
A God moment is when you see Jesus reflected through a person or event or scenery. Very often a God moment is recalled when you think back on your day!

Bradley Felsch: For being a WEST person and ensuring that those around him feel safe and comfortable.

Jahli Brady : Showing initiative and kindness towards others.

ALTAR SERVERS
All Saints’ Woodburn - Saturday 22nd November at 6pm
Leilani Mangan, Elise Davies and Jonathan Robinson

All Saints’ Woodburn - Saturday 29th November at 6pm
James Pursey, Amity McMahon, Amber Walsh
THANK YOU LITURGY and MORNING TEA FOR SCHOOL HELPERS
We will have a Liturgy and morning tea to say thank you to the many parents, carers, grandparents and friends who assist us in so many ways around our school. Without their generosity in giving up time and energy our children would not be able to do the many wonderful educational activities we offer our students at St Joseph’s.
We invite EVERYONE who has assisted our school community in any way throughout 2014 to come along to our Liturgy at 10.45am on Tuesday 9th December in the Library followed by morning tea (provided).

SCHOOL LEADERS THANK YOU AFTERNOON TEA
An Afternoon tea for our School Captains, Vice Captains, Sports Captains, SRC members, Mini Vinnies President and Vice President, Parish Altar Servers and Year 6 are invited to a thank you afternoon tea on Tuesday 9th December from 3.30pm-5pm. If your child is eligible and able to attend can you please return the reply slip in this newsletter.

Lismore Diocesan Summer Sports Trials
The Lismore Diocesan Summer Sports Trials (cricket, touch football, softball tennis and basketball) were held in Lismore today.
St Joseph’s had the following students attend these important trials. Daniel Westerman (tennis), Lara Barham (touch football), Katelyn Bodley, Eliza Blunn (cricket) and Alec Robinson (softball).
If successful today the students will attend Polding Summer Sports Trials in 2015.

Lismore Diocesan Polding Medals
Congratulations to Nella Bradford (Year 5) and Tara Blunn (Year 6) who were both presented with Lismore Diocesan Medals this week in recognition of their achievements in gaining selection in Polding Catholic sporting teams in 2015.
Nella attended P.S.S.A. State Carnivals as a member of Polding Hockey and Athletics (shot put) teams, whilst Tara was also selected in Athletics (discus).
Well done to both talented girls this year in sport.

St Joseph’s Swimming Carnival 2014
Thank you to parents for completing nomination forms for their child/ren for the upcoming school swimming carnival on Friday 12th December at Evans Head Aquatic Centre.
If your child has been away (Year 1 to 6) or did not receive a swimming form please obtain one from the office and return to school by the end of week eight (Friday 28th November).
Please note that students in Year 1 need to be a 50 metre swimmer to be eligible to nominate for the school swimming carnival.
All Year 2–6 students will attend the school carnival on the day.

St Joseph’s ‘Swim and Survive’ Programme.
Our swimming programme this term from Kindergarten to Year 6 has been both successful and beneficial to the students.
A great big thank you to the many parents who have volunteered this term to help with our swimming programme. We cannot run a water confidence and safety session with the students without parental help.
The students continue to gain water confidence and safety skills in the water through instruction each week. St Joseph’s acknowledges and appreciates the help of the parents who are able to help and give up their valuable time for the students.
Thank you to all students from St Joseph’s who submitted entries this year in the C.W.A. Country of Study – Botswana schools competition.

The quality of entries as usual in the various categories was very good.

The following students were successful in their section:

Section One (Kindergarten): First Prize - Darcy Hodges. Second - Chloe Woolley. Highly Commended - Georgia Hughes and Farrah Carpenter.


Section Two (Year Two): First Prize - Joel Davidson, Second - Tatum Hodges, Highly Commended – Mikaela Robson and Taj Ferrier.

Section Three (Year Three): First Prize - Blake Allan, Second – Billy Bradford, Highly Commended – Charlotte Walsh, Kade Williams and Elleigh Jamroz.

Section Three (Year Four): First Prize – Lani Reese, Second – Matthew Woolley, Highly Commended – ALEC Robinson, Kellie Boland and T’Ahna Allen.

Section Four (Stage Three students): Equal First Prize – Tara Blunn and Ryne Dicinoski Highly Commended – Brodie Forsyth, Ella Robinson, Amber Walsh, Blake Doohan, Eamonn Wilde, James Pursey, Daniel Westerman, Daniel Bass and Sarah Biffin.

Regional Judging
Lani Reese, Tara Blunn and Ryne Dicinoski each had their submissions on Botswana judged at Far North Coast level with Tara Blunn’s entry receiving a Highly Commended by the judges.

Congratulations to all students who were successful at the C.W.A. Country of Study Awards this year.

The Country of Study in 2015 will be Italy, so start looking and researching information now.

John Cocciola
Assistant Principal
Community Christmas Carols at WOODBURN and EVANS HEAD and Christmas Eve Mass – Woodburn All Saints’ Church 24th December 5pm

All over the Christian world the story of Jesus’ birth at Christmas is shared as people enthusiastically participate in Nativity plays and pageants. One of the best ways for children to become familiar with the real meaning of Christmas is for them to play a part in re-enacting the story at Christmas. Sister Janet and Mrs Boyd will be co-ordinating the children’s participation at the Christmas Eve Mass at Woodburn.

Our school also has a tradition of beautifully sharing the story of Christmas at the Evans Head and Woodburn Community Carols. We are encouraging all students and especially our senior students of the school to support these events. Mrs Lowrey is preparing the students for our school’s Christmas celebration and would appreciate receiving a commitment of attendance at these functions so that speaking parts and acting parts for the performances can be allocated.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would consider your child/children becoming involved in these Parish and community events, and return the reply slip at the bottom of this Newsletter as soon as possible. Thank you!

Mufti Day
Just a reminded that in keeping with our Sun Safe procedures at School, it is important that all students wear sun-safe clothing. This particularly relates to mufti (or casual wear) days. All T-shirts are to have sleeves. There is no place for string singlet tops or shirts without sleeves, when considering sun-safe practices. Thanks for your assistance in this important matter.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
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CONGRATULATIONS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday to Shaun Boland, Eli Harrington and Jarrod Lohse who celebrated their birthday this week.

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CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL
Our Lady Help of Christians, South Lismore Christmas Carnival is being held on 28th and 29th November 2014 in school grounds, Rhodes Street, South Lismore. There will be rides and games for the kids, BBQ, tombola, cake and craft stalls. Try your luck on the ham wheel and get tickets in our amazing Trailer Raffle valued at over $5,000 which will be drawn on Saturday night. A Christmas Tableau will be performed each night by our school community.
ALL WELCOME! Enquiries: 6621 5490.

EVANS HEAD JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
2015 Junior sign on dates: all ages welcome
Sunday, 1st February: Illawong Hotel, Evans Head at 1.30 pm (this is conjunction with the Illawong Hotel family fun day)
Saturday, 14th February: Stan Payne Oval, Evans Head Rugby League grounds, 1 pm—3 pm
For more information please contact Jeremy Bryant on 0422 585 226 or Debra Cain on 0435 860 746.

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SCHOOL LEADERS AND ALTAR SERVERS’ THANK YOU AFTERNOON TEA

My child/children  ------------------------------- ----------------------- will be attending the afternoon tea at school from 3.30pm to 5pm on Tuesday 9th December.
Name:  ___________________  Signature:_____________________________

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PARENT FORUM DINNER
Please return by Monday 24th November
We/I will be attending the Parent Forum Dinner (adults only)  YES  NO  Please circle
I would like to book in for the Courtesy Bus  YES  NO
Name:__________________________  Signature:__________________________

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Community Christmas Carols Evans Head and Woodburn and Parish Christmas Eve Mass
Please return as soon as possible.

My child/children  ____________________________________________________________

Please circle:

• Will be able to attend the Christmas Eve Parish Mass at Woodburn 5.30pm  YES  NO
• Will be able to attend the Woodburn Carols by Candlelight on Saturday, 13th December  YES  NO
• Will be able to attend Evans Head Carols by Candlelight on Wednesday, 10th December  YES  NO
• Will attend Carols by Candlelight at both Woodburn and Evans Head  YES  NO
Name: ________________________________  Signature:______________________________

THANK YOU, LADIES!

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Monday, 24th November
Yvonne Stevenson
Alison Smith

Wednesday, 26th November
June Blunn
Naomi Robinson