Dear Families

Due to the fact that we have a short week this week with the School Swimming carnival, we are only putting out an update letter to keep you informed of next week’s events. Our last newsletter, due on the last day of school will be a more comprehensive edition to finish the year.

Thanks
Jeanette

STAFFING 2015
Staff for 2015 are:

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STEP-UP MORNING
Next Tuesday 16 December, we will have a step-up morning.

During the first 2 hours of school the students will spend getting to know you time with their teacher for next year.

Step up day is an opportunity for students and teachers to get to know each other, their interests, goals and learning styles.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT WOODBURN AND EVANS HEAD
All children who are participating in the Carols by Candlelight at Woodburn and Evans Head are asked to wear their sports uniform. Children who are singing at the Woodburn Carols will need to meet teachers at 7.30 pm on Saturday 13 December, 2014.

Children singing at Evans Head Carols will meet teachers at the Surf Club at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 17th December, 2014.

We have very small numbers attending these carols at the moment. It would be greatly appreciated if you would consider your child/children becoming involved in these community events.

ST JOSEPH’S CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Our school Christmas Concert will be held on Monday, 15th December.

The evening will begin with a BYO picnic tea at 6.30 pm followed by the concert at 7.45 pm.

The concert will conclude with the draw for the Parent Forum Christmas Raffle and communal Christmas carols.

We ask that all students wear their sports uniform.

Thanks.

FINAL SCHOOL/GRADUATION MASS
All families are invited to join us for our end of year Mass and Year 6 Graduation Ceremony on Friday, 19th December at 10.00 am which will be prepared by Year 6 and Mrs Reese.

Following Mass there will be morning tea in the school library. Please join us for this occasion.
REPORTS
The Semester 2 reports will be sent home on Wednesday, 17th December with your children. Please take the time to read the reports with your child, taking special note of the comments personal to your child. It would also be good to re-read the explanation of the A-E grades as required by the Commonwealth Government. I thank the teachers for the time and effort they have once again put into preparing and presenting the children’s reports.

PORTFOLIOS
Portfolios will remain with families at the end of each year. The students will receive a new portfolio at the beginning of each year. These will be sent home at the end of first semester and then returned for final semester work samples and assessments to be placed in them and then sent home at the end of Term 4 for students to keep. We hope that this is a more efficient system of showcasing student’s work to parents.

MARKET DAY
The Student Representative Council will hold their last fundraiser for the year next Wednesday, 17th December, 2014, 11.45-1.45pm. It will be a market day where the Year 5 and Year 6 students will run stalls, similar to a fete, with fun activities for the rest of the students to participate in.

All students are asked to bring a gold coin donation to be involved in the day. Proceeds raised will go to NSW Surf Life Saving.

$1.00 = 10 tokens to be used on the day.

Some of the market stalls will include:
- Ice-cream stall
- Sponge throwing
- Goal Kicking
- Cricket
- Singing and dancing concert
- Cup-cake stall
- Comedy show

Casual clothes (mufti) are allowed to be worn on the day.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
Tickets for the Christmas Raffle being run by the Parent Forum have been sent home. Many thanks to everyone for their support of this raffle through donations and purchasing tickets. The prizes are:

1st prize: 2 nights’ accommodation for 4 people
   (donated by Opal Cove Resort Coffs Harbour)
2nd prize: Grocery Hamper in wheelbarrow
3rd prize: $50 Coles gift voucher

Tickets are $2.00 each or three for $5.00.
The raffle will be drawn on 15th December at the school Christmas Concert.

THANK YOU
On behalf of the students, teachers and Parent Forum of St Josephs School, Woodburn, we would like to say a huge thank you to Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour for the generous prize they have donated to our Christmas raffle.

It includes 2 nights accommodation for 4 people.

This prize has allowed us to provide a fantastic first prize for our lucky raffle winner. If you and your family are looking for a wonderful getaway why not try Opal Cove, an ideal family friendly resort who have supported our school.

Opal Cove Resort
COFFS HARBOUR

THANK YOU