Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2015 school year. We trust that the holiday has given you time for relaxation, renewal and special family moments. We look forward to another wonderful year with many opportunities for learning and growing. We hope that you will feel comfortable and involved with your child’s learning throughout the year. We welcome your presence at school, encourage you to become active partners in the education process, and invite you to volunteer at the school whenever possible. Please share your ideas, encouragements and concerns with us so that we can provide the best possible learning environment for your child.

Prayer for the Beginning of the New School Year
Dear Lord, as we begin this new school year, we gather once again as your community of believers.

We thank you for the energy and the spirit that you renewed in us through the holiday break. We thank you for the time to enjoy our family and friends and to reflect on what is important in our lives.

Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and love so that, with the inspiration of your Spirit, we may continue to grow in our faith.

Help us to fulfil Your hope for us with honest intentions and works of faith.

Let us be gentle with ourselves and bring laughter, joy and love to others.
We ask this in Your name.
Amen.

Welcome
This year we welcome Miss Kursty Williams, to our staff in the role of Aboriginal Education Worker and Ms Chaya Wilson as Executive Release Teacher in Year 4 and Year 1.
We also welcome a new student, Ivy Hamilton (Year 2) and her parents Bianca and Leslie, to our school community. I am sure that you join with me in welcoming Ivy and her family to St Joseph’s and we trust that their transition will be a happy and successful one.

Congratulations
During the holidays I had the pleasure of attending the celebration Mass and Luncheon for Sr Janet Cum- mings’ Golden Jubilee at North Sydney. What an amazing milestone—50 years of dedication to God and the service of others. I know I speak on the behalf of our whole Parish School community when I say,

Congratulations Sr Janet and thank you!

Week 1 Winners!
The students who have come back ready and eager to learn and to their parents, who through their love and encouragement, have been responsible for the development of such positive attitudes.

Staff members who spent their holiday time preparing their classrooms and learning for the new school year.

Mrs Dorrell who has worked hard in the office this week to welcome and assist new students and families, assist new staff, and other numerous tasks done in order to facilitate a smooth transition into the new school year.

Our cleaner and groundsman who have spent the break cleaning and preparing our school; it looks great!

Thanks
Jeanette
These Parent-Teacher Meetings are a vital communication link between home and school. I encourage every family to attend the Kindergarten to Year 6 meetings. This sends a powerful message to your children about the value you place on your child’s learning this year.

Teachers go to a lot of trouble preparing these nights and I thank them for giving up their family time to assist your children’s education.

The meetings will be held on Monday, 16th February.

In order to make it easier for parents to attend these important meetings, we will repeat each meeting at a different time on the same evening. This means that parents will be able to attend each of their child’s class meetings on the one evening. The meetings will run for 30 minutes.

We will commence the evening with a barbeque at 5.30 pm and keep cooking until around 7 pm. All are welcome to catch a bite to eat and have a chat with staff. There will be a short talk in the Library with the Principal before the meetings commence.

The schedule for these meetings is listed below:

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In a few weeks’ time parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child’s class teacher individually at Parent/Teacher interviews.

NUT BAN
We have a child at St Joseph’s who has a very severe nut allergy.

If they are exposed to nuts in any form it may be life threatening.

I am asking parents to ensure that children do not have peanut butter, peanuts or nuts of any kind in their lunch boxes. Bars that are not specifically peanut bars but may state that they may contain traces of nuts are acceptable.

I thank you for your understanding and compliance with this request.

OPENING SCHOOL MASS
Our School Leaders, Sports Captains, Student Represent-ative Council members and Mini-Vinnies’ President will receive their badges at our Opening School Mass on Friday, 13th February at 10.15 am.

All families and friends of the school are invited to share in this celebration with us.

Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea in the library. Please bring a small plate to share.

SPORTS NEWS from John Cocciola
RICHMOND ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The Richmond Zone Swimming Carnival will be held at Alstonville on Friday, 20th February (9.30 am to 2 pm). Good luck to the St Joseph’s squad of thirty five students attending this event.

Successful students from this Carnival will travel to Murwillumbah on Wednesday, 4th March for the Lismore Diocesan Swimming Carnival.

WINTER SPORTS TRIALS 2015
The Richmond Zone Winter Sports Trials will be held in Lismore on Thursday, 26th February commencing at 4 pm. Sports include netball, rugby union, rugby league (U11s, opens), football (soccer) and hockey. Students in Years 5 and 6 who are interested in attending these trials have collected a note from Mr Cocciola.

POLDING SUMMER TRIALS: The Polding Summer Trials will be held on Friday 6 February, 2015. Good luck to Katelyn Bodley in the Girls Cricket and Alec Robinson in Softball.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2015
The following days have been set down as Staff Development Days for St Joseph’s for 2015.

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.

Students do not attend school on these days.

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TUCKSHOP HELPERS—ALWAYS NEEDED!
We are asking for volunteers to assist in our school tuckshop on Mondays and Wednesdays.

If you are able to assist (even for half a day), please fill out the return slip on the back page of this Newsletter and return to school as soon as possible.

Tuckshop ordering for lunches will commence next week. Lunches are able to be ordered on Mondays and Wednesdays.

A Tuckshop Price List is being sent home today.
ATTENTION!!
GREYHOUND—FAMILY NIGHT

Please support this Parent Forum evening organised for Tuesday, 17th February 2015. Sponsors are required by Tuesday, 10th February. Please refer to the attached flyer in this Newsletter.

PARENT FORUM NEWS

PARENT FORUM MEETING
Our first Parent Forum Meeting for 2015 will be held on Tuesday, 10th February at 6 pm in the Library. We would like to extend an invitation to all parents and carers to come along and help plan our activities for 2015.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS
Thank you to all who supported the Parent Forum Christmas 2014 raffle.
Congratulations to the following winners:

1st prize: Katelyn Bodley
2nd prize: Kade Williams
3rd prize: Buffie Scott
4th prize: Tegan Keillor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Happy Birthday to those who celebrated their birthday this week: Kaedy Doohan, Presley Jubber and Amity McMahon.

UNIFORM
Thank you to parents for sending your children to school looking smart in their uniforms, and well prepared for school.

Just a few reminders: Please ensure that your children wear fold down socks not ankle sports socks with their school uniform and sports uniform. Sports shoes are plain black in colour with white socks. Dunlop Volley shoes are not suitable for school as they do not provide support or protection for children's feet during physical activity that occurs each day at school.

Haircuts and styles should be neat and tidy with no extremes in either cut or style. Boys hair should be no longer than collar length and girls' hair should be tied back.

GIRLS SCHOOL UNIFORMS (DRESS)
Marian Clothing is now based in Lismore.
Please contact Sandra Mortimer on 0402 001 145 to order girls' uniforms.
Sample sizes are in the office to try.

SPORTS UNIFORMS—BOYS AND GIRLS
Sample sizes and order forms are in the office for the sports uniform.
Orders will be forwarded to Jodie Sauer.

CALENDAR – TERM 1 WEEK 2

Monday, 2nd February
Tuckshop

Tuesday, 3rd February
Sports Uniform

Wednesday, 4th February
Tuckshop
Library
Kindergarten 2015 officially start ‘Big School’

Thursday, 5th February
Sport

Friday, 6th February
Polding Summer Trials Lismore

TERM 1 WEEK 3

Monday, 9th February
Tuckshop

Tuesday, 10th February
Sports Uniform
Planet Rhythm Performance
6pm Parent Forum Meeting

Wednesday, 11th February
Tuckshop
Sports’ Coordinators’ meeting—Mr Cocciola
Early Learning Plans—Mr Sandral
Library

Thursday, 12th February
Sport
Principal, AP’s Meeting—Ms Wilkins, Mr Cocciola

Friday, 13th February
2015 Commencement Mass—10.15 am

TERM 1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS
A Calendar of Events for Term 1 of this year is being sent home today detailing Mass and Assembly times as well as many other events on the school calendar.

CLASSROOM HELPERS
If you are able to assist in your child’s class in any way this year please fill out the return slip at the back of this Newsletter so that teachers can prepare rosters. Teachers are always appreciative of any assistance that parents are able to provide!

PAM BELLINGHAM SCHOOL OF DANCE WOODBURN
Ages 3 to adult
Classical, contemporary, tap
Classes resume week of 2nd February
Phone 6682 2203 or 0414 953 879
SCHOOL FEES
Fees for 2015 are listed below for your information. Fees Statements will be sent home to families shortly. Please speak to Lesley if you have any queries at all about your fees statement. The first termly payment of school fees is due by Friday, 27th February. For those choosing to pay fortnightly, the first payment is due by Friday, 13th February.

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PERFORMANCE LEVY
The Performance Levy of **$35 per child for 2015** will cover whole school events for the year such as performances and local excursions. The Performance Levy is payable by Friday, 27th February and will be billed to families on the Fees Statements.

SCHOOL’S DIRECT DEBIT DETAILS
Account Name: St Joseph’s School Woodburn
Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Branch: Lismore
BSB: 062-565
Account Number: 1005 6169

Please Note: Please ensure there is a notation stating the student’s name (not just surname) when paying by direct debit.

CHANGE OF DETAILS
Please advise any change of contact details, addresses or phone numbers to the school as soon as possible to keep our records up to date. Thank you!

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TUCKSHOP HELPER

Please return by Monday, 2nd February

I can assist with Tuckshop on:
- Mondays, 11.45 am - 2.00 pm
- Wednesdays, 9.30 am - 3.00 pm
- Wednesdays: half day (AM/PM)

I can help:
- Once a fortnight
- Once a month
- Once a term
- Other: _________________ (e.g. a specific day)

Name: __________________________ Signature: __________________________ Phone No.: __________________________

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CLASSROOM HELPER

Please return as soon as possible

I would like to help in:
Year _____ doing _____________________________________
Year _____ doing _____________________________________
(Reading, Maths, Computers, Craft, etc).

If you have a special interest/skill you would like to share please let us know.

Preferred days: __________________________ (Class Teachers will contact you when they receive names.)

Name: __________________________ Signature: __________________________ Phone No.: __________________________
Lismore Greyhound Fundraiser

Business name / or Family name

……………………………………………………

(please select by circling)

Major Race @ $330-00

1 Race x 9 @ $100-00

Monetary donation for raffles @ $.............

(Two free tickets will be issued to the sponsor)

We thank you for your support

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We need your support in 2015..

Lismore Greyhounds Fundraiser for St Joseph’s School Woodburn

DATE: 17 FEBRUARY 2015

St Joseph’s School Woodburn has been fortunate to secure an early date this year to host a Fundraiser at a local Greyhound meet. The success of this event depends largely on the support we receive from local businesses and families within our area.

There will be 9 races on the night and 2 major raffles. This is a great family night not to be missed. We are asking if you could support our school by either:

1) Sponsoring a race
2) Donating money to assist with the prizes for the major raffles.

In return your business will be promoted on the night and at all TAB venues and you will receive 2 entries for the night.

Please consider our request. We do understand that we have asked for your support in 2014 and are grateful to those sponsors. We held a very successful Greyhound night in June last year raising $2000. We have been able to secure 17th February this year, so we need support for this event as we need to finalise the organisation as soon as possible.

Please complete the note above with your choice of donation. Thank you for considering this request and we look forward to your positive response.

St Joseph’s School, Parent Forum.