Dear Families,

Next Monday evening we will have our Parent Information Nights. These meetings give parents the opportunity to hear about what the children will be learning throughout the year and the expectations around behaviour, attitude, goal setting, etc in each classroom. These meetings will be followed in the next couple of weeks with individual parent/teacher interviews where together goals can be set for the 2015 school year. I encourage you to make the effort to come along to these meetings as they give our parents the opportunity to meet with teachers and to establish a partnership to ensure that students, parents and teachers are all on the same page in regard to each student’s educational journey. A reminder that our barbeque starts at 5.30 pm.

Class Parents
This year we are looking to continue having a Class Parent for each class. Being a class parent involves being part of a friendly, helpful group of parents who are available to lend a hand when needed. Class Parents’ duties include welcoming new families to the school and being a point of contact for parents in the class for information about different school activities.

Class Parents’ Role Description:
- Liaise between parents and teachers
- Provide Pastoral Care support to families in the class in the way of organising card/food drive, etc in times of need and or celebration.
- Support and organise class/grade social activities to build community within the school
- Support social activities among parents and the Parent Forum
- Organise a phone tree for families in their class
- Include all parents as much as possible in the life of the class
- Care for the children and teacher
- Exhibit complete confidentiality and professionalism
- Refer any mediation issues to the appropriate channels

DESIRABLE CRITERIA FOR CLASS PARENT
- Confidentiality – this is vital to maintain the integrity of the school and privacy of families in the school
- Knowledge of the Parent Forum and willingness to assist
- Accessibility to the class teacher and other class parents
- Openness and understanding
- School familiarity – with staff, classroom timetables (sport, library etc)
- Knowledge of class members and their families
- Able to attend at least one Parent Forum meeting once per term

It is not a difficult job. The main purpose is to strengthen class/school community and keep parents informed of class events, changes etc., usually through emails or texts. If you are interested in helping out and becoming a Class Parent, please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return to the school as soon as possible. It is a great way to become involved in our school.

GREYHOUND NIGHT FUNDRAISER—Tuesday 17th February.
Last year I had the privilege of attending this event for the first time. What a fantastic night it was! It is organised by the Parent Forum to raise funds to increase/update resources for the learning and well-being of our children. Please make the effort to support this community event. Details later in the newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you at the Parent Information Evening next Monday.

Jeanette
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS from Megan Boyd

LESSONS FROM POPE FRANCIS:
This year we will continue with our reflections on the wisdom of our Pope Francis. 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 continue 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
Week 3: Open our hearts to the Holy Spirit
Week 4: God never tires of forgiving you
Week 5: Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist
Week 6: Learn to pray every day
Week 7: Take care of people in need

LESSONS FROM POPE FRANCIS WEEK EIGHT:
“May I? Thank you! Sorry!”

Jesus grew up in a small village called Nazareth, with Mary, his mother, and St Joseph his father. The Church calls this family, the Holy Family.” Their home was loving, happy and peaceful. Pope Francis wants to take the Holy Family as the model for our family. He has given us some very good advice:

Pope Francis says: In our family, when we are not intrusive, and ask, “May I?”; in our family, when we are not selfish and learn to say, “Thank you”, and when in a family one realises he or she has done something wrong and knows how to say, “Sorry,” in that family there is peace and joy. Let us remember these words.

It’s not always easy to be obedient and polite, to be thankful for all that you have, and to ask forgiveness when you are unkind. So Pope Francis wants us to pray to Mother Mary and St Joseph for ourselves and our family!

Pope Francis wants our family to be filled with peace and joy!!

SHROVE TUESDAY (Pancake Day)
Traditionally Christian families around the world celebrate the day before Ash Wednesday with Pancakes. As Ash Wednesday celebrates the first day of the Church’s Liturgical season called LENT a time of prayer, giving and fasting families used all their milk, cream and butter so none would go to waste.

We are asking for volunteers to help with the preparation of the pikelets that the students in Years 3 and 5 bring along to school.

The Year 3 and 5 students are asked to bring along one plate of pikelets to be sold at morning tea on Shrove Tuesday, 17th February. The monies raised will be donated to our Catholic Fundraising Agency Project Compassion. Pikelets will be sold for 30c each on Tuesday.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
There will be a Parish Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday, 18th February at the All Saints’ Catholic Church Woodburn at 12 noon. Our students in Years 1 to 6 will be attending.

PARISH ALTAR SERVERS
Students who have received their First Holy Communion are eligible to become Altar Servers. This enables them to give service to the church, to deepen their own self-esteem and also gives them a clearer understanding of the Mass. It is a commitment that carries with it a degree of personal responsibility. We therefore invite parents and students to discuss this and if the student would like to be part of the Parish Altar Servers’ Team to then complete the reply slip in this Newsletter.

Altar Servers: All Saints’ Woodburn – 14th February at 6.00pm
Stephanie Bel, Courtney Bell and Jason Bell
ASH WEDNESDAY

Next week the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion appeal. This year’s Project Compassion stories focus on the ways in which Caritas Australia is working around the world to empower vulnerable people to establish sustainable food sources and develop income streams for life.

Your donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work towards a more just and fair world, where the basic human right for food is met and sustained.

Each family will receive a Project Compassion box and we encourage you to support your child’s giving.

You can also donate online via the website at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

Please put your compassion into action this Lent by supporting Project Compassion 2015.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR MISSION BOX TO SCHOOL BEFORE 30th MARCH - Thank you!

LEN T 2015

During Lent, God invites us to come back to him and to his way of love and service to others. At Mass on Ash Wednesday, 18th February, our foreheads will be marked with a cross drawn with ashes to remind us that life passes away on earth. The Cross is a sign of hope that we will live by the Gospel and try to be Jesus to others! In our busy lives, we may lose our way and let priorities shift from God’s priorities to our own less important and sometimes self-serving ones. Lent is a time for positive action so that the coming celebration of Easter will be more meaningful for us as individuals and families.

Growing food for life

1st Week of Lent
Project Compassion:
Eric and Ma from Fiji

Twenty-five years ago, married couple Eric and Ma worked hard, but their farm was unprofitable. They had a very limited income and diet, until they took a training course at the Tutu Rural Training Centre (supported by Caritas Australia). Using the skills they learnt there, the couple have built a successful family life, and a thriving farm that provides them with a healthy diet and sustainable source of income.

Your donation to Project Compassion helps people in isolated areas of Fiji gain the skills they need to grow food for life.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion   1800 024 413

Making Jesus Real - MJR AWARDS

Deklan Allen: For being a peacemaker as he moved himself to another game in preference to grumbling!

Nominated by Mrs Spencer

Charlotte Walsh: For caring about the school environment as she was seen cleaning up the crumbs without being asked!

Nominated by Mrs Spencer
PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

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 and principal, Jeanette Wilkins. 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.

OPENING SCHOOL MASS

Today we celebrated our first school Mass for 2015. At this mass our school leaders for 2015 were commissioned. We thank Father Richard for his continued support in providing faith opportunities for our students.

Many thanks to the families and friends who attended this mass. PHOTOS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN NEXT WEEK’S NEWSLETTER.

The leaders for 2015 are:
Captains: Nella Bradford and Daniel Westerman
Vice Captains: Lily Fisher and Jonathan Robinson
Sports Captain—Burbi: Charli Jamroz and Kye Evans
Sports Captain—Gahgun: Sarah Biffin and Stephanie Bell
Sports Captain—Guraman: Mikaela Miller and Blake Doohan
School Representative Council: Lilli Sheen and Leilani Mangan
Mini Vinnies President: Hannah McClure
Mini Vinnies Vice President: Ella Cutler

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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POLDING SUMMER TRIALS 2015

The Polding Summer Trials were held in Lismore on Friday, 6th February. Well done to Katelyn Bodley (girls cricket) and Alec Robinson (softball) who attended these trials. Congratulations to Katelyn who was selected in the Polding girls cricket team. Katelyn will attend a PSSA NSW State cricket carnival at Dubbo in November this year.

RICHMOND ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Richmond Zone Swimming Carnival will be held at Alstonville on Friday, 20th February. Good luck to our thirty-two students attending this carnival.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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CONGRATULATIONS!
PARENT FORUM: THANK YOU

Thanks to those parents who were able to attend the Parent Forum meeting held this week. This year I hope to report updates to the Forum in the areas of Education and Technology, Parents in Schools, the environment, school promotion and the social agenda. At this early stage I wish to thank the parents involved who are already busily looking at Easter and Mothers' Day fundraisers. Any suggestions and/or help would be very welcome.

If you would like to be involved or are available to help in either of these events could you please contact the office or Naomi Robinson on 0413 388 459 or 6682 2773.

TUCKSHOP HELPERS—THANK YOU!

Many thanks to those wonderful parents who have volunteered to assist in our school Tuckshop this year.

*We almost have enough helpers to make up a roster for the term, but a few more would be very helpful.*

If you are able to assist in the Tuckshop on a Monday or Wednesday (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.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are hoping to do the LAP Program again this year. To do this we need the support of mothers, fathers, friends, grandparents.

The philosophy of LAP:

- It is always one-to-one.
- Is about relationship.
- Builds self-confidence and self-esteem.
- Takes a creative approach to learning.
- Promotes parent and community participation in the school.

Student centred and volunteer/mentor based, this program is established on the concept of one-to-one interaction between student and volunteer for a regular session each week. A volunteer is matched carefully with a student to build upon the student's strengths, interests and abilities.

If you have skills in woodwork, craft activities, card making, knitting, board games, etc and would like to help please complete the form in this Newsletter and return it to: Sr. Janet Cummings at the school.

For further information please contact Sr. Janet Cummings at St. Joseph's School, Monday-Thursday on 6682 2468.

HEALTH DETAILS RECORD AND PERMISSION NOTE FOR SCHOOL EVENTS - 2015

A Health Details Record and Permission Note for school events during 2015 was sent home last week for each child in the family.

*It would be appreciated if the green form could be completed and returned to school as soon as possible.*
THE GREYHOUNDS

**DON’T MISS A GREAT FAMILY NIGHT**

SPONSORS:
- Major Sponsor: St Joseph’s School Woodburn
- NSW Sugar Milling Co-operative Ltd
- MTK Cabinets
- Warren Innes Contractor
- Evans Head Fishing Charters
- Wardrobe world Ballina
- Evans Head Bowling Club
- Evans Head Newsagency and Jaycar Authorised Stockist

**A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS**
—PLEASE SUPPORT THEM

Tickets $5 each—available from school office
Starts 6 pm—Tuesday, 17th February 2015
Coleman’s Point Greyhound Track
Great Raffles on sale
Meals available in upstairs Bistro
Takeaway food downstairs
TAB and Bar facilities

All proceeds of tickets bought at the school office go to the Parent Forum and will be used to purchase academic and sporting equipment.
(The school does not get any money from tickets brought at the gate on the night.)

We are still in need of donations for raffle prizes. Please see the office if you can donate.

CORAKI HOCKEY CLUB
We offer competitive and social hockey to suit all needs, along with great coaching, fitness and skills training sessions. Free Junior Muster: 17 February 2015: 5-6pm at Coraki Tennis Courts. Free Junior & Senior Muster: 24 February 2015: 5-7pm at Goonellabah Turf (must have a mouth guard, shin pads and stick). Games are played at Lismore and Ballina fields. Contact: corakihockeysecretary@hotmail.com

PROFESSIONAL PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER
Evans Head Preschool is holding this fundraiser on Sunday, 29th March 2015. Contact Allyson Cuskelley on 6682 5235 or evansheadpreschool@bigpond.com to prepay and book your photographic session.
SELECTION OF CLASS PARENT  Please return as soon as possible
The Class Parent is selected by the class teacher in consultation with the Principal and Assistant Principal.

I would like to be considered for the role of Class Parent of my child's class.

Child’s Name: _______________________________________ Class: ________
Parent Name: _______________________________ Contact No. ___________________

I have read the role description and believe I can fulfil the role as Class Parent.

ALTAR SERVERS 2015  Please return as soon as possible
I give permission for my child _____________________________
in Year ______ to Altar Serve at the Woodburn Church at
5 pm on Saturday evenings

I give permission for my child _____________________________
In Year ______ to Altar Serve at the Evans Head Church at
7.30 am Sunday mornings

My child will be available to serve: WEEKLY FORTNIGHTLY MONTHLY (Please circle)

Name:________________________ Signature:______________________ Phone No.:_______________________

LAP PROGRAM  Please return to Sr Janet at school
I WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST WITH THE LAP PROGRAM.

Name: ……………………………………………………….... Signature:………………………………………………

Phone Contact: ………………………………………………..

TUCKSHOP HELPER  Please return as soon as possible
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.:________________________________________