Dear Families,

Within our school and the Diocese of Lismore our combined focus is on continuous improvement of school effectiveness. As part of that process our Year 5 and 6 students, staff and parents will be invited to be a part of a School Improvement Survey process between 16th and 27th March 2015. The data collected by the staff, student and parent surveys will assist school leadership teams and the Catholic Schools Office to benchmark key school culture factors and track changes over time.

The survey results will provide key information for schools and the system to use in bringing about improvements. The survey data will be analysed by external specialist consultants from Insight SRC, who will prepare reports outlining key areas for development and improvement for each school and for the system as a whole. Insight SRC is a professional, experienced HR consultancy group. They will ensure that the data is collated and analysed accurately and independently and kept confidential at all times. Insight SRC has broad experience in the Catholic sector across Australia.

We will receive the Survey implementation materials on 11th March. The survey will be live from 16th March. The students and staff will complete the survey online. 60 randomly selected parent paper survey and instructions will be sent home with the children. We encourage as many parents/caregiver as possible to complete the survey as a way to help us to improve our school and your child’s learning.

PARISH SCHOOL MASS
Thank you to all who were able to join us last Saturday for our celebration of our Term 1 Parish School Mass. This year we will have a combined Parish School Mass each term prepared by different stages of teachers and students. We warmly invite all students and families to attend each of these Masses, not just the students from the Stage that is preparing the Mass. Hopefully, next Mass we will see a greater representation of upper primary students and school leaders.

As part of last Saturday’s Mass we also participated in a commitment prayer with our children who will be making the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Over the coming weeks we keep the following children and their families in our prayers as they prepare for the next step in their faith journey:

Taj Ferrier  Imogen Farlow  Tatum Hodges
Chelsea Campbell  Joel Davidson  Fletcher Johnston
Zac Landrigan  Daniel Lollback  Sky-Maree Oldham
Lionel Ribeiro-Deomelas  Annabelle Robinson  Lily Sauer
Jack Sullivan  Jessica Williams  Jacob Woolley
Dominic Youngberry  Jed Dougherty  Noah Dougherty

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Parent Teacher meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Working together in partnership helps to clarify goals for your children, inform about areas of strength and areas to work on and clarify any issues or concerns that we may not be aware of. Thank you for your attendance and thank you to the teachers for the work and preparation you put into the interviews.

WE NEED HELP - Class Parents
A big thank you to those people who have already offered to be class parents. At this stage we have Class Parents for Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5. In order for this initiative to be successful we need a class parent for all classes. Teachers therefore this week have started asking for volunteers. Please consider taking on the role.

REMINDER: Tomorrow, Friday, 13th March 2015 is a Staff Development Day—that is, no students attend school.

Jeanette
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS from Megan Boyd

This is our final lesson in the collection of lessons from Pope Francis.

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
Week 8: Use your manners—say thank you and sorry!
Week 9: Mary is our Mother and she loves us!
Week 10: The Saints are like us!
Week 11: Be Missionaries for the Gospel
Week 12: The one who loves Christ is full of joy!

Here is one more lesson: Jesus wants you to have joy in your heart. Pope Francis knows how this happens—and that's why he often looks so happy!

Pope Francis says:

The one who loves Christ is full of joy and radiates joy ....... Dear young people Jesus gives us life, life in abundance. If we are close to him we will have joy in our hearts and a smile on our face!

So loving Jesus and staying close to him will make us happy.

When you wake up in the morning you could say, "Jesus I want to live this day for you!" Then during the day you could check to see if you have joy in your heart. If it has disappeared, talk to Jesus about it. Before going to sleep tell Jesus that you love him and his teachings. If your friends ask why you are so happy and smiling you can tell them it is because of your friendship with Jesus.

Remember that Jesus loves you and wants you to have a smile on your face.

Pope Francis wants you to have joy in your heart!

PARENT LENTEN PROGRAM GROUP

This year we are offering the opportunity for parents to participate in a Lenten Prayer group on Thursdays at 10.30 am. The group will meet in the school Meeting room for an hour to participate in the 'Rich in Mercy' program, started on Thursday, 4th March, and will continue for the remaining weeks of Lent. It will be a wonderful opportunity to pray, reflect and support each other. Sr Janet and Megan Boyd will lead the groups. Everyone is welcome, and may join the group at any time.

4th Week of Lent
Project Compassion: Sarita from Nepal

Sharing food for life

Mother of three, Sarita, could barely grow enough food for her family on her tiny farm plot. In 2007, she joined a program, run by Caritas Nepal, that gave a community group the training and support they needed to start a fish-raising business. Thanks to their hard work, Sarita and the group now have a thriving enterprise and a life-long source of food and income.

Your donation to Project Compassion 2015 helps people in rural Nepal create a life-long source of food and income to benefit entire communities.

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

MAKING JESUS REAL AWARDS

Daniel Lollback: For helping clean up our playground without being asked. Nominated by Mrs Stormon
Lara Barham: For being a WEST person and encouraging me!! Nominated by T’Ahna Allen

Altar Servers: All Saints’ Woodburn Saturday, at 6 pm:
Saturday, 14th March
Nella Bradford
Leilani Mangan
Matthew Woolley

Saturday, 21st March
Alec Robinson
Lani Reese
Tayla Ferguson
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
TERM 1—Week 6

Class  | Student
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Kinder | Aiden Doran
Year 1 | Chloe Woolley
Year 2 | Ashlyn Stevenson
Year 3 | Jacob Woolley
Year 4 | Demi McKenna
Year 5 | Courtney Bell

CONGRATULATIONS!

ST JOSEPH’S DAY CELEBRATIONS—Thursday, 19th March

This year St Joseph’s Day will be celebrated at St Joseph’s School Coraki. We will travel to Coraki by bus in the morning. The children will attend Mass at the St Joseph’s Church Coraki at 10 am. This will be followed by organised fun activities at the school.

Home baked cakes, chips, drinks and ice blocks will be available for morning tea. There will also be a Sausage Sizzle available for lunch — ordering details below.

Children will return to St Joseph’s Woodburn in time for their regular buses. The cost of the bus travel will be covered by the Performance Levy.

Children will wear their sports uniform with hat, and take their own morning tea and lunch if not pre-ordered.

Sausage Sizzle $1.50

If you would like a sausage sandwich for your child for lunch please place your order on a bag (as for normal tuck-shop ordering) with name and class and number of sausage sandwiches required. Please label the bag: ‘St Joseph’s Day’ and enclose the correct money. Please return the orders to school by Monday, 16th March.

If you have not already done so, could you please return your child’s completed Health Details Record & Permission Note for 2015 so that your child can attend this day. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Envelopes for pre-paid school photos have been sent home today with this Newsletter. School photos will be taken on Monday, 23rd March. Family photos (of siblings at school) are also available—please collect a special family envelope from the Office. All envelopes (with correct money if paying by cash) should be returned to school by Friday, 20th March.

Please keep the yellow family envelope separate from the white individual student photo envelope.

Students will wear their normal school uniform, that is: checked dress for girls, and green shirt/grey shorts for boys.

Please note that our normal uniform rules apply for photos especially in relation to girls’ hair (must be tied back if long), jewellery and socks (no rolled down socks).

We apologise for the short notice with the photo envelopes as we have only just received them from the photographer.

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR HELP

The LAP program is continuing this year and both children and LAP volunteers enjoy the sessions. Sadly we have lost a couple of volunteers due to work commitments.

LAP requires a volunteer to work with a child one-to-one for an hour per week, usually doing some craft activity.

If any parent, active grandparent or friend of family would like to help, please complete the form in this Newsletter and send to the school as soon as possible.
SPORTS NEWS from John Cocciola

ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY—2015

St Joseph’s School Cross Country will be held at the school grounds on Friday, 27th March commencing at 9.30 am and finishing at approximately 11.30 am. We have been training for this event through daily fitness activities over the last three weeks. Please encourage your child/ren to involve themselves in walking, running or jogging at home if possible. Perhaps go as a family for a walk after dinner.

Distances for the Cross Country are:
- 3000 metres (3 kilometres) for 11, 12 and 13 year old boys and girls
- 2000 metres (2 kilometres) for 8, 9 and 10 year old boys and girls
- 1000 metres (1 kilometre) for Year 1 and Year 2 students
- 500 metres (0.5 kilometres) for Kindergarten boys and girls

Students who are successful at the school Cross Country (8–13 year olds) will attend the Richmond Zone Cross Country which will be held at Hepburn Park, Goonellabah, Lismore on Friday 1st May.

If you are able to assist (track marshall, etc) at the school Cross Country please complete the reply slip in this Newsletter and return by Friday, 20th March.

LISMORE DIOCESAN WINTER TRIALS 2015

The Lismore Diocesan Winter Sports Trials will be held in Grafton tomorrow, Friday 13th March. Students from Catholic Primary Schools from Tweed Heads to Port Macquarie will attend these trials following selection at zone level.

Good luck to the following students from St Joseph’s who are attending these important trials: George Campbell (11 years rugby league), Hannah McClure (girls football/soccer), Jonathan Robinson (boys football/soccer) and Nella Bradford (hockey).

If successful at Diocesan Trials the students will be attending Polding Winter Sports Trials at Tamworth early in Term 2 on Friday, 24th April.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday wishes from the school community to Ever Brady, Kade Williams and Keira Higham who celebrated their birthdays this week.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Monday, 16th March
Juanita Mohammed
Angelique Walsh

Wednesday, 18th March
Alisha Youngberry
AM: Helen Grissell
PM: HELP NEEDED

Thank you ladies!
REMINDERS

♦ Staff Development Day (‘Pupil Free Day’) on **Friday, 13th March**

♦ Please return any outstanding green Health Details and Permission notes for 2015 as soon as possible.

♦ Please send in any Sausage Sizzle orders for St Joseph’s day at Coraki by **Monday, 16th March**.

♦ Please return the Parent Forum note regarding meeting time preferences to have your input.

♦ Easter Raffle: Please send in donations for the Easter Raffle. Thank you to those who have already sent in donations.

♦ Raffle tickets have been sent home today for the Easter Raffle, which will be drawn on Thursday, 2nd April. They are 50 cents each or three for $1.00.

♦ School Fees: If you have any questions about your Fees Statement or need to talk to Jeanette please contact Lesley to make an appointment.

♦ Book Club brochures have been sent home. Orders are due back at school by **Thursday, 19th March**.

PARENT FORUM SURVEY ON FUTURE MEETING TIMES

Please return by **Monday 16th March**

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**Child Minding:**
If child minding was provided, would it make a difference to your attendance at meetings? **Yes** **No** (please circle)

Any other suggestions:

EVANS RIVER JUNIOR RUGBY

Come join the Killer Whales—all age groups—boys and girls; accredited coaches; competition played Friday evenings; kick-off after Easter.

Sign-on: Stan Payne Oval Evans Head:
Wednesday, 18th March 2015 4 pm—6 pm
Saturday, 21st March 2015 11 am—5 pm during the Evans River Rugby 10s

Enquiries: Hywel Roberts on 0402 367 216.

ST JOSEPH’S CROSS COUNTRY HELPER

Please return by **Friday 20th March**

I am able to be a helper for the St Joseph’s Cross Country on Friday, 27th March 2015 (9.30a.m. -11.30a.m.).

Name:__________________________________please print ) Phone Number:_________________________________