Dear Families,

As we begin to near the end of Term 1 I find myself taking the time to look around our beautiful school and am thankful for all the wonderful things I see happening. I am immediately reminded of the ‘Making Jesus Real’ Program that is alive throughout our school. Within that program, is a section titled ‘Use the big “T” word - Thanks—Ten Times a Day. The program speaks to all of us, stating that “thanks” is a small word that seems to be forgotten in so many cases.

Are we grateful for all that we have and for all that others do for us? How many times have we said ‘Thank you’ today?

Today I’d Iike to say THANK YOU to:

- Our students who teach us so much on a daily basis in all they say and do.
- Our Year 6 Leaders who take seriously their role and lead with enthusiasm and commitment.
- Our Student Representative Council who are dedicated to being a voice for the students at our school and working towards helping others, by initiating fund-raising activities.
- The many students who have joined Mini-Vinnies this year to make a difference in other peoples’ lives.
- You, our parents for your generous support, kindness, honesty, input and interest in our school and your child/children’s learning.
- Father Richard for his support, involvement and example to our children and staff.
- Our teaching staff for their dedication, enthusiasm, passion and professionalism.
- My Executive team, for their backing, willingness to give, time, support and educational and Religious leadership.
- Our secretary Lesley for keeping our school running smoothly, communicating with our parents and caring for our sick children.
- Our Parent Forum for the tireless work you do to make our school a better place to be.
- Our Parent Leaders Linda Collins, Megan Woolley, Sara Hodges and the Parish support people for their dedication, help and assistance in leading the Family-centred Reconciliation Sacramental Program.
- The families of our Sacramental students for supporting their children in this important time of their faith journey.
- Our cleaner Alan and groundsman Jim for the upkeep of our beautiful school.

Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

Matthew 25: 40

School Improvement Surveys

Just a reminder to the 60 families who received the survey that the cut off date to complete the survey is today 27th March. Thank you to those 24 families who have completed the survey. We encourage as many of those 60 families as possible to complete the survey as a way to help us to improve our school and your child’s learning.

Parent Forum Executive

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the Parent Forum AGM last Monday. I would like to welcome and congratulate the 2015 Parent Forum Executive:

President: Naomi Robinson
Vice President: Tracey Bodley
Secretary: Tina Cauchi
Treasurer: Gillian O’Neill

I look forward to working with you all this year, thank you for making yourselves available for the positions.

Jeanette
YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP DAY

On Thursday, 26th March 2015 Mrs Karen Davies, Assistant Principal of Trinity Catholic College, along with nine Year 10 students from the CSYMA (Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Australia) class came to our school to run a leadership day for our Year 6 students. The program was well-planned and ran around the themes of Leadership in our School; Leadership happens in our home, school and community; Communication and Trust. I had the opportunity to spend a couple of times of the day with the students and was most impressed by the Year 10 students with their enthusiasm, confidence and leadership in running the activities and the insight and maturity of our own students in discussion and involvement. If our students go on to be leaders in High School and beyond, I know we are in good hands! Special thanks to Karen and the students: Billy Bird, Chelsea Clark, Erin Hunt, Lee Perkins, Scout Wallen, Jack Cado-netti, Molly Pearce, Kate Townsend and Amete Baume. Congratulations to our Year 6 students.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) - CASUAL CLOTHES AND SPORTS DAY:

On Wednesday, 1st April the SRC will be holding a Sports Day to fundraise for Project Compassion.

We ask that all students wear sensible casual clothes and bring a gold coin donation. Please also wear suitable footwear and a hat.

The sports will include Soccer, Netball, Basketball, Volleyball and Oztag.

Lilli Sheen and Leilani Mangan

HOLY WEEK LITURGY—THURSDAY, 2nd APRIL 2015

As Holy Week is the most important and significant event in the Church’s Liturgical Year, we will celebrate this special occasion on Thursday, 2nd April at 2 pm. Every child from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be involved in re-telling the story of Jesus’ journey and experiences through Holy Week (Palm Sunday to Good Friday). Children in Kinder to Year 2 are requested to bring to school a traditional costume as explained in the note sent home on Wednesday this week.

This special event is the concluding school activity for the term prior to holidays. The Easter raffle will be drawn before lunch on that last day.
St Joseph’s Woodburn Family-Centred Sacramental Preparation Programme

Sacrament of Penance-First Reconciliation

During the Term nineteen children and their families have been preparing for the Celebration of Penance-First Reconciliation. They have been meeting in small groups over the last four weeks. As parents have the vital role of guiding and nurturing their child’s faith journey, these meetings have included child friendly activities designed for parents to be engaged and share in these important times of their child’s faith development.

A sincere and special thank you to Megan Woolley, Sara Hodges, and Linda Collins who bravely took on the roles of preparing for and leading these groups. Their amazing efforts have been most appreciated. The program also included the wisdom and guidance of Parish Supporters who also attended the meetings. We thank Jenny McCormack, Maria Pearson, Erin Gollan, Sue Creighton and Tiffany Kelly. We are very proud of all their efforts and the support of the families who have contributed to the successful implementation of our new Family-Centred Sacramental Program. Thank you!

The preparation for the Sacrament will conclude with the Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance on Tuesday evening, 31st March at the All Saints’ Catholic Church Woodburn at 6.30 pm. Our whole school family is welcome to share this special occasion with us!

Sustainable Food for Life

Until recently, the weather in Vinsen’s small farming village in West Timor has been quite stable. However, in the last few years changing weather patterns have made harvests unpredictable and unprofitable.

To combat the variable weather patterns affecting farmers in Vinsen’s village in Indonesia, a local community program supported by Caritas Australia, is teaching farmers how to terrace land and grow sustainable crops for life – regardless of the changing weather.

Your donation to Project Compassion 2015 helps farmers in remote West Timor create a life-long source of food, improving the future wellbeing of their families and communities.

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

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!

Matthew Woolley: Nominated by Mrs Lowrey: For being kind and helping a Kinder!

Jack Sullivan: nominated by Mrs Reese: For being a WEST person and including others.

Altar Servers: All Saints’ Woodburn

Saturday, at 6 pm:

Saturday 28th March
Victoria Mohammed
Lateisha Doran
MINI VINNIES EASTER VISIT TO BCS RESIDENTS VILLAGE CORAKI
SPORTS NEWS from John Cocciola

ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY—2015
Our annual School Cross Country was held today at school.
Details about the results of the day will be placed in next week’s newsletter.
Congratulations to all students from kindergarten to year 6 who participated in the Cross Country today.
Thank you to the parents who volunteered to help out with Cross Country this year.

RICHMOND ZONE CROSS COUNTRY 2015
The Richmond Zone Cross Country for 2015 will be held at Hepburn Park, Goonellabah, Lismore on Friday, 1st May (backup date 8th May) commencing at 9.45 am.
Catholic Primary School students from the Richmond Zone will send students (8-13 years) to this day.
St Joseph’s Woodburn will be sending up to fifty students for this cross country event following the school’s cross country which was held today at the school grounds.
Students who are successful at the Zone Cross Country will represent the Richmond Zone at the Diocesan Cross Country which will be held at the same venue in Lismore on Friday, 22nd May (back up date 27th May).

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES—SPORT & RECREATION
The following sports activities are being offered during the school holiday period by the Office of Communities, Sport and Recreation for the North Coast Region:
Surf Clinic (level 1) for 8 – 15yrs Lake Ainsworth Sport & Recreation Centre. Thursday 7 Friday 9/10th April 9am til 4pm. Cost is $130.
Surf Clinic (level 2) for 8 – 15yrs Lake Ainsworth Sport & Recreation Centre. Thursday 7 Friday 9/10th April 9am til 4pm. Cost is $130.
Sail LA. (8-14 yrs ) Lake Ainsworth Tuesday 14th April. 9am – 4pm. Cost $55.
Lazer Skirmish Activity Day (7-12 yrs) Lake Ainsworth Sport & Recreation Centre. Tuesday 7th April 9am -4pm. Cost $55.
To enrol or seek more information call ( 02) 6618 0400 or visit drs.nsw.gov.au/whatson.asp?region=northcoast

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Monday, 30th March
Gillian O’Neiil
Angelique Walsh
Wednesday, 1st April
Alanna Kinsella
AM: Kerrie Tunsted
PM: Alisha Youngberry

Thank you ladies!

TERM 1 WEEK 10 (HOLY WEEK)
Monday, 30th March
Tuckshop
Chrism Mass– Lismore
Tuesday, 31st March
Sports Uniform
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday, 1st April
Tuckshop
Library
SRC MUFTI AND SPORTS DAY

Thursday, 2nd April
Sports uniform
Easter Raffle draw
Holy Week Liturgy

LAST DAY OF TERM 1
Friday 3rd April
GOOD FRIDAY

TERM 2 WEEK 1
Monday, 20th April
Term 2 starts– Children return to School
Tuckshop

Tuesday, 21st April
Sports Uniform

Wednesday, 22nd April
Tuckshop
Library

Thursday, 23rd April
Sports uniform

Friday, 24th April

Saturday 25th April
ANZAC Day

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Happy Birthday wishes from the school community to Domanic Mason, Sarah Biffin and Jordie Forsyth who celebrated their birthdays this week.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
TERM 1—Week 8
Class    Student
Kinder   Ilah Gardiner
Year 1   Breanna Moss
Year 2   Alexander Pursey
Year 3   Mikaela Robson
        Annabelle Robinson
Year 4   Cooper Davis
Year 5   Charlie Hannessy
Year 6   Daniel Westerman

CONGRATULATIONS!
UNSW GLOBAL COMPETITIONS
2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

Each year students from Years 3-6 are invited to participate in the University of NSW Competitions in various subject areas.

This year students from Year 2 are also eligible to participate in the English, Mathematics and Sciences competitions.

Parents who wish their children to participate should complete the form in this Newsletter and return to school with the entry fee by the end of this term **but no later than Monday, 20th April 2015** (the first day of Term 2). Costs and dates for each competition are listed below. If more than one child in a family is participating please write out a separate list. Unfortunately, if your child is absent on the day of the test no refund is available.

**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 below and send to the school as soon as possible.

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**LAP Program Volunteer**

Please return ASAP

I would like to assist with the LAP program.

Name: _______________________ Signature: _______________________ Phone No.: _______________________

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**UNSW COMPETITIONS—YEAR 2 TO YEAR 6 ONLY**

(If you have more than one child entering, please write a separate list.)

Please return by Monday, 20th April

I wish to enter my child _______________________________ in Year ____ in the following UNSW tests:

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TOTAL COST: $__________

I enclose $__________ to cover entry fees (if paying by cheque please make out to ‘St Joseph’s School Woodburn’)

Name: __________________________________________ Signature: ______________________________________