Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope that everyone had a very happy and relaxing holiday and enjoyed the fine weather over the holidays. This term is a busy term filled with new learning, Catholic Schools Week, the launch of Student Proclaim, sports and reports. We look forward to working together with you and the children to make it a successful one in every possible way.

Today a group of current and ex servicemen attended the school to talk to the children about the importance of ANZAC Day. The morning was initiated by Mr Adam Henderson, Welfare and Ceremonial Officer for the Woodburn/Evans Head RSL Club. Present were Kevin Lever, Peter Dawson, Peter Gardiner, Andrew Manning, Matthew Mealing, and his wife Donna Mealing. It was a terrific effort by these men to take the time to speak with and visit the children. The speech presented by Sergeant Andrew Manning took us back to Gallipoli and highlighted the amazing traits of the men who fought and died for our freedom.

ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day is tomorrow, Saturday 25th April, 2015. St Joseph’s has always been extremely well represented at the community Anzac Day ceremonies and I hope that this will be the case this year. I ask that you give careful consideration to your child’s participation in this very special celebration and I urge as many students as possible to again represent St Joseph’s in these community events. The RSL Club has again asked that we lead the National Anthem at both of these services. Our School Leaders have been asked to speak at both services.

Details are outlined below.

Dawn Service: Line up at 5.15 am outside the library at Evans Head. March begins at approximately 5.20 am. Full sports uniform (minus hat) to be worn.

Woodburn March: Please meet our school group at 9.50 am at the Post Office. March begins at 10.00 am. Full sports uniform and hat please.

WELCOME TO ST JOSEPH’S

This week we are very excited to welcome 4 new families to our beautiful school. WELCOME Ozi, Matilda, Tasman and Banjo Newman (Year 5, 4, 2 and Kinder) and their parents, Luke and Deb; Harrison and Oliver Arragon (Years 4 and 3) and their parents, Collette and Craig; Ruby Smales (Kinder) and her parents, Hayley and Nick, and finally welcome back to Dakota Amey and his mother Jacqueline Long to our St Joseph’s community.

I am sure that you join with me in welcoming these new students and their families to St Joseph’s and we trust that their transition will be a happy and successful one.

Jeanette
**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - First Penance and First Eucharist- YEAR 3**

Thank you to our parents and parish supporters for committing to our recent Parish initiative, to commence the Family Centred Sacramental Preparation Program for the Sacrament of Penance. We feel that the program enabled parents to be more involved and provide family value to their child’s preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament. The passing on of our Christian faith, values and traditions are a true gift that our parents can share with their children.

As the students will now be involved in preparation for their First Holy Communion, we invite parents to attend a meeting on Tuesday, 28th April at 6.30 pm in the school library. At this meeting we will discuss ways to improve the Family Centred preparation program. We will share what worked well during the preparation and celebration of First Penance; and also share the planning for the preparation and celebration of First Holy Communion.

This initial meeting is for parents only and it is a Parish expectation that at least one parent attend the meeting.

The celebration of First Eucharist - First Holy Communion will be held at 5 pm on Saturday, 30th May at the All Saints’ Church Woodburn.

We hope that parents will be able to attend this initial meeting and again support the Sacramental program. Chicken and corn soup will be provided.

**THE CELEBRATION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK and MOTHERS’ DAY MASS**

This very special occasion will be celebrated at 10.15 am on Friday 8th May at the All Saints’ Catholic Church at Woodburn. Everyone is most welcome to attend this very special occasion especially our Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts and family friends.

There will be a morning tea after Mass and the classrooms will be open for an hour after morning tea for visitors to have a look at Catholic Education in action!

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2015 is **“Walk With Me!”** This theme ties in with the 50th anniversary of Gravissimum Educationis, a document of the Second Vatican Council that was created by the Synod Fathers in 1965. The document recognised the continuing need for the Church to support parents in the education of their children so that they might be better equipped to participate professionally in the social, political and economic life of their communities well into the future. We walk with Jesus in so many ways when we belong to a family, whether it be in our school, parish or home families. Just like Jesus did we experience love, forgiveness, peace and acceptance in the families we belong to! So when we walk with Jesus and remember his teachings, and are nourished by his Sacraments and words, our journey through life is blessed with grace and meaning.

**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!

**Jordie Forsyth:** For his gentle example with Infants during play time! Nominated by a teacher.

**Billy Bradford:** For patting me on the back and saying ‘You can do it!’ during the school Cross Country event. Nominated by Lateisha Doran

**ALTAR SERVERS—ALL SAINTS’ WOODBURN, SATURDAY, 5 pm**

2nd May—Stephanie Bell, Courtney Bell and Jason Bell
9th May—Lateisha Doran, Sarah Biffin and Jordan Biffin
Thank you to our Class Parents for 2015.

Kinder Gillian O’Neill
Year 1 Megan Woolley
Year 2 Alison Smith and Angelique Walsh
Year 3 Robyn Hatcher
Year 4 Tina Cauchi
Year 5 Naomi Robinson
Year 6 Kim McClure

Our first meeting will be held Monday, 27th April 2015 at 2.30 pm

Students in Years 3 and 5 will undergo the National Assessment Program in Numeracy and Literacy (NAPLAN) in Week 4 on 12th, 13th and 14th May. All students in all states and territories in Australia will participate in these tests on the same day. We wish our students in Years 3 and 5 all the best in these assessments.

We would like to invite our mums, grandmothers, carers and friends to the Catholic Schools Mass at 10.15 am in the Church on Friday, 8th May, and afterwards to share morning tea to celebrate Mothers’ Day. Morning tea will be provided.

A Mothers’ Day Stall, organised by the Parent Forum, will be held at school on Thursday, 7th May where students have the opportunity to purchase a gift for their mother or grandmother for $5.00 each. (Do not send money in before the day, the children can bring in on the Thursday.)

Thank you to all families who supported this raffle. The lucky winners were:
1st: Jackson Higham
2nd: Heather Ashcroft
3rd: Evelyn Wunsch
4th: Emily Townsend
5th: Lucas Hayden

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.

The Polding Winter Trials will be held in Tamworth on Thursday, 30th April (postponed from 24th April due to ground closures).

Catholic School students from the following Dioceses will attend these trials: Lismore, Armidale, Maitland-Newcastle, Wilcannia/Forbes, Broken Bay and Bathurst.

Sports that the students will be trialling include football (soccer), rugby league (opens & under 11s, netball and hockey.

St Joseph’s wish Nella Bradford (Year 6) all the best at this important sports trial.

Students who are successful at Tamworth will represent Polding at N.S.W.P.S.S.A. State carnivals during this year.

Term 2 sport at St Joseph’s commenced yesterday afternoon at 2.30 pm. Sport this term involves K-6 students developing skills in Athletics.

This year we have included ball games as another activity whereby the students will learn to play tunnel ball, captain ball, under & over ball, corner spry (to name a few) and further develop hand-eye coordination skills.

The Richmond Zone Cross Country will be held at Hepburn Park, Goonellabah, Lismore on Friday, 1st May. Catholic Schools from the Richmond Zone will attend this event. There will be up to 500 students competing on the day (8 years to 12 years age divisions in boys and girls).

St Joseph’s will be sending fifty students to the Zone Cross Country. We wish them all the best. Students who do well at zone level will go on to represent Richmond Zone at the Lismore Diocesan Cross Country which will be held at the same venue in Lismore on Friday, 22nd May.

A reminder that all permission /medical forms and the $5 zone levy need to be returned by next Tuesday to the school office.

1. 1st May: Richmond Zone Cross Country in Lismore
2. 22nd May: Lismore Diocesan Cross Country in Lismore
3. 11th June: Finals of sprint relays at school at 2.30 pm
4. 12th June: St Joseph’s Athletics Carnival K-6 at Riverview Park, South Lismore
**XAVIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE**

**REVISED ENROLMENT TIMELINE**

**YEAR 7 2016**

Tuesday, 5th May 2015—
Parent Information Evening
5.30 pm: Tours
6.00 pm: Sausage Sizzle
7.00 pm: Information Session

The closing date for enrolments is now **Monday, 11th May 2015**.

If you have any enquiries please ring 6687 6484.

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**ST JOHN’S COLLEGE WOODLAWN**

**OPEN UP YOUR WORLD**

**OPEN NIGHT**
Wednesday, 29th April, 6.30 pm

Enrolling for Years 7 and 11, 2016

**ACADEMIC; VOCATIONAL; SPIRITUAL; CULTURAL; SPORTING; SOCIAL**

Phone 6626 2600 or visit:
www.lisjclism.catholic.edu.au

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Happy Birthday wishes from the school community to Lucas Hayden and Reily Lohse who celebrated their birthday this week.

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**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

Monday, 27th April
Gillian O'Neill
Juanita Mohammed
Wednesday, 29th April
Tracey Bodley
AM: HELP NEEDED
PM: Kerrie Tunsted

*Thank you ladies!*

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**WOODBURN HALL**

**60TH BIRTHDAY BALL**

Saturday, 2nd May
from 7.30 pm

Live band: 'The Sultans'

Light supper
BYOG

Tickets $10
Bookings essential

Woodburn Visitor Information Centre
Phone 6682 2032 (Glenn) or 6682 2203 (Pam)

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**TERM 2 WEEK 2**

**Monday, 27th April**
Tuckshop
Class Parent Meeting—2.30 pm

**Tuesday, 28th April**
Sports Uniform
First Eucharist Parent Meeting—6.30 pm

**Wednesday, 29th April**
Tuckshop
Library
St John’s College Woodlawn open night

**Thursday, 30th April**
Sports uniform
English Workshop: Mrs Reese, Mrs Spencer, And Mrs Barnes

**Friday, 1st May**
Richmond Zone Cross Country

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**TERM 2 WEEK 3**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL’S WEEK**

**Monday, 4th May**
Tuckshop
Parent Forum Meeting 2pm

**Tuesday, 5th May**
Sports Uniform
P2P Training—Mrs Reese
Xavier Catholic College Parent Information Night

**Wednesday, 6th May**
Tuckshop
Library
P2P Training—Mrs Reese
Principals’ Meeting—Ms Wilkins

**Thursday, 7th May**
Sports uniform
Mothers’ Day Stall—$5.00

**Friday, 8th May**
Whole School Mass 10.15am
Catholic Schools Week celebrations

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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

**TERM 1—Week 10**

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**