Dear Families,

Traditionally May is the month when we remember, celebrate and thank Mary, the mother of God in a special way. During his 26 year pontificate John Paul II frequently reminded us that the month of May is, in a particular way, dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God.

In their reflection on the significance of Jesus’ passion, the Church fathers understood that when Jesus, dying in agony on the Cross, said to John, “This is your mother”, he was not merely entrusting Mary to John’s care, but also to making Mary the spiritual mother of all followers of Christ.

In Mary’s life on earth we see a strong woman, the author of the Magnificat, who was willing to embrace motherhood as a vocation from God in all its joys and sorrows. Every mother will know exactly the meaning of the prophet Simeon’s words to Mary, when Jesus was presented in the temple in Jerusalem: “A sword will pierce your own heart”. She was with Jesus at every important moment of his life: from his conception, his birth in Bethlehem, during his public ministry, at his crucifixion, and with the disciples on Pentecost Sunday, when the Holy Spirit came down upon them.

In following in the footsteps of Jesus, and in the richness of the Christian tradition, we find in Mary the perfect mediator between mankind and God, in who we can confide our most private thoughts and deepest fears, asking her intercession in the confident knowledge that Jesus will hear her, as happened at the Feast at Cana.

During this month of May, dedicated to Mary, we are encouraged to pray to her to intercede on our behalf.

Holy Mary,
help those in need,
give strength to the weak,
comfort the sorrowful,
pray for God’s people,
assist the clergy,
intercede for religious.
Mary all who seek your help
experience your unfailing protection
Amen.

Thank you
To our students, staff, parents, grandparents and Parent Forum for making Catholic Schools Week and Mothers Day celebration such a fantastic one. Special thanks to Fr Felix and Deacon Vitalis. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate who we are and what we do! Thanks also to the SRC for organising the fundraiser this week to show St Joseph’s at Dungog that we are ‘walking with them’. Following the devastating floods they still need help. The school has no yard, most of the children lost their pets and clothes/school uniforms in the floods. A big thank you to the Parent Forum for adding to our fundraising money to take our donation to $500.00.

MOTHER’S DAY
On Sunday we celebrate Mother’s Day - a very special day when we say thank you to our MUMS for everything that they have done for us. For some of us it is a time of remembering the past and for others it is a time to celebrate the future. Mothers are the precious treasure troves which remain an important part of one's life.

Happy Mother’s Day to all our mums, grandmothers and the women who play a special part our life, we hope you have a very special day.

My mum is definitely my rock
I got to grow up with a mother who taught me to believe in me

Motherhood: All love begins and ends there.

Jeanette
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!

Jackson Grissell: For being a good friend—nominated by Mrs Storman
Sky-Maree Oldham: For helping Father Richard on the Altar at he Evans Head Mass on Sunday mornings—nominated by Mrs Roxburgh.

ALTAR SERVERS—ALL SAINTS’ WOODBURN, SATURDAY, 5 pm
9th May—Lateisha Doran, Sarah Biffin and Jordan Biffin
16th May—Alec Robinson, Tayla Ferguson

BEEF MEETS REEF at Evans Head 2015
We have decided, as a school to be a part of the Beef Meets Reef Parade at Evans Head for 2015. The theme for the festival this year is ‘Disney Movies’. We will walk as a school and the children are invited to be dressed up as Disney Movie Characters. The Parade starts on Sunday, 24th May at 2pm. We will need to be marshalled by 1.30 pm at the Kiosk carpark, Oak Street, Evans Head. Parents are welcome to walk with us. If your child/children wish to participate please complete the note in this newsletter.
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM IN LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)
Students in Years 3 and 5 will undergo the National Assessment Program in Numeracy and Literacy (NAPLAN) next week 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.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2016
Parents of children who are ready to start school in 2016 are asked to register their child’s name at the school Office so that we can begin the enrolment process. Please pass on this message to family and friends who are intending to enrol children in Kinder next year. Children must turn five by 31st July 2016 to be enrolled in Diocesan schools. Enrolments may also be made for any of the other classes, Year 1 to Year 6.

FREE DENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN
A new oral health program for Kindergarten children has been developed by the Northern New South Wales Local Health District, Oral Health Services. All Kindergarten children are eligible. The program is free, and will have both clinical and educational components. A clinical assessment will be made, along with a tailored education session of approximately 10-15 minutes. If follow up treatment is required it will be offered in a public dental clinic. Consent Forms will be sent home with each Kindergarten child and should be returned to school by Friday, 12th June. The Dental Therapists will be visiting our school on Wednesday, 17th June 2015.
FOUND!
A pair of gold-rimmed spectacles was left at school yesterday after open classrooms. Please give the Office a ring for more information.

IMPORTANT SPORTS DATES TERM 2
22nd May: Lismore Diocesan Cross Country in Lismore
11th June: Finals of sprint relays at school at 2.30 pm
12th June: St Joseph’s Athletics Carnival K-6 at Riverview Park, South Lismore

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Happy Birthday wishes from the school community to T’Ahna Allen, Taj Ferrier, Lionel Ribeiro-Deornelas and Sophie Taylor who celebrated their birthday this week.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Monday, 11th May
Judie Lollback
Renee Stone
Wednesday, 13th May
Naomi Robinson
Yasmin Trotter
Thank you ladies!

TERM 2 WEEK 4
Monday, 11th May
Tuckshop
Tuesday, 12th May
Sports Uniform
NAPLAN Years 3 & 5—Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday, 13th May
Tuckshop
Library
NAPLAN Years 3 & 5—Reading
Thursday, 14th May
Sports uniform
NAPLAN Years 3 & 5—Numeracy
Friday, 15th May
School Assembly 2.30 pm Stage 3

TERM 2 WEEK 5
Monday, 18th May
Tuckshop
Tuesday, 19th May
Sports uniform
ICAS Digital Technology exam
Wednesday, 20th May
Tuckshop
Religious Education Meeting Mrs Boyd
Thursday, 21st May
Sports uniform
Friday, 22nd May
Mass 10.15am

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
TERM 2—Week 2

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CONGRATULATIONS!

BECOME A VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY THIS JULY!
World Education Program (WEP) Australia is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Our exchange students from Belgium, Denmark, Ecuador, Child, Italy and the USA are young people who look forward to experiencing a different culture and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.
Contact WEP Australia to request detailed program information and student profiles:
www.wep.org.au
info @wep.org.au
1300 884 733
A not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Departments in Queensland,

BEEF MEETS REEF PARADE—EVANS HEAD

My child/children ___________________________________________ would like to participate in the Beef Meets Reef Parade on Sunday, 24th May at 2 pm at Evans Head.

Name:__________________________________________ Signature:__________________________________________
Your invited to the One & Only Fundraiser for the year & we need your support!

This is what we need from each family -

1. Baked cake / slice - Cooking for the Dessert Bar, Home cooked only (by you/ family/ grandparents/friends).

2. Book Sale & Garage Sale Stalls. Donations of pre loved good quality items (no clothes please) and can be dropped off at the school near office OR to 112 or 114 Woodburn St, Evans Head :Julie Landrigan (0410 615 242) or Kim McClure

3. Pre purchase your ride pass - Early Bird special $20 pre paid per person or $25 on the night/ $5 per ride. Rides are suitable for all family members and the pass covers as many rides as you can fit in.(Super Slide, Jumping Castle, Skirmish & Mechanical Surfboard) . Please Purchase from the office prior to event.

4. Plants - do you have any that would be suitable.

5. Call out for Muso’s … Contact Yasmin Trotter 0421 566 194

6. Bring your family / neighbours / relatives & Support this event to avoid a fund raising levy per child.

Thank you to our Major Sponsors ‘The Bowlo’ & MTK Cabinets.