Dear Families,

**Catholic Primary Principals Association Conference**

This week I am in Dubbo for the Catholic Primary Principal’s Association Conference. During the conference I will hear Keynote speakers on topics such as Leading for Mission, Design Principles for schools in the 21st Century and the 7 Principles of Sustainability in Education. I hope also to hear Principals giving talks on what their schools are doing and new practices they are using to enhance student learning. I look forward to sharing some of St Joseph’s current initiatives and reporting back on possible future developments to fine tune student learning.

**First Holy Communion**

We currently have 21 of our students preparing to make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 30th May. The Mass is also our term 2 Parish/School Mass where all of our community is invited to come to Mass to support and share in this wonderful occasion.

I had the opportunity to visit one of the family group preparation meetings last weekend and was very impressed with the involvement and discussion that was happening with the children and the parents. Thank you to the group leaders, parents and children for your involvement, engagement and support of this very special Sacrament.

In 1994 in his “Letter to Children” Pope John Paul II spoke directly to children about the solemn importance of First Holy Communion:

‘Dear friends, There is no doubt that an unforgettable meeting with Jesus is First Holy Communion, a day to be remembered as one of life’s most beautiful. The Eucharist, instituted by Christ at the Last Supper on the night before His passion, is a sacrament of the New Covenant -- the greatest of the sacraments. In this sacrament, the Lord becomes food for the soul under the appearances of bread and wine.

Children receive this sacrament solemnly a first time -- in First Holy Communion -- and are encouraged to receive it afterward as often as possible in order to remain in close friendship with Jesus.

Every boy and every girl belonging to a Catholic family knows all about this custom: First Holy Communion is a great family celebration. On that day, together with the one who is making his or her First Holy Communion, the parents, brothers, sisters, relatives, godparents, and sometimes also the instructors and teachers, generally receive the Eucharist.

The day of First Holy Communion is also a great day of celebration in the parish. I remember as though it were yesterday when, together with the other boys and girls of my own age, I received the Eucharist for the first time in the parish church of my town. This event is usually commemorated in a family photo, so that it will not be forgotten. Photos like these generally remain with a person all through his or her life. As time goes by, people take out these pictures and experience once more the emotions of those moments; they return to the purity and joy experienced in that meeting with Jesus, the one who out of love became the Redeemer of Man.’

I look forward to celebrating a wonderful First Holy Communion Mass with the Sacramental children, their families, our school community and parishioners on Saturday 30th May, 2015 at 5pm. Hope to see you there!

Jeanette
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS from Megan Boyd

PENTECOST
This Sunday the Church celebrates Pentecost—the time when Jesus sent his Holy Spirit to his disciples giving them the gifts of wonder and awe, courage, knowledge, wisdom, right-judgement and reverence.
These gifts are all available to us when we call upon God in prayer to help us during the good times or more difficult times in our lives.

ST JOSEPH’S WOODBURN FAMILY-CENTRED SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

At the Parish Mass this weekend our students preparing to celebrate their First Holy Communion will receive an OUR FATHER PRAYER from Father Richard. We ask that you keep these children and their families in your prayers leading up to the celebration of the sacrament.

♦ The celebration of the Sacrament of Eucharist - First Holy Communion at Woodburn will be Saturday, 30th May at 5pm. After Mass there will be a supper and cutting of the Communion Cake in the School Library. All welcome!
♦ A reminder to families involved that our Family Group Meetings commence this week and that the $5 payment is now due.
♦ Could parents please inform your group leader as to which First Holy Communion celebration your family will attend as we need to prepare the First Eucharist Certificates.

First Holy Communion may also be celebrated at:
♦ Evans Head Sunday Morning at 7.30 am at the St John’s Catholic Church on 7th June; or
♦ Coraki at 9.15 am at the St Joseph’s Catholic Church on 31st May.

All First Communion candidates need to be in the church and seated by 4.45 pm if celebrating the Sacrament at All Saints’ Church, Woodburn.
A reminder to all families to please bring a plate of finger food to share at the supper after Mass—items ready to serve—for example sandwiches, slices, etc would be appreciated. On arrival please take the food to the school library before Mass.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
- Year 2 and any new students who have been Baptised -
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Jarrett on Saturday, 8th August at the All Saints’ Catholic Church Woodburn, and Sunday, 9th August at St Joseph’s Catholic Church Coraki. There will be Family Group Meetings for four weeks prior to the celebration.

There will be a parent meeting on Tuesday, 9th June at 6.30pm in the school Library. Soup and bread rolls will be provided upon arrival. Father Richard has requested that a parent representative from each family attend this meeting.

PARISH FAMILY MASS—ALL SAINTS’ CATHOLIC CHURCH WOODBURN—5pm SATURDAY, 30th MAY
Please join us at our Parish Family Mass on Saturday, 30th May at 5 pm for the Celebration of Eucharist - First Holy Communion. Mr Cocciola, Mrs Roxburgh and our Stage 2 classes will lead the Mass. Please complete the note in this Newsletter and return to school by Thursday, 28th May. All welcome!

SCHOOL MASS
Thank you to Year 5 students and teachers who organised and led our school Mass today. Our next school mass will be on Friday, 5th June at 10.15 am led by Year 3.

SEASONS For Growth 2015

This term we are offering the SEASONS FOR GROWTH Program to children who have experienced any form of loss and grief in their lives. ‘Seasons for Growth’ provides the opportunity for each participant to integrate, at his/her developmental level, the appropriate knowledge, skills and attitudes to understand and to cope with change, loss and grief.
There are many forms of loss, for example parent loss of a job, parent separation, loss of a grandparent or close friend.
If you would like your child considered for participation in this program please complete the reply slip in this Newsletter or contact Megan Boyd or Sister Janet at school.
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!

Reily Lohse: Being kind to a friend and saying sorry—nominated by Mrs Boyd

Lewi Scott: For helping happily at French cricket—nominated by Mrs Barnes

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

23rd May—Eamonn Wilde, Declan Wilde, Lani Reese
30th May—Matthew Woolley, Tayla Ferguson and Kade Williams

SCHOOL FEES

School Fees Statements were sent home this week. Please note that the Term 2 fees payment is due by Friday, 29th May. If you need to speak to Jeanette Wilkins regarding fees, please call the Office to make an appointment.

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

Consent forms have been sent home to all Kindergarten families for a free dental clinical assessment being run by the Northern NSW Local Health District. If you wish your child to participate in this program please return the consent form by Friday, 12th June.

The Dental Therapists will be visiting our school on Wednesday, 17th June 2015.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Monday, 25th May
Alison Smith
Gillian O’Neill

Wednesday, 27th May
Tanya Davidson
AM: Renee Stone
PM: Helen Grissell

Thank you ladies!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

TERM 2—Week 4

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CONGRATULATIONS!

TERM 2 WEEK 6

Monday, 25th May
Tuckshop

Tuesday, 26th May
Sports uniform
Leading teaching & Learning in Mathematics
–Ms Wilkins and Mr Maslen

Wednesday, 27th May
Tuckshop
Library
Leading teaching & Learning in Mathematics
–Ms Wilkins and Mr Maslen

Thursday, 28th May
Sports uniform

Friday, 29th May
School Assembly—2.30 pm—Infants

Saturday, 30th May
Mass—5 pm—First Holy Communion

TERM 2 WEEK 7

Monday, 1st June
Tuckshop

Tuesday, 2nd June
Sports uniform

Wednesday, 3rd June
Tuckshop
Library
ICAS NSW Science Exam Yrs 2-6
Assistant Principals’ Conference—Mr Cocciola

Thursday, 4th June
Sports uniform
Assistant Principals’ Conference—Mr Cocciola

Friday, 5th June
Whole School Mass—10.15am
Assistant Principals’ Conference—Mr Cocciola

Sunday 7th June
St Joseph’s Community Family Fair

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday wishes from the school community to Kellie-Ann Boland and Bailey Hatcher who celebrated their birthday this week.
**SPORTS NEWS from John Cocciola**

**ST JOSEPH’S ATHLETICS CARNIVAL—FRIDAY, 12th JUNE**

St Joseph’s Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday, 12th June at Riverview Park, South Lismore. Students will travel by bus to and from Lismore. There will be no charge for the bus – this cost will be covered by the Performance Levy. Parents may take their child/children directly from Lismore with parent’s signed permission. Please fill in the permission note in this newsletter and return it to school by Friday, 29th May.

Children may wear blue, green, yellow coloured t-shirts appropriate to their Sports House and appropriate shorts. All students will need to bring their own fruit, morning tea and lunch as well as water/drinks as no canteen will be operating at the grounds on the day of the carnival. Sunscreen should be applied before leaving home and students must wear their school hat.

*Parent helpers* will be needed at the carnival with marshalling, judging, recording, etc, so if you are available and can help please fill in the form in this newsletter and return it to school with your child.

Thank you to families for your continued support and co-operation.

**LISMORE DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY 2015**

The Lismore Diocesan Cross Country is being held today at Hepburn Park, Goonellabah. St Joseph’s wishes Billy Bradford (Year 4, 10 years 2000 metres) and Mikaela Miller (Year 6, 12 years 3000 metres) all the best as they represent Richmond Zone against the best cross country runners from Catholic Primary Schools from the Tweed, Clarence and Hastings zones.

**NSW STATE PSSA GIRLS HOCKEY 2015**

The NSW State PSSA Girls Hockey Carnival will be held between 25th and 28th May at Murwillumbah. This carnival brings together the most talented female hockey players in NSW Primary Schools after a long period of selection process. We wish Nella Bradford (Year 6) all the best as she represents Polding Catholic Schools at this event.

**NATIONAL ASSESSMENT IN LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)**

Last week students in Years 3 and 5 completed tests in both Literacy and Numeracy in this National Assessment Program. Our students in both grades are to be congratulated with their positive attitude and effort with these tests. Results will be sent home in Term 3.

**MUSIC DEMONSTRATION AT SCHOOL**

Mark Earl, a talented and well known music teacher, visited our school today. He played and showed the many instruments that he teaches to the students. He talked to students in Years 2 to 6 about music and learning a musical instrument. Mark teaches musical instruments to students in a number of schools and is happy to work with students here at St Joseph’s. He hopes to begin lessons later this term or early Term 3. Information has been sent home with the students. If you are interested in your child/children learning a musical instrument please complete the forms that have been sent home today.

**HAVE YOU GOT YOUR ‘EARLY BIRD’ RIDES TICKETS**

Pre-purchase your Rides Tickets to save money and have unlimited rides on the night of our Family Fair on Sunday, 7th June 2015. Rides are suitable for adults.

Tickets available from the school office and Evans Head Newsagency.

**SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE** is looking for voluntary host families for overseas high school students aged 15-18 arriving in Australia in July 2015, who may be from Italy, France, Germany, Finland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and Spain. For more information on how your family can help these students find a place please contact Nicolle on 0418 132 137 or email: personals_01@hotmail.com
ST JOSEPH’S ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2015—Event Helpers

I am able to help with events at the Athletics Carnival on Friday, 12th June.

Name: ___________________________ Phone No.: ___________________________

Please Print

ST JOSEPH’S ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2015—Permission and Travel Note

I give permission for my child ___________________________ in Year _____

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to participate in the St Joseph’s Athletics Carnival on Friday, 12th June at Riverview Park, South Lismore.

My child/children will travel by bus to and from the Athletics Carnival  □  (Please tick)

I will be picking up my child/children from Riverview Park

Other: ________________________________________________________________

Name: ___________________________ Phone No.: ___________________________

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