Dear Families,

I trust that you all had a very relaxing and restful holiday with your children. The children have returned to school with enthusiasm and eagerness to begin the second semester for 2015!

I’d just like to take this opportunity to thank Mr John Cocciola for his leadership during my absence at the end of last term. I hear that the wet weather played havoc with our sports carnival but I can report that the weather in Fiji at my son’s wedding was beautiful as was the magical wedding! The Fijian people are extremely friendly and hospitable.

Parent Teacher Meetings
At the end of last term you would have received your child’s report. Hopefully you were pleased with their results and saw them as a reflection of their hard work and effort for Semester One.

As you know our Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings next week. This process is one that I believe, is valued and supported by both parents and teachers. At these interviews parents and teachers have the opportunity to celebrate successes and also to work through any recommendations and goals to improve learning outcomes for the remainder of the year. As you know Legislative requirements mandate that students are assessed using an A-E grade scale and this can cause some anxiety for parents. These interviews can allay any of these anxieties by discussing and supporting grades that have been given by teachers. During the interviews teachers also have the chance to walk through student’s portfolios that contain work samples and assessments. They will be used to discuss and support a student’s report in context. The portfolios are a celebration of success as well as a record of assessment tasks.

The request letter for interview times was sent home in week 9 last term. Thank you to the many families who returned their forms. Notes for your interview times have been sent home this week. As each interview will last only ten minutes it is a good idea to write down any questions, queries or concerns so that they are not forgotten. It is important that interviews run to time so that families are not left waiting unnecessarily. We thank you for your interest in assisting your child/children by attending these very important interviews with your child’s teacher.

ENROLLING NOW FOR 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.

Our current families who have a child starting in Kindergarten next year will have their Enrolment Application Form sent home next week. I would like to meet individually with parents and their child in Week 5 (10th – 14th August) to get to know you and your child a little better. Please contact the Office to organise a suitable time for that week.

KINDERGARTEN 2016 INFORMATION EVENING
We have planned an Information Evening for parents who are thinking about enrolling their child at St Joseph’s in 2016. This will be held on Wednesday, 29th July at 6.00 pm in the library and we invite any interested parents or carers to come along and learn more about what our school has to offer. This night gives families and carers the opportunity to visit the school and get a feel for what our school espouses. Not only does it afford parents and carers the opportunity to learn more about what our school offers educationally, but many visitors have stated that our school has a ‘lovely feel’, that it is a very welcoming place to walk into and hopefully prospective parents will also feel this as they enter the school. St Joseph’s is a school renowned for its welcoming and inclusive atmosphere and that is largely thanks to you, our parent body. It is our families and friends who make St Joseph’s a great place to be and I see this in action regularly - people working together to achieve the best all round outcomes for your children - our students.

Information nights such as these are very valuable, but I believe that the best advertisement or recommendation for our school is word of mouth. It’s what you say that influences people’s decisions on their child’s education more than any other form of advertising. So if you are happy with your child’s school let others know, as this is a great opportunity to celebrate with others the wonderful sense of community that exists here and to acknowledge the great things that continue to happen at St Joseph’s.

Jeanette
From our Church:

Understanding the Sunday Readings Focusing on the word:

16th Sunday in Ordinary Year B - REFLECTION

“Jesus, the true shepherd of God, responds to the needs of those around him: a listening ear, food, and rest for the weary apostles; teaching for the leaderless crowd. As disciples of Jesus we are to respond with listening ears, food, rest, and teaching. But as disciples we also receive the same care from Jesus when we are the ones in need.

We are both bearers and beneficiaries of Jesus’ compassion. Some human needs are clear and obvious, e.g., food, clothing, and shelter. Other needs, however, are equally pressing, e.g., an understanding heart and a listening ear. Discipleship calls us to respond to both.”

Labora 2015

The Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Jarrett on Saturday, 8th August at All Saints’ Catholic Church Woodburn and Sunday, 9th August at St Joseph’s Catholic Church Coraki. Each family is participating in four small family group meetings during the preparation time prior to celebration of the Sacrament.

All families are warmly welcome to attend this special celebration. There will be supper in the School Library after Mass and the Confirmation Cake will be shared with all those present.

PARISH SCHOOL MASS - Stage Three - Saturday, 25th July at 5pm

Our next Parish School Mass will be hosted by our Stage Three classes. The students, in partnership with their class teachers, warmly invite all family members and parishioners to attend this special Mass to further celebrate the preparation of our Sacrament of Confirmation candidates, and to celebrate the special place we all have in God’s great family.

During the Mass our Confirmation Candidates will process in with Father Richard and receive a special blessing. After Mass we will have a “Sausage Sizzle” (at no cost). To ensure that we cater for everyone could families please indicate if they are able to attend and how many sausage/vegie pattie sandwiches that they will require. All of our school families are most welcome - especially our Confirmation Candidates and their family.

Please complete the reply slip at the end of this Newsletter and return to school by Thursday, 23rd July.

MINI VINNIES - St Vincent de Paul – WINTER APPEAL

Winter is well and truly upon us! As the nights get colder, please spare a thought for those who will turn to the St Vincent de Paul Society during winter for assistance with warm clothing, blankets, accommodation and financial support. Our Winter Appeal is now underway and the MINI VINNIES are asking for donations of jumpers and blankets to be sent along to school. Your generosity and support will be most appreciated.

NEXT SCHOOL MASS

Our next School Mass will be on Friday, 31st July at 10.15 am. The theme of the Mass will be: NAIDOC WEEK—We all stand on Sacred Ground. The whole school will be involved in the preparation for this Mass. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

MAKING JESUS REAL - GOD MOMENTS

Anna O’Neill: for volunteering to clean up the eating area—fantastic!
Nominated by Mr Cocciola

Lewi Scott: for being a good friend! Nominated by Adrian Westerman

ALTAR SERVERS

All Saints’ Church Woodburn at 5pm:
Saturday, 25th July: Stephanie Bell, Courtney Bell, Jason Bell
Saturday, 1st August: Lateisha Doran, Sarah Biffin, Jordan Biffin
**OASIS 2015**  
Annual Lismore Diocesan Young Adult Weekend  
If you are looking for more out of life, then this weekend could really be your OASIS!  
Oasis is a dynamic retreat style gathering where young adults come together to join in fellowship.  
9 am Saturday, 22nd August—3 pm Sunday, 23rd August  
29-41 Terrace Street, Koinonia, Evans Head  
Suggested cost: $95 (including meals and accommodation)  
To register please contact Fr Richard Foley (Diocesan Coordinator on 6683 2051 or 0417 699 708 or email catholicchurch.cora@bigpond.com) or Contact St Joseph’s School Woodburn for an application form.

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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**  
TERM 2—Week 10  

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
Happy Birthday wishes from the school community to Luca Farlow, Kye Evans and Mrs Feros who celebrated their birthdays this week.

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**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

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**HELP NEEDED!**

We are in need of some more parent helpers in our school Tuckshop. Unfortunately we don’t have enough at the moment to put together a Tuckshop roster for this term. Please consider helping out on a Monday (2 hours) or Wednesday (9 am—12 md or 12 md to 2.30 pm).

Please call Lesley if you are able to help out—even if it only once during the term.

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**Woolworths Earn & Learn**

Our school has registered to participate in this year’s Woolworths Earn & Learn Program from which we can gain some great educational resources.

From Wednesday, 15th July to Tuesday, 8th September 2015, Earn & Learn Stickers will be distributed by the checkout operator when you (family, friends, etc) shop at Woolworths. Send the stickers in to school where they’ll be placed on a Sticker Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). There is an Earn & Learn Collection Box in the front office.

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**Go4Fun**

Free Healthy Lifestyle Program for kids 6.5 to 13yrs  
Helps kids each a healthy weight  
Fun games and exercise for kids  
Build self-esteem and motivation  
A Term 3 program will be running in Evans Head on Wednesday afternoons. Any eligible families can register now by calling 1800 780 900 or 6621 7502.
SPORTS MATTERS from John Cocciola

Richmond Zone Athletics Carnival
The Richmond Zone Athletics Carnival was held today at Riverview Park, South Lismore. St Joseph’s had 40 students attend this event.

Students who are successful today at Zone level will represent the Zone at the Lismore Diocesan Athletics Carnival at Port Macquarie on Friday 7th August. Results of the Richmond Zone will appear in next week’s newsletter.

Term Three Sport
Sport this term at St Joseph’s each Thursday will consist of game skills in various games such as golf, tennis, basketball, volleyball, football and netball.

Daily Fitness for Kindergarten to Year 6 will occur on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Students wear their sports uniform each Tuesday and Thursday to school.

Richmond Zone Gala Sports Day
St Joseph’s Stage 3 students will travel to Lismore on Friday, 31st July to compete against other Richmond Zone Catholic schools in both netball and football (soccer). It will be a wonderful opportunity for the students to compete against and meet other students from the Richmond Zone through sport.

As well as compete against other schools in the Zone, the winning schools in both netball and football will go on to represent our zone at Grafton against teams from the Tweed, Clarence and Hastings at the end of Term Three.

A note with further details will be sent home next week regarding this day in week three.

Term 3 Important Sports Dates

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Casual Day and Sausage Sizzle For Nella Bradford
As you are aware Nella Bradford (Year 6) was selected in the N.S.W. State Primary Schools Hockey team after representing Polding at Murwillumbah last term. This is a major achievement for Nella and we congratulate her on her selection. To assist Nella with costs to the Australian Primary School State Championships in Perth, Western Australia (early August) we are holding a fundraiser on Thursday, 30th July. This will be a casual day with a gold coin donation as well as a sausage sizzle lunch. A sausage sandwich or vegie patti (one piece of bread and one sausage or vegie patti) will cost $2.00. If you would like your child to order their lunch please fill out a lunch order bag with your child’s name and class and their order and enclose the money and return to school by Tuesday 28th July.

St. Joseph's School Stream App

The School Stream app delivers St. Joseph’s information directly to parents and students on their mobile devices.

How to get your free St. Joseph's School Stream app:
- Visit our website http://www.wdbplism.catholic.edu.au/ and follow the links for iPhone/iPad or Android OR
- Go to iTunes Store (iPhone/iPad) or Google Play (Android), search for School Stream and download the app to your phone THEN
- Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app and select St. Joseph’s Primary School Woodburn

Start enjoying the benefits of instant communication from your school community.

PARISH SCHOOL MASS—Saturday, 25th July 2015

Please return by Thursday, 22nd July

My family will be able to attend the Stage Three Parish School Mass.

We will require: ______ sausage sandwiches

______ veggie patti sandwiches

Name:_______________________________________  Signature:_____________________________________

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