Dear Families,

This week parents have had the opportunity to come along and talk to teachers about their child’s progress so far this year. This process is one that I believe is valued and supported by both parents and teachers. At these interviews all parties 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.

I thank parents for taking the time to come along and talk with teachers about first semester progress and encourage you to keep the conversation open with your child’s teacher to ensure that the remainder of the year is a productive and rewarding one for your children.

Next week we are celebrating NAIDOC Day at school. This celebration occurs nationally in the holidays. During NAIDOC celebrations our country is called to remember with respect and understanding the long history of our Aboriginal people. We have a visiting Indigenous artist/storyteller, Karen Williams to work with the children on Monday. The children will be participating in Indigenous games for sports on Thursday and we will conclude the week with a NAIDOC themed whole school Mass on Friday.

This year the theme highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. The theme is an opportunity to pay respects to country; honour those who work tirelessly on preserving land, sea and culture and to share the stories of many sites of significance or sacred places with the nation.

We are all visitors to this time, this place.
We are just passing through.
Our purpose here is to observe, to learn, to grow, to love…
and then we return home.
Australian Aboriginal Proverb

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.

Our current families who have a child starting in Kindergarten next year will have their Enrolment Application Form sent home in the coming days. 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.

Jeanette
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS from Megan Boyd

From our Church:

Understanding the Sunday Readings Focusing on the word:
17th Sunday in Ordinary Year B - REFLECTION

When we see Jesus compassion in the Scriptures, his concern for the crowd of hungry followers, his desire to feed and nourish his followers and his rejection of personal glory, we are reminded that Jesus came as one who serves. As Christians, we too must serve others. Perhaps we could actively look for the ways we can help others this week!

The Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

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. 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”. All welcome!

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. This opportunity will end next week!

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

Mrs Spencer: For being a good friend on he playground
Nominated by Brianna Evans
Oisin Rigley: For being a great friend to Miller!
Nominated by Mrs Spencer

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
**SCOOOL FEES**

Thank you to those families who have been meeting their commitment to pay school fees. The third and final Fees Statement for this year will be sent home shortly. This final payment is due by Friday, 14th August 2015.

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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**  
**TERM 3—Week 1**

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Happy Birthday wishes from the school community to Cooper Davis, Imogen Farlow, Heidi McClure, Chelsea Campbell, Kallarney Collier and Mrs Barnes who celebrated their birthdays this week.

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**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

- Monday, 27th July: Kylee Newman, Katrina McGillivray
- Wednesday, 29th July: Tanya Davidson, AM: Megan Woolley, PM: Alisha Youngberry

Thank you ladies!

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**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 2015
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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**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.
Richmond Zone Athletics Carnival

The Richmond Zone Athletics Carnival was held on a bitterly cold and windy Friday, 17th July at Riverview Park, South Lismore.

Catholic Primary School students from the Richmond Zone competed in both track and field events. St Joseph’s Primary, Woodburn sent a squad of 40 students to the carnival this year.

All students are to be congratulated on their efforts during the day with some outstanding results in both track and field events. The students’ sportsmanship and team spirit are to be congratulated. All tried very hard in their events in difficult weather conditions and were fantastic ambassadors for their school and themselves.

This year we had a number of students make track finals and finish in the top 10 in field events.

Top Three Placegetters: Well done to:

- Nella Bradford: 1st senior girls shot put
- Mikaela Miller: 2nd senior girls 200 metres and 3rd senior girls 800 metres
- Billy Bradford: 2nd junior boys long jump and 3rd 10 years boys 100 metres

Congratulations to Mikaela Miller who came second in the senior girls age championship this year.

Students who were successful at Zone level will now go on to represent the Richmond Zone at the Lismore Diocesan Athletics Carnival that will be held at Port Macquarie on Friday, 7th August.

The following four students from St Joseph’s were successful at Zone level and have the opportunity to attend the Diocesan Athletics Carnival:

- Mikaela Miller - senior girls 200 and 800 metres
- Katelyn Bodley -senior girls shot put and discus
- Nella Bradford – senior girls shotput
- Billy Bradford - 10 year boys 100 metres and junior boys long jump

Unfortunately both Nella and Billy will be in Perth, Western Australia where Nella is representing N.S.W. at the Australian Primary Schools State Hockey Championships and will miss the Diocesan Athletics Carnival.

We wish both Mikaela and Katelyn all the best at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival this year.

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 pattie (one piece of bread and one sausage or vegie pattie) 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.

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 (Ballina Street Netball Courts) and football (soccer) at Thistles Football Fields, East Lismore. 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 has been sent home with details regarding this day in week three.

Term 3 Important Sports Dates

- 31st July - Richmond Zone Gala Day –Stage 3 netball and football (soccer) in Lismore
- 7th August - Lismore Diocesan Athletics Carnival at Port Macquarie (back up date 12th August)
- 4th September—Polding Athletics Carnival at Newcastle
- 16th September—Lismore Diocesan Gala Day at Grafton for Stage 3

BOOK CLUB

Brochures for Issue 5 of Book Club have been sent home. Orders are due back at school by Wednesday, 5th August.

‘THE DIXIE SWIM CLUB’

“A heart-warming comedy about the ever-enduring power of friendship”

‘The Dixie Swim Club’ is being performed at the Evans Head RSL Club Auditorium on 24, 25, 26, 31 July and 1 August; Fri & Sat 7.30 pm Sunday 2.30 pm; Table seating—tickets $16 each either in advance from the Living Museum (behind the Library) or at RSL door (30 minutes before performance) Enquiries: 6622 56841. The Village Players Amateur Theatre Inc.