Dear Families,

CONFIRMATION CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS

Congratulations to our students who were confirmed over the weekend by Bishop Jarrett – Bishop of Lismore. It was a wonderful celebration and all families should be very proud of their children for the positive manner in which they participated in this ceremony. It was a joy to see so many families, extended families, friends and loved ones attending the Mass, highlighting the importance of this part of the children’s Sacramental journey— the receiving of such special gifts from the Holy Spirit.

A special thanks to you the parents for accompanying your child/children on this journey and taking the opportunity to share your faith and story with your child/children. I know it adds value for the children and provides you with time for your own reflection.

A very heartfelt thanks to our parent helpers, Megan Woolley and Linda Collins who came along and helped prepare supper whilst we were at Mass, served food throughout the supper and remained to clean up afterwards—without your help, events such as these would not run as smoothly as they do. It is generosity such as this that helps to make St Joseph’s the wonderful community that it is!

Also, a huge thank you to the staff, especially Mr Sandral for preparing the students so well, Mrs Boyd and Sr Janet for all the preparation of the Liturgy, music, Sacramental reflection day and Church decorations, and Father Richard for his contribution and support throughout the time of preparation.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Just a reminder that Monday, 17th August is a Professional Development Day (pupil free day). St Joseph’s Coraki and St Joseph’s Alstonville staff will be joining with us to learn more about the new Australian Curriculum History and Geography syllabus.

If you have difficulty with arrangements for the care of your child/children on this day please let us know as soon as possible. We thank you for supporting us in our Professional Development opportunities.

Jeanette
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS from Megan Boyd

From our Church:
Understanding the Sunday Readings Focusing on the word:

16th August 2015 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Year B – REFLECTION

Jesus said, “I am the living bread!” Jesus not only wants us to remember him each time we share in the Eucharist, he wants us to embrace his life. This means far more than receiving the consecrated bread and wine in Holy Communion but living out his word in our dealings with others, words, deeds and actions.

The Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation—Thank You!

A sincere thank you to everyone who assisted in the preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Members of our Parish and School families worked together to ensure that the children were as best prepared a possible for the celebration. The children and their families participated in a four week program supported by members of the Parish; and leading up to the celebration of the sacrament attended weekly Parish Masses and participated in welcoming rituals.

We thank our Parent Group Leaders: Carissa Pursey, Orla Harrington, Sandra Sullivan, Kim McClure, Amy Hennessy and Karen Westerman.

We also thank our wonderful Parish Supporters: Audrey Smith, Erin Gollan, Sue Creighton, Diana Flanagan and Maria Pearson.

Bishop Jarrett was very impressed with our students’ knowledge and gave each candidate a book he wrote called: “For Mind and Memory” – prayers, teachings of Christ and Summaries of the Faith arranged for learning by heart.

I was very proud of the children’s prayerfulness and response during the school Reflection Day activities and hope that their bag containing tokens representing the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit remains a precious memento for them.

A very special thank you to Maria Pearson for all her extra preparations in the church, and our organist and singers Cynthia McKeough, Maxine Cross and Leslie Farrell.

Thank you also to our wonderful mums, Megan Woolly and Linda Collins, who assisted with the preparation and cleaning up after supper.

MAKING JESUS REAL - GOD MOMENTS

Mila Scott: For being a supportive friend—nominated by Tahlia Robson

Courtney Bell: For displaying responsibility, helpfulness and co-operation at Morning Fitness by using initiative and organising the sports equipment—nominated by Mrs Boyd

ALTAR SERVERS

All Saints’ Church Woodburn at 5pm—Saturday 15th August

Tayla Ferguson, Declan Wilde, Zac Landrigan

Saturday, 22nd August

Leilani Mangan, Matthew Woolley, Annabelle Robinson, Tatum Hodges
**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**
**TERM 3—Week 4**

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Happy Birthday wishes from the school community to Jahli Brady and Mrs Roxburgh who celebrated their birthdays this week.

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**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

Wednesday, 19th August

- Tanya Davidson
- AM: Alison Smith
- PM: Julie Landrigan

_Thank you ladies!_

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**WOOLWORTHS Earn & Learn**

Please send your Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers in to school to enable us to earn new educational resources. There is an Earn & Learn Collection Box in the front office.

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**BOOK WEEK/ LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK**

‘LIGHT UP OUR WORLD’

A reminder that Week 7 (24th –28th August) we celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week and Book Week at St Joseph’s. This year our school will celebrate this special week in each classroom where the students will focus on reading, writing and mathematical activities and they will participate in a Book Jeopardy competition Monday—Wednesday. The final will be held in the Library on Thursday morning at 9.10 am. Parents are encouraged to get involved this year and participate online [http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/](http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/).

On **Friday, 28th August** we will have a focus on reading to celebrate Book Week. The children are invited to dress up as a book character on this day and bring along a book to share with others. Parents and Grandparents are invited to bring a favourite book to share with students in your child’s class.

Parents are welcome to come along at **9.15 am for our Book Character parade.**

The program for Friday is:

- 9.15 am: Book Character Parade
- 9.30 am-10.30 am: Shared Reading time in classrooms

A cup of tea or coffee will be available in the library as you go over to Book Fair.

The Book Fair will be open in the Library on Friday 8.30am– 3pm. We look forward to seeing you there!
LISMORE DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Lismore Diocesan Athletics Carnival was held at Port Macquarie on Friday, 7th August.

Congratulations and well done to Mikaela Miller and Katelyn Bodley who represented Richmond Zone Schools.

Mikaela competed in the 800 metres and finished 8th in this final, and 6th in the final of senior girls 200 metres.

Katelyn came 5th in discus and 8th in senior girls shotput.

Well done girls—we are proud of your effort with athletics this year.

John Cocciola

EVANS RIVER CHALLENGE

Last Thursday the students of Year 6 attended the Evans River Challenge at Evans River K-12 school. We joined with five other schools in the gym. We were put into random groups by picking the names of animals.

Together we participated in many group activities such as balloon races, trivia and bridge building.

At lunch and recess were allowed to roam the high school as part of the school and we joined in a game of soccer with some of the other primary students.

We made many new friends and would also like to say thank you to Evans River for inviting us to the day.

We hope to do something like the challenge in the future.

Emily Townsend
Year 6

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL SPORTS NATIONAL HOCKEY—PERTH

Our team (NSW State Hockey Team) arrived in Perth Sunday morning and we went our ways with our families until we had to meet for our opening ceremony. The opening ceremony was combined with the 16 years boys and girls who were competing also. As co-captain I led our team out with Phoebe.

Overall we played six games. I managed to score four goals over the week off short corners. Our team played well as a team and we got to know each other much better as the week went on.

Our game results were:

ACT 3-0 win; Tasmania 3-0 win;
South Australia 3-0 win; Western Australia 1-1 draw
Victoria 2-0 win;

The last game of the tournament was against Queensland. As it happened we were playing for gold and silver. A win or draw would have given us gold. It was a great even game with Queensland scoring late in the second half to win 1-0.

At the end of competition we had a closing ceremony and medal presentation. Everyone was very happy. The NSW boys placed fourth. During the week we watched the boys play as much as we could and we were a pretty good cheer squad. They did the same for us. There was a mad scramble after the ceremony to find someone to swap some uniforms with. I managed to get a SA playing shirt, Vic shirt and some WA socks.

It was such a great week away and I have made some really great friends.

Perth is really nice.

Nella Bradford—Year 6

STAGE THREE GALA DAY

In Week 3 of this term, 24 Stage 3 students travelled to Lismore for the Richmond Zone Gala Day. The students represented our school in either Soccer or Netball.

The Netball team played three games trying their hardest, but unfortunately they lost their games to St Carthages, Our Lady Help of Christians and St Joseph’s Alstonville.

The mixed girls and boys football/soccer team worked exceptionally well and won two games and lost two games.

This day was an incredible experience for Stage 3. The students were very proud representatives of the school, whilst having a blast.

Emily Townsend
Year 6

WOODBURN RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL 2015

Saturday, 10th October

In the Riverside Park and on the Richmond River at Woodburn

A full day of Activities and Entertainment

For all the Family

9 am to 9 pm

Raft Race Biathlon Children’s Rides
Markets Water-skiing Demonstrations
Face Painting Barbecue

Live Band in the Evening

Fireworks

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