Dear Families,

With Fathers’ Day this weekend, I thought it would be timely to share the following with you:

Thank you, God, For Fathers

The role of father is often described as a mentor, a guide, and a supportive presence when we are trying something new. In my life, this blessing may have come from my own father or perhaps from other adults in my life. For the blessings that fathers provide for their children and for all those who play a fatherly role in the lives of others, I offer a prayer of gratitude today.

‘Dear God, I give thanks for fathers.
I recognise the dedication and patience it takes to be a source of compassion and understanding when helping to shape a young life.
Bless all fathers, especially those who are new in this sacred role. I pray they feel Your presence with them. May they know that Your strength and wisdom are within them, providing all they need to guide and support their children with kindness and love.’

Happy Fathers’ Day to all fathers and grandfathers and those who have a fatherly role in the lives of others.

Jeanette

FREE PARENTING WORKSHOP HERE AT ST JOSEPH’S WOODBURN!

Our school will be hosting a free workshop on parenting on Wednesday, 9th September. It will be presented by Maurizio Vespa who is a renowned speaker specialising in conflict resolution and giving parents practical tools to create happy, strong, positive families.

*There has been only a very small amount of interest shown in this worthwhile workshop, and we encourage as many families as possible to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.* A light lunch will be provided starting at 1 pm, followed by the workshop.

The Parenting Toolkit will cover:

- Valuing our role as a parent
- Personal triggers as a parent and how to manage them
- The impact of language and tonality
- The importance of a positive home environment
- Collaborative problem solving to address conflict and bullying

To register for the workshop go to: [https://goo.gl/oqgzyk](https://goo.gl/oqgzyk)
OR contact the school office on Monday.

Workshop being organised by the Diocese of Lismore Catholic Schools Parent Assembly.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS from Megan Boyd

From our Church:
Understanding the Sunday Readings Focusing on the word: 6th September - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

In this week’s Gospel reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus’ healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means.

In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

NEXT SCHOOL MASS – Friday 11th September at 10.15am
Our next School Mass will be prepared by Miss Taylor and KINDERGARTEN. The theme for their Mass will be “CELEBRATING FAMILIES!” Everyone is invited to attend and celebrate with us our Kinders very first School Mass!

MAKING JESUS REAL - GOD MOMENTS
Lateisha Doran: For creating an impressive ‘Christian Hero’ poster! Nominated by Mrs Boyd
Annabelle Robinson: For being an encouraging friend—Nominated by Brianna Evans

ALTAR SERVERS—All Saints’ Church Woodburn at 5 pm
Saturday, 5th September
Sarah Biffin, Victoria Mohammed, Tatum Hodges, Lateisha Doran
Saturday, 12th September
Kade Williams, Jessica Williams, Fletcher Johnston, Jacob Woolley

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
Our final Professional Development Day for 2015 will be Tuesday, 6th October (the first day of Term 4). Teachers will be working on the Curriculum with staff from other schools. 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.

CASUAL DAY—Friday, 18th September
On the last day of this term, the SRC have had the idea of wearing ‘light and bright’ (casual day) or supporting your team in uniform (soccer, gymnastics, NRL, etc). There is a gold coin donation in place and the money raised will be donated to the Cancer Council. [Everyone needs to have a hat for the day and wear sensible shoes—thank you!]

Lilli Sheen—SRC President
Leilani Mangan—SRC Vice President

Thank You

FATHERS’ DAY STALL
Many thanks to the Parent Forum, especially Tracey Bodley and her helpers for organising the Fathers’ Day Stall yesterday where students had the opportunity to buy a Fathers’ Day gift. Everyone appreciates all the effort involved in organising such a stall.

FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST
What a wonderful roll-up we had this morning at school for the Fathers’ Day Breakfast. There were lots of dads, children and grandfathers enjoying the hospitality and breakfast, including the music, provided by the Parent Forum. A special thank you to Naomi Robinson and her great band of helpers for organising the breakfast.
WELCOME!
This week we welcomed Demi Ibrahim (Year 4) and her mother, Amy, to our school community. I’m sure you will join with me in welcoming them to St Joseph’s and wish them well as they settle in to their new school environment.

ST JOSEPH’S EVENING OF POETRY AND PROSE
On Wednesday, 9th September at 5:30 pm in the library a group of dedicated students in Years 3 to 6 will be reciting poetry that they have been learning as part of their Performance Poetry Assessment.
These particular students have decided to extend themselves further and are preparing a performance piece to present to their fellow students in the afternoon and to parents in the evening.
Moving into high school, where oral assessment is such a large part of the curriculum, it is a wonderful opportunity for these Stage 2 and Stage 3 students to gain skills and confidence in this area.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
TERM 3—Week 7

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Thank you ladies!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Happy Birthday wishes from the school community to Georgia Hughes, Olivia Hayden, Victoria Mohammed and Emily Townsend who celebrated their birthdays this week.

TERM 3 WEEK 9

Monday, 7th September
Tuckshop

Tuesday, 8th September
Sports uniform

Wednesday, 9th September
Tuckshop
Library
Junior Joey’s—Kindergarten 2016
Poetry and Prose Evening—5.30 pm

Maurizio Vespa Presentation—The Parenting Tool Kit—1 pm

Thursday, 10th September
Sports uniform

Friday, 11th September
Whole School Mass (Kindergarten) - 10.15 am

TERM 3 WEEK 10

Monday, 14th September
Tuckshop

Tuesday, 15th September
Sports Uniform

Wednesday, 16th September
Tuckshop
Junior Joey’s—Kindergarten 2016
Diocesan Gala Sports Day, Grafton: Yrs 5 and 6

Thursday, 17th September
Sports Uniform

Friday, 18th September
Casual Day—gold coin donation
LAST DAY OF TERM 3

TERM 4 WEEK 1

Monday, 5th October
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday, 6th October
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—NO STUDENTS

Wednesday, 7th October
Students return to school

NUT BAN
A reminder to all families and students that we have a child at St Joseph’s who has a severe nut allergy. I am asking parents to ensure that children do not have peanut butter, peanuts or nuts of any kind in their lunch boxes. Thank you for your understanding and compliance with this request.
The Evans Head Hammerheads Junior Cricket Club is having an official sign on for the up and coming 2015/16 cricket season. Sign on will be at Stan Payne Oval on Saturday, 12th September from 10am—12 pm.

The age groups competing in the Lismore district Cricket Association Junior Competition are 12, 13, 15 and 17 years. The Association will allow Evans Head to combine age groups. If you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact Paddy Wilde on 0468 827 697.

Lismore Parent Assembly Family Retreat
SAVE THE DATE: Friday 23rd October – Sunday 25th October
Parent Assembly are holding their annual northern family retreat on 23rd – 25th October 2015. It will be at Tyalgum Ridge Retreat and is open to any families who have children enrolled in Lismore Diocesan Catholic Schools. This is a FREE weekend and includes: accommodation for Friday and Saturday night, ALL meals from Friday dinner till Sunday lunch. We cater for ALL family types and children from newborn – teenagers/young adults. The focus of this weekend is about developing a stronger relationship with Christ and with your family. There is an optional $20 cost per family, which will allow us to employ instructors who can offer archery, canoeing and flying fox activities on Saturday afternoon; however this will only be available if we have enough numbers. Look out for the flyers in your newsletter in coming weeks. Registrations open soon and there are limited spaces so first in first served.

ONLINE SAFETY AND CYBERBULLYING—A FREE Event for all parents and children who use the Internet
Brett Lee is a professional speaker on the topic of digital compliance and internet safety. You will be presented with powerful and up to date information regarding the use of online technologies, the responsibilities and consequences of using these technologies and the possible dangers for you and your child. You will also receive strategies that will help empower you and your child to make safe online choices.
Where and When: St Carthage’s Lismore: Tuesday, 15th September at 6.30 pm
Who: Parents and Students Year 3 to Year 12
Register: Go to https://goo.gl/mvXiiR
Childcare available
For more information ring 0407 706 454 or 0407 143 975
Being organised by the Diocese of Lismore Catholic Schools Parent Assembly.

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REMINDER:
Please remember to send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers to school.

IT’S TAX TIME AGAIN!
The Tax Help Program provides a trained volunteer who will do your simple tax return for you FOR FREE. All returns will be done via MyGov and MyTax. Tax Help will be offered out of the Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre. Please phone 6682 4334 to book your appointment.

EVANS HEAD TOUCH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
Evans Head Touch Football Association is looking to start a junior competition for students in Years 3-6. It will run from 5pm to 5.45 pm on Thursday afternoons. We are also seeking students in Years 9-12 who may be interested in mentoring these junior teams. If you are interested you can sign on at our muster night on 10th and 17th September, or you can contact Sue Ellen Valance.

EVANS HEAD-CASINO SURF LIFESAVING CLUB
Sign On for all members
Sunday, 13th September 2015
2 pm to 3.30 pm at the club house.
Nippers starts 11th October 9 am at Evans Head pool.
Further details www.evanssurf.org.au

WOODBURN RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL 2015
Saturday, 10th October
Fancy Dress Parade—Ages 6 and under
Raft/Inflatable Race
Biathlon
Also markets, water-skiiing demonstrations, barbecue, face painting, amusement rides, live band in the evening, fireworks…and more
For more information contact:
Pam Bellingham—0414 953 879
Glenn Crawford—6682 2032

JUNIOR SIGN ON—EVANS HEAD CRICKET CLUB
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SPORTS NEWS from John Cocciola

SWIM & SURVIVE PROGRAM
Sport during Term 4 for all K-6 students will follow the N.S.W. Board of Studies P.D.H.P.E. Water Safety Confidence section. Swim and Survive is not a learn-to-swim program but as the name suggests, a water confidence program teaching survival skills in the water. The program will commence at Woodburn Pool on Thursday, 22nd October (Week 3, Term 4). This program cannot run without parental help. Parents of Infants students should be prepared to get into the water.
Times are:
10:00am-11:00am Years 3 and 4
11:30am-12:30pm Years 1 and 2
12:30pm-1:30pm Years 5 and 6
2pm-3pm Kindergarten
The cost is to be advised. If you can help, please complete the cut off slip in this Newsletter and return it to school by Tuesday 15th September 2015.
It is strongly recommended that with summer approaching you enrol your child in swimming classes at a local pool if they cannot swim so that they can be taught to swim by qualified instructors.

ST JOSEPH’S SWIMMING CARNIVAL
St Joseph’s Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 11th December at Evans Head Sports and Aquatic Centre. Students from Years 2 to 6 will be involved in this carnival. Kindergarten and Year 1 will remain at school on this day.

POLDING ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2015
The Polding Athletics Carnival was held in Newcastle today, Friday 4th September. Lismore Diocese has 118 students attending this event. Nella Bradford (Year 6) was a member of the Lismore Diocesan Squad that competed at today’s Polding Carnival, competing in senior girls shot put. Details in next week’s newsletter.

OUR MINI VINNIES TEAM
RECEIVING CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP AND MINI VINNIES BADGES
WITH MRS VERONICA PERRY (ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY)& FR FELIX AT LAST WEEK’S MASS

St Joseph’s Swim and Survive Program 2015 Please return before Tuesday, 15th September.
I am available to help with the Swim and Survive Program in Term 4 at Woodburn Pool at the following time slot/s:

10:00am-11:00am Years 3 and 4
11:30am-12:30pm Years 1 and 2
12:30pm-1:30pm Years 5 and 6
2pm-3pm Kindergarten

Name...........................................................................................................(Please Print )
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SOME OF THE COLOURFUL AND CREATIVE CHARACTERS AT LAST WEEK’S BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

SOME OF OUR FAMILIES ENJOYING THE FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST