Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 4! I hope you had an enjoyable holiday break with family and friends and revelled in our beautiful weather. It was truly lovely to see so many excited faces return to school on Wednesday morning, bursting to share many stories of their wonderful holidays. We were discussing at prayer before the staff meeting on Wednesday the joy that our students bring to us on their return from holidays.

This Saturday 10th October, 2015 the annual Woodburn Riverside Festival will be held, commencing at 9am. It promises to be a great day filled with activities. As a part of the festival, our students have been invited to perform an item. We do need as many students as possible to attend and represent our school at this important community celebration. The children have been asked to meet Mr Cocciola at the Woodburn Riverside Park at 11.45am in full Sports uniform. As soon as they have finished the presentation, they are free to go and enjoy the day. We appreciate your support in bringing the children along to join in a community event.

Our Junior Joey’s Program recommenced on Wednesday. We enjoyed welcoming back our 2016 kindergarten students to St Joseph’s.

As we begin our final term we are aware of the many activities and events that will keep us all very focussed and busy - with the Riverside Festival, Junior Joeys, swimming, Proclaim Student gathering, assessments, reports, Swimming Carnival, Stage 2 and Stage 3 excursions, School Captains and leaders elections for 2016, Year 6 Graduation and Advent and Christmas Masses, liturgies and concert, as well as community carols - the list goes on and before we know it our year will be ended!

Thank you to our students and staff for a terrific start to the term and may it be a term that is full of hard work and rewards for all.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Last Tuesday was a terrific learning, sharing and collegial day with the teachers from St Joseph’s Woodburn, Coraki and Alstonville combined. The day started with a session on the New Maths Sequence, followed by tutorials offered to staff on areas of Critical Thinking, Science and Technology, Open-ended Maths Assessment, and curriculum design. The day finished with a session on History programing and planning. Thank you for your support of teachers’ professional development. It ultimately benefits our students learning.

SCHOOL FEES
A reminder that school fees are now overdue for 2015. Unless you are on an agreement with us please attend to any outstanding fees immediately. We need to have these payments to meet our school commitments.

FAREWELLS
This week sadly we bid farewell to two of our St Joseph’s students and their family, Zac Campbell and Bella Keillor. We wish the Zac and Bella and their family all the best on their new ventures. We thank them for their support over the years that they have been with us at St Joseph’s.

USA PRINCIPAL TOUR
From today until the Wednesday 28th October I will be participating in the US Professional tour with fellow Diocesan Principals and Catholic Schools Office staff. I am extremely excited about the experience and the opportunity it will provide to further improve our teaching and learning at St Joseph’s.

Some of the most interesting opportunities will be around visiting best practice Elementary and Middle schools in and around San Diego and the chance to work with some of the most insightful minds in educations at the Professional Learning Communities @Work Institute.

As you are aware we are a Professional Learning Community School and meet weekly in Professional Learning Teams for a dedicated time to identify agreed learning standards, prepare and discuss assessments and individual students around that agreed curriculum and adjust and adapt teaching to ensure students meet the agreed curriculum with intervention and extension. We as a staff can see the benefits to student learning and teacher professional development through sharing, moderation and collaboration. This Professional Experience tour will provide the perfect opportunity to assess our progress and identify high-leverage next steps for implementation. I look forward to sharing the experience on my return. Mr John Cocooiola will be acting Principal in my absence.

Jeanette
PARISH FAMILY MASS
On the 19th October we were fortunate to have several students from the school present at the Saturday evening Parish Mass. A sincere thank you to parents and students who were able to attend. Father Felix appreciated the students' efforts at the dramatisation of the Gospel and participation during the Presentation of the Gifts.
The next Family Mass will be Saturday 17th October at 5.30pm.
Our students are encouraged to speak to Mr Cocciola or Mrs Boyd before Mass if they would like to assist with the celebration either with the Presentation of the Gifts or reading a Prayer of the Faithful.

WORLD MISSION MONTH

World Mission Day is celebrated every year in every country wherever there are Catholics committed to building a better world for all of God's people, a world where everyone has all they need to live a dignified and fulfilling life. It is the day on which we reflect on the urgency to proclaim the Gospel in our times.

Missionary activity is a response to the love with which God loves us. God's love is the spiritual energy that can make harmony; justice and communion grow among persons, races and peoples for which everyone is searching. It is God, who is Love, who leads the Church towards those farthest away and calls us to be renewed from the original source, Jesus Christ, from whose pierced heart flows the love of God.

The God of love is the source of care, tenderness, compassion, hospitality and interest in other people's problems, for spreading Christ's charity around the world.

World Mission Month, celebrated annually in October by millions of Catholics, will this year profile the work of dedicated missionaries in Madagascar as well as remote Indigenous Australia.

MINI_VINNIES ROCKTOBER SOCKTOBER CASUAL DAY AND DANCE PARTY

Friday 23rd October at Lunchtime
This year’s theme for World Mission Month is: “I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink” Matthew 25:35
To celebrate and fundraise for World Children’s Mission Day our Mini Vin- nies Leaders will host a lunchtime Rocktober Socktober Dance Party in the Library. Students and staff can come to school wearing crazy socks, odd socks, stripy socks, football socks, etc to “Sock it” to injustices against children all over the world. Students will be asked to think about what are the most creative ways you can wear your socks? As a fundraiser students and staff will be asked to donate a Gold Coin to enter the Dance Party and may wear casual clothes on the day!

STUDENT PROCLAIM DAY - Friday 6th November
This year our Lismore Diocese Catholic Schools Office has invested a great amount of energy into “Student Pro- claim”. Our neighbouring Parish School Coraki will assist us to celebrate STUDENT PROCLAIM on Friday, 6th No- vember. We are very blessed to have Roby Curtis from Emmanuel Worship facilitating this day for us. Students will be given the opportunity to reflect on their faith and discipleship; and then they will challenged to live the Gospel Val- ues and to be of service to others and proclaim the Word of God just like Jesus did! The day will certainly be a mem- orable occasion for us all! Parents will be invited and welcomed to join us in the afternoon for Mass.
TERM 4 WEEK 2

Monday, 12th October
Tuckshop
EMU Maths—Miss Taylor

Tuesday, 13th October
Sports Uniform
Exuro—4 Year 5 Students, Mrs Boyd

Wednesday, 14th October
Tuckshop
Library
Junior Joeys—Kindergarten 2016

Thursday 15th October
Sports Uniform
Leadership Formation—Mr Cocciola, Mrs Boyd
English Meeting—Mrs Roxburgh, Ms Wilson
AFL Kinder—Year 6: 9.30am–11.15am
NSW PSSA Athletics—Nella Bradford

Friday, 16th October
Whole School Mass (Yr 3) 10.15am
Rocktober/Socktober Disco 1.50pm–2.30pm
Casual Day—gold coin donation

TERM 4 WEEK 3

Monday, 19th October
Tuckshop
Stage 3 Excursion Lake Keepit
Parent Forum Meeting

Tuesday, 20th October
Sports Uniform
Stage 3 Excursion Lake Keepit

Wednesday, 21st October
Tuckshop
Library
Junior Joeys—Kindergarten 2016
Stage 3 Excursion Lake Keepit

Thursday 22nd October
Sports Uniform
Stage 3 Excursion Lake Keepit
Swimming Program K-4 commences today

Friday, 23rd October

THE WORLD OF MATHS

Yesterday all classes from Kindergarten to Year 6 spent up to ninety minutes engrossed in mathematical problem solving activities suitable for the various stage levels.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the ‘hands on’ activities and working in small groups to solve maths problems in number.

Thank you to the World of Maths for coming to our school. The cost of this learning activity was covered by the Performance Levy.
WOODBURN RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL
Saturday, 10th October

Schedule

9.00 Markets start. Water-skiing demonstrations
9.55 Pre-school performance
10.00 Official Opening
10.30 Judging of Fancy Dress Parade (age 6 and under)
10.45 Council Challenge Race
11.00 ‘Gapappella’ performing in the CWA rooms
12.00 Outrigger canoes/water-skiing demonstrations
12.30 St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School Woodburn Performance
12.20 Broadwater Public School Performance
1.00 Biathlon
‘Mr Bumsqueak’ the Clown arrives
2.00 Cheer-leading demonstration
2.20 Karate demonstration
3.00 Raft/Inflatable race
3.45 Tug-of-war
4.00 Children’s races
5.30 Band ‘Riverside Bandits’ starts
6.30 Raffles drawn
8.00 Fireworks
9.00 Finish

All day: Markets, amusement rides, children’s activities, 88.9 FM Radio on site, CWA morning and afternoon teas, Barbecue

In the Woodburn Memorial Hall: Art Exhibition from local schools; Historical exhibition
Theme: ‘Bees, an important local industry’

SPORTS NEWS from John Cocciola

Swimming Program Term 4
St Joseph’s will commence its swimming program on Thursday, 22nd October at Woodburn Pool for Years K-4 (Stage 3 away at Lake Keepit).

This program is a water safety program, not a learn to swim program.

We cannot run this program without parent help. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered their services for our program this year.

We still require more help at this stage and if you have an hour or two please consider completing the form at the end of this newsletter and return it to school.

NSW P.S.S.A. State Athletics Carnival
Nella Bradford will attend the NSW P.S.S.A. State Athletics Carnival at Homebush, Sydney next week and compete in the senior girls shotput. We wish Nella all the best at this event.

Richmond Zone Summer Sports Trials
The Richmond Zone Summer Sports Trials will be held in Lismore on Thursday, 22nd October at 4pm. These trials are for talented or representative students in Years 4 and 5 in the following sports: cricket, tennis, softball, touch football and basketball.

Students were given forms last term and they need to be returned to the school office before next Tuesday, 13th October if students intend trialling.

Students who are successful at the Richmond Zone Trial will attend the Lismore Diocesan Summer Sports Trials in Lismore on Friday, 20th November.

TERM 4 SPORTS DATES TO REMEMBER

- 14th & 15th October: NSW P.S.S.A. State Athletics Carnival Sydney
- 22nd October: Richmond Zone Summer Sports Trials in Lismore (Stage 2 students).
- 22nd October: Swimming commences at St Joseph’s School K-4
- 2nd - 5th November: NSW Girls Cricket Carnival at Dubbo
- 26th November: Diocesan Summer Sports Trials in Lismore
- 29th November-1st December: Sport Enrichment Camp Years 6-8 Narabeen
- 11th December: St Joseph’s Swimming Carnival at Evans Head Pool

St Joseph’s Swim and Survive Program 2015

Please return before Friday, 16th October

I am available to help with the Swim and Survive Program in Term 4 at Woodburn Pool at the following time slot/s:

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