Dear Families,

**WORDS TO INSPIRE: POPE FRANCIS MEETS FAMILIES IN CUBA SEPTEMBER 22ND 2015**

Pope Francis may well be speaking to the families of St. Joseph’s Woodburn, as he shares his words of wisdom:

We are here as a family! And whenever we come together as a family, we feel at home.

Thank you Cuban families.

Thank you for making me feel part of a family, for making me feel at home. This meeting is like the ‘icing on the cake!’

I remember in my former diocese how many families told me that almost the only time they came together was at dinner, in the evening when the children had finished their homework. These were special times in the life of the family.

They talked about what happened in the day for each person in the family; they tidied the house; organised their chores for the next few days; the children bickered; but it was special time.

God chooses those moments to enter into our hearts amidst the ordinariness of daily life. It is in the home that we learn fraternity and solidarity; we learn not to be overbearing. It is in the home that we learn to receive, to appreciate life as a blessing and to realize that we need one another to move forward.

It is in the home that we experience forgiveness and are constantly invited to forgive and to grow. It is interesting that in the home there is no room for putting on masks. We are who we are and in one way or another we are called to do our best for others.

That is why the Christian community calls families “domestic churches”. It is in the warmth of home that faith fills every corner, lights up every space, builds community.

At those moments, people learn to discover God’s love present and at work. Without family, without the warmth of home, life grows empty, there is a weakening of the networks that sustain us in adversity, the networks which nurture us in daily life and motivate us to build a better future.

The family saves us from two present day phenomena, two things which happen every day; fragmentation (division) and uniformity. In both cases, people turn into isolated individuals, easy to manipulate and to rule. Then in our world we see societies which are divided, broken, separated or rigidly uniform. These are a result of the break-up of family bonds, the loss of those relationships that make us who we are, which teach us to be persons.

Then we forget how to say dad, mum, son, daughter, grandfather, grandmother…..we gradually lose a sense of those basic relationships, relationships at the basis of the name we bear…..

**Extract taken from Pope Francis’ address to families in Cuba**

What we do as family is important. It is the living church, the heart of relationships, the heart of community and the heart of our world.

May the wisdom of Pope Francis energise us and fill us with a passion to reach out in love, humility and grace to those closest to us.

Have a great weekend.

John Cocciola
Assistant Principal
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS from Megan Boyd

REFLECTION on the SUNDAY GOSPEL
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time:
In the Sunday Gospel this weekend, we find evidence of Jesus’ fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus’ reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity. Consider this:
Bartimaeus had faith and his faith saved his sight – How strong is our faith?

Perhaps you may like to use this week’s Psalm response as a prayer:
“The Lord has done great things for us; We are filled with joy.”

PARISH FAMILY MASS
The next Parish Family Mass will be Saturday, 31st October.
Our students are encouraged to speak to Mr Cocciola or Mrs Boyd before this Mass if they would like to assist with the celebration either with the Presentation of the Gifts or Reading a Prayer of the Faithful.

OCTOBER WORLD MISSION
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.

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
Tuesday, 27th 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 Vinnies Leaders will host a lunchtime Rocktober Socktober Dance Party in the Library. Students and staff can come to school wearing crazy socks, odd socks, stripey socks, football socks, etc to “Sock it” to injustices against children all over the world. Students will be asked to think about the most creative ways they can wear their 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! (Don’t forget a hat and sensible shoes.)

STUDENT PROCLAIM - EXURO
On Tuesday last week I was most fortunate to be able to share a Student Retreat Day for Year 5 students called EXURO. I thank Jason Bell, Faith Stewart, Ozi Newman and Lani Reese for their enthusiasm and active participation throughout the day. This faith based retreat included students from schools around our Richmond Zone. The students covered topics such as discipleship, christianity and its challenges. The students discussed practical ways to be a disciple of Christ in the world by using their eyes, hands, feet and heart.
I congratulate our students for their heart-felt participation and maturity; they certainly were impressive ambassadors for our school!

STUDENT PROCLAIM DAY and MASS - Friday 6th November
This year our Lismore Diocese Catholic Schools Office has invested a great amount of energy into “Student Proclaim”. Our neighbouring Parish School, Coraki, will assist us to celebrate STUDENT PROCLAIM on Friday, 6th November. 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 Values and to be of service to others and proclaim the Word of God just like Jesus did! The day will certainly be a memorable occasion for us all! Parents are invited and welcome to join us in the afternoon for Mass at 1.00 pm.

MAKING JESUS REAL AWARDS—TERM 4—WEEK 2
Jahli Brady: For being kind! Nominated by Blake Yager
Tatum Hodges: For being a good sport at Handball—nominated by Lilly Sauer

PARISH ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER—ALL SAINTS’ CHURCH WOODBURN—SATURDAY, 5.30 PM
Saturday, 24th October: Lateisha Doran, Kade Williams, Jessica Williams
Saturday, 31st October: Alec Robinson, Lani Reese
TERM 4 WEEK 4

Monday, 26th October
Tuckshop
S.C.U. Practicum Students –Years 4 and 5

Tuesday, 27th October
Sports Uniform
Rocktober/Socktober Disco @ lunchtime-gold coin donation

Wednesday, 28th October
Tuckshop
Library K-6
Ms Wilkins returns to school

Thursday 29th October
Sports Uniform
Swimming Program K-6
Richmond Zone Summer Sports Trials 4pm, Yrs 4 &5 in Lismore

Friday, 30th October
World Teachers Day
Parent Forum Disco 6pm-8pm (BBQ 5.45 pm—6.15 pm)

TERM 4 WEEK 5

Monday, 2nd November
Tuckshop
S.C.U. Practicum Students –Years 4 and 5
P.S.S.A. Girls Cricket, Dubbo – Katelyn Bodley.

Tuesday, 3rd November
Sports Uniform
Stage 2 and Stage 3 Talk Snr Constable Ryan – cyber safety bullying, Parents Welcome 11:40am.

Melbourne Cup

Wednesday, 4th November
Tuckshop
Library K-6

Thursday 5th November
Sports Uniform
Swimming Program K-6

Friday, 6th November
Student Proclaim Day – Roby Curtis.

Afternoon Mass – 1.00 pm

TUCKSHOP HELPERS
If you can help out in our Tuckshop during Term 4 please contact Lesley ASAP. Extra help would be most appreciated.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Monday 26th October
Gillian O’Neill
+ HELP NEEDED!

Wednesday, 28th October
Naomi Robinson
AM: Kerrie Tunsted
PM: Buffie Scott

Thank you ladies!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Happy Birthday wishes from the school community to Banjo Newman who celebrated his birthday this week.

PARENT FORUM
SCHOOL DISCO—FREE

In the school library on Friday, 30th October 6 pm til 8 pm

Theme: Light and Bright

Chips, drinks and lollies available to buy on the night

BBQ available (at no charge) from 5.45 pm—6.15 pm

For catering purposes please fill out the slip in this Newsletter and return by Tuesday, 27th October

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
TERM 4—Week 2

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CONGRATULATIONS!
RICHMOND ZONE SUMMER SPORTS TRIALS
The Richmond Zone Summer Sports Trials will be held in Lismore on Thursday, 29th October at 4 pm. These trials are for talented or representative students in Years 4 and 5 in the following sports: cricket, tennis, softball, touch football and basketball.
Good luck to the students from St Joseph’s who are attending these trials.
Students who are successful at the Richmond Zone Trials will attend the Lismore Diocesan Summer Sports Trials in Lismore on Friday, 20th November.

AFL AUSKICK
Students took home information regarding a six-week AFL program that will be run at St Joseph’s School on Friday afternoons (3:40 pm—4:40 pm).
This program starts on Friday, 30th October with sign on day. The cost is $70 (which covers the six-week program, NAB Auskick Backpack, AFL football and lots more. It really is great value for the students.
This program, run by the development officers, is for Kindergarten to Year 6. It works on developing skills in all sports not just AFL.
Come along and enjoy some fun.

SPORTS NEWS from John Cocciola
Swimming Program Term 4
St Joseph’s students commenced their swimming program yesterday Thursday, 22nd October at Woodburn Pool for Years K-4 (Stage 3 are away at Lake Keepit).
This program is a water safety program, not a learn to swim program.
We still require more help at this stage and if you have an hour or two to help out please contact the school.
Students are reminded to bring each week — pool entry money ($2), swimmers, goggles (optional), towel, rash shirt or t-shirt, and a bag to place wet items of clothing in.
All students should have their own sun screen and apply it before swimming sessions.
Thank you to parents who have volunteered to help with our swimming program this year. We can certainly use more help, so if you have a free hour weekly please contact the school.
Swimming Times are:
- Kindergarten 10am - 11am
- Stage 1 (years 1 & 2) 11:30am—12:30pm
- Stage 3 (years 5 & 6) 12:30pm—1:30 pm
- Stage 2 (years 3 & 4) 2pm—3pm.

Cost
The cost of entry to the Woodburn Pool is $2.00 per child per session. Please send the money in on the day.

LAST CHANCE FOR TAX HELP!!
The Tax Help Program provides a trained volunteer who will do your simple tax return for you FOR FREE. This is the last week this service will be offered in 2015.
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.

BBQ ORDER FOR DISCO
Please return by Tuesday, 27th October
FAMILY NAME: ________________________________

Our family would like to order the following:

_______ Sausage Sandwiches
_______ Vegie Patty Sandwiches

Name:_________________________________________ Signature:____________________________