Dear Families

Due to the fact that we have a short week this week with the School Swimming Carnival, we are only putting out an update letter to keep you informed of next week’s events. Our last newsletter, due on the last day of school, will be a more comprehensive edition to finish the year.

Listed below is our staffing for 2016. We welcome Mrs Danielle Piccini to our staff. Danielle is currently working at St Carthage’s, Lismore and will teach Year 3 in 2016. We also welcome the return of Ms Chaya Wilson to Year 2.

Thanks
Jeanette

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CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT WOODBURN AND EVANS HEAD

All children who are participating in the Carols by Candlelight at Woodburn and Evans Head are asked to wear their sports uniform. Children who are singing at the Woodburn Carols will need to meet teachers at 7.00 pm on Saturday, 12th December, 2015.

Children singing at Evans Head Carols will meet teachers at the Surf Club at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 16th December 2015.

We are very excited with the numbers of students who have been practising the carols and have nominated to attend the two nights. We thank you for your support of these community events.

ST JOSEPH’S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our annual Christmas Concert will be held on Monday, 14th December and will be held at school in the evening, commencing with a BYO picnic tea from 6.30 pm.

Students from Mark Earl’s music classes will present items from 7.15 pm. The whole school annual Christmas Performance will commence at 7.45 pm.

All students are asked to be at school by 7.15 pm.

The evening will conclude with a visit from Santa!

FINAL SCHOOL/GRADUATION MASS

All families are invited to join us for our end of year Mass and Year 6 Graduation Ceremony on Friday, 18th December at 10.00 am which will be prepared by Year 6 and Mrs Reese.

Following Mass there will be morning tea in the school library. Please join us for this occasion.
**PORTFOLIOS**
Portfolios will remain with families at the end of each year. The students will receive a new portfolio at the beginning of each year. These will be sent home at the end of first semester and then returned for final semester work samples and assessments to be placed in them and then sent home at the end of Term 4 for students to keep. We hope that this is a more efficient system of showcasing student’s work to parents.

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** from Megan Boyd

**REFLECTION on the SUNDAY GOSPEL**
3rd Sunday of Advent YEAR C : 13th December 2015
The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday’s Mass. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because we celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ!

**CHRISTMAS EVE PARISH FAMILY MASS - All Saints’ Catholic Church, WOODBURN**
24th December 5.30pm
The next Parish Family Mass will be on Christmas Eve. Our students are invited to dress as Angels or Shepherds and will process in with Father at the beginning of Mass. Children are encouraged to speak to Mr Cocciola or Mrs Boyd before this Mass if they would like to assist with the celebration, with the Presentation of the Gifts or Reading a Prayer of the Faithful.

Mini-Vinnies and the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal
Thank you for your generosity to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal as usual our school families have been exceptionally generous. The Mini-Vinnies Team thank you for your support and kindness.

**MAKING JESUS REAL AWARDS - TERM 4 - WEEK 9**
Jimmy Bradford — For being supportive of his friends - Nominated by Sister Janet

Katelyn Bodley — For your loving patient attitude towards the Kinders—Nominated by Mrs Reese

**ALTAR SERVERS**
All Saints’ Church Woodburn—Saturday, 5.30 pm
12th December: Jacob Woolley, Matthew Woolley, Fletcher Johnston
19th December: Alec Robinson, Annabelle Robinson
Christmas Eve Mass—5.30 pm—All Saints’ Woodburn:
Matthew Woolley, Alec Robinson, Lani Reese

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**XMAS EVE PARISH FAMILY MASS**

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**WHOOPING COUGH (PERTUSSIS) ALERT**
There have been several recent confirmed cases of whooping cough (pertussis) in the St Joseph’s Primary School community at Woodburn.

Whooping cough caught at school can spread to any other members at home. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and is worse at night. The infection may also occur in fully-vaccinated children.

**What should people sick with pertussis do?**
Pertussis is readily spread from an infected person to others by coughing and sneezing. If left untreated, it can spread for up to three (3) weeks after the start of the infected person’s cough.

Do not attend work, school or a childcare facility if you or any household members:

- Have a cough as described above. Please see your doctor.
- Are being tested for whooping cough by your doctor and waiting for test results.
- Are being treated with antibiotics for whooping cough for at least five (5) days after starting the medicine

**Keep coughing children away from babies.**
Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades. If your school-aged child has younger siblings, it’s a good idea to check that they are up to date with their vaccines.

For further advice, please call the Public Health Unit 1300 066 056 or NSW Health website