Dear Families,

Last week at our Parent Teacher Meetings, I summarised the goals that we are working on this year:

- School practices will be based on the Foundational Values for Catholic Identity and Mission. (Display, discuss and promote Catholic Symbols and art centred on Jesus Christ and the Church, renew, invigorate MJR.)
- Our Vision Statement will reflect contemporary teaching and learning practices and will be embedded in the life of the school. (Formulate a new contemporary Vision statement involving staff, students and parents.)
- Rich Curriculum and pedagogy will be designed to engage the contemporary learner (through the use of flexible learning spaces, effective data to individualise learning and focus on literacy and numeracy).
- St Joseph’s will be a PLC School based on the foundation of a shared purpose for school improvement. (Further develop our school as a Professional Learning Community.)
- St Joseph’s School community is built on strong partnerships that connect and collaborate. (Strengthen the role of class parents and with parents create a shared understanding of 21st Century Learning.)

We look forward to working with you and keeping you informed of our progress in achieving these goals.

It is timely then that we discuss the current Church Season that we are in: LENT. At the beginning of Lent—we Catholics received a cross of ashes on our foreheads. The cross of ashes tells friends and neighbours that we know we are not perfect. We sometimes turn away from God. We hurt other people. We act selfishly. During Lent we tell God and each other that we are sorry, and with the help of Jesus, we will try during Lent to become better people.

Today we know Lent as a season of conversion: we acknowledge the ways we have turned away from God in our lives and we focus on turning our hearts and minds back toward God.

Hence the three pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These observances help us turn away from whatever has distracted or derailed us and to turn back to God. Giving up something for Lent is ultimately a form of fasting. We can deprive ourselves of some small pleasure or indulgence and offer that sacrifice up to God. Or we might “give up” a bad habit such as smoking as a way of positively turning our life back towards what God wants for us.

At school the children are encouraged to make sacrifices by making a commitment during Lent. The commitment could be anything from a promise to help mum every day during Lent, to a promise of a kind act each day, to one of their siblings or a classmate. You could encourage your children to do this by asking questions and complimenting them when they make a special effort. We also have Project Compassion Boxes in the classroom where the children and staff are encouraged to give to those who are struggling in Australia and the world.

UNSW GLOBAL COMPETITIONS 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

Just a reminder that the University of NSW Competitions in various subject areas for Years 2-6 completed forms and entry fee need to be returned to the School by Friday, 4th March. Costs and dates for each competition are listed at the end of the newsletter. If more than one child in a family is participating please write out a separate list. Unfortunately, if your child is absent on the day of the test no refund is available.

Thank you to our School Leaders

On Monday night our School Captains and Vice Captains Lani, Jordie, Faith and Ozi represented our School at a very special occasion—the Dedication of the new altar at St Carthage’s Cathedral, Lismore. It was a once in a lifetime experience where we witnessed the Anointing, Incensation and Lighting of the Altar as part of a beautiful Mass filled with tradition, prayer and Gregorian chants. Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett celebrated the Mass with the Apostolic Nuncio, visiting Bishops and priests, Diocesan Priests and Deacons, school students and staff, St Carthage’s parishioners and visiting parishioners coming together for the special event. A big thank you to our leaders for being such great ambassadors and to the parents, staff and Matilda Newman (Year 5) who attended.

Jeanette
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS from Megan Boyd

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION: 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, the Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. The reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. We know that Jesus preaches a merciful God and he encourages us to make loving choices that will benefit others.

ST JOSEPH’S WOODBURN FAMILY-CENTRED SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Parents of our Year 3 students preparing for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation are invited to a very important meeting on Tuesday, 1st March at 6.30 pm.

At least one parent of each child must be at this meeting in order for their child to be enrolled into the program. At the meeting parents will be asked to enrol their child into a Family Group that will meet weekly for 4 weeks before the celebration of the Sacrament as preparation for reception of the Sacrament of Penance-First Reconciliation.

Please contact me, or Sister Janet Cummings, at school if there any queries or questions regarding this matter.

Making JESUS REAL -
WE ARE WEST PEOPLE!
Welcoming, Encouraging, Say Sorry, Thankful

Our school embraces the Making Jesus Real (MJR) programme, although, it is less of a programme and more of a way of life. We want to foster a relationship with Jesus this is real and relevant to our daily lives. The Term 1 Week 4 MJR Awards go to:

Max Ferrier: For making Jesus real for me this morning—nominated by Mrs Reese
Max McGillivray: For his welcoming smile and happy ‘good morning’ - nominated by Mrs Boyd

We believe that we are the image of Jesus to those around us. We are Jesus’ representatives and our actions should reflect his values. Jesus taught that we are part of his family and the way we treat other people should be the same way we would treat Jesus if he was standing next to us.

We strive for the values of: care and compassion, respect for ourselves and others, honesty, trustworthiness, understanding, tolerance, and inclusion.

MJR has a simple message - Jesus is part of our lives and can change the way we live and we can make Jesus live through our actions and words. An important aspect of MJR is learning how to recognise God Moments in encounters with our friends, a cheerful greeting using a person's name, a smile, a wink of encouragement, an offer of a helping hand, or an unexpected compliment. MJR leads us to be 'winners and grinners' rather than 'moaners and groaners', to look for the positives in each day and to be sure to let others know how much we appreciate them in our lives.

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER:
Weekend of 27th February

Woodburn—Saturday, 5.30 pm
Kade Williams, Jessica Williams, Matthew Woolley

Evans Head—Sunday, 7.30 am
Charlotte Walsh
CLASS PARENTS
A big thank you to those people listed below who have already offered to be class parents.

We really need a class parent for all classes for this to work. Mums or dads are welcome. Please consider taking on the role.

If you are interested in helping out and becoming a Class Parent, please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return to the school as soon as possible.

Kinder:
Year 1: Tracey Bodley
Year 2: Marina Carpenter
Year 3: Karen Westerman
Year 4:
Year 5:
Year 6: Naomi Robinson

SPORTS NEWS from Melissa Barnes

Richmond Zone Swimming Carnival
The Richmond Zone Swimming Carnival was held at Lismore Memorial Baths on Friday, 19th February. Thank you to all the parents from St Joseph’s who transported the children to the carnival and to the students who performed so well. The school spirit which the students displayed was outstanding. Congratulations to Mikaela Robson (9 yr girls 50 metres freestyle) who will now attend the Lismore Diocesan Swimming Carnival in Lismore on Wednesday, 2nd March.

Richmond Zone Winter Sport Trials
Richmond Zone Winter Sports trials were held yesterday, 25th February. We will have the results from the trials in next week’s newsletter.

CALENDAR – TERM 1 WEEK 6

Monday, 29th February
Tuckshop

Tuesday, 1st March
Sports Uniform
6.30pm Sacramental Parent Meeting– Reconciliation

Wednesday, 2nd March
Tuckshop
Library

Thursday, 3rd March
Sport
Year 5 Trinity College visit

Friday, 4th March
World Day of Prayer
Sport Coordinators’ Meeting– Mrs Barnes
Executive Retreat– Mrs Boyd, Mrs Wilde, Mrs Reese
Assembly—Stage 3—2.30 pm

TERM 1 WEEK 7

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Monday, 7th March
Tuckshop

Tuesday, 8th March
Sports Uniform
Year 6 Representatives Incitare Retreat Mrs Reese

Wednesday, 9th March
Tuckshop
Library

Thursday, 10th March
Sport
HSIE Workshop– Mrs Piccini & Mrs Barnes
Assembly

Friday, 11th March
12.30pm Whole School Mass
HSIE Workshop Mrs Piccini & Mrs Barnes
Catholic Schools Week Celebrations

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

TERM 1 — Week 4

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CONGRATULATIONS!

‘PERMISSION & HEALTH DETAILS RECORD 2016’
These notes have been sent home today—one for each child. Please complete and return to school by Friday, 4th March. Please highlight or mark with an asterisk any changes from previous information supplied.

PAYMENT ENVELOPES
These were sent home to families last week to use when sending payments to school.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy birthday to those who celebrated their birthday this week: Alexander Pursey, Jordan Biffin, Tasman Newman and Mrs Lowrey.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Monday, 29th February
Robyn Hatcher
Megan Woolley

Wednesday, 2nd March
Naomi Robinson
AM: Renee Stone
PM: Buffie Scott

Thank you ladies!
Catholic Schools Week is a time to celebrate our shared faith, educational excellence and the importance of every student. Catholic Schools offer an educational foundation for living life to the full through the development of the student’s spiritual, intellectual, physical, moral and emotional growth.

Catholic Schools Week 2016 runs from 6th-12th March and we will be having a wonderful day of celebrations on Friday, 11th March.

The theme this year is “I Belong, You Belong, We Belong” and we will be celebrating the fact that we belong to many groups including our St Joseph’s School and Parish Community.

Parents are invited to join us on this day beginning with a School Mass at 10:00am, led by our Year 4 class. We will then be having a shared morning tea and opening our classrooms and playground to students and families to experience some of the fun and exciting activities we offer at our school.

It would be wonderful to see parents, grandparents, friends and members of our parish joining us on this special day to celebrate the community that we are so blessed to belong to.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK PRAYER

Our Catholic schools continue to give witness to your compassion and wisdom, seeking always to ensure that we are all welcome no matter who we are.
UNSW COMPETITIONS
— YEAR 2 TO YEAR 6 ONLY
Please return by Friday, 4th March 2016

(If you have more than one child entering, please write a separate list.)

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- Science (Years 2-6) 31st May $8.00
- Writing (Years 3-6) 13th-17th June $17.00
- Spelling (Years 2-6) 15th June $11.00
- English (Years 2-6) 2nd August $8.00
- Mathematics (Years 2-6) 16th August $8.00

TOTAL COST: $__________

I enclose $_____________ to cover entry fees (if paying by cheque please make out to ‘St Joseph’s School Woodburn’)

Name: _________________________________________ Signature: ____________________________

WOODBURN WOLVES TRAINING START DATE
Woodburn FC Junior training will commence on Wednesday, 9th March 2016:
4 pm to 5 pm for Under 6 to Under 11
5 pm to 6 pm for competitive teams Grade 12 to Grade 16

RICHMOND VALLEY SWIM CLUB
JNR DOLPHIN CARNIVAL
SATURDAY, 2nd APRIL 2016
Richmond Valley Swim Club is holding a Jnr Dolphin Swim Carnival in April. The carnival is for children aged between 4 and 8 years of age as of 2nd April. It will be a fun day with games and novelty races. This carnival is open to all children locally, they do not have to be a member of swim club. Registration forms are available at the school office.

BASEBALL—JUNIOR 2016
COME AND TRY DAY SUNDAY, 28 FEB
10 AM ALBERT PARK
Marist Brothers: All Tuesdays in March; 4-5.30 pm 0438 662 523
North Bears: All Wednesdays in March; 4-5.30 pm 0458 122 445
East Redbirds: All Thursdays in March: 4-5.30 pm 0431 021 085
Lismore Workers: All Tuesdays in March: 4-5.30 pm 0414 226 497

Free glove, ball, bag & drink bottle for all Aussie T Ball players under 10 with registration.

ST JOHN’S COLLEGE, WOODLAWN
ENROLMENTS FOR YEARS 7 & 11,2017

Wednesday, 4th May: College Open Night 6.30 pm
Staff and students at St John’s College warmly invite any family who is considering enrolment at the College to attend the College Open Night. This is an opportunity to meet the staff and students and view the College facilities.

Friday, 13th May: Closing date for Years 7 and 11

Sunday, 22nd May: Interviews 9.00 am—6.00 pm
(Appointments are made on Open Night)
For further enquiries phone Mrs Debbie Melino on 6626 2606.

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SELECTION OF CLASS PARENT
Please return as soon as possible
The Class Parent is selected by the class teacher in consultation with the Principal and Assistant Principal.

I would like to be considered for the role of Class Parent of my child’s class.

Child’s Name: _______________________________ Class: ______________
Parent Name: _______________________________ Contact No. _______________________

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