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 2017. We welcome Miss Jenna Geraghty to our staff and Mrs Michelle Stormon to a new position. Jenna is currently working in a few of our Diocesan Schools after returning from teaching in England and will teach Year 3 in 2017. Mrs Stormon has been working through many classes within our school.

Thanks.

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ST JOSEPH’S CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Our annual Christmas Concert will be held on Monday, 12th December and will be held at school in the evening.

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!

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, 10th December, 2016.

Children singing at Evans Head Carols will meet teachers at the Surf Club at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 14th December 2016.

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.

STEP-UP MORNING
Next Wednesday, 14th December, we will have a step-up morning.

During the first 2 hours of school the students will spend getting to know you time with their teacher for next year.

Step-up day is an opportunity for students and teachers to get to know each other, their interests, goals and learning styles.

ST JOSEPH’S WOODBURN UPDATE
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FINAL SCHOOL/GRADUATION MASS
All families are invited to join us for our end of year Mass and Year 6 Graduation Ceremony on Friday, 16th December at 9.30 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.
REPORTS
The Semester 2 reports will be sent home on Wednesday, 14th December with your children. Please take the time to read the reports with your child, taking special note of the comments personal to your child. It would also be good to re-read the explanation of the A-E grades as required by the Commonwealth Government.

I thank the teachers for the time and effort they have once again put into preparing and presenting the children’s reports.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION from Megan Boyd

The Sunday Connection: 3rd Sunday of Advent
The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudeate Sunday. Gaudeate is the Latin word meaning “rejoice.” This Sunday is so named because “Rejoice” is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today’s Mass taken from Philippians 4:4, 5: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.” Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that Christmas is near.

Leadership Retreat – Years 4 and 5
Jesus the Ultimate Leader
A sincere thank you to Mrs Reese and Miss Taylor for so beautifully leading our Years 4 and 5 students during their leadership Reflection Day last Friday. Both teachers were very impressed with the maturity and wisdom that was shared during the day. Leadership based on the Gospel Values and how that will impact on their personal leadership styles for next year were reflected upon and discussed.

We welcomed Tayla Bennett the Youth Ministry Officer from St Mary’s Casino to the Retreat and she engaged the students with fun games and reflective tasks that focussed on the theme: Jesus the Ultimate leader. The qualities of a good leader such as listening, care for others, helpfulness, honesty, compassion, kindness, love, stepping up, wisdom and respect were highlighted during the day.

The highlight of the day was a most prayerful Liturgy prepared by the students.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers
Thank you to our generous families who supported the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper collection. As usual our families have been generous in their giving and the members of the Evans Head St Vincent de Paul Society were very appreciative.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS Woodburn
All Saints’ Church, 24th December 5:30pm
All over the Christian world the story of Jesus’ birth at Christmas is shared as people enthusiastically participate in Nativity plays and pageants. One of the best ways for children to become familiar with the real meaning of Christmas is for them to play a part in re-enacting the story at Christmas. Mrs Boyd will be co-ordinating the children’s participation at the Christmas Eve Mass at Woodburn.

We will have a practise next Thursday so it would be greatly appreciated if you would consider your child/children becoming involved in the Parish Christmas Eve Family Mass.

PARISH ALTAR SERVERS

ALL SAINTS’ CATHOLIC CHURCH WOODBURN 5.30 PM
Saturday, 10th December
Jason Bell, Courtney Bell, Declan Wilde
Saturday, 17th December
Alec Robinson, Noah Dougherty, Jed Dougherty

LIBRARY
Many thanks to class parents Karen Westerman, Belinda Boland and Linda Collins who helped cover class reader sets this week.

Please note: if your child has been given an Overdue Notice that these books need to be returned on Monday.

CALENDAR
TERM 4 WEEK 10

Monday, 12th December
Tuckshop—last for 2016
St Joseph’s Christmas Concert—7.15 pm

Tuesday, 13th December
Sports Uniform

Wednesday, 14th December
NO TUCKSHOP TODAY
Reports being sent home
Evans Head Carols by Candlelight

Thursday, 15th December
Graduation Dinner—Evans Head RSL—6.15 pm

Friday, 16th December
Graduation Mass—9.30am; followed by morning tea
Last day for all students for 2016

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
TERM 4 — Week 8

Class Student
Kinder Josie Litchfield
Year 1 Banjo Newman
Year 2 Finlay Stevenson
Year 3 Heidi McClure
Year 4 Jozie Murada

CONGRATULATIONS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Happy Birthday wishes from the school community to Frankie Cameron, Byron Moss and Oisin Rigley who celebrated their birthdays this week.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Monday, 12th December
Tracey Bodley
Gill O’Neill

Wednesday, 14th December
NO TUCKSHOP

Thank you ladies!