FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This week our Year 3 students began their preparation towards the Sacrament of Holy Communion. I thank those parents who attended the information evening on Wednesday and who have successfully enrolled their children. I encourage our school community to keep these children within your prayers and thoughts over the coming weeks. I thank Fr Dan for his guidance and valuable insights.

A BEAUTIFUL BABY GIRL

We are ever so pleased to share the news that Mrs Rachel Moss and her husband Anthony are the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl. Lilah May Moss was born on 27 July weighing 7lb 8oz, 51 cm in length. All members of the family are doing extremely well, and I am sure a visit to school is not too far away.

FOND FAREWELLS

Today we congratulate and farewell Mr Mark Priddis (Principal from 2000 – 2010) as he journeys to Vietnam to begin a Principalship at Singapore International School, South Saigon, Vietnam. We know that this next chapter in his career will be rewarding and a cultural experience to behold. We wish Mr Priddis and his family all the very best.

ANOTHER FAREWELL

This week we bid a fond farewell to Abby Field and her family. We wish Abby well as she commences her new school in Port Macquarie.

VISITING SCHOOLS

It was lovely to share the wonderful learning of our flexible and adaptive spaces today with visiting schools. Mr Brendan Kiely (Principal of St Mary’s Bowraville) and Miss Danielle Sinclair came to visit to seek inspiration and consolidate further research around personalised learning in flexible and adaptive spaces.

SYMPATHIES

We extend our deepest sympathies to the Lawson family from Beechwood who tragically lost their daughter Georgia last weekend. Especially in our thoughts are Hannah Summers and her family who are closely related. May the family find strength and courage throughout this time and be assured of God’s love.

STAFFING UPDATE

As you are aware the Diocese of Lismore has for the past three years supported the position of a Leader of Pedagogy within our schools. This position has enabled staff to be supported in reflecting closely upon how they teach and how they can improve student outcomes for all students. We are in a most fortunate
position where this role has been renewed for the next 3 year period. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Maria Wilson will continue in the role of Leader of Pedagogy.

YEAR 6 CAMP

Next Monday our Year 6 students head to the Great Aussie Bush Camp for their annual camp. We wish them all the very best and feel confident they will be wonderful ambassadors for our school. The students will be accompanied by Mr Nigel Toole, Mrs Leanne Oates, Miss Lauretta Lewis, Mr Peter Roods and Mrs Simone Baker. The buses will depart King Street at 9.00 am. A School Stream alert will be sent in relation to arrival time for the return trip on Thursday 6 August 2015.

TRISH COELHO

FROM THE SPORTING FIELD

SCHUBERTS 7’S

Congratulations to our Schubert 7’s Team who competed on Wednesday in Port Macquarie. The team played exceptionally well and won the competition. They played their round matches against Hastings Public school winning 3-2. The team then lost their second game to East Kempsey Public school 5-2. All was not lost, to successfully enter the Final they had to play East Kempsey again and managed to secure a convincing win with a 6-2 margin.

The boys then played Hastings in the final and won a close match 3-2. Congratulations to the boys for the win. This gained them selection into the NSW Legends Shield tournament to be held in Sydney on Wednesday 19 August 2015.

This is a wonderful achievement for our school. It is exciting to see a group of students passionate about their sport and representing the school in a fine manner. A big THANK YOU to Mr Ken Ogilvie for inspiring the boys to achieve this goal, and Mr Vince O’Brien has also played a large role with the boys, coaching and building them into a strong team.

Thank you Mr O and Mr O’Brien for your dedication to our Schuberts 7’s team, also a special thank you to Miss Johns for helping with supervision.

DIOCESAN ATHLETICS

Our best wishes go with our Athletics Representatives who will compete at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival at St Joseph’s Regional College next Friday 7th August. A reminder that parent need to have the children at the venue by 8.15am.

Representatives: Kellie Burke, Jed Kirkman, Joshua Goldberg, Jett Fletcher, Lachlan Morgan-Monk, Aidan Grove, Monique Rudder, Joshua Carney, Blake Haywood.
ST CLAIRE’S TAREE, INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

On Friday 17 July 2015 (under freezing conditions) six students participated in the St Claire’s Interschool Competition held at Taree. The children and their ponies did an amazing job.

The results as follows:
- **Tamika Roach**  - 5th Hack, 4th Rider, 1st Pleasure
- **Clay Aitkin**  - 5th Hack, 4th Rider, 3rd Pairs, 5th Pleasure, 4th Scudda Ho, 2nd Bends
- **Ziggy Ewart**  - 6th Rider, 3rd Pairs, 4th Barrels, 6th Scudda Ho, 6th Ball Race
- **Lara Crawley**  - 4th Pairs, 5th Barrels, 5th Scudda Ho, 6th Ball Race
- **McKinley Halls**  - 4th Pairs, 6th Pleasure
- **Lilly Jepp**  - 3rd Hack, 2nd Rider, 3rd Pleasure and placed in some sporting events.

The different classes the children participated in were very large, and our children rode very well and represented our school proudly.

DAVID POULTON

ICAS COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to the six (6) students who participated in the Digital Technologies and Science Competitions. St Joseph’s Primary were awarded:

**DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES**
- 3 x Credit – Jacob Fletcher (Year 6), Monique Rudder (Year 6) and McKinley Halls (Year 4)
- 1 x Merit – Ashley Middleton (Year 5)
- 2 x Participation – Hannah Towler (Year 4), Nina Lindley (Year 6)

**SCIENCE**
- 2 x Credit – Lily Cook (Year 2), McKinley Halls (Year 4)
- 4 x Participation – Emily Johnson (Year 2), Hannah Towler (Year 4), Ashley Middleton (Year 5), Monique Rudder (Year 6)

P & F

Our P & F will be holding a BBQ at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival for the Diocesan Athletics Carnival to be held at St Joseph’s Regional School on Friday 7 August 2015, 9.30 am to 2.00 pm (approximately). Helpers are required and all funds raised will help our P & F with their fundraising efforts. If you are able to spare some time on Friday 7 August, please contact the Office.

INDIGENOUS FAMILY FAITH RETREAT

Information has been sent home regarding the 2015 Indigenous Family Faith Retreat. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to spend quality time together. Some of the activities this year include – orienteering, craft, bingo, disco for children and much more. For more information or other enquiries, please contact our Indigenous Education Worker, Mrs Parsons.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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TERM 3 – WEEK 4 CALENDAR

Monday AUG 3
- Staff Briefing: 8.30 am – Office opens approximately 8.45 am
- Staff Meeting 3.40 pm
- Year 6 depart for Camp 9.00 am

Tuesday AUG 4
- Band Rehearsal 8.00 am
- Band and Guitar tuition
- School Banking
- Curriculum Leaders Training – Miss Miles and Mrs Wilson attending

Wednesday AUG 5
- Fr Dan visiting Kindergarten

Thursday AUG 6
- Year 6 return from camp

Friday AUG 7
- Staff Prayer 8.40 am: Office opens approximately 8.50 am
- Diocesan Athletics Carnival: Port Macquarie
- School Assembly: 2.10pm: School Hall: All welcome
- Peer Support Program begins
- Census

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG 8 Children’s Mass
AUG 11 ICAS Mathematics Assessment
AUG 14 Uniform Shop Closed; pre-orders to be left at the Office
AUG 17-19 Year 5 Camp
AUG 17 Pupil Free Day
AUG 23 Year 6 selected students – Tournament of Minds, Coffs Harbour
AUG 27 Year 6 Fishing Opportunity

AWARD RECIPIENTS – Assembly, Friday 7 August 2015

Cooper Everingham, Annabelle Knox, Forrest O’Brien, Kai Austin, Teleah Holbert, Ella Jepp, Kaiden Towle, Lucas Hinselwood, Amelia Riley, Jaxon Gayler, Michael Rudd, Hannah Thompson, Alexander Galloway, Jai Kliendienst, Jubilee Mea, Ruby Paynting, Lacey Copp, Tyce Lee, Mia Williamson, Jack Roelands, Lukas Tee, Dani Poole, Jesse Martin, Lara Crawley, Matikah Donovan, Abby Fletcher, Ellouise Kirkman, Jed Kirkman, Ellyra Squires, Blake Haywood, Monique Williams, Juniper Mea, Riley Bugden, Sharlea Templeman, Bradley Manning, Brayden Williams, Molly Hutcheon, Wilson Hooper, Matthew Wilcox, Jarrod Fletcher and Eboni-Rose Surrey.
FACT SHEET #38

Winter Fire Safety Checklist

FACT

Each year, the Fire and Rescue NSW attends approximately 4,500 residential fires in NSW with approximately 30% of them occurring in winter months, and 47% of fires starting in the kitchen

IS YOUR HOME WINTER FIRE SAFE?

We recommend this simple safety checklist to help keep homes fire safe this winter. Make sure you and everyone in your household follows the following safety advice:

- Never ever leave cooking unattended. “Keep Looking When Cooking”
- Most importantly, have an adequate number of suitable smoke alarms installed throughout your home and make sure that you test them regularly.
- Make sure you and all your family know two safe ways out of every room in your home.
- Have a written home escape plan in case of fire and practice it regularly.
- If you have a fireplace in your home make sure the chimney is clean, and its properly ventilated
- If you have a fireplace always place a screen in front of it when in use.
- Check electric blankets for damage or frayed cords before placing on the bed.
- Take care to keep curtains, tablecloths and bedding away from portable heaters.
- Keep wet clothing at least 1 metre from heaters or fireplaces and never leave unattended.
- If you use a clothes dryer make sure you clean the lint filter each and every time you use it.
- Only use one appliance per power point and switch off when not in use.
- Always extinguish candles or any other open flames before going to bed.
- Always handle candles or any other open flame with care.
- Store matches or lighters in a secure place not accessible to young children.
- Avoid the use of outdoor heating and cooking equipment inside your home. The use of this type of equipment indoors could lead to the build up of carbon Monoxide which could be fatal.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Use only authorised installers of fixed heating appliances.
- If possible, in the kitchen keep a fire extinguisher and fire blanket placed near the exit.
- In Case of an Emergency Get out Stay Out and Call Triple Zero (000).