From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust that everyone has had an enjoyable Easter long weekend and is refreshed for the short week ahead. In the wake of our Easter celebrations I would like to share with you the following reflection for your consideration;

Early on Easter morning a group of women were the first people to go to the tomb in which Jesus Christ had been placed after his Crucifixion. As they walked towards the tomb they asked “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” (Mark 16:3).

For us it’s about rolling away the stones that lie across our path in striving for a deeper and more meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ.

Easter represents the fulfilment of our faith. St Paul wrote (1 Corinthians 15:17). Through his death, Christ saved mankind from bondage to sin, and He destroyed the hold that death has on all of us; but it is His Resurrection that gives us the promise of new life, both in this world and the next.

As Catholics we have been asked by the Church to develop new ardour, new methods and new expression in the ways we invite each other to see the face of Jesus Christ in each other and engage enthusiastically in His way of life. (Proclaim Lismore 2013 Bulletin, 27th March 2013)

How do you help your children to see the face of Jesus in the everyday? It is not always an easy task but can be developed daily by our own example (they are always watching and learning from us!). In our interactions with others, our tone of voice, the way we listen, the way we respond, the way we express tolerance, forgiveness and respect, while also challenging adverse actions in a meaningful and purposeful manner for the greater good.

When challenged by a situation or confrontation and you’re unsure how to respond….take a moment… consider…What would Jesus do?

Have a great week! I hope to see many parents throughout the next two weeks taking the opportunity to meet with the teachers to be affirmed and informed of your child/ren’s progress throughout term 1.

Peace and blessings,

Jason Clarke
Principal
Easter Raffle Results

Thank you to all the families who supported our SRC Easter Raffle with donations and buying the tickets. $680 was raised. Winners are:

1st  Elijah and Jacob Chandler
2nd  Mrs Lewis
3rd  Guinea Family
4th  Patrick Gresham
5th  Shannon Hull
6th  Tara Gunn
7th  Van O’Keefe
8th  Chloe Zambelli
9th & 10th Linda Wallace

Other winners:
Taylah Brown
Sophie Cummins
Foggo Family (2)
Latisha Giddy
Paul Gillard (2)
Zali Grennan (2)
Alana Hurst
Mia Kirwan
Bailey Lofts
Kevin Loughman
Liz Nihill
Poppy Wayne
Tom Robson
Caleb Smith
Lucas Chapman
Liliana Evans (4)
Taryn Gale
Jordan Giddy
Shakrya Gillard
Tessa Hendrikse
Jaxon Johnson
Archie Lamb
Jeff Logan
Glen Metcalfe
Castro Pearson
Chloe Quinn
Neisha Sharp
Paul Williams

Canteen

Wednesday 03/04  Eryn Young
Amy Shoobridge

Friday 05/04  Jane Farrell
Kate Ferguson

Helper needed 9-10

Wednesday 10/04  Diana Vidler
Emma Todd

Friday 12/04  Sarah Hendrikse
Michelle Robson

Helper needed 9-10

New helpers are still needed to fill some gaps in the roster. If you can help, please call/text Nelle on 0438 982 688 or email her at nelle@spiritlevelhealing.com.au

New Menu - After much consultation with staff, parents & volunteers, it has been decided to introduce a new streamlined menu in the canteen in Term 2. As such, we will be running down stocks of some canteen items and they may not be available towards the end of Term 1. In such cases we will reimburse by placing the money in your child’s lunch bag or offering an alternative.

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

Mathletics News

Congratulations to Phoebe Kirk from Year 6 on reaching Gold level with her Mathletics. Phoebe has shown wonderful persistence to reach this level. Congratulations also to Oscar O’Keefe from Year 5 on reaching his Gold level for the 6th time. Oscar has continued to be very motivated and put extra time after school into his Mathletics. This is certainly a tremendous effort from both students.

School Photos

School photos will be taken tomorrow Wednesday April 3rd. Whole school photos are available for $20. If you are interested please contact the school office.

Please ensure that all children are at school on time, dressed in full school uniform.

School Recipe Book

We would love lots more recipes for your school recipe book. Keep sending them in.

You can either send your recipe into school or email your recipe to stjrecipebook@live.com.au.
Open Day for 2013

Mr Clarke, Mrs Rainford and Year 5 Mini Vinnies with our display.  

Year 6 Mini Vinnies  

Sophie & Mia teaching Rosary bead making  

Bec & Tanya buying fresh Vegies from the HFG's.  

HFG’s display of fresh vegies. 

A big thank you to Rachael Rainford for helping us and fixing the broom!  

We made $25, which goes towards the cost of our seedlings.  

Student Pick-Up and Drop-Off

Please make sure that you follow the pick up and drop off rules for the safety of all other parents and students. When parking is incorrect it can cause stress and frustration.

There are “No-Stopping” signs in the turning bay in Wardrop Street and drivers are expected to abide by these parking regulations.

Restricted parking signs are in place around the school site to increase children's safety. Drivers are expected to abide by these parking regulations.

The school is located in a 40km school zone where a 40 km speed limit applies for the hours of 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. on school days. The speed limit is lowered to 40km during these hours to increase the safety of the students arriving and departing the school. Drivers are expected to abide by these speed regulations.

Vehicles are to cue and move onto Stop, Drop, Go Zone when a space is available.

Parents are requested not to stop or leave their vehicles in the Stop, Drop, Go Zone. This area is for quick collection of children only.
Parents and Friends Forum News

What a great meeting we had last Tuesday night. So many dedicated and imaginative parents attended with some wonderful fundraising ideas for 2013. Thank you everyone!

We have some exciting things coming up and some of the great things that have been suggested are: a walkathon, carboot market, a bushdance, our St Josephs recipe book, the Mothers Day cooking competition and a clothes swap evening.

I’d like to take a moment to express how important and how appreciated our fundraising efforts are. Coming along to the forum meetings gives parents insight as to how the school runs and how the budgeting works. With schools just 20 minutes away from us requiring double the fees we pay, our fundraising efforts really do help. Put simply, fundraising helps to keep fees down.

The forum is so proud to have raised approximately $10,000 in both 2011 and 2012. Some items are small that we help with such as a new speaker system for the school that was recently purchased but other items are costly. For example about 10 staff laptops need replacing at a cost of approximately $10,000.00. The forum hopes to be able to pay for these.

Our fundraising dollars don’t only help the school, they give our children some special experiences as well, such as mad sports days, sausage sizzles, discos, our gardens and the recent bus trip and day at Banora Pools.

If you have a talent or some great contacts or ideas you could share, we would love to see you at our meetings. We would love to see more parents attend in general. We always have a laugh and the meetings are a great way to connect.

The Forum meet twice a term – our next meeting is 14 May.

Here’s to a beautiful 2013!
Bec O’Keefe ©

A huge thank you to Jane Farrell for organising our hot cross bun drive. We raised $131.70.

What a pleasure for the Forum to be able to pay for the children’s St Joseph’s Day sausage sizzle ©

Fun was had by all at our disco. The sale of glow sticks raised $169.75. Thank you Sarah & Janelle!!

We need just a few more recipes for our school recipe book so keep sending them in until the holidays. Extended family members or friends may even like to submit a recipe.
Dear Parents,

St. Joseph’s School has once again been invited to participate in this annual event which will occur on the last Thursday of the school holidays.

The students and teachers of our school have traditionally expressed their appreciation of the great sacrifices of those who gave their lives and service for the benefit of our country and the preservation of peace.

Students are encouraged to continue this tradition in Murwillumbah on Thursday April 25th, 2013.

Those wishing to march are to assemble at Honeysuckle Court opposite the Post Office at 10:15 a.m. The March is due to begin at 10:30 a.m. Full school uniform is to be worn, including hats. Do not hesitate to contact the school on (02) 66721867 if you have any questions regarding this event.

Please complete the ANZAC MARCH FORM below and return it to your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

Jason Clarke
Principal

ANZAC DAY

Please return this slip to your teacher by Thursday as soon as possible.

ANZAC DAY - Please note this year that ANZAC DAY occurs on Thursday April 25th which is in the second week of the holidays.

I give permission for my son/daughter ___________________________ to participate in the Anzac Day March in Murwillumbah on Thursday April 25th.

Name ___________________________ Signed ___________________________

(parent/guardian)
MOTHER'S DAY COOKING COMPETITION

Friday, 10 May 2013 (date to be confirmed)

We are once again this year having a fun cooking competition for “Mother’s Day” this year for children to cook with their Mum, Grandmother, Aunty or Sister. You can cook biscuits, cake, slice, cupcake or any other items.

If you would like to participate in this the cost will be $5 per entry or $10 per family. We will be having Judges from outside school that will be picking a winner and 2 runner-ups from each section. Please bring in a small sample of your cooking (up to Assembly Room) on Friday 10th May. Please complete an Entry Form and place on the base of your cooking. This competition will not be too serious but as a fun thing to do.

The Sections will be:-

Section 1: Kinder and Year 1
Section 2: Years 2, 3 and 4
Section 3: Years 5 and 6

Following the Mother’s Day Liturgy everyone is invited to attend an afternoon tea to sample all the beautiful cooking and enjoy a cuppa.

Confirmation of time and date will be advertised as it comes a little closer.

ENTRY FORM

Mother’s Day Cooking Competition

__________________________________ (Childs Name) would like to participate in the cooking competition and have made ___________________________________________ (short description of cooking) in Section ________.

Enclosed is my entry fee of $________.
Could you benefit from a family support service?

The Family Centre is a community based not-for-profit organisation that provides a range of quality services for families and individuals who reside in the Tweed Shire. Our Family Services aim to increase the safety and wellbeing of children and young people and strengthen family relationships. Family workers can meet with families at our centres in Tweed Heads South and Murwillumbah, in client homes or at other agreed locations.

For further information check out our website at www.thefamilycentre.org.au, contact us on: 07 5524 8711 or drop in during intake 15-17 Rivendell Tweed Heads South NSW between 9am - 12.30pm Monday to Friday.

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Vacation Care Inc

Bookings are now open for the April school holidays.

Vacation Care is a community based not-for-profit organisation and as such fees are most reasonable. Childcare Benefit subsidies apply.

To obtain more information please contact Sue Gamble on 0755233708.

A full program for the school holidays is available from the school office.
Cooking Helpers

From time to time the school holds morning/afternoon teas for new parents or on special occasions.

We have been very lucky to have such supportive parents at St. Joseph’s school and thank them for their help with providing baking for our recent morning tea and pancake days, however, we would like to form a group of parents to call upon to help supply baking to ensure that we are not always calling on the same parents.

Your help would only be needed three to four times a year, or less depending on the number of volunteers.

If you are interested in being part of this group please complete the return slip below and return it to school.

I would like to be part of the above group. Name: ______________________

Home Phone: _______________ Mobile: ______________________

Signed: ____________________
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