Coming Events:

Thursday February 7th
- School Sport (Sport Uniform)

Friday February 8th
- PE Lessons (Sports Uniform)

Tuesday February 12th
- Shrove Day

Wednesday February 13th
- 5:30 p.m. Stage 1 Parent Information night
- 6 p.m. Early Stage 1 Parent Information night
- Ash Wednesday

Monday February 18th
- Zone Swimming Carnival at Murwillumbah Pool.

Tuesday February 19th
- 6 p.m. First Reconciliation meeting in the Parish Hall

Thursday February 21st
- 5:30 p.m. 6 p.m. Stage 3 Parent Information meeting
- 6 p.m. Stage 2 Parent Information meeting

From the Principal’s Desk

It is with great enthusiasm that I, on behalf of the staff of St Joseph’s, extend a warm welcome to our school community for the beginning of the new school year of 2013! While the year has begun in less than ideal weather conditions, with an interrupted start for both staff and families, we are now on track to embark on an exciting year of learning.

As a result of the flood impact Best Start assessments for our kindergarten students were not completed until Monday. We have had the pleasure of welcoming our new kindergarten class of 2013 today for their first day of ‘big’ school. They have had a wonderful settled start with Mrs Godfrey (accompanied by the enthusiastic assistance of their Year 6 buddies!). We look forward to an exciting year ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the school community of St Joseph’s; staff, students and parents, for the welcoming atmosphere that I have so fortunately entered into. My first impressions of St Joseph’s have been extremely positive (not unexpectedly!). I have sensed a very supportive, focused, ‘family’ atmosphere within the school. I have had the opportunity to meet many parents and family members over the first few days and look forward to furthering my acquaintance with all members of the school community in the coming weeks.

Our first Parent Information evenings for 2013 will be an important date for every family’s calendar.

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I look forward to seeing and meeting you during these evenings.

In closing I would like to take a moment to share with you some thoughts from Sunday mornings’ service at Sacred Heart. Father David reiterated the message from St Paul in the second reading which speaks of love, our greatest spiritual gift. Father shared some thoughts about ‘taking offence’. How easily we can be ‘offended’ by the actions or words of others. Who benefits from taking offence? It is only the one who takes offence, who feels upset or angered. It is with love and through love, that we can be resilient when things don’t go the way we would perceive to be right. So in Father David’s final words ‘Don’t take offence’, look past the negatives and continue to spread the love that fosters positive relationships!

Peace and blessings,

Jason Clarke
Principal
School Fees

School fee accounts will be sent home next week. Fees are billed over three terms.

Direct Debit, BPay, Centrepay and EFTPOS facilities are available.

A reminder that the Resource, Technology and Numeracy Levies are due by the end of February.

Mathletics News

It was wonderful to see so many children sharpening their skills by spending time on Mathletics during the Christmas holiday break. Congratulations to Dylan Gale and Tazman O’Keefe from Year 2, Emma Loughman from Year 3 and Taryn Gale from Year 5 on reaching their Gold level. These children were presented their certificates last Thursday morning.

We are now in the process of rolling each of the classes over to their Mathletics class for 2013. The teachers are also in the process of setting new activities to start the year. **Please do not continue any more Mathletics until your child’s classroom teacher communicates to you about the children starting.**

Mr Nihill
(Mathletics Administrator)

Appointments

There are always times throughout the year that you may wish to touch base with your child’s classroom teacher or the Principal about a matter that may be worrying you or about ways you may be able to help your child to support their learning. The school procedure is that you contact the school and make an appointment time to come and see the necessary staff member.

The teachers’ first responsibility is to teach their class and carry out playground duties that they are rostered on to each day. We sometimes hear that that a staff member may not be approachable. I often see parents wanting to discuss matters with teachers while they are on playground duty or just before they are about to start their classroom teaching.

Please be aware of this, ring the school and the staff member that you would like to make an appointment with and they will get back to you as soon as they can.

School Band / Choir

Our school band / choir will practice today and will continue next Tuesday morning at 8 a.m. sharp, and continue each Tuesday morning under the guidance of our music teacher Mr Cenda.

All children from Year 2 to Year 6 are most welcome to come along and try out. Parents need to contact Mr Cenda before children start.

Please contact Mr Cenda for any further details.

School Leaders Induction Mass

Our school Induction Mass will be held in the church on Thursday February 21st at 9 a.m.

All community members are invited and encouraged to attend.
Technology

Each Tuesday, all classes will be involved in learning technology in our fantastic computer lab. Throughout the year they will cover many areas and be involved in learning new programs. In addition to this class teachers will give opportunities for their classes to work on computers to do research, projects and word processing.

As in previous years we will have an internet agreement between your child and the school. This agreement is to ensure that your child will obey the rules that we have in place regarding being on the internet. As you can appreciate, it is important that children are aware of the boundaries we have put in place and agree to abide by them.

We ask you to sit with your child / children and explain the agreement. Once you are happy that they understand, each of you will sign it. On return the class teacher will sign also. Without the return of this agreement your child will be excluded from use of the computers.

Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

Barb Quinn.

Next Tuesday - Shrove Tuesday

Traditionally on Shrove Tuesday people used up all their simple supplies to prepare for fasting during the Season of Lent fasting. This was a great opportunity to make and enjoy pancakes.

On Tuesday, February 12th, we will be selling pancakes 2 for $1-00. If your children would like some pancakes, which will take the place of our fruit break for that day, just send in the money in an envelope to your class teacher.

Parent Helpers urgently required!

Could you please complete the slip at the back on this newsletter if you are able to help?

Thank You!

Zone Swimming Carnival

The 2013 Zone Swimming Carnival will be held next Monday 18th February 2013 at Murwillumbah.

The squad St Joseph’s will be taking is looking very strong and we wish them all the best for the zone carnival.

Tessa Hendrikse        Emma Loughman
Lily Rainford          Alexandra MacDonald
Liliana Evans          Bianca Higgins
Chloe Quinn            Ruby Livesey
Holly Robson           Sophie Cummins
Cooper Stephan         Kye Haywood
Jed Fogo               Mac Mehrtens
Jacob Chandler         Brendan Piccini
Dylan Marshall         Danyon Wise
Elijah Devlin          Harrison Sharp
Jayke Mellows.
Welcome to our kindergarten class for 2013, pictured below with their buddies.

Drama Lessons

There is a place in Lachlan Glasby’s in-school Speech and Drama classes.

Students have one half hour lesson a week in which they cover speech making, poetry and other aspects of speech and drama.

Students will compete in the Murwillumbah Festival of Performing Arts as well as performing at least once a term. Cost is $110 per term.

If interested, please contact Lachlan on 0432387691 or via email at lachlanglasby@gmail.com

To check out aspects of the program visit www.doublemask.com

School Hours and the Supervision of Pupils

Normal supervision of pupils is provided during the conduct of the school each day.

School Times:
8:50 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. First Session
11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. Lunch
11:50 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Second Session
1:30 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. Afternoon Tea
1:50 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Third Session
3:00 p.m. School Concludes

From 3 p.m. school buses begin to arrive with all buses departing by 3:25 p.m. Children may go home from 3 p.m.

Lessons commence each morning at 8:50 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays. The school grounds are open to pupils from 8:20 a.m. until 3:25 p.m., which is the time of the departure of the last bus.

Supervision can be provided after 3:30 p.m. if a parent experiences an unexpected delay. If it is for a prolonged time, please try to advise the school.

Would you please assist the school in the interest of the pupils’ safety by ensuring that your child does not attend or remain in the precincts of the school outside the hours of 8:20 a.m. and 3:25 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays.

Special arrangements will be made in relation to any authorised activities which require attendance of the pupils at the school outside those hours.

Thank You

Thank you to Wayne Tagget who came in during the week to mow the school grounds.

Thank you also to the Loughman family for coming in over the week-end to clean up the paths and roadways at the front of the school.

Your help in keeping the school looking tidy is very much appreciated.
Student Pick-Up and Drop-Off

For those parents, carers and family members that drive their children to school, there are car parking spaces available on Wardrop Street. Park correctly and walk with your child to the school gate. In the afternoon all children must be collected from the shelter shed under the supervision of the teacher on duty. Students are to remain seated in this area. It is a play free zone.

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.

Wet weather days are particularly hazardous for children as traffic increases, visibility of children is decreased and slippery roads make driving conditions more difficult. Reduce speed, park correctly and walk with your child from the school gate to your vehicle. Children under 8 years should hold an adults hand when in the traffic environment.

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.

It is requested that all children are collected by 3:20 p.m. each afternoon unless prior arrangement has been made with the school.

Drum Lessons

Rex Carter has over 25 years’ experience teaching drum kit.

He is a professional musician who is currently playing with ‘The Round Mountain Girls’ and others.

Lessons are $25.00 per half hour and are in school hours. Lessons will commence this Friday February 8th.

Reading, rudiments, technique, co-ordination and independence, fills and solos.

Phone 6680 2598 / 0412184494.

Second Hand Uniform Pool

Do you have any uniforms that your children have grown out of and have no one to hand them on to?

We would love any uniforms that are still in good condition to add to our school uniform pool.

Please send any unwanted uniforms into the school office and they will be used and loved someone else.

Book Cub

Order forms for Issue 1 of book club will go home this week.

Money and orders need to be returned to school by Tuesday February 19th.
Welcome back to the new school year. Canteen recommences on Wednesday 5th February.

ROSTER
The roster for this week is:
Wednesday  February 5th  Deborah Borg & Geraldine Sharp
Friday      February 8th  Janelle Haywood & Sarah Hendrikse

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
If you are interested in volunteering for a Canteen shift – even just for 3 hours per term - please fill out the form in this newsletter and return to the Office by Friday 8th.
You can also contact Nelle Flynn directly on 0438 982 688 or email nelle@spiritlevelhealing.com.au

As Nelle’s work commitments have increased, we are also looking for someone to assist with the running of the Canteen e.g. ordering, restocking etc. This will involve only an hour or so every couple of weeks, so it is not onerous. Even if you cannot do Wednesday or Friday shifts, you can still help out in this way.

NEW MENU
There will be a new menu for the canteen coming in the next couple of weeks. We will now be getting sushi from Samurai Sushi. More details soon.

If you have any suggestions for how we can improve our canteen service, please contact Nelle on the number/address shown above.

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CANTEEN ROSTER

Yes I am available for canteen duty on

☐ Wednesdays  AND/OR  ☐ Fridays

★ I am unavailable on the following dates:

★ I am interested in assisting in the running of the canteen YES/NO (please circle)

Name: __________________________  Mobile: __________________________
Landline: ______________________  Email: ________________________
St. Joseph’s School
Greville Street
South Murwillumbah  2484
Phone: 0266721867
Email: sjpmbah@lism.catholic.edu.au
February 4th, 2013

2013 School Instrumental Program

Dear Parents,

This year Michel Voets will again be teaching instrumental music at Saint Joseph’s. We aim to continue our exciting new music program, which will continue to support the formation of the St Joseph’s School Band/ Choir/ Contemporary Pop Rock band! All a child needs is the opportunity to get started, so as to develop their musical concepts, knowledge and performance skills through learning to play an instrument. In the past, several year six students have progressed onto high school with these attributes and have pursued school band /music. Lessons will start tomorrow Wednesday 6th.

The program will incur a weekly fee of $15 – $25 (payable to teacher) and it is suggested that fees be paid a term in advance. Fees include:

1. Private weekly lessons (30 minutes) – $25 during school time
2. Group lessons (30 minutes) – group of 2 students $15 each
3. The opportunity to perform at assemblies, concerts and Festival of Performing Arts

Classes will be offered in the following instruments:

Guitar  Drums  Singing  Bass Guitar
Piano/Keyboard  Recorder Ensemble  Electric Guitar

Although the program is run at school, the school is not responsible for providing of instruments. This is the responsibility of the parents who are asked to borrow, hire or buy the instrument and keep it properly maintained as well as providing a music stand, tutor book, valve oil, reeds etc.

As most instruments are expensive to buy, many parents take advantage of either the interest free purchase plan or rental plan offered by most music outlets to students. This agreement is solely between the parent and the company from whom the instrument is being purchased or hired, the school or teacher not being responsible for any money transactions.

If you are interested in your child participating in the instrumental program please complete the return slip and hand it to the school as soon as possible. We look forward to a great start. Thank you for your support.

Ray Nihill
(Assistant Principal)

I am interested in my child __________________________ participating in the school instrumental program.

Instrument: __________________________  Year: __________________________
Parents Name (print)______________________________  Email: __________________________
Signed __________________________ (Parent)  Phone No:____________________________
Mobile: __________________________
WELCOME TO THE 2013 SCHOOL YEAR

ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL PARENT’S & FRIENDS FORUM welcomes back all of our families for the 2013 school year and a special welcome to any new families that have joined us for the first time.

To succeed in 2013 we need motivated parents to volunteer their services in areas they have an interest or talent. Everyone’s contribution, large or small makes a difference and our School community and the children will benefit greatly.

The Forum meets twice a term to discuss and make decisions for the benefit of the School and our children. Within the School Forum there are several areas. Some areas require little time occasionally, while others require more commitment on a regular basis.

These areas:

- Canteen/Uniform
- Well Being
- Fundraising/Social Events
- Library and Resources
- Maintenance

If you require any further information on any of the above please contact the school.

If you are interested please complete the form below and return to school as soon as possible.

ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL FORUM

NAME: ______________________   TELEPHONE: ____________________

(Please Print)

I would like to be involved in the Forum:

☐ Canteen / Uniform  ☐ Well Being

☐ Fundraising / Social Events  ☐ Maintenance / Mowing

☐ Library and Resources
**Mowing Roster**

I would like to have my name included on the school mowing roster.

Name ___________________________ Phone Number ___________________________

I would like to mow with ___________________________ I would like to mow on my own ___________________________

The school provides the mower, edger and petrol.

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**Shrove Tuesday February 12th**

I am available to help make and cook pancakes on Tuesday February 12th, from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

I understand that I may only be needed for 15 minutes and will be rostered on during this time.

Name ___________________________ Phone ___________________________

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**Murwillumbah Hockey Club Sign-On**

Saturday 9th, 16th and 23rd of February at Brothers Leagues Club, Dorothy Street, Murwillumbah.

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Ages 5 and up.

Contact Matt Palmer on 0410 031 802 for further information.

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**Parish Lenten Program**

“Believe”

During this Year of Grace and Year of Faith, let us take up the opportunity to deepen our belief in the goodness of our God. You are invited to join us for prayer and reflection during the weeks of Lent in a Lenten Group.

**Urgently needed: Hosts / Leaders**

Please sign up today to either host / lead a group, or if you would like to join a group. Please contact the Parish Office on 66721118.

Lenten books are available for a cost of $7-00.

If you are unable to attend a Lenten Group, books may be purchased for individual use at home.

The program will commence the week of 11th – 15th February.

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**Murwillumbah Colts JRLFC Sign-On**

When: Saturday 2nd February 2013 Saturday 9th February 2013

Times: 11am to 1pm

Where: Clubhouse

Dorothy St Murwillumbah

All new players will require Original Birth Certificate and Medicare Card.

All enquiries to Brendon Hill (President) – 0409 611 580.
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