From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we are celebrating Catholic Schools Week. A time for Catholic schools to reflect upon and celebrate the wonderful work we do each day in partnership with our parish and family communities. Catholic schools exist to proclaim the message of Jesus Christ within vibrant centres of learning. I thought it an opportune time to share with you the central faith statement of our Diocesan Contemporary Learning Framework:

‘Catholic education builds Christ-centred learning communities immersed in the mystery of God’s presence. In a sense of adventure these communities promote the communication of Truth, an abundance of life for all and service to the Church and world.’

I commend you on your choice to engage your children in our prestigious mission that we so proudly and capably deliver here at St Joseph’s! I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the staff of St Joseph’s on their professionalism and dedication to living out the mission of our Catholic school each and every day.

This week our parents, carers and parish community are welcome to join us in our Catholic Schools Week celebrations:

- 9.15am – 11.00am Wednesday 13th March – Catholic Schools Week Liturgy followed by an Open Classrooms session where you are welcome to wander through the classrooms of St Joseph’s whilst learning is in action and then enjoy morning tea with us.
- 10.00am Wednesday 13th March – Combined Tweed Catholic Schools Cluster Year 6 Mass at St Anthony’s, Kingscliff.
- 6pm Wednesday 13th March – ‘Reading Bugs’ Parent Reading information session.
- 7.30pm Thursday 14th March – St Patrick’s Concert in the Catholic Hall

Peace and blessings

Jason Clarke
Principal
Infants Liturgy

Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 gathered last Thursday for a lovely Liturgy. We reflected on God’s love for everyone and that during this Lent we need to think about our choices. It is never too late to make changes for the better in ourselves and how we behave towards others. It was great to have our families attend and celebrate with us too.

You Can Do It Awards

**Kindergarten**
- Maia Fergus-Mackie: Getting Along
- Ty Loughman: Persistence

**Year 1**
- Alexis Pelikan: Organisation
- Archie Lamb: Organisation

**Year 2**
- Katie Macdonald: Organisation
- Persistence
- Kelsey Wyborn: Persistence
- Bodhi Todd: Getting Along

**Year 3**
- Ruby Denner: Getting Along
- Wiley Hall: Resilience

**Year 4**
- Caelan Ouslinis: Confidence
- Taryn Gale: Confidence

**Year 6**
- Bianca Higgins: Organisation
- Persistence
- Jaidah Fergus-Mackie: Persistence
- Confidence

**Others:**
- Jaidah Fergus-Mackie: Persistence

Student Representative Council

Our elected SRC representatives from each of the primary classes have already been very busy helping to organise our Monday morning assemblies and our Easter raffle for this year. Our Semester 1 representatives are Amy Hanson (Year 3), Latisha Giddy (Year 4), Sarah Stuart (Year 5) and Sophie Cummins (Year 6).

Recently, at one of our Wednesday morning assemblies these students were presented with their badges and read their pledge together in front of the students from Kinder to Year 6. Congratulations to our four representatives.

Reading Bug

Helping your young child learn how to read can be tricky. If you would like some support with this come along to a reading meeting to be held in the Kindergarten classroom at 6 p.m. on Wednesday 13th March.

All welcome!
Students arriving at school on time and ready to learn!

It is important that students arrive at school on time and before the 8.50 a.m. bell. To ensure children have the best opportunity to be set up for effective learning it is necessary for them to have had an organised morning routine and are present to begin class with their teachers from the beginning of the school day. It is during the initial morning routines within the classroom that students are settled, anxieties relieved and directions and timetables for the days' activities are attended to. While we understand that there are always occasional times where a late arrival cannot be avoided, please ensure that you give your child/ren the greatest opportunity for success at school by having them arrive on time.

Diocesan Winter Sports Trials

Congratulations to the following players who have been selected to represent the Tweed Zone in the Diocesan Winter Sports Trials on Friday in Grafton.

Girls soccer
Lilian Evans
Shakrya Gillard
Matilda Stephan

Boys soccer
Dylan Marshall
Girls hockey
Chloe Quinn,
Phoebe Kirk
Ruby Livesey
Madison Wyborn

Boys hockey
Oscar O'Keefe
Rugby league
Danyon Wise

NSWCPS Swimming

Dylan Marshall will be representing the Diocese in backstroke in the upcoming NSW Catholic Primary Schools Swimming Trials.

Dylan broke his school record in the backstroke to place third and gain selection into the trials at Homebush later this week.

Good luck Dylan and we look forward to hearing about your efforts.

Responsible Pet Ownership Visit

By Kinder

Maree and Mastro came to our school. Maree taught us rules about being safe around dogs.

When we want to pat a strange dog we have to say, “Can I please pat your dog?” We have to let the dog sniff our hand before we pat the dog.

Some comments from us:
Charlie Twohill: I learned the dog rules.

Bailey Lofts: I liked doing the safe dog dance.

Lillian Grant: We looked at pictures on the screen so that we know what to do with dogs.

Amarae Smith: I saw a happy dog and an angry dog.

Vann O’Keefe: I liked patting the dog.

Forum Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

An order form for the St. Joseph’s P & F School Forum Easter Hot Cross Bun drive was sent home last week. Orders and money need to be returned to school by this Friday March 15th.

Your support of this fundraiser would be greatly appreciated.

Student Banking

A member of the Commonwealth Bank will be visiting the kinder classroom next Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. to speak about student banking through the school. They will also be available to help open a student banking account for your child.

All families are most welcome to attend.
Welcome Disco

Our St Joseph’s Parents and Friends School Forum is holding a welcoming disco at the school on Friday evening March 22nd from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

The music is being supplied by Brett O’Keefe. Please bring along a plate of food to share. This is a great opportunity for getting to know our new families and to meet some of the teachers in a more social setting.

Hopefully many families can support this gathering.

Quick and easy breakfast ideas:

Make sure your child starts every school day with a nutritious breakfast that includes foods from at least two of the five food groups. For example:

- wholegrain cereal with reduced-fat milk
- fruit smoothie
- boiled eggs and toast
- slices of fruit with yoghurt
- raisin toast with sliced banana
- muesli, chopped fruit and yoghurt
- wholemeal crumpets with sliced banana
- grilled cheese and tomato on toast
- tinned baked beans and toast
- porridge, sultanas with reduced-fat milk
- tinned fruit and yoghurt
- rice or noodles with lean meat or vegetables

Why is breakfast important?

- children who miss breakfast are often reported as having poor behaviour and poor concentration
- children who miss breakfast are often unable to meet their daily nutrient requirements
- children who miss breakfast are more likely to have a greater risk of being overweight or obese
- eating breakfast helps children learn and establish healthy eating habits early in life.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Wednesday April 3rd. Please ensure that all children are at school on time, dressed in full school uniform.

If you require a family photo envelope please contact the school office and one will be sent home for you.

Money and orders need to be returned to school no later than Tuesday April 2nd.

SRC Easter Raffle

St Joseph’s Student Easter Raffle is organising an Easter Raffle to be drawn on Wednesday March 27th.

Donations of Easter Eggs or other goods related to the Easter theme can be sent into school, or dropped off at the office, so that prizes can be made up for the raffle.

We would appreciate it if donations could be sent as soon as possible.

Tickets and money need to be returned to school no later than Monday March 25th.

Mathletics News

Congratulations to Sophie Viglione from Year 3 on reaching her Gold level in Mathletics for the second time. To reach this level, Sophie has achieved forty Bronze certificates.

This is a wonderful achievement and also shows great persistence from Sophie. She was awarded with her Gold certificate at our Wednesday morning assembly last week.
Canteen

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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

Sushi on the Menu

Students are now able to order sushi from the canteen. Each roll will cost $2.00 and the following flavours are available:

- Chicken teriyaki
- Tuna & avocado
- California roll (seafood)
- Vegetarian roll

Sushi will be supplied by the Samurai Sushi Bar in Murwillumbah. Orders will be phoned through by 9:30 a.m. Any late orders will miss out, unfortunately.

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.

PARENT LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW

The Secret of Happy Children – Steve Biddulph

Psychologist and family counselor Steve Biddulph has been hailed as a “childhood guru” (The Guardian) and a “publishing phenomenon” (the Times, London), and this is his landmark book, the foundation for his major international reputation. With unparalleled clarity, common sense, and warmth, The Secret of Happy Children instructs all parents about parent-child communication from babyhood to teens. It gives parents confidence to be more themselves as parents—stronger, more loving, more definite, more relaxed. Biddulph reveals what is really happening inside kids’ minds and what to do about it. He covers a wide variety of issues important to a child’s—and a parent’s—happiness, including stopping tantrums before they begin, curing shyness, the link between food and behavior, and much more. Parents will find themselves letting go of old, negative approaches and freeing up more energy to enjoy their kids and their own lives.

-Amazon.com
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 by Thursday March 28th.

Jason Clarke
Principal

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ANZAC DAY

Please return this slip to your teacher by Thursday March 28th.

**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)
Asian Food at the Canteen Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} March

The first of our international food days will take place on Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} March. Menu — only the following on the day (i.e. no drummies, pies, etc)

**Sushi $2.00**
- Chicken teriyaki
- Tuna & avocado
- California roll (seafood)
- Vegetarian roll

**Rice paper rolls $2.20**
- Prawn
- Vegetarian

**Chicken & noodle stirfry $2.20**

All orders by Thursday 21\textsuperscript{st} March please.

Slushies, icy treats, chips, twists etc available on the day.
Mt St Patrick College Enrolment 2014

Parents wishing to enrol their son or daughter in Year 7 in 2014 at Mt St Patrick College are asked to submit an Enrolment Application Form to the College by Friday 5th April, 2013.

Please contact the College on 66722340 for further details, if necessary.

Chocolate Paschal Lambs
on sale $7-00 each

This Easter instead of giving Easter eggs, why not give a Paschal Lamb and at the same time support the Michaelite Mission Priests in Papua New Guinea.

Phone Philomena Zambelli 66724635

An information sheet on the Michaelite Priests is available at the school office.

Come fly a kite on Sunday 24th March 2013!

You're invited to the Kites and Bikes Festival in Brunswick Heads on Sunday 24th March from 9am to 4pm, the weekend before Easter. This is a magical, relaxing day of eco-friendly kite flying, bike riding and community participation for the whole family, featuring a packed program of kids activities, entertainment and good old-fashioned fun by the seaside.

There's loads of parking, BBQ's for lunch, community stalls and giveaways. There's a bike decorating workshop and parade, kite-making workshops, giant kites and the amazing spectacle of the community fly-in on the foreshore at 2pm. Plus there's performances from Circus Arts, the Samba Blisstas, Buckley Family Band, Ukulele sing along, a jumping castle, face painting and much, much more.

www.kitesandbikes.com.au
ICAS International Competitions
(for students in Year 3 to Year 6 only)

I would like __________________________ of __________________________
(child’s name) (class)
to participate in the 2013:

- Australian Computer Skills Competition @ $8.00 per entry, Tuesday May 21st
- Australian Science Competition @ $8.00 per entry, held on Wednesday June 5th
- Australian Spelling Competition @ $11.00 per entry, held on Tuesday June 18th
- Australian Schools Writing Competition @ $17.00 per entry held on Monday June 17th
- Australian Schools English Competition @ 8-00 per entry, held on Wednesday July 31st
- Australian Schools Maths Competition @ $8-00 per entry, held on Tuesday August 13th

(Please tick which competition /s your child would like to participate in
and enclose the entry fee by Wednesday April 17th.)

Note: No nominations will be accepted after this date as all money and entries will be forwarded on Thursday April 18th.

Signed __________________________
Parent / Guardian
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**MURWILLUMBAH FARMERS MARKET**

Every Wednesday 7a.m. – 11 a.m.
Murwillumbah Showground
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Email: mail@mfdentist.com.au

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**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

Sacred Heart Church

Saturday  6:00 p.m.  Sunday  8:00 a.m.