Confirmation: Next Thursday evening we will have 14 students receiving the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Father Peter Slack (Sr Fran’s brother) will place his hands over the candidates and pray for the Holy Spirit to come upon them as their helper and guide, and to give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence and the spirit of wonder and awe in God’s presence. In preparation, Father Peter Slack will speak to the children about this important Sacrament on Thursday. Please keep the following children from our school in your prayers as they enter the next important stage of their faith journey: Charlotte Ashcroft, Maksym Buckley, Isabella Campbell, Henry Farrell, Riley Farrell, Patrick Harris, Isaac Holland, Cody Lynch, Henry McInherney-Nash, Charlotte McIntosh, Nieve Dwyer, Dylan Sheehy, Layla Threlfo and Emma Wheeler.

Pupil Free Day: On Monday 22nd August there will be a pupil free day which the staff will use as a professional development day. All schools in the Diocese are to complete professional learning around the new Australian Curriculum Geography syllabus. The teachers and students thoroughly enjoyed the new History units they completed during the first semester of this year, and are looking forward to working on some rich and engaging Geography lessons that will be started in Term 4. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to your regular routine but the long term benefits for future learning and achievements must be considered.

Late arrivals: A reminder that school commences at 9am. All students are expected to be at school before this time. If you are running late, you need to take your child to the office to be signed in and they will receive a purple late slip. Your child then needs to go to assembly (straight to class Tuesday mornings) through the back doors near the Yr 2 classroom. When they move off to class, your child needs to give the late slip to their teacher. Being punctual is a very important skill to pass onto your children.

Uniforms: At this stage of the year a general tidy up of uniforms is necessary. Girls with long hair need to have their hair tied up with a band of the school colours. Please ensure your child wears the correct jumper and footwear. No nail polish, wrist bands or jewellery. We hope to instil pride in our school and one way to do this is through our uniform.

Christmas in July: Don’t forget our school has a stall at the Christmas in July event on Saturday in the main street. Come and lend a hand, drop off goodies, or just stop by for a friendly chat!

Growth Mindset: Your child may have come home from school this year and mentioned the words ‘GROWTH MINDSET’. The idea is you can work on being smarter. Whatever abilities and talents you have are just a starting point, if you work hard, make mistakes and keep trying, you can achieve. Teachers are using it to encourage and motivate children in their classrooms. We need to encourage students to change the way they think and what they say about their learning. You may even be able to use some of the language at home. Some examples are:

It’s not: “I don’t know”…. It’s: “I’ll give it a go”;
It’s not: “I’ll give up”… It’s: “I’ll use another strategy”;
It’s not: “I can’t make this any better”…It’s: “I can always improve”
It’s not: “This is too hard”… It’s: “This may take some time”.

Your “I can” is more important than your IQ
Robin Sharma
Prayer for Mindset
Jesus, you are the Bread of Life, my Shepherd and friend
Jesus, be part of my dreams for the future,
be part of my life story, and the story of our school:
In our friendship, be with us.
In our failures, be with us.
In our successes, be with us.
At all moments, walk beside us.

Teach us your ways, Lord.
Teach us to be faithful
Teach us to treasure our friendship with you.
Amen.

Congratulations to Milla Seale who placed 23rd out of 74 runners at the recent Polding Trials in Sydney for the All Schools State Cross Country titles – fantastic effort Milla!!

Reminder:
Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on 19th August. All books read must be written down by this date. Please see Bec if you have any questions 😊

Thanks to the P&F members who helped with our shed clean out during the holidays – your time & efforts are greatly appreciated. And thanks to Darren Gill for constructing a new backing board for the basketball net – the kids love it!

Congratulations also to:
Natasha Holland, Shanye Stobbe, Maddie Goodridge, Sarah McIntosh, Milla Seale & Blake Steep who have qualified to compete at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival in Coffs Harbour on the 19th August.

Our former students are excelling at High School!

Many Yr 6 students from our school venture onto the next stage of their learning journey at the Regional High School in Port Macquarie. We have received some wonderful news that many of our 2015 Yr 6 students have really shone at their recent award ceremony. Bridie Reynolds, Chloe Eichmann, Emily Krige and Piper Seale all received Outstanding Achievement Awards which means they received an “A” in six or more subjects. Demi Magnus, Elka Gibson and Summah Armstrong received Outstanding Application Awards for excellent effort and application in all subjects.

We are very proud that there has always been a trend of our students achieving high standards once they reach high school. It is very reassuring to the school community that we are giving our students a wonderful foundation for their future learning. Sonya Steep.
Thank you to Julie Krige, Elizabeth Farrell, Sally Burg, Penny Ashby & Catherine Dollery for spending some time this week sorting out the ever-growing pile of uniforms in our clothing pool.

Please note, that around half of these items are lost property which have no names (as a result they end up in the uniform pool or go to charity).

A little time spent labelling clothes will prevent unnecessary financial outlay & inconvenience...

LABEL IT OR LOSE IT!!!

Class happenings this week...

Kinder & Yr 6 Buddy reading

Leanne Parsons has been working with Kinder and Year 1 this week on the Dreamtime Story “How the Birds Got their Colours”. Here are some of the beautiful Kinder artworks....

Yr 6 Visual Arts with Mrs O’Neill – hand and tree art...
Book week will be celebrated at school from Tues 23rd – Fri 26th August.

A Book Fair will be held on the Tues 23rd & Wed 24th Aug in the Library from 8am – 9:30am. Children will have a chance to look at the books for sale and make a wish list the week before. All classes will be doing some activities in the Library and voting for their favourite book in the shortlisted categories. More information will follow in the next couple of weeks.

Wed 24th Aug will also be an ‘out of uniform day’. Students are to wear green & gold to support our Aussie athletes in Rio (this is in lieu of a Book Week Costume parade).

Regards, Bec.