On Monday the whole school attended Mass for the feast of **The Assumption**. This day celebrates Mary’s passing over, body and soul, from this world to be with her risen Son in heaven. Once again we were proud of the reverent and prayerful participation shown by our students during this parish celebration.

This was followed on Wednesday by a **Leadership Day** for students in Years 5 & 6. Senior students play an important part in the development of our school culture and this day was designed to help them learn about acceptance, honesty, trust, responsibility, cooperation and respect. Hopefully they will now continue to model these qualities for the younger students in our school and take on board personally as life values. Thank you to Miss Lulham for organising the activities and to Mr Marshall who ran the day with other staff at the Tenison Centre and Parish gardens (see photos and report p.2)

This week we welcomed two new students to our school. The **Welsh family**, Charlotte (Year 5) and Wil (Year 3) and parents Stephen and Renee, have returned to the area and our school after a few years living in the Wollongong area (Charlotte was here in Kinder & Year 1). Please join with us in making them feel welcomed and a part of our wonderful school community.

Speaking of community, Henry, Deidre and Gilbert McInherney-Nash visited me this week and expressed their thanks and appreciation for the support they have received from the school over the past week following the sudden passing of Henry’s dad Greg last week. The meals that have been sent in have been a big help, and the parents who went along to the memorial service at the crematorium on Wednesday were a great emotional support to the family. Of course, ongoing support is going to be needed and anyone wishing to help out should contact the school or Brendon (0499653783) and Therese (0467961434) Lynch (Class Parents and close friends of Deidre and Henry). A reminder also that a fund has been set up to provide a family respite holiday in the near future. Donations can be made electronically at the Commonwealth Bank BSB 062-648 Acc No. 10236567. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**NAPLAN Results:** Parents of Year 3 and 5 students should have received their child’s individual Naplan results this week. Remember, this is a snapshot of progress taken earlier in the year and should be compared to other information and reports sent home by teachers. If you are concerned about your child’s results or would like further explanation about what they mean, please contact your child’s teacher. The school will now begin a process of evaluating and analysing trend data from the tests which will assist us in making plans for better learning opportunities in the future.

Kind Regards, David Hughes  (Principal)
Paul Wilson Soccer & Netball Challenge: Paul Wilson was a former teacher at St Joseph’s Laurieton who sadly lost his battle with cancer a few years after leaving this school. Now, each year, the Diocese has a memorial soccer challenge named after Paul. The local carnival has been extended to include netball and Catholic schools from the area participate in both competitive and non-competitive games for students in Years 5 and 6. The southern area qualifying round will be held next Thursday at Laurieton Oval with St Joseph’s Laurieton once again hosting the carnival. We are running a canteen on the day (all proceeds coming to our school) and quite a few helpers will be needed. Please contact Bronwyn Burke 0414 939 506 if you can help out.

CALENDAR

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Future Events

Father's Day Breakfast & Liturgy & Activities Friday 2 September

On Wednesday our Year 5 and 6 classes attended a leadership retreat. Leadership values covered on the day were acceptance, honesty, trust, responsibility, cooperation and respect. The students all participated and enjoyed the variety of activities involved in learning what a good leader is and does. We look forward to the students applying their knowledge and to continue demonstrate excellent leadership qualities for our younger students to follow. Mr Marshall and Miss Lulham

Prayer

For The Assumption

Father in heaven, all creation rightly gives you praise, for all life and all holiness come from you.

In the plan of your wisdom she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and soul in glory to be with Him in heaven.

May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
BRAINSTORM PRODUCTION LIVE SHOW:
BEING BRAVE (Tues 23 August)

Being Brave is a live theatre production which will help students accept change, deal with their emotions and bounce back when things go wrong. The production is inspirational and empowering, providing kids with strategies such as good communication and positive self-talk, to help make them more resilient and able to navigate life’s storms! We are sure the children will thoroughly enjoy this performance which has already been paid for through school fees.

SPORTS NEWS...

➢ DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL:
Today we have the following students from our school travelling to Coffs Harbour as part of the Hastings Athletics squad to compete at the Diocesan Carnival: Sarah McIntosh, Shanyse Stobbe, Madelaine Goodridge, Milla Seale, Natasha Holland and Blake Steep. Most are competing in field events. We wish them well and hope they have a fun day!

➢ HASTINGS CATHOLIC SCHOOL SOCCER & NETBALL GALA DAY:
On Thursday 25th August our school is hosting the Years 5/6 Zone Soccer & Netball Gala Day at Laurieton Oval. This is developing into a big day for our school, with about 250 children taking part, giving us a top opportunity to show what a great school community we have here at St Joseph’s.

To assist with having “goodies” to sell at the canteen on the day, YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! We need cupcakes, slices, biscuits etc. and we are asking for donations of these from families from our school. These need to be dropped off either at school or Laurieton Oval by 9.00am on Thursday 25th August.

Help is also needed with setting up fields, refereeing soccer, umpiring netball, working in the canteen etc. If you would like to assist, please complete the separate note that has been sent home today, and return it to school by next Tuesday 23rd August.

P & F Reminder…

BEACH WALKATHON
PERMISSION NOTES DUE
BACK TO SCHOOL ASAP!

HELP STILL REQUIRED FOR CANTEEN.
**INVITATION:**
A special Children’s Liturgy will be held at Kendall Church 9am Sunday 11th September. All welcome.

Jess Koenig

**STOP PRESS:**
**LATEST BOOKCLUB ORDER (ISSUE 6)**
**DUE AT SCHOOL BY 31st AUG 😊😊😊**

**BAND NOTICE:**
Due to Mon 22nd being a pupil free day, band will be held on Friday 26th Aug instead.

**TUES 23rd & WED 24th AUG – BOOKFAIR**
Our “Australia! Story Country” Book Fair will commence at 8am-9.30am each morning in the library. Parents, grandparents etc. are welcome to come along with the students to purchase books (cash sales only, no credit card facilities).

During library lessons next week, the students will also listen to an Australian story by an Australian Author and participate in activities and games relating to that book.

**WED 24th AUG – GREEN & GOLD DAY (out of uniform)**
Please come dressed in our country’s sporting colours – showing your Aussie spirit in light of our recent Olympic achievements and to support our Paralympians as they compete in Rio. We look forward to seeing some awesome & creative outfits!!!(this is a dress up day instead of the Book Character parade)

**CANTEEN REMINDER**
**Wed 24th Aug** $5 Meal Deal Day
Home-made mini pizzas plus a juice

**COMPETITION!**

‘CATCH-A-READER’

National Literacy and Numeracy Week is during Week 7 of this term, 29th Aug- 2nd September. The idea is for students to ‘catch’ someone reading and take a photo of them. It might be an unusual place or at an unusual time so use your imagination.

The best entry from Infants and Primary will win a prize. Please email your entries to lar@ism.catholic.edu.au for attention of Mrs Aldridge or bring your photo straight to me. Judging will take place on Friday 2nd September so get snapping and surprise me!

Mrs Aldridge