Refugee Sunday: This Sunday, August 28, the Catholic Church in Australia will celebrate Migrant and Refugee Sunday. Drawing on the theme of the current Year of Mercy, Pope Francis draws our attention to the treatment of refugees globally and in our local communities, challenging us by asking whether our personal response towards migrants and refugees is grounded in mercy. That is, the mercy which God has shown to us first. Pope Francis encourages us all to examine our consciences with regards to our attitudes towards refugees and migrants and to take every opportunity to better help our brothers and sisters who have come across the seas. See our prayer on Page 2.

Assistant Principal Appointment: Mrs Sonya Steep has been our Acting Assistant Principal for the past 2 years and has decided to step down from this role at the end of the year. Sonya’s contributions as the Acting AP have been nothing short of outstanding and I thank her for the many extra hours that she has dedicated to the school. Sonya will remain on staff and concentrate on her true love as a classroom teacher i.e. spending quality time with her class and enjoying her interaction and relationships with her students. I am pleased to announce that one of our current staff, Mrs Jessica Koenig, has been the successful applicant for the position and will commence her contract from the beginning of next year. Thank you Sonya and congratulations Jessica, our whole school community looks forward to working more closely with you in the future.

Professional Development: On Monday our staff received training for the introduction of the new Australian Curriculum in Geography. Mrs Lorna Aldridge and Mr Michael Marshall were our trained presenters on the day. History (introduced from the beginning of the year) and Geography now take the place of the old key learning subject Human Society and Its Environment. The new syllabus has a greater emphasis on the role of fieldwork, geographical skills and tools such as maps and spatial technologies and strong use of inquiry learning techniques which are designed to increase student engagement in their learning. I am sure that students will enjoy the interesting units that the teachers started preparing on Monday, especially the opportunities to get outside and observe and explore the world around them. Geography studies will commence from the beginning of next term for all students.

Book Week: This week we celebrated Book Week in the Library. We had a successful “Australia! Story Country” book fair on Tuesday and Wednesday and students dressed in green and gold to highlight the Aussie theme. During library visits classes sat around the campfire and were introduced to this year’s short listed books, then went on to design a tree house, listen to Aussie songs and play some inside games (unfortunately the wet weather put a dampener on the planned Olympic relays). Many thanks to our Teacher Assistants, Bec Faddy and Jane Border, who set up the library display, ran the book fair and organised activities for the classes. See photos Page 3.

Being Brave Show - children were taught skills about being resilient and coping when things go wrong. Here are some comments: Milla Seale- The message I gained was that we can keep memories if they are good ones but sometimes we need to let things go and move on...Daniel Reeves: “never give up and always keep going...”Brielle Latham: “know that you always have someone to help you if you need it. It might be your parents, a friend or a teacher. You just have to ask”.... Jacob Bennett: “be brave doesn’t mean to be tough and cool. You have to be brave sometimes to show your feelings or that you care and it’s ok to do that”. Sonya Steep.
CALENDAR

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Future Events:
- NAIDOC Celebrations Tues 6th Sept
- Yr 4 Nursing Home visit Mon 12th Sept

LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK

Next week, Week 7 is National Literacy and Numeracy Week. National Literacy and Numeracy Week helps to raise awareness of the importance of literacy and numeracy at school and beyond. Throughout the week classes will be taking part in some special literacy and numeracy activities. On Thursday September 1st the whole school will take part in Reading the picture book "My Two Blankets" by Irena Kobald. The idea is that all schools in Australia will be doing the same thing at the same time. The celebrations will culminate with the announcement of the 4 'Catch a Reader' winners of the photograph competition – see info on Page 4 of newsletter. Lorna Aldridge.

Congratulations to the following students who completed the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge: Summa Clare, Mackenzi Dietrich, Sienna Gill, Piper Facer, Molly Kirk, Josh Bartlett, Sam deSilva, Amber Fyffe, Eden Lewis-Bain, Eliza Lynch, Dylan Sheehy and Logan Tunhavasana.

Also congratulations to children in kinder, year 1 and 2, who completed the challenge as a class. Well done to Isabella Campbell and Henry McInherney-Nash (year 2) who also completed the challenge at home.

Thank you to all who participated, Bec

BEACH WALKATHON
PERMISSION NOTE & MONEY DUE AT SCHOOL BY MON 12th SEPT

PAUL WILSON CUP POSTPONED...

Due to poor weather on Wednesday, a decision was made to postpone the Yr 5 & 6 Soccer & Netball Gala Day. This event will now be held on either 7th, 8th or 9th Sept (to be advised).

As always, thank you to the volunteers who offered to help with setup, canteen duty & food donations – your time and efforts are greatly appreciated and we look forward to seeing everyone next month. MARK BULLOCK

PRAYER

Merciful Father,

Look with mercy on our brothers and sisters who live as migrants and refugees. May they find welcome and a home away from home here in the vast Australian land.

Bless those who work and minister to the migrants and refugees. May setbacks and oppositions not discourage them in their endeavours. Assure them of your merciful love and reward them with your abundant love. Help us, O Father, to be as merciful as you.

May we offer them the welcome and assistance they desperately need. May your mercy help us to create a world where no one is a stranger and excluded. We ask this through your merciful son Jesus. Amen.
AUSSIE BOOK WEEK...

GREEN & GOLD DAY...

It was great to see creative and colourful costumes for our Green & Gold Day on Wednesday and students embracing our Aussie spirit of ‘having a go’!

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS:

Congratulations to Madelaine Goodridge, Sarah McIntosh, Natasha Holland, Milla Seale, Blake Steep and Shanyse Stobbe on representing the Hastings Zone at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival last week in Coff's Harbour. Milla (1st Jnr girls 800m); Natasha (1st Jnr girls shotput & 3rd Jnr girls discus); Maddy & Sarah (AWD events) have qualified for the Polding Athletics in Newcastle on Thurs 8th Sept!!

Friday Night Rugby Union – Congratulations to our team who have completed an enjoyable season playing in the Port Macquarie Rugby Union comp. It has been great to see the improvement in the team overall and individually during the season. Special congratulations to Charlie Whelan who was awarded the Steve Taylor “Spirit of Rugby” medal for our team. This award is presented to one player in each team for playing in the spirit of enjoyment and fun. A big thank you to Mick Aldridge and parents as well 😊😊😊

Congratulations to Calum Aldridge who as well as playing in our school Friday Night Rugby Union team, played in the Kempsey 12 yrs team that was successful in winning their Grand Final last Friday night!

MARK BULLOCK – SPORTS COORDINATOR
Digital photos of Confirmation candidates are now available. Please contact the office for an email copy.

**COMING EVENTS:**

**WEEK 7 (NEXT WEEK):**
FATHER’S DAY BBQ BREAKFAST from 7.30am & LITURGY from 8.40am (a detailed note will be sent home on Monday)

**WEEK 8** NAIDOC Celebrations – Tuesday 6th Sept

**WEEK 9** BEACH WALKATHON – Thurs 15th September

GRANDPARENTS DAY – Fri 16th Sept

**WEEK 10**
DRIVEWAY REPAIRS – Mon 19th Sept to Fri 23rd Sept. No access to school carpark. Buses and cars to use the Parish/Preschool carpark next door. Teachers will be on duty

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**COMMUNITY NOTICE:**

Port Macquarie Golf Club is holding its annual junior open golf day on Sunday the 11th of September.

- events for all children under 19 and for any ability.
- focus on fun and introducing golf as a fun sport.

There will be a 4 hole event for the 5 to 10 year olds with the holes being 150m long.

There will be a 9 hole event for the 11 to 18 year olds that don’t have a golf handicap but would like to play with their friends.

For the more serious there will be a 18 hole event for golfers with a golf handicap.

Tee off starts at 8am and there will be a BBQ lunch for all competitors and parents. Further details on the Port Macquarie Golf Club website or by calling the pro shop on 6582 0784.

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**CATCH A READER PHOTO COMPETITION**

Next week is National Literacy & Numeracy Week... the idea is for students to ‘catch’ someone reading and take a photo of them. The best entry from Infants and Primary will win a prize.

Please email entries to larp@lism.catholic.edu.au (attn. Mrs Aldridge) or photos can be handed to Mrs Aldridge in person. Judging will take place next Friday.

So snap to it!!

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**Want your kids outdoors, active and having fun this summer?**

Enjoy Wednesday afternoons with your family, by the river at **Camden Haven Little Athletics**

The 2016-17 season will commence with two trial nights on Wednesday 7th & 14th September from 4-5.30pm.

**PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE at www.lansw.com.au** preferably before 1st September to enable our registrar to streamline the process for you!

Registration days will be held on Sunday 11th & 18th Sept at the oval (playground) from 10:30am – 12pm for collection of registration numbers, completion of additional paperwork and purchase of uniforms. Any registration enquiries and details that need completion once the season starts can be done at the end of each club night.

Season registration $75 per athlete, reduced registration of $70 for the third child and after from the same family, plus club singlets $20 each

$10 late fee applies for each registration received after 31st October

**Note:** Anyone born after September 1999 and before October 2012 (or after Sept 2012 and before Oct 2013 if an older sibling is registered) can join Camden Haven Little Athletics Club as an athlete.

You can trial two consecutive Wednesday nights before registering...just sign our Trialist form at the grounds before participating.

For our information booklet please email chla2443@gmail.com or text 0432614146