Today we celebrated Father’s Day at school with a tasty bacon and egg breakfast, followed by a liturgy where we prayed for fathers. While brekkie was being cooked, dads and kids enjoyed some outdoor activities including hurling tennis balls at riot shields manned by our dads (photo above shows Mr Hughes & Mr Marshall in the firing line). Others had a ‘mug shot’ taken with the police car and bikes on show and it was great to see so many dads in attendance. Thanks to Gayl Ellis and her helpers who organised such a great morning for our dads. On behalf of our whole school community I would like to thank all fathers for the important role they play in the lives of families and wish them all a happy Father’s Day for Sunday.

Making Jesus Real: This week Peer Support groups started again with a focus on the Making Jesus Real (MJR) program. Each week at school we will look at ways we can all Make Jesus Real in our lives. This usually means talking about how we can transfer the message that we hear about how Jesus wants us to live into simple actions in the way we treat others. This week our Year 5 & 6 leaders asked our students how to be welcoming. Hopefully they will bring these actions home and I encourage you to discuss the various MJR initiatives each week and in doing so reinforce these values as worthwhile practice in their daily lives. Each week until the end of term we keep you informed of the theme we will be discussing in our Peer Support sessions. See further information on Page 2.

New addition…..we would like to welcome Cooper Watts and his parents Helen & Richard to our school. Cooper joins our Year 2 class and we wish him all the best!

IMPORTANT NOTE:
NEXT WEEK SPORTS DAY WILL BE ON THURS 8TH SEPT
First Year Principal Appraisal: As part of my contract, I will be undergoing an Appraisal later this term. Please refer to the enclosed letter (on Page 4) from the Catholic Schools Office regarding the parent survey which you may have received this week. Your support in completing this will assist in my professional development as Principal. There will also be an opportunity for parents to meet with the panel so if you would like to take up this opportunity please contact Mrs Muller in the office.

David Hughes, Principal

Wishing all our wonderful Dads a Happy Father’s Day! We hope you enjoyed the breakfast and the liturgy this morning.

Father’s Day Prayer
God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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Future Events

Thursday 15 Sept: WALKATHON
Friday 16 Sept: Grandparent’s Day

Making Jesus Real - Peer Support

Our Peer Support program started on Thursday this week. It will run for the next four weeks and will have a Making Jesus Real focus. Making Jesus Real is about fostering a relationship with Jesus that is real and relevant to their daily lives. MJR is centred around the belief that we are the image of Jesus to all people around us and that our actions should reflect the values taught in the Gospel.

Peer Support is also a great opportunity for students from Kinder to Year 6 to make friendships and support networks with children from other classes. It is also a great opportunity for Year 5 and 6 students to showcase their leadership skills. The focus for this week is about the first part of being a WEST school, which is Welcoming!

Josie Lulham

Right: Year 6 students have created their own ‘life size’ rosary this week!
EVENTS THIS WEEK.....

YEAR 6 PEER MINISTRY WITH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

On Wednesday, Year 6 had the privilege of meeting up with a Year 9 Religion Class from St Joseph’s Regional College. Year 6 caught the bus to the Regional school for the first session. The Year 9 class ran some games and then took Year 6 on a tour around the school. They then participated in a small liturgy in the College Chapel. It was a fantastic experience and Year 6 are looking forward to their next visit in Week 9!

HASTINGS HEADWAY VISIT...

On Wednesday morning, Year 5 and 6 were visited by Hastings Headway Incorporated. The students learnt about brain injuries, their effects and most importantly how they can try and prevent them. Our students gained a broader appreciation of the importance of wearing helmets and seatbelts. They would especially like to thank Matthew and Glen for sharing their own personal stories. Mr Marshall & Miss Lulham

CRICKET SKILLS DAY

On Thursday Yrs 3-6 participated in a cricket clinic held by Cricket NSW MidNorth Coast. The day consisted of five rotations in which students worked on catching, batting, bowling, throwing and fielding skills. It was great to see so many of our students refining their skills and having fun. A big thank you to Pat Kerr for inviting our school, Cricket NSW representatives and Camden Haven High School students for running the skill stations. Michael Marshall – Yr 5
REMINDER NAIDOC DAY
TUES 6th SEPT
There will be a variety of activities on offer to students. Please wear the following colour shirt for your class:

Kinder & Year 1 - yellow
Yrs 2, 3, & 4 - red
Yrs 5, 6 & staff - black
(normal school uniform for the bottom half i.e. school pants, socks & shoes).
Parents are welcome to attend throughout the day.

Canteen thanks…. this week to Raelene Wheatley, Irene McArdle, Carol Ronson, and Rob Fragomelli for putting together our new lunch tub racking system. Also big thanks to Bronnie Burke, Gayl Ellis for Father’s Day preparations and to all the other parent helpers who offer their time to support our school community in a number of ways – we are very grateful 😊

FREEZER FOR SALE:
480L freezer $500 ono.
Previously used in our canteen.
120cm w x 70cm h x 85cm d
Please contact the school office if you are interested.

Congratulations to Paige Hudson in Year 2, for competing in the North-east region Champion of Champions tennis tournament finals recently in Inverell. Paige placed equal third! Well done 😊

Moore Family helping the children of Vanuatu…
Jacob & Gabriel Moore will be travelling to Vanuatu with their family shortly. They are taking school supplies with them for children in Vanuatu.
If you would like to donate pencils, rubbers, sharpeners etc. for this cause please hand items in to our office. They fly out on 10th Sept so donations need to be in next week 😊

Beach Walkathon Reminder
Thursday September 15th
Walking from Lake Cathie to Rainbow Beach, 11:00am to 2:00pm

- Money & permission note due by Monday 12th September.
- Parents welcome to join in and/or help with the BBQ.

Please contact the school if you can assist.