A new saint for our Church: You may have seen on the news this week that Pope Francis invoked St. Teresa of Calcutta as the church’s latest saint in his special greetings to the sick, to young people, and to newlyweds in St. Peter’s Square for the occasion. “This past Sunday, we celebrated the canonisation of Mother Teresa of Calcutta,” said Pope Francis. In his address, he encouraged his audience to “become like her: artisans of mercy.” Below are some of Saint Teresa’s sayings that we can all try to apply in our lives and in doing so become more saintly ourselves:

*If you judge people, you have no time to love them.*

*Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.*

*There are no great things, only small things with great love. Happy are those.*

Religious Education Test Results: Based on recent results from this assessment conducted earlier in the year by the University of NSW, it appears that our Year 6 students have gained quite a bit of “saintly” knowledge themselves during their time at St Joseph’s Laurieton. 27 students participated in the test with the following results: 3 Participation Certificates; 13 Credit Certificates; 9 Distinction Certificates and 2 High Distinction Certificates. Congratulations Year 6 on your outstanding results and well done teachers in assisting students to reach such high levels. Of course, the ultimate goal is to now have students transfer knowledge into action in how they live and conduct themselves each day. From my observations, I am proud to say that I believe they do this well as leaders in our school and in their daily dealings with others in our community. Like Saint Teresa, our students are generally great role models for others through their example.

**Congratulations Mrs Steep:** As announced previously, Mrs Steep is stepping down from her role as Acting Assistant Principal at the end of the year. This week Sonya received a letter of thanks and flowers from the Director of Catholic Schools, Mr David Condon. In his letter Mr Condon thanked Sonya for the wonderful job she has done as Acting Assistant Principal over a period of three years.

Earlier this term, Mrs Steep was also nominated by the staff for an Excellence in Catholic Education Award for 2016 in two categories: Leadership and Experienced Teacher. Although Sonya did not take out the awards this year, Mr Condon stated in his letter “it remains a wonderful achievement and acknowledgement of your dedication and service to Catholic education in the Diocese”. On behalf of our school community I would also like to congratulate Sonya on her nomination - we are lucky to have her as part of our terrific staff team here at St Joeys!

School Improvements: Over the next few weeks construction work will commence on improving the entrance to the school. Next week a new electronic sign will be installed so that we are more visible to our community. During Week 10 the driveway that adjoins the Henry Kendall Reserve Road will be dug up and replaced with concrete in order to cope with the turning buses and other vehicles. **There will be no access to the school via the carpark during the last week of school.** Buses will drop off and pick up students at the bus stop in front of the church. Parents visiting the school are asked to park in the church carpark also. A kiss and drop and pick up zone will be set aside in the church carpark as well. Extra staff will be present in the mornings and afternoons to ensure student safety. Please drive slowly if using the car park as there will also be preschool and early care children in this area. Weather permitting, the driveway will reopen for cars the first week back after the holidays and for buses in the second week of term.
Staff Professional Development Day: The first day after the next school holidays, Monday 10 October will be a staff Professional Development Day (Pupil Free Day). Staff will be trained in assessing student’s mathematical understanding, using assistive technology and speech therapy strategies in their classrooms. Please contact the office if you require child care for this day.

Principal Appraisal: Just a reminder that if you received a survey re my first year appraisal as Principal, could you please complete the survey by early next week. Your feedback is important to me and will assist me to lead your school to the best of my ability. Also, there is an opportunity for a couple more parents to meet the panel and provide comments on Tuesday 20 September from 2:00pm to 2:25pm. All responses will be confidential. Please call the office and leave your details if you are available. David Hughes, Principal

HELP required for Grandparents Day morning tea. Please call office if you can assist.

Making Jesus Real
This week’s Peer Support theme was Encouraging. Challenge: Try to be encouraging to others 7 times by next week!

Best of luck to Sarah McIntosh who is competing at the PSSA next week in Darwin!

Children's Liturgy this Sunday 9am Kendall with morning tea

CALENDAR

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| MON 12th Sep | CBA Banking  
Canteen  
Band & Music lessons |
| TUES 13th Sep | 8:15a.m. Staff Meeting |
| WED 14th Sep | Library Years 1 & 4  
3:15 p.m. Staff Meeting |
| THUR 15th Sep | BEACH WALKATHON |
| FRI 16th Sep | GRANDPARENTS DAY  
9.15 liturgy / 9.40 concert / 11am morning tea, gymnastics display & genius hour  
Sports Uniform - Gymnastics |
| Future Events | 19th-23rd Sep – Driveway Construction  
Mon 10th Oct PUPIL FREE DAY |

Genius Hour Report - Fiona Hayward (Gifted & talented Coordinator)

Exciting things have been happening in the Genius Hour classroom! During the past few weeks students have delved into research in order to fully answer their initial inquiry question. During this time we have looked at identifying accurate websites along with other forms of research, reviewed the power of paraphrasing and spoken extensively about the importance of referencing sources of information. I have however been particularly impressed with a large portion of students who have demonstrated that they are able to not only read but understand research aimed at an adult audience, exercising comprehension skills at the highest level. Students are now well into planning for the final phase of the Genius Hour cycle which involves sharing their work with an audience. Some examples of presentations we can look forward to include short videos, live demonstrations as well as many speeches accompanied with PowerPoint presentations or models. It takes great courage to stand in front of an audience and present work which is truly your own so we would like to offer you the opportunity (if you are able), to come along and cheer your child on for their presentation. Presentations will be held during each grades normal Genius Hour timeslot across Weeks 8, 9 and 10. So please keep an eye out for your invitation- we would love to have you join us in the classroom!

WALKATHON REMINDER – PERMISSION NOTE & MONEY DUE ON MONDAY 12th SEPT – no note, no walk!!
Dreamtime stories, dance & art

NAIDOC DAY CELEBRATIONS

Bush tucker & sausage sizzle

Colouring competition
Camden Haven Junior Touch Football Registration

This competition will commence on Wednesday 19th October - Saturday 25th February 2017 (there will be a 4 week break over Christmas). Games will be played on Wednesdays at 4:30pm and 5:10pm. The Senior mixed team games will follow. You can register individually (and we will put you in a team) or get together some mates and put your own team in. Registrations will be at Laurieton United Servicemen’s Club. Registration dates: Wed 21st Sept, Tues 27th Sept, Wed 28th Sept 5pm - 7pm

*Please note there will be no more registrations taken after 28th September.

Cost: $50.00 per child (includes a team singlet). Divisions: under 8’s, 10’s, 12’s, 14’s & 16s

We are looking forward to another great junior touch footy season!!!

Any further questions please email us camdenhaven@touch@hotmail.com or call Bec on 0403 909 799.

Kinder students and their families gathered winter clothing donations for St Vincent DePaul during the week. Thank you Kinder 😊

SPORTING NEWS...

GIRL POWER!
Good luck to Natasha Holland, Madelaine Goodridge and Milla Seale who are members of the Lismore Diocesan Athletics Team taking part in the Polding Athletics Carnival in Newcastle today.

Go Girls!

NETBALL NEWS – MORE GIRL POWER!
Our successful Netball team from Wednesday’s Gala Day will be playing a match against a team from either St Agnes or St Peters Port Macquarie at our school next Wednesday, starting at 9.30am. The winner of this match qualifies for the Diocesan Finals Day being held in Grafton on Wednesday 21st September.

Go Girls!

Mark Bullock – Sports Coordinator

Yr 5-6 Gala Sports Day

On Wednesday Yr 5 & 6 students participated in the Diocesan Netball & Soccer Gala Day. The students had a great day playing against opposition from Wauchope and Kempsey. Both netball teams went through the day undefeated and showed excellent skill and sportsmanship. Our soccer sides both competed with great character and showed improved game awareness and skill considering that the majority of students were new to the game. A big thank you to Mr Bullock for organising the day, the students from St Joseph’s Regional College for being excellent game officials and to Bronwyn Burke and all the helpers in the canteen that kept everyone’s bellies satisfied! Michael Marshall, Josie Lulham, Vanessa Peck, Bec Faddy

CATCH A READER WINNING ENTRIES:
Abby Hudson, Lilyana Fragomelli, Brielle Latham & Layla Threlfo