Grandparents Day: Today we celebrated Grandparents’ Day and once again we had a great turn out of grandparents, parents and parishioners. First of all we thanked God and prayed for our grandparents in a beautiful liturgy. This was followed by a concert which included items from the school band, guitar group, choir, a gymnastics display, dancing and ukulele playing. Such talent we have at St Joseph’s! Following the concert our visitors enjoyed a morning tea and those that were able to stay a little longer watched their grandchildren perform on the gymnastics equipment and some even stayed to watch the Genius Hour presentations by students in Years 3 & 4.

Walkathon Success! Yesterday the weather was kind to us as we held our annual fundraising walkathon. The cloud cover protected us from the sun and the rain held off allowing for perfect conditions for walking and playing on the beach. All children, teachers and parents enjoyed the leisurely stroll from Middle Rock Lake Cathie to Bonny Hills. The P&F Fundraising team (a big thank you to Amanda Bartlett who organised this event) provided a much appreciated BBQ lunch and drink for everyone. Afterwards, the children played on the beach including touch games, cricket, handball and lots of sand modelling. It was wonderful to see the children mix together to play and have so many parents join us for the day. Thank you to all the parents (and grandparents) who helped with the BBQ, walking with the children and providing another set of eyes on the beach. A reminder that the purpose of the Walkathon was to raise funds for the school - all donations and sponsorship money must be returned to school next Monday 19 September. The base $15.00 per students covered the cost of the buses, sausage sizzle, drink and a small donation to the school. All money raised will go towards providing the best resources and environment for our students. Thank you for your support once again. (Photos Pg 2)

Work Begins: Improvements to the entrance to the school commenced this week with the removal of some trees and bushes (these will be replaced in another location) and the installation of a new electronic sign which looks great even before the electricity is connected. Some further tidying up and landscaping in this area over coming weeks will look even better. Tomorrow the driveway replacement work starts so remember all access to the school will be via the church carpark next week.

David Hughes, Principal
**Prayer for Grandparents**

Dear God,
Please bless our grandparents.
Thank you for the life they gave my parents and for the life they give to me.
For the ways they help me and make me strong, I give thanks.
For the ways they love me no matter what, I thank them.
For the ways they have paved the road that leads me here, I am grateful.

Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life.
Let them find peace and rest from their work.
Let them be healed of every sickness & pain.
And let them see with their own eyes the glory of your Son, Jesus,
in the love of their children & grandchildren.
Bless them always.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**CALENDAR**

| MONDAY 19th Sept | Driveway reconstruction  
|                 | CBA Banking  
|                 | Canteen  
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| TUESDAY 20th Sept | Driveway reconstruction  
|                  | 8:15a.m. Staff Meeting |
| WEDNESDAY 21st Sept | Driveway reconstruction  
|                     | Library Years 1 & 4  
|                     | $5 Meal Deal – Hamburger & juice  
|                     | 3:15 p.m. Staff Meeting |
| THURSDAY 22nd Sept | Driveway reconstruction  
|                     | Library Kinder & Year 5 |
| FRIDAY 23rd Sept | Driveway reconstruction  
|                    | Library Years 2, 6 & 3  
|                    | Canteen  
|                    | **Sports Uniform** - Gymnastics  
|                    | Last day of term |

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**Future Events**

- Pupil Free Day Mon 10th Oct
- Tues 11st Oct School resumes
- **sports day back to Thurs in Term 4**
- Elective sports start for Yr 3-6
- 17th Oct Fete Meeting 7pm

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**Carnival of the Animals**

Glasshouse Performance will not go ahead as we were unable to secure tickets

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**Beach Walkathon**

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Parents & Friends Meeting Summary from 6th Sep 2016

- Upcoming events: the new Geography curriculum which will lead to field trips around the school and the area for the kids. The new driveway starting in Week 10 and the new electronic sign to be erected. The choice of 2017’s school photo supplier was discussed and is being looked into further. Danielle de Silva is looking into a workshop on resilience.

- Bronnie Burke is doing a wonderful job in the canteen and at functions. Coffee Mornings will be starting again soon, with freshly brewed Coffee being served from 8am on Mondays and Fridays. The frontage of the canteen will receive a revamp soon. Bronnie has also sourced a supplier for free fruit.

- The P & F have donated to the McInerney-Nash Family fund for a respite weekend after the loss of their father and husband. We would really like to see others follow suit and help Henrys family have some time away. For more details please ask Di in the office.

- Tea Towel Fundraiser - will hopefully arrive from the printers in time for Grandparents day. These will sell for $12 each or 2 for $20. Grab a pressie for your Grandparents, they’ll love it!

Everyone is always welcome at the P & F meetings - You don’t have to be on the committee to come along. We would love to see some new faces. If you would like to find out what’s going on and join in the conversation to help make our school a great place for our children! Please come along! Our fundraising goes toward the little extra’s that make our school special, any and all help through attendance or support is always greatly appreciated!

Next meeting Wednesday 19th October 2016. Starts at 6pm and we try to finish by 7.30pm. Keep a look out for further details of any of the P & F events in the school newsletter and our St Joseph’s Laurieton Facebook page. With thanks from the P & F Committee - Gayl Ellis, Magda Tazbir , Bronnie Burke and our new Secretary Renee Welsh (Charlotte and Will’s Mum).

Russian V 6 Netball Report
On Wednesday morning the Year 6 girls Netball team had their much anticipated match against St Agnes Primary School. The game was held at our school with Years 3 – 6 watching and cheering. The girls played very well and gave a great come back in the last 2 quarters, however, they lost 19-12. The girls showed a lot of skill and determination and should be very proud of their effort! We would like to thank Sharon and Lyn for umpiring and Mrs Peck for helping out with running the game and organising the team.

Congratulations to Maddi Goodridge who has made it to through to the PSSA State level Athletics Carnival on 19th October – having placed 1st in shotput, discus & long jump last week at the Polding Trials!!!

4 Day Intensive Swim Program at Kendall Pool
Tuesday 4 October - Friday 7 October.

Cost for the 4 day program -
Seahorse (from 3 years old, beginners) $48
Goldfish - $44
Frog - $40
Penguin - $36

Please call Kendall Pool ph. 6559 0151 and leave a message to register your interest.

Thanks to Bronnie Burke for giving our sick bay a spruce up! We are appreciative of parent volunteers who lend a hand to make our school a pleasant and functional place. Ideas and assistance always welcome ☺️😊
### SPRING VACATION CARE 2016

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<td>For one day only!! Bring your iPad, play Wii games, Suck races and Egg and Spoon races</td>
<td>Let's make the Centre into a Wild West Town. Dress up as a cowboy or a cowgirl</td>
<td>Set up stalls for spring fair, get raffle tickets for the stalls and let the fun begin</td>
<td>Join us for our bike and scooter day. Helmets and closed in shoes are a must</td>
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<td><strong>Pyjama Party &amp; Movie Marathon Day</strong></td>
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<td>Disco decorations, music, dance games and prizes</td>
<td>Make some spring hats, do some sewing, have a fashion parade with a catwalk and judges</td>
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<td>Draw or make your favourite Spring thing, flower collages, whirly pigs and much more</td>
<td>Dress up as your favourite movie character and let's cook some movie food</td>
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As well as the main activities on the program, each day at CHK there will be a variety of indoor and outdoor activities and free play options. This program may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Camden Haven Kids Vacation Care operates from Kendall House situated in the grounds of St Joseph’s Primary School. Our operating hours for Vacation Care are 7.00am-6.00pm. We can be contacted on 6559 5275 between 7-9am and 2.30-5pm Monday to Friday or at camdenhavenkids@gmail.com during the days before the school holidays.