Welcome Kinder! This week our Kinders started and they have settled in very well thanks to the guiding hands of Mrs Hurrell, Mrs Peck and Mrs Jane Border. Thanks also to their caring and doting Year 6 buddies! A very big welcome to Nate Bucknell, Starri Burke, Shayla Cain, Logan Clifford, Jack Dorn, Liliana Fragomeli, Amarnii Galbraith, Harry Hoad, Ciara Hoare, Jakob Jolly, Arlando Jones, Jaylah Koenig, Tanner Lewis-Bain, Jasmine Little, Lacey O’Hara, Zahra Parker, Aaliyah Pump, Roman Riethmuller, Isabella Sutherland, Shanay Taylor, Adam Tunhavasana, Araminta Walker, Ava Wheeler, Bridget Williams, Jack Wilson and their families.

Students Meet “The Honey Badger” Yesterday the school was visited by Nick “The Honey Badger” Cummins. Nick has been a Wallabies and Australian 7’s player and is now working towards representing Australia at the Olympics this year in Brazil. Nick conducted a few training drills with our school rugby team from last year and made a special presentation of a signed Wallabies training shirt to Year 6 student Harry Clist, who is currently training with the NSW Wheelchair Rugby team and has his sights on making the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic games. Nick spoke to all students at a special assembly, answered questions and signed autographs. Many thanks go to Mr Bullock for organising the visit.

Parent / Teacher Information Night: a reminder that these meetings will take place on Monday 15th February for all classes. A note with times and further details will be sent home next week.

Our Term 1 Calendar: with important dates/events is being sent home today separately so it can be kept in a prominent spot.
**School Fees Accounts:** These will be sent out in the next week with payments for the year due over the first three terms. We have also attempted to make the break-down of the bill simpler in detail with accounts now only showing the total for each child. A letter will accompany the statements explaining what is included in your school fees. If fees present a problem for your family, please contact me as soon as possible to discuss options. Kind Regards, David Hughes, Principal.

**Music to our ears!!**
Students started their first library and music lessons this week with Miss McNamara. We are looking forward to the enjoyment and rich experiences this will bring our students.

**R.E. Department News….**

**Staff Mass** last Saturday, the staff of St Joseph’s attended the Saturday evening vigil Mass at St Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church. We all participated in a Staff Commissioning Ceremony with Fr. Michael where we pledged our services to Catholic Education before the Parish and school community and before our God. We received a blessing from Father and have now been bestowed with the great privilege of guiding your children through their faith and religious education this year.

**Lent** will begin on Ash Wednesday, which is next Wednesday, 10 February. Primary students will attend the parish Mass at Midday and Kinder – Year 2 will receive the ashes at school after Mass.

**School Chaplaincy** This year we will be introducing a few new intervention and support programs and strengthening some existing ones under our school Chaplaincy Teacher role. The School Chaplain role generally aims to promote student wellbeing, support spirituality and provide an educative role in the areas of beliefs, values, ethics and religion. I’m really looking forward to working at our school a couple of mornings, lunch times and afternoons a week to help deliver some great initiatives for our students. *Mrs Jessica Koenig- School Chaplaincy Teacher.*

**Free Sleeping Bags:** The school has been offered some free second hand sleeping bags. If you are interested please contact the office.

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**THE GRAIL PRAYER**

*Lord Jesus,*
*I give you my hands - to do your work.*
*I give you my feet - to go your way.*
*I give you my eyes - to see as you do.*
*I give you my tongue - to speak your words.*
*I give you my mind - that you may think in me.*
*I give you my spirit - that you may pray in me.*
*Above all, I give you my heart that you may love, in me, your Father and all mankind.*
*I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that it is you, Lord Jesus, who live and work and pray in me. Amen.*

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**2016 House Captains:**

*Grevillea – Zac Raczka & Maddie Bucknell.*

*Melaleuca – Sam deSilva & Jordan Guest.*

*Callistemon – Aiden McArdle & Eden Lewis-Bain.*

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**CALENDAR**

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**FRIDAY 12th Feb**

| Opening School Mass 12pm |
| Library Years 2, 6 & 3  |
| Canteen Guitar lessons   |

**Future Events**

| Children’s Liturgy Kendall Mass 9am |
| Sunday 14 Feb. |
| Mon 15 Feb: Parent/Teacher Information Meetings |

*Yr 6 will host Morning Prayer at assembly next week.*
Thank you to all our volunteers who helped the children with their swim trials yesterday. Your assistance is greatly appreciated! Looking forward to seeing everyone at our swimming carnival – Laurieton Pool next Tuesday 9th Feb at commencing 4.30pm. Please contact the office if you are able to help with this event.

Mark Bullock
Sports Co-ordinator

***GAMES CLUB***

DONATIONS NEEDED...

We are starting a Games Club for students at lunch times and are in need of some extra board games. If you have any complete board games/activities at home that you no longer use or see some inexpensive games at an op shop, we would very much appreciate your donation. Please drop them in at the Office.

Many thanks, Jess Koenig 😊

WELCOME MAT

As we are an MJR (Making Jesus Real) 'Welcoming' school, we are starting the year off in a wonderfully welcoming way by offering a morning 'Welcome Mat'.

This is a mat set up outside the Hall each morning where students may come and join with others when they arrive at school if they need to find a friend or buddy, need a settling way to start the day or just want to have a chat.

There will be some art activities ready to do and our lovely Year 6 leaders on hand to help out.

Mrs Koenig will also be around to say hello and support any students in need. Please encourage your child to join us at the Welcome Mat when they arrive particularly if they need a helping hand to settle in to the school day. Hope to see you there!

Mrs Jessica Koenig
School Chaplaincy Teacher

Special thanks to Margaret O'Donnell who came into Yr 1 every week last year to listen to the children read. At the end of the year Margaret very kindly purchased a book for each child for Christmas, based on their individual interests. All the children were very appreciative of this incredibly thoughtful gesture!
OFFICE REMINDERS:

BUS PASSES - if you need a form please visit the school office or if you have a form to lodge, please return it to the school office ASAP. Note: New applications are required for all Year 3 students who intend to catch a bus & 2015 passes are no longer valid.

LIBRARY BAGS are available for sale for $8.50 at the school office during office hours.

SCHOOL BANKING - banking forms/starter kits are available from the office. Bring your banking to school on a Monday & deposit books are returned to students by Friday.

SKOOLBAG APP: Just a reminder that we have a free app available for your phone which keeps you up to date with happenings at St Joseph’s Laurieton. This app allows users to access school newsletters, parent information, alerts and reminders etc. To download the App, go to the Google Play Store (Android) or App Store (Apple) and from your device search for: ”Skoolbag St Josephs Primary Laurieton”.

SCHOOLWORX (ELECTRONIC ROLL) SMS messaging for absenteeism: If your child is away, please wait for an SMS to come through that morning (around 9.45am). Please respond to the SMS text sent as this can be directly attached to your child’s record. Please note, students who arrive after the bell/late for assembly will also have an SMS sent requesting explanation for lateness.

TRANSPORT MESSAGES: please phone the school regarding transport changes for your child. Do not send an email as this may not be viewed in time! Thank you 😊

UNIFORM POOL - Looking for a volunteer for 1-2 hours to help sort out uniforms - please see Di in the office.

OTHER COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Camden Haven Sea Scouts (for boys & girls 8-10/11-15 yrs ). Phone Sarah on 0478 599 921

Port City Hockey - Registration Day Sat 6th & 13th Feb see www.portcityhockey.com

Camden Haven Netball - Registration Day at LUSC Sat 6th Feb 10am – 1pm.

Camden Haven Parish
Saturday Laurieton 5.30 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday Laurieton 7.30 a.m. Mass
Kendall 9.00 a.m. Mass
(1st Saturday month 10.00 a.m. Mass Comboyne)
Monday Laurieton 5.30 p.m. Mass
Tuesday Kendall 9.00 a.m. Mass
Wednesday Laurieton 8.00 am Mass
Thursday Laurieton 8.00 a.m. Mass
Friday Laurieton Midday Mass