First Week of Lent: This week at our morning assembly, Year 5 reminded us that Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and giving. Praying each day, perhaps by finding moments “in the background” while we are doing other things, helps us to grow closer to God and reflect on our own lives and how we can change to become better people. Through fasting we make sacrifices that remind us that others go through similar or worse sacrifices without choice daily. And by giving we can help bring about change for those who do endure daily hardships in their lives. If we, as adults, can listen with the hearts of children, Lent can be a journey of renewal in faith for us all.

P&F AGM: The Annual General Meeting of the Parents & Friends Association of our school will be held on Wednesday 2nd March commencing at 6.00pm. I would encourage as many parents as possible to come along to this meeting as it is an important way for parents to have a voice in what happens at our school. Last year the P&F had a major say in the future direction of the school through the School Review and Improvement process and also advised on important issues such as spending money raised through fundraising and also planning community building events. You can contribute to the culture of our school that your children will experience by coming along and being involved. Why not line up a friend and come along?

Thank you to the many people from our school and parish community who have passed on their prayers and condolences for the loss of my mother-in-law last week. It really is heartening to know so many people are so kind as to offer a supportive comment or gesture and such acts are greatly appreciated by the whole family.

Kind Regards, David Hughes (Principal)

Project Compassion fund raising started this week with the students raising an additional $100 on our canteen days. In the upcoming weeks there will be in-class challenges to raise extra funds for this important venture. So don’t forget to bring in or donate spare change for this worthy cause! Every little bit counts 😊 Josie Lulham

Zone Swimming Carnival – full report plus other sports news on Page 3…
Games Club

Here at St Joseph's we offer a range of lunch time games, activities and clubs for students to choose from, in order to foster and develop different forms of play and social skills. Games Club is offered as part of this and operates in the hall at second lunch times most days of the week. Here the students can play collaborative games such as board games, imaginative play with felt boards and car tracks, construction with blocks - all in a supportive and encouraging environment with the assistance of staff. We encourage turn taking, persistence, cooperation, fair play and communication (all important social skills in order to play successfully with others)! We are in need of more donations of board games and play sets that families may no longer have a use for (or if you spot something in an op shop) we would be very appreciative of the donation. Thanks for your support!

Mrs Jessica Koenig
School Chaplaincy Teacher

The First Week of Lent

Father of my soul,
Mother of my heart,
I know your love for me is limitless beyond imagining.
You care for me as a loving parent.
Through my smallest Lenten sacrifices,
help me to become less selfish
and more aware of your ways.
Fan the flame of my desire
to draw ever closer to you.
Guide me to seek your love.

Next Thursday Yr 4 will be hosting Morning Prayer at Assembly.
Zone Swimming Carnival – Macksville Sarah McIntosh, Aimee-Jai Dietrich, Trey Quinn, Blake Steep, Hannah Bucknell, Jayda Norrie, Haine Eames, Madelaine Goodridge, Ella Ecott, Brielle Latham, Rusty Burke, Blake Ellis, Mackenzie Dietrich, Summa Clare, Noah Faddy, Isabel Krige, Finlay Magnus, Eliza Lynch, Sienna Gill, Calum Aldridge, Jordan Guest, & Kiera Hetherington represented our school at the Hastings Zone Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival held at Macksville last Tuesday. Mrs Aldridge, the supervising teacher for the team on the day was highly impressed by the enthusiasm of the children willing to tackle the challenges of the 50m pool as well as strong competition from the other seven schools there were racing against.

Congratulations to all team members with our school winning the small schools section of the competition! Swimmers to gain placings were: Sarah McIntosh 1st AWD 50m Freestyle, Breaststroke, Butterfly & Backstroke, and 3rd all age Senior Girls Medley; Madelaine Goodridge 2nd AWD 50 freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke & Butterfly; Summa Clare 1st 10 yr girls 50m freestyle; Mackenzie Dietrich 2nd 10yr girls 50m freestyle; Sienna Gill – 2nd Jr girls backstroke & 2nd Jr girls butterfly.

Junior girls relay team (Summa Clare, Kiera Hetherington, Mackenzie Dietrich & Sienna Gill) placed 1st for Junior girls 4x50m freestyle relay.

From my recollections this relay win would be the first win by any swimming team from our school at Zone level – a fantastic effort girls! As usual many parents helped out with timekeeping jobs at the carnival and your help was greatly appreciated.

Sarah, Madelaine, Kiera, Summa, Mackenzie and Sienna have all qualified to represent the Hastings Zone at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival being held in Lismore on Wednesday 2nd March.

Zone Winter Trials This Monday, Hastings Zone Catholic Schools Winter Trials will be held at the Regional School grounds in Port Macquarie. The following children will be taking part in their chosen sport: Isabel Krige, Zarla McDonald, Lillyana Watts, Shaynese Stobbe, Eden Lewis-Bain, Amber Fyffe, Aimee-Jai Dietrich, Molly Kirk, Chanel Tate-Whalley, Piper Facer, Brydie Dykes (netball); Josh Bartlett, Scott Barlett, Sam deSilva, Jacob Moore, Jim Dwyer, Finlay Magnus (soccer); Zac Raczka, Blake Steep, Lachlan Pye (rugby league); Calum Aldridge, Jacob Bennett, Matthew Small (union).

We hope these children have an enjoyable day on Monday as they try out for selection in Zone Teams.

Mark Bullock
Sports Coordinator

Right - Sportsmanship award winners from our school swimming carnival were: Jordan, Emma, Maddie G, Maddie B, Brooklan, Eli, Jim, Candice, Maddie M, Cooper, Ella B, Jett (absent from photo: Josh Bartlett, Scott Barlett, Jack Kirk & Calum Aldridge.
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St Joseph’s
Laurieton
Parents &
Friends AGM

Wed 2nd March
6pm at school

A note was sent home yesterday regarding our P&F association. Please feel free to attend.

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Before school care from 7am

After school care till 6pm

Vacation care 7am – 6pm during school holidays

Phone: 6559 5275 between 2.30pm & 6pm

Camden Haven Bombers
Sign On Days at Laurieton Oval

Wed 17th Feb - 5pm - 6pm,

Wed 24th Feb - 5pm - 6pm,

Training for juniors planned to start but rego info can be provided for any new kids who come down.

Sun 6th Mar 9am -10am
Auskick 'come and try' / rego day

Please contact Paul Mance on 0413 938 361 or chjunior afl@gmail.com

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