**ST JOSEPH’S JOURNAL**  
The Newsletter of St Joseph’s Primary School Laurieton

**_ZONE WINTER SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES_ (Report Page 3)**

*L to R: Our Soccer, Netball, Rugby League, and Rugby Union reps, as well as students who have made it through to the next level of competition: Calum Aldridge, Lillyana Watts and Blake Steep. Congratulations to everyone who participated!*

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**PRAYER**

Dear God,  
Help me to forgive others from my heart, and in doing so, to enjoy your peace.

I receive your mercy, help me to be merciful to others, and to always be confident of your mercy. Amen.

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**Parents & Friends AGM**  
Wed 2nd March, 6pm at school

This is the first meeting of the year, with much to discuss including how funds can be best spent in our school. All welcome.

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**Year 3 will host Morning Prayer next Thursday.**
From the RE Department ... Save the Dates:

We will be holding our annual St Joseph’s Day celebrations at school on Friday 18th March. We begin with a Liturgy at 10am in the Hall, followed by a shared Recess and Tabloid sports. We warmly invite all parents, family and friends to join with us at this time.

We will be presenting the Stations of the Cross at Pilot Beach on Thursday 24th March at 12pm and again at 1pm. We warmly invite all parents, family and friends to join with us at this time.

On Tuesday 3rd May at 5:30pm all Catholic Children in Year 3 will have the opportunity of participating in the Sacrament of Penance or First Reconciliation at our Parish church. Later in the term the children who have made their first Reconciliation will then have the opportunity to make their First Communion. Please return your registration form ASAP to the Office.

Many Thanks - Kath Brazel (Leader of School Evangelisation)

SJPL LUNCHTIME PURSUITS:

Include passive play, computer club, checkers & chess!

UKUele FEver!

Yrs 4, 5 & 6 have started their ukulele lessons this week with Miss McNamara. Our school now has a set of ukuleles to enhance creative learning and we look forward to hearing the students perform in the near future 😊

New:

Sewing Club is coming!

We are after donations of ribbons, threads, buttons & felt at this stage. In the coming weeks, Magda will be supervising those students from Yr 6 (and possibly Yr 5) who are keen to learn the skill of sewing 😊
ZONE WINTER SPORTS TRIALS: Isabel, Zarla, Lillyana, Shaynese, Eden, Amber, Aimee-Jai, Molly K, Piper, Brydie (netball); Scott, Sam, Jacob M, Jim, Finlay (soccer); Zac, Blake, Lachlan (league), Calum, Jacob B, Matthew S (union) took part in the Zone Catholic Schools Winter Sports Trials at the Regional School grounds last Monday. It was good to see so many children keen to take part in what is always tough competition, trying out for selection in various Hastings teams. Selected children now travel to Grafton on Friday 18th March for competition with children from the Tweed, Richmond and Clarence Zones for positions in various Lismore Diocesan Teams.

Thank you to Miss Lulham who supervised the children on the day and also to the many parents who transported the children to the trials – as always, your help is greatly appreciated. Congratulations to Calum Aldridge (Rugby Union), Lillyana Watts (Netball) and Blake Steep (11yrs Rugby League) who were selected in Zone Teams and will now represent the Hastings Zone at the Diocesan Trials in Grafton.

Mark Bullock - Sports Coordinator

Sporting Pathways

Children in the Lismore Diocese have many opportunities to progress to higher levels of sporting competition through a specific pathway.

The pathway is as follows:
- School selection from carnivals/trials
- Hastings Zone selection
- Lismore Diocese selection
- Polding selection
- NSW PSSA selection and ultimately Australian Championships.

We are very fortunate to have teachers on staff who are involved in helping children succeed along this pathway beyond the school level.

Michael Marshall: Hastings Zone Boys Hockey Manager, Lismore Diocese Manager and Polding Coach/Manager. Michael has held this position since 2006 and has won almost every final at the NSW titles with his Polding team! Some boys who have played in his Polding teams have even gone on to represent Australia in Men’s hockey as part of the Kookaburra team.

Mark Bullock: Mark actually began the trials for Rugby Union some 20 years ago in this Diocese. He has organised Hastings Zone and Lismore Diocese trials in rugby union and has managed the Lismore side to attend the Polding trials at Forbes for many years. He has been instrumental in many boys developing a real love for rugby union by participating in the Union competition on Friday nights.

Josie Lulham: Josie’s love of cricket and her own playing experience has ensured her involvement in Girl’s Cricket during the last few years. She has organised and Hastings Zone trials as well as the Lismore trials and managed the Polding team.

Thanks to our wonderful staff members who have the expertise to manage sporting teams at all levels of skill development. Sonya Steep.
Welcome to rugby season 2016. Port Macquarie Junior Rugby Union is pleased to announce the registration nights for season 2016. They will be held from Friday the 26th of February and will be followed by Friday the 4th, 11th and 18th of March. Commencing 5pm until 6.30pm at the home of Junior Rugby Union Stuarts Park - EFTPOS facilities available. On the 1st of April we will be holding a Come and Try night starting at 5pm at Stuarts Park. Remember GIRLS you can play as well. For more information contact: Craig Smith 0439 810 612.

All children under 18yrs can receive FREE DENTAL CARE through the Mid North Coast Local Health District. Please call 1300 651 625 if you would like your child to have a check-up. Clinics are located in Laurieton, Wauchope & Port Macquarie.

From the office:
Excursion Permission & Emergency Contact Forms were sent home at the beginning of February (and a reminder this week for those parents who have not signed them). Please note that any child who does not have a current permission slip on file will be unable to attend school excursions. Our first excursion will be to Pilot Beach on Thursday 24th March. Thank you.

Quote of the week:
FAITH is like Wi-Fi, it's invisible but it has the power to connect you to what you need.