Welcome back to term 4! We hope all students enjoyed their break and are ready to come back and work hard in the final run up to the end of the year. Term 4 is always very busy – looking ahead here are some of the major events coming up: Years 5&6 Sydney Excursion (Week 3); Creative & Performing Arts Concert (Week 5); Fete (Week 6); Semester 2 Reports; End of year activities including final School Mass, Presentation Night, Year 6 Graduation and whole school Pool Outing. On top of this we have our usual sporting events, class prayers, liturgies and Masses, and community commitments such as nursing home visits. Did I mention we also need to get through a whole term of teaching and learning cycles as well? Phew, we’ll be ready for another holiday by the end of all of this! A detailed term planner will be sent home to all families next week so that you can see when events are coming up. We will also keep you posted through the weekly newsletter so please try to stay in touch by checking it each week.

On Monday, while the children enjoyed an extra day of holidays, the staff were engaged in a Professional Learning Day. During the morning session all teachers were trained in how to complete a MAI (Mathematics Assessment Interview) as part of the EMU (Extending Mathematical Understanding) program currently being implemented in schools in the Lismore Diocese. Before the end of the year we will have tested all students in the school to assess their understanding of essential concepts in mathematics. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, during the first week of school next year, all students will undergo further assessment to determine where they are up to so as to enable us to move them forward individually according to their needs. Parent information sessions and workshops are being planned so you can also support their learning at home. More information will be forwarded as the term progresses. In addition to the EMU training, staff also participated in a session with a focus on “Ready to Learn Strategies for the Classroom” (presented by Kara Collyer: Additional Needs Officer for the Lismore CSO) and another session on “Expressive and Receptive Language Development in Classrooms” by Speech Therapist Nerine McGrath. Nerine has been working in our school over the past few months, observing children and working with teachers to improve learning opportunities for students across all grades. We hope to continue to use Nerine’s professional services throughout the coming term.

Welcome to two new students for Year 1 and their families to our school! Thomas Maxwell and his parents Blair & Melly (from Bowral) and Adam Patrzala and his parents Victor & Irena (from Poland). We wish both these families all the best for their new start in our school community and for what our local area has to offer😊😊😊

Anyone who has visited the school or has driven past this week will have noticed that the new electronic sign is up and running with messages and that the driveway work is now complete. This means no more potholes to dodge! Judging from the comments since school resumed, both have been very favourable improvements to our school.
On Wednesday, Year 4 students enjoyed a morning tea as the final Companions in the Faith meeting for the year. After a short prayer, the children were treated to a delicious spread of treats and were presented with a small gift from each of the companions. There were many hugs of appreciation and farewell but we know that the relationships that they have built up over the year will continue into the future as we maintain our connections with the parish in the years to come. On behalf of our school I would like to express our thanks to Sr Fran and all of the companions for the important contribution they make to our school community. We look forward to recommencing this program again next year with a new class. The prayer on this week’s newsletter has been prayed by the companions as a group before they commenced each session this year.

School Fees for 2016 should now be finalised, unless you are on a regular payment scheme for the year or have made other arrangements with myself. Thank you to all families who have been punctual in paying fees. School Fee Statements were sent home this week so could you please check where you are up to. Please finalise payments as soon as possible or contact me in the next week if you are experiencing difficulties or need a little more time.

Fete 2016: This term, after missing last year, the fete returns. This is one of the favourite events of the year for our students as they love going on the rides, playing the games and scaring themselves in the haunted house! Amanda Bartlett is our Fete Coordinator and has been organising things behind the scenes but it is now time for others to come forward and lend a hand in getting things organised as this event cannot take place without many helpers. There will be fete meeting on Monday afternoon at school at 5pm for anyone who can come along to help make our fete night a success. Amanda’s contact details are: Mobile 0422558933, email aussieamanda64@gmail.com

Jubilee Prayer of Mercy-Pope Francis

Lord Jesus Christ,
You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
And have told us that whoever sees you sees him. 
Show us your face and we will be saved.
You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
Of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy;
Let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.
You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error;
Let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved and forgiven by God.
Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord and your Church with renewed enthusiasm may bring good news to the poor,
Proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, And restore sight to the blind.
We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

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Future Events: YR 5 & 6 SYDNEY EXCURSION 24th Oct – 27th Oct
Seasons for Growth Children and Young People's Program at our School.....

At St Josephs Laurieton we value the whole education of your child inclusive of their moral, social and emotional development. We recognise that for some children, they may need extra support or further learning in these areas in response to each family's circumstances and individual needs particularly during times of grief and loss such as death, family separation, changes in the family and other significant adjustments in life. This is why our school offers programs such as Seasons for Growth. This is an educational program for children and young people originally developed by the Mary Mackillop Foundation and is based on research evidence, strategies and techniques consistent with high quality psychosocial education through Southern Cross University.

Seasons for Growth aims to help children who have had major changes in their life at some time, realise that change happens often and that during these times we deal with a range of emotions and feelings. The program uses the metaphor of the seasons as a symbolic way of explaining our experience of change and loss as 'seasons come and go' and 'no season lasts forever'. 'Seasons' focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks. The program is facilitated in small groups with a specialist trained adult Companion and runs each week for an hour over about one term. It is not a counseling session but rather a support group where children are taught strategies to help them deal with difficulties that arise throughout their lives. This year I have journeyed along with groups from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 where the students have gained a deeper understanding of their life experiences as well as learning new skills and strategies to cope with these changes with the social support of their peers. This term I will be offering the program to years 1 and 2 who have been sent some further information via a note home this week. If you think your child may benefit from this program, please return the permission slip by the end of next week. If you have missed the opportunity for your child to be involved in the program this year or you feel your child may need further support, please contact your child's teacher or myself at school to discuss some other support options we may be able to offer. Mrs Jessica Koenig

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<td>Chicken salad bowl (fresh shredded bbq chicken, lettuce, tomato, carrot) and a bottle of water</td>
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<td>Homemade sausage roll and a juice popper</td>
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<td>Sausage sizzle (add $2 more for extra sausage sandwich) and a strawberry or chocolate milk</td>
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Please Note: canteen will not be operating for normal recess and lunch on meal deal Wednesdays.
STUDENT DESIGNED
TEA TOWELS...
ORDER FORMS
AVAILABLE FROM
THE OFFICE.
1 FOR $12
OR 2 FOR $10 EA

Book club orders
due Thurs 20th Oct

Congratulations to Araminta
(K) & her family on the arrival
of new baby brother Hiram
Walker born 6th October 😊

Congratulations to Sarah McIntosh for an
outstanding 9 medals at national level in
Darwin swimming championships recently!!

Results:
3rd 50m breaststroke
3rd 200m freestyle
3rd 200m individual medley
1st 200m medley relay
3rd 50m freestyle
1st 500m team fun relay
3rd 100m butterfly
3rd 100m freestyle
3rd 100m breaststroke
5th 50m backstroke
5th 50m butterfly
4th 100m backstroke

5 weeks to go till our Fete!
Looking for volunteers and ideas....
A note has been sent home yesterday about this
Plus more info next week 😊😊😊😊😊

Left: Companions
Morning Tea
during the week...

Join us for the 2016 Family Retreat
Nourish, Nurture, Grow

FAMILY RETREAT 2016
LISMORE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
PARENT ASSEMBLY
Promoting Faith and Family for a Fullness of Life

FAITH
• Programs for all ages 0–Adult
• Adult Sessions facilitated by the Missionaries
• Meeting you where you are at in your faith journey
• Mass, reconciliation, prayer

FREE
• Costs covered excluding some optional activities

FUN
• Games
• Evening activities
• Outdoor activities in beautiful surroundings

FAMILY
• Relax and enjoy quality family time and activities
• Meet and connect with other families
• All families welcome

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Choose either the date or the venue that suits you
Northern Retreat October 22/23
Tweedie Ridge Retreat. For more information contact
Jo Kelly: (n) 0407706454
Southern Retreat October 29/30
SUA Convention Centre, Stuart’s Point, For more information contact Pets Rouke: (n) 0400420614

HOW TO REGISTER