Today our students gathered for morning prayer at assembly with a focus on Remembrance Day. Year 5 led the whole school with a thoughtful reflection which included the laying of poppy flowers on the prayer table. Later in the morning our school was represented by senior students at the local ceremony at the Laurieton Cenotaph where our leaders laid a wreath on behalf of our school. Once again I was very proud of the respectful and prayerful representation by our students.

I am sure that those who attended our CAPA Concert on Wednesday night (or the matinee earlier) would agree that it was one of the highlights of the year for both performers and the audience. Both shows were well attended and we have received plenty of positive feedback about the quality and variety of the items presented. As stated on the night, each item was a showcase of the learning that has occurred over the year in the Key Learning Area of Creative and Performing Arts. Although this learning has taken place over the entire year, there was certainly some extra work put in over the last few weeks to put the final polish on each item to bring them up to performance standard. Once again I would like to thank our wonderful staff for the effort and time put in to preparing the children and making the show such a success – I am sure that those who attended would agree that we truly are blessed to have such a great team here at Laurieton!

See Page 3 for photos!

Our next big highlight will be next Friday evening when we have our school FETE. We are all praying that the weather will be a lot better than Wednesday night! Unfortunately, some stalls had to be cancelled this week due lack of parent volunteers. It is a little disappointing that only a small proportion of our parent body have put their hands up so far to help create a fun night for all of the children of the school. It is not too late to offer assistance so if you can help in any way please contact the office, or our Fete organiser Amanda Bartlett (Ph 0422 558 933). Please try to come along on the night and enjoy the food, entertainment, games and stalls. Parking can be a problem on Fete night so please feel free to use the church carpark if needed.

I know it is a busy time for parents school wise with the concert and Fete near together but if you can make it to the free Raising Resilient Children Workshop next Wednesday night at the school I am sure you glad that you made the effort. This is such an important topic in our current society, and providing your children with the right skills in this area is a key to helping them achieve lifelong success and happiness. How could you not attend when there is so much to be gained? Please see the next page for details of this presentation. Kind Regards, David Hughes – Principal.

Calendar – Term 4, Week 6

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A Prayer of Remembrance

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life;
hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love, and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CSYMA Visit: On Thursday morning Year 9 students from the Regional High School CSYMA class came to visit Year 6 to help them prepare for high school next year, share their faith and spend some time with them. CSYMA stands for Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Australia that aims to allow students to explore their Christian beliefs and provide opportunities to join community service groups and help others.

The morning started off with a prayer followed by some fun icebreaker games. The students enjoyed playing ‘clumps’, ‘scissors/paper/rock trains’, ‘heads or tails’ and ‘do this, do that’. After the games, two Regional students spoke to everyone about starting high school and what they do for CSYMA and then everyone moved into small groups with the Year 9 students to get to know each other and talk about what they look forward to at high school. Then everyone got together to have a game of ‘bin ball’ before the Regional students went back to school. We look forward to seeing the CSYMA group again in two weeks.

Vanessa Pascoe, Year 6 Student Teacher
Dear families,

Hello, my name is Vanessa Pascoe. I am a third year teaching student at the University of Newcastle. I will be working with your children in Miss Lulham’s Year 6 classroom for the next four weeks.

As a student teacher I will be working closely with Miss Lulham to plan and prepare lessons to teach to the class. I will also be assisting in the classroom and playground. This is my second professional placement and I have also worked and volunteered in a number of schools as a teacher’s aide. I am passionate about working with children and I am very happy to be at St Joseph’s for this student teacher experience.

I am looking forward to getting to know you and your children and working with them for the next four weeks.

Sincerely
Vanessa Pascoe

Tennis news...
Congratulations to Paige Hudson, Kenzi Dietrich, Sebastian Facer & Wil Welsh who represented our school on Wednesday in the PSSA tennis tournament in Sydney. We are pleased to report that our school finished 4th overall out of 26 schools. Well done team (and to Elwood Dollery for his efforts previously on court and mentoring whilst injured this week)! Fantastic achievement😊😊😊

School Fete Competitions...
We are running some creative and fun competitions for our students! There will be an infants and a primary category and kids can enter as many times as they like....... 

The Four Competitions are:
1) Best Dressed Bear - It could be cute or cool, high fashion or funky and fun.
2) Fruit & Vege Sculpture - Let your imagination run wild and see what you can create
3) Cupcake Creations - Bake it and Decorate it.
4) Lego Legends - Release your inner engineer.

Cost is $1 per entry and all entries, with a completed entry form and money must be at school by lunchtime on Thursday 17th for judging. Winners will be announced and prizes presented in assembly on Fete morning.

Entry forms have been sent home today😊

SCHOOL FETE NEXT FRIDAY!!
We are still in need of:
- Filled gift baskets
- Tombola gift bags
- Blocks of Chocolate
- Cakes & Sweets on the day
- Second hand books
- Helpers for stalls & setup