Thank you to all parents, parishioners, previous staff and other members of our school community who contributed suggestions towards the development of our School Mission and Vision/Belief statements which were reviewed and developed on our pupil free day on Monday. The staff worked hard throughout the day and we are very close to having these documents finalised and, when completed, will be published in the newsletter in the near future. One thing that came out of the day was the amazing level of care, dedication and commitment that is shown by all of our staff as they discussed what we must do in order to achieve the best for your children with regards to their wellbeing and spiritual and academic development. We are truly blessed to have such a good team supporting the children of this school.

On Tuesday I spent a large part of the day in interviews for staff positions for 2018. There are still a number of support staff and coordinator positions to be determined in the coming weeks, but I will be able to provide more details on the outcomes of the interviews next week, and hopefully be in a position to announce likely teachers for each grade for next year. Stay tuned!

On Thursday of this week we had our final Kinder 2018 orientation gathering and there certainly were some confident and excited children ready for big school next year! While the students participated in a treasure hunt, parents met for our information meeting which provided them with details about class size, teachers and support staff, what’s needed to start the year and when school will start for students etc. If you were unable to come along to the meeting due to other commitments, a copy of the presentation is available from the school office.

Please be aware that we have changed arrangements for our end of year Presentation Ceremony which was set down for the evening of Tuesday 12th December on our school calendar. After listening to feedback last year, where some parents indicated difficulty in getting to another night function at a very busy time of year, we have decided to try a daytime assembly. We realise that there will also be many who cannot come during the day - so it is a case of not being able to please everyone, no matter which way we go. So, this year we are planning to have a whole school end of year Mass at 9.15am on Tuesday 12 December at St Peter the Fisherman Church. This will be followed by a morning tea back at school at 10.30am, followed by our awards ceremony at 11.00 am, and raffle draw around 12-12.30pm. As per previous year, all children will receive an award certificate, and there will also be some major awards for each class. Parents of children receiving the major awards will be given prior notification so that they might be able to arrange to attend if they are working that day. I apologise if this is not ideal for you but it is worth giving it a trial for this year.

Kind Regards, David Hughes (Principal)
On Wednesday we had our second MJR Peer Support lesson. The lesson focus was on the E in WEST- being an encouraging person. During the lesson the Year 6 leaders were looking for people in their group that were making Jesus real, particularly showing that they are encouraging.

This week’s Spirit of Jesus awards went to Layla Armstrong (Year 4), Zac Ashby (Year 3), Jarrod Muller (Year 2), Abbie Hudson (Year 1) and Lilly Mateer (Kindergarten).
Josie Lulham
Leader of Catechesis and Year 6 Teacher

This week Year 4 introduced us to Pope Francis’ Five Finger Prayer at assembly...

**FIVE FINGER PRAYER**

*Who can I pray for today?*

**Leaders**

Lord Jesus, today we pray for our leaders. Whether they are leaders in our class, our school or our community, each of them need God’s guidance. Support them in their important roles.
Amen

**Teachers**

Heavenly Father, today we pray for those who teach us, instruct us and heal us. Please give them support and wisdom to give direction to others.
Amen

**Loved Ones**

Dear Lord, today we pray for those who are closest to us, our friends and family. May they remain safe, happy and healthy. Watch over them as they go about their day.
Amen

**Sick & Poor**

Loving God, today we pray for those who are in need. Please look after them, heal them and guide them in your love.
Amen

**Me**

Dear God, today I pray for myself. Help me to make good choices, to make the most of my learning and to be grateful for all I am lucky to receive.
Amen

**Year 6 and CSYMA Spirituality Walk**

Last Friday Year 6 went on a Spirituality Walk with Mr Morson’s CSYMA class from St Joseph’s Regional. This class has been visiting our Year 6 class throughout the year and this was our last session together.

The Spirituality walk was from Shelly Beach to Town Beach in Port Macquarie. It was a time for our students to pray and reflect upon their own relationship with Jesus Christ amongst the beautiful scenery. The Year 6 children also had an opportunity to ask their high school buddies about the upcoming orientation day and any other questions about high school. **Josie Lulham Yr 6 teacher**
FUN FAIR – EXTRA RAFFLE DRAW

As previously advised in our newsletter, due to our Fun Fair finishing half an hour early (impending storm), we still have 13 great raffle wheel prizes to give away. We intend to do this on Tuesday 12th December around 12-12.30pm. Raffle tickets will be sent home soon. Prize list below. **Tickets are $5 for 5, or $2 for one ticket.** Tickets with your name & phone number will be due to the office NO LATER than Wednesday 6th December.

- Club North Haven $50 voucher plus Burger Rebellion Voucher
- Kew Tyres & Auto Centre Service $150 plus Burger Rebellion voucher
- BBQ Cruise for 2, Burger Rebellion voucher & Touchwood Flowers $40 gift voucher
- Pest voucher for $180 plus Burger Rebellion voucher
- Black Market Bagels & Centre of Gravity Laser Tag vouchers
- Golf for 2 at Kew Golf Course, plus De Bortoli Wine
- Sports park plus Black Market Bagel
- Timbertown Family Pass plus first aid kit
- Mojo Beach pack plus Morgans Bay wine
- Pest voucher $180 plus Mid North Coast Uniforms pack
- Movement Studio – Term Dance pass plus Mid North Coast Uniforms pack
- 4 bottles of Cassegrain Wine
- Morgans Bay Wine plus a skateboard!

P&F ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MEETING
GENERAL INVITE

Dear Parents

You are invited to attend a pizza dinner at Delizioso Restaurant Laurieton for our final P&F Meeting for 2017. We would like to thank you for your input to St Joseph’s Primary School either this year or in the past and some of the great achievements such as our new air-conditioning that has been a culmination of many years fundraising. Dinner is set for 7 PM on Tuesday 28th November 2017. Cost is $15 per person excluding drinks, so please RSVP to Diane at the office if you can attend, so we can formulate numbers.

Kind Regards
Blair Maxwell
President P&F 2017
Some exciting new projects are happening around our school including:

- A revamp of our ever popular sandpit play area
- The installation of seven Indigenous animal totems (by local artist Tony Clark) which represent the Birpai Country (Comboyne, Rolland Plains, Mount Caincross, Point Plomer, Port Macquarie, Lake Cathie/Bonny Hills, and Diamond Head) - has commenced and will be officially acknowledged on 6th December and 9.30am with special guest Uncle Bill from Birpai nation.
- A new sensory garden for students which will take shape over the next few months! So stay ‘tuned’!

FROM THE OFFICE.....

- **SCHOOL BAGS** are available in the office for $60
- **2017 school fees** need to be finalised asap
- **Transport**: please ensure your child knows how they are getting home of an afternoon – there has been an increase in the number of students who don’t know what they are doing!!!

**Camden Haven Parish Mass Times**

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