Advent Begins: This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent, and the beginning of a new year on the Churches’ calendar. Advent comes from the Latin word meaning “coming.” Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. The purple colour associated with Advent is also the colour of penance. The colour of the Third Sunday of Advent is rose. This colour symbolizes joy and represents the happiness we will experience when Jesus comes again. Families are encouraged to prepare for Christ’s coming by praying together and keeping the true meaning of Christmas in their conversations together and to also focus on how we might be able to bring a little joy to the lives of others through the spirit of giving over this season.

Fete Fun: It was wonderful to see so many of our families attending our Fete last Friday night. We were blessed with a lovely warm evening and, from my observations, the kids looked to be having a great time thanks to the fun stalls and activities run by parents and staff. To everyone who helped make the night a success, our school community owes you a big vote of thanks. Special mention needs to be made of Amanda Bartlett, assisted by her husband Ross, who once again did the bulk of the organising and put in many hours of work leading up to the night (and coming back in on Saturday to clean up). This was Amanda’s final fete for St Joseph’s Laurieton, with the last of her children moving off to high school next year after 21 years of continuous association with the school – I think this will go down as a record which will be hard to beat! No one is quite sure how many fetes and other fundraising events Amanda (always assisted by her family) have organised during these years, but it has certainly been an outstanding contribution to our school. So, to Amanda and her family, we thank you very much and I hope many of our parents take the opportunity to congratulate and thank Amanda over the coming weeks should you see her around the school or our community. Photos Pg 2.

Principal’s Meeting: I will be unavailable for appointments next week after Tuesday as I will be in Lismore to attend the annual Principals’ Gathering and End of Year Mass and other functions. Mrs Sonya Steep (Assistant Principal) will be available to assist with inquiries while I am away.

Presentation Night: Please set aside the evening of Tuesday 13 December for our annual Presentation Night. We like all children to attend if possible and classes will sing some Christmas carols between award presentations. More details will be sent home in coming weeks.

Kind Regards - David Hughes (Principal)

GOOD LUCK to...Madelaine Goodridge who is competing at the NSWSSA (National Athletics Championships) over the next week. Good luck also to: Milla Seale, Blake Steep, Piper Facer & Sebastian Facer as they compete at the Diocesan Summer Sport Trials today in Coffs Harbour!

Intensive Swimming Program K-6
Begins next Monday 28th Nov (Mon-Thurs) for 2 weeks...

Don’t forget your swimming gear!

The P&F will have new school bags available for $60 which come with a 10 year warranty & free pencil case. Please see the office to place an order!
Advent Family Prayer
God of Love,
Your son, Jesus,
is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love
during the weeks of Advent,
As we wait and prepare
for his coming.
We pray in the name of
Jesus, our Saviour.
Amen.

Our School Fete...
Rides, fun, food, santa,
entertainment, stalls &
competitions...

CALENDAR

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Future Events
Mon 5th -Thur 9th Dec SWIMMING K-6 Fri 9 Dec: End of Year School Mass Fri 9 Dec: Reports home to parents Tue 13 Dec: Presentation Night Fri 16 Dec: Pool Day and last day of attendance for students

Fete competition winners...
Best dressed Bear:
1st Paddy Harris
2nd Sam Ashby

Lego model:
1st Elwood Dollery
2nd Zac Ashby

Fruit & Veg Sculpture:
1st Shayla Cain
2nd Abbie Hudson

Cupcakes:
1st Maks Buckley
2nd Will Welsh
MINI VINNIES DAY

On Friday the 11th of November, the Mini Vinnies club went to St. Agnes Primary School for a Mini Vinnies conference with the other Catholic Schools from the surrounding areas.

After we had sung some songs, we played a game of bingo - instead of having the usual numbers we had questions to get to know each other. Everyone had name tags with colours on them and we got into the colour groups with students from the other schools. We all did some workshops on poverty, homelessness and refugees and we played a lot of games to learn more about them. Then we all got together for a presentation to share our ideas and things we have been doing for fundraisers. We all had lunch together and got a free ice-block!

Next we had some visitors from the Vinnies in Port Macquarie who talked about what they do and then it was time to go. We said thank you for an awesome day then got on the bus and left. It was a great opportunity to learn more about Mini Vinnies and how we can help others!

By Maddy Bucknell, Aimee Jai Dietrich and Alana Huntley

CRAZY SOCK DAY

A big thank you to everyone wore their craziest socks and brought in a gold coin donation on Wednesday.

We raised a total of $182.00
The money raised will be used to care for the children living in poverty in Cambodia. Photo Pg 4.

CSYMA Visit

On Thursday, the Year 9 CSYMA class from Regional High School came to visit Year 6 for the second time. This time the session was hosted by the Year 6 students and followed the theme of ‘Belonging’.

Alana, Sarah, Emma and Jordan started the day of with a Prayer of Belonging then we played some ice-breaker games with Miah and Brooklan running the game ‘Pancake’ then Eden and Nic running ‘Bang’.

After the ice-breakers Brydie made a speech with her sister Lauren in Year 9 about belonging to their schools and to their family. Therese and Faye from Year 9 then talked about belonging to their faith. Georgia and Lexie from Regional showcased their musical talents with a rendition of Jack Johnson’s ‘Better when we’re Together’.

Afterwards everyone got into the same small groups as last visit to continue to get to know each other and form friendships. We talked about how we feel like we belong to our school and talked through any questions about high school.

We finished off with Harry, Zac, Lachie and Hayden running Bullrush and Stuck in the Mud. Everyone had a great morning and we are very thankful for the CSYMA class from St Joseph’s Regional for taking the time to come and see us.
**Keeping our Children Safe Tips**

The leading cause of death and serious injury for young children is traffic-related accidents. We have a traffic-related environment at our school, especially at drop-off and pick-up times – children require active supervision whenever they are in the traffic environment either at school or elsewhere. As the holidays approach quickly, here are some important tips to help keep our children safe.

**ALWAYS** hold your child’s hand when:
- Your child is on the footpath
- Your child is crossing the road
- Your child is in a carpark (including our school)

We have set up procedures to ensure the safety of your children, especially important at school drop-off and pick-up times. Please ensure that you are familiar with them and follow them at all times.

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**CAROLS ON THE GRASS**

**SUN 11th DECEMBER**

**RAINBOW BEACH BONNY HILLS**
( in front of Wauchope/Bonny Hills Surf Life Saving Club)

St Joseph’s Laurieton Choir will be performing

All welcome 😊

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This week Kinder have been investigating 3D shapes. Thank you to Mrs Deborah McDermott for finding some great resources in our local St Vincent’s store 😊

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**Camden Haven Parish**

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Children’s liturgy for the first Sunday of advent at Kendall church this Sunday 9am. All welcome.