Dear Parent/Caregivers,

On Tuesday 18th September our school will be hosting well-known presenter Robyn Moore. A flyer outlining information about how to register is included in this newsletter. We encourage as many families as possible to attend. Child minding is available to support attendance. This is a wonderful opportunity to build the partnership between home and school. Please register your attendance by clicking on the link here: [https://goo.gl/forms/2lrlG9H3sD7mhoKt1](https://goo.gl/forms/2lrlG9H3sD7mhoKt1)

This week our school featured on Prime 7 News outlining our efforts in reducing lunch box rubbish. Thank you to the students, staff and families who have embraced this approach. It has definitely made a difference to rubbish in the playground. Congratulations to Mrs Tarrant and members of the Enviro Team for their commitment to this very important issue.

Next Friday we will host an Out-of-Uniform Day to assist with fundraising for our Fete. Donations for the Bottle Stall or a Gold Coin donation and of a bag of lollies are welcomed as we continue to move very quickly towards our Fete early in Term 4.

Preparations for School Spectacular continue and the students and staff are already busy preparing some wonderful acts to share with our community. Please lock Tuesday 25th September into your diary!

Today we hosted our annual Father’s Day Breakfast. Thanks to so many of our Dad’s, Grandfather’s and Carers who came along to share in this celebration with us. We hope you have a lovely day on Sunday. Thanks to our P&F members Amanda Lewthwaite, Margaret Borger, Kylie O’Donnell and Sally Rosten and members of our staff for the preparation and organisation of this event for our families. We will continue to support our Dad’s and Father’s within our Parish community with a celebration of Mass on Sunday. We look forward to seeing you there.

All the best for the week ahead!
Many Blessings, Melissa Turner
**DIOCESAN ATHLETICS**

Well done to the following children who travelled to Lismore last Friday to compete in the Diocesan Athletics Carnival: **Roxy Hofman, Blake Bullen, Julien Tamblyn, Mia Quinn, Keneisha Lockwood, Emma Miller, Zander Browne and Neive Blair.** All can be proud of their efforts against the best from the Lismore Diocese. Three athletes were successful in qualifying for the Polding Trials to be held in Newcastle on the 14th September. Congratulations to **Mia Quinn** - 1st in Discus, **Roxy Hofman** - 2nd in High Jump, **Keneisha Lockwood** - 3rd in High Jump.

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**PARENT PARTNERSHIP**

**CAN YOU HELP OUT AT OUR PARENT WORKING BEE?**

In preparation for our Parent Evening - **Make Maths Happen** to be held in Term 4, we are asking for volunteers for a Parent Working Bee to collate Math resources

**Friday 7th September 9.30 - 11.00am**

If you are able to help, please phone the school office on 65 62 5501.

Parents and families mark your calendars! Our exciting Maths night, 'Make Maths Fun' is fast approaching!!

**Tuesday 30th October 2018**

Research highlights the importance of teachers and schools partnering with parents and families to create positive links between home and school that positively contribute to learning outcomes for students.

Schools that perform highly in the Mathematics domain recognise the important role that parents and the community play in developing and maintaining positive mathematical dispositions.

The role parents play in their children’s education can have far-reaching consequences for children’s socio-emotional development, school readiness, school adjustment, and academic performance.

It is crucial therefore, for schools to actively seek out opportunities to engage parents in school-based mathematical initiatives in order for them to support their child’s educational outcomes and attitudes towards the subject of Mathematics both at school and beyond the classroom.

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**Kinder/ Year 12 Mass**

Previously advertised as being held next Tuesday 4th September.

**New Date: 18th September, 9.30am.**

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**CAPSA National week of Prayer and Action**

One of the activities some classes participated in, was having one of their lessons outside. This activity sparked a conversation and awareness that some families no longer have a roof over their heads due to the loss of support to migrants and refugees in Australia. Year 5 finished their lessons with some special prayers.

**WE CAN PRAY**… Praying is something we CAN all do. We can pray for asylum seekers we know or don’t know, for greater compassion from our decision makers, for the safety and wellbeing of people on the journey and living in hardship and for endurance of people supporting asylum seekers. Prayer can be simple, creative or structured… so long as it is from the heart.

“When coming from the heart, we know that prayer works miracles.”  Pope Francis, Oct. 8, 2014”.

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**Curriculum in my Classroom**

**Year 2**

As part of their studies of Science and Technology, Year 2 have been learning about “Light and Sound”. They engaged in experiments and investigated ways light and sound occur in our daily lives.
STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

Sianna Dickson
1st September

Jason Micallef
2nd September

Kobe Dickson
3rd September

Abbie Kirkman
4th September

Charlotte Hegerty
5th September

Jared Clarke
6th September

Hamish Osborne
8th September

Addison Norton
Clancy Prior
9th September

MONDAY
Kylie Campbell

TUESDAY
Kylie Campbell

WEDNESDAY
Marcia Spalding

THURSDAY
Nadeen Crowe

FRIDAY
Mary Dowling
Shelley McLean

Colgate Community Garden Challenge
Our school is currently ranking 6th in this competition. Well done everyone and keep voting!
Vote tally as of publishing is 19494

A PRAYER FOR FATHER’S DAY
We ask for your blessings on this very special Father’s Day. Please take care of all the special males in our lives; bless our fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, godfathers and carers. May they celebrate Father’s Day in a happy way and realise how loved and appreciated they are.

Amen
Written by Zara, Abbey and Lionnel in Year 5

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

Week 7 Roster

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St Joseph’s
FETE NEWSLETTER

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2018

Please bring in a jar filled with goodies
For example – pencils, hair ties, ribbons, mini toys – anything you can put into a bottle.
We also ask if every family could please DONATE A BAG OF LOLLIES
to assist with this it would be greatly appreciated.

To assist with this year’s fete please drop into the office your
DONATIONS

ON THE DAY

Glass Jars / Bottles
Craft Items
Homemade Pickles, Honey,
Jams, Chutneys etc’

CAN YOU HELP?

Hay

ANYTIME

OF

OF

Plants
Cakes*

*with list of ingredients & date prepared

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Save the Date
School Spectacular

Tuesday
25th September
6.00pm
Insights

Kids need good men in their lives

by Michael Grose

While rummaging through my bookshelves at home recently I stumbled across Romulus, My Father by Raimond Gaita, a book that had a huge impact on me as a father.

Romulus, My Father is a lovingly told memoir of a hard-working father who remained faithful to his family and friends despite his wife’s affairs, her mental illness and dealing with the hardships of earning a living in 1950s and ’60s rural Australia. It’s a tale of love, friendship and character.

One line in the book, “I know what a good man is because I saw it in my father,” struck an instant chord with me. It was a reminder that kids need to have close experiences with men who have real depth of character and strength if they are to adopt those qualities themselves and also look for them in partners.

Role models of quality

Sadly, children and young people are less likely to see these qualities in many of our current political leaders and other public figures. Self-interest and shallowness of character, at least in a public sense, seems to be standard fare at present.

Like Gaita, I had the good fortune to have a father who was also a good man. He wasn’t wealthy, famous or ambitious. Rather he was kind, considerate and generous. He had experienced an unhappy and — I suspect though he never spoke of it — abusive childhood but he was determined that his children would never experience the same treatment that he received.

As a disciplinarian he was soft but that didn’t mean he was a pushover. He’d stand his ground with his children over issues that really mattered, such as how we siblings treated each other, displays of dishonesty and disrespect, and taking shortcuts in our studies or with work. He was a community-minded man who, through his example, taught his children the importance of serving and giving to those who didn’t have the same serving of luck that we did. He was also an involved father who, despite being busy, always had time to play cricket and football after work with my brother and me. He was never too busy for his children.

A compass and a map

Significantly, my father gave me my moral compass in the form of the value system that he lived by. His many sayings including his most popular mantra: “If you can’t say a good word about anyone don’t say anything at all”. That still rattles around in my head today. Through his active community involvement, his devotion to family and