Dear Parents, Priests, Staff and Students,

Last Monday evening 61 students from our Parish community received the Sacrament of Confirmation from the Bishop of Lismore, the Most Rev Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett. This was the candidates second sacrament of initiation as they prepare to make their First Reconciliation at the end of this year and then receive their First Eucharist next year.

A special thank you to all the families who participated in the preparation program over the last four weeks. I ask that you keep these young people in your thoughts and prayers as they continue their faith journey.

FIRST EUCHARIST: At this weekend’s Masses students in Year 3 will receive their First Eucharist. They too have been preparing to receive the Sacrament over the past four weeks and we wish them well as they take the next step of their faith journey.

PUNCTUALITY: In recent newsletters I have stressed the need for all children to be at school on time to avoid missing important daily instructions and causing disruption to their classmates. Unfortunately we still have some children arriving late each morning. I would ask all families to address this situation as a matter of urgency.

We also have a number of children regularly being picked up early before the end of school. I would ask that you wait until 3pm to pick up your children except for emergency situations.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.
**BUS FORMS:** From 12th May 2016, applications for free school travel in rural and regional NSW will need to be completed online instead of using paper forms. This change makes it easier to apply, as you only need to complete one form that covers all situations, including journeys that involve multiple transport operators. It’s also easier for schools and bus operators, as Transport for NSW will now handle the applications. This change only affects the application process; no changes to any public transport services are planned.

Once you have confirmed your 2017 school enrolment, complete the online application form at transportnsw.info/school-students, nominating your home address and which bus company or transport operator the student needs to travel between home and school. Then simply return signed completed form to your school to process.

If the student has already been approved for school travel and their address, school or name changes, or the student is entering Years 3 or 7, you will need to update your details at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updatedetails.

Have a great week !!!

Tony Boyle
Principal

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Happy Birthday Fr Michael

Congratulations and best wishes to Fr Michael who celebrated his birthday on Tuesday.

We hope your had a wonderful day.

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Northern NSW Local Health District Oral Health Service conducted 2 oral health promotion sessions to kindergarten classes. The children were all given a toothbrushing chart to take home. We aim for this to stimulate discussion and establish good oral health habits at home.

We conducted 41 Kindergarten dental/oral health assessments 17 kindergarten children were found to require dental treatment.
2016 Winter Appeal

This year St Joseph’s Mini Vinnies is supporting members of our local community in need. We are collecting donations for the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal.

Why : We are supporting  the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

What: Donations of warm clothes, pyjamas, socks, beanies and blankets for both adults and children (please make sure they are clean)

Where: The bin will be located in front of the library

When: Term 2 and 3

The bin will be emptied every Monday by the Mini Vinnies students at the local St Vincent De Paul. We need everyone to be “wheely” generous.

Thanks from the Mini Vinnies team.

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ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL FORUM GALA MOVIE NIGHT - FINDING DORY:

A note was sent home a few weeks informing all families of our Gala Movie Night on

THURSDAY 23RD JUNE.

Venue: Birch Caroll and Coyle at Coolangatta.  Time: 6.00pm for 6.30pm start.

Cost:  Individual ticket  -  $10.00

Children under 3  -  Free

Medium Popcorn & Drink  -  $8.50

Tickets are now for sale. Don’t leave it to the last minute because last year people missed out at the tickets sold out very quickly. More order forms are available from the school office. Please send money and forms into the office in an envelope. **DO NOT use direct debit for this event as all money goes into the School forum account not the school account.**

We also need 20 sponsors which pays for the hiring of the two cinemas. We now have four sponsors so we need 16 more. It is $100 for sponsorship which is tax deductible.

Your business will be advertised in the newsletter each week and place on the big screen at the movies.

Thanks for your continued support!