Dear Parents and Carers,

**Fathers’ Day Reflection**
*A Checklist for Catholic Fathers:*

**Surrender.** We have to surrender on an ongoing basis to Christ for his will to be done in our lives. Gents, we are not in charge ... as much as we want to be!

**Invest Time.** Our children need our time.

**Be a Man of Prayer.** Our children will be much more likely to pray if we do.

**Understand Our True Vocation.** For those blessed to be married and have children, we must recognize that helping our families is the real vocation.

**Practice Detachment.** Are we too focused on acquiring toys, bigger houses, nicer cars or the next promotion?

**Love Our Wives.** Husbands, we must love and cherish our wives, plain and simple. Our children will learn to love others by how they see Mum and Dad love each other.

This reflection is adapted from *Journey to Heaven: A Road Map for Catholic Men*, written by Randy Hain. This Sunday is Fathers’ Day; I know I may see some children and their fathers in Coffs Harbour as they participate together in the Coffs Running Festival. I hope Sunday is a special day for families in our community. It is a time for us to acknowledge our fathers and those father figures in our lives.

**EXTENDING MATHEMATICAL UNDERSTANDING:** This week we had a visit from our Mathematics Education Officer, Rhonda Mossel. Rhonda came to see the remarkable progress our students have made by engaging in Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU). She was impressed to see and hear our students thinking and talking about Mathematics with confidence. Pictured below, you can see Rhonda enjoying a place value activity with Scott, Andrew and Jed.

**PYJAMA DAY:** As part of our St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal, students and staff are encouraged to dress up in their pyjamas tomorrow (Friday 2nd September). Students can donate toiletries for the dress-up day or they can bring a gold coin donation. Personally, I'm looking forward to wearing ugg boots at school as I'm not quite acclimatized to Dorrigo at this time of year!

**SCHOOL SOCIAL:** The student leaders are organising a school social for Thursday 14th September. The event will commence at 6pm. Parents are welcome to enjoy their own social
time while the children have fun together. Some biscuits and cheese will be provided courtesy of our Parent Assembly representatives. More information will come home today. The theme for the social is MSJ, so students can come dressed as something beginning with M, S or J.

SPRITUAL RETREAT: Next week I am away in Sydney attending a Spiritual Retreat. As a leader in a faith community, it is important that I continue to develop my faith. As such I have enrolled in a 5 day retreat. We welcome Mrs Darby back to school next week; she will be in charge during my absence.

Regards,
Nathan Trezise
Principal

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY: We are having a pupil-free staff development day on the last day of Term 3, Friday 23rd September. Staff will be participating in professional learning supporting students with additional needs. Please mark this date in your calendars.

K-2 VISIT TO PRIMARY SCHOOL – CHILD PROTECTION WEEK: Dorrigo Public School is hosting a Teddy Bears’ Picnic with the Preschool on Thursday 8th September from 11:15am - 12:45pm. They are planning on having the Police, Fire truck and possibly the ambulance there as well, followed by shared eating time with Teddy Bears and tabloid / picnic games during lunch time. Our K/1 and Year 2 classes will be participating in this event – we will walk down to the Public school at around 11am and be back after lunch. Students in these classes are to bring their favourite teddy or stuffed toy for this day.

CAKE TROLLEY COMING UP: Our annual Cake Trolley, which is a fantastic P&F fundraiser, will be held on Thursday 15th September. We will be calling for donations of home-made (no shop-bought items please) fancy cakes, slices or biscuits to be sent in to school on the Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning, and a team of workers will slice them up and arrange them on trays. The cake trays will be sold at local businesses for $10 each. We are quite renowned for our lovely cooking, so please give this very popular fundraiser your support! If your business would like to order a tray, please contact the school. If you will be available to help with cutting up the cakes on the Thursday morning, please let us know.

BEFORE-SCHOOL P.E. PROGRAM: A reminder that our school is trialling a Physical Education program held before school three mornings each week. These activities are being held on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings from 8:30am. Parents are welcome to participate too! Students should wear their running shoes to school and bring their school shoes and a change of socks (as the grass is often wet in the mornings). Our Live Life Well @ School funding has also enabled us to offer a free breakfast for students each Thursday morning.

COFFS HARBOUR RUNNING FESTIVAL: We are encouraging those runners amongst us to register for the Coffs Harbour Running Festival, which will be held this Sunday 4th September (Fathers’ Day). Mr Lawler & Mr Trezise are planning to participate in the 10km run and there are already some students registered for the 3km race. Our school has the chance to win $500 if we have the most students per school enrolment entered in the run. Go to www.villagesports.com.au for more information.

LIBRARY DAY: Library for each class is held on the following days:
K/1 – Friday
Year 2 – Friday
Year 3 – Wednesday
Year 4/5/6 – Thursday
Please remind your child/ren to return their books on their library day. A Skoolbag alert
GOOD LEARNING AWARDS: Class awards went to Byron Willson-Baker for developing efficient strategies to recognise number patterns and the grouping of objects; Tully Gibson for showing us her great teamwork skills in maths groups; Scott Kedzlie for working accurately with mathematical operations and using given numbers to reach a target answer; and Leah Ellis for persistence in mathematics and improving her ability to bridge to 10 when adding 2-digit numbers.

LEADERS’ AWARDS went to Byron Willson-Baker for always handling sporting equipment appropriately, and Danyella Young for settling in well and making new friends.

SCHOOL FEES: Term 3 fees are due by Friday 9th September. If you feel you may have difficulty in finalising your Term 3 fees by this date, please contact Mr Trezise. For internet banking payments, the school’s details are: Bank name: Banancoast Community Credit Union BSB no. 704-328 Account no. 76986 (if paying from a BCU account, please specify our S10 account)

When using Internet banking, please use your child’s surname as a reference.

1 student – $252.50 per term
2 students – $430.00 per term
3 or more students – $530.25 per term

COMING EVENTS:

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LINK TO SCHOOL WEBSITE: http://moodle.dorplism.catholic.edu.au/

SMS ABSENCE REMINDERS: If a student is absent from school and we haven’t already been informed of the reason, a text message will be sent to a parent or guardian. When you reply to this text it automatically saves to the roll. Or you can notify the school by any of the methods below:
1. By phone
2. By email to dorp@lism.catholic.edu.au
3. Via Skoolbag app
4. By written note.

NEW BUS TRAVEL PROCEDURE: The NSW Department of Transport has changed the procedure for applying for private bus travel (which applies to all the Dorrigo bus companies). All applications are now online – the blue bus forms are no longer used. To update your details, go to www.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updatedetails
For more information, call 131500.

A NOTE 🎶 FROM OUR MUSIC TEACHERS: Dr Sheila Guymer is available to teach piano and music theory on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons – she also has a studio in town near the tennis courts, if anyone would prefer lessons after school. Mr Rob Harpley is available on Monday and Wednesday afternoons for guitar and music theory students. You can contact Sheila on ph. 0401 827 625 or smg62@cam.ac.uk or Rob on ph. 6775 9282 or robhply1959@dodo.com.au

PARISH MASSES: Sunday Mass – 10:00am. All are welcome.

GFS: GFS is an after-school kids club focusing on “God, Friends, Self”. It’s held every Wednesday in term time from 3-5pm in the Anglican Hall for children in Kinder to Year 7. Food, worship games and craft. For more information, ring Gwenneth on 66572135.
Dorrego Preschool
Open for Enrolments

FETE
Sensory/ Memorial Garden Opening

Saturday September 10th
9am to 2pm

Kids get your arm in a Plaster Cast
Great Food... Enjo... Beaumont's Plants...
Mowgli & Alice...Dorrego Sweet Shop...
Eco-Sense Toys...as.Slow Motion... Darcy's Pickles...
White Elephant... Baked goods... Health Check...
Face Painting...

Please join us for a great day!

Become a Nipper!
Urunga Junior Surf Lifesaving Club is about to kick off the 2016/2017 season.
Nippers is a junior program that introduces children aged 5 to 13 to surf lifesaving. Nippers is a great way for children to make friends, be active and enjoy the beach in a safe environment.

Saturday 17 September: Registration Day at the Urunga Public School Fete.
Come along and find us under the surf club tent between 9am and 1:30pm.

Saturday 15 October: Registration and pool proficiency (6B-114 only), Urunga Swimming Pool, 10am to 1:30pm.
Sunday 16 October: First Day of Nippers, registration and open water swim proficiency.

New Nippers will need to bring a Birth Certificate please to rego days.
If you have any queries regarding Urunga Nippers, please contact our Registrar Lou Rodgers on 0437 370 738 or visit our website: www.urungasnsc.com.au

You’re invited...

Mountain Mind 2016
A quiz night for the Dorrego community
6pm Wednesday 14 September
at Dorrego High School hall

Bring your own supper
Tea & coffee provided
Adults $6, Students $3
Prizes to be won!

Get your friends together and book a group table for 6 to 8 people by visiting the school office or phoning 6657 2001. Individual or part table bookings also welcome. Presented by Dorrego High School P&C