Dear Parents,

This week we celebrate Pentecost. We are reminded that the apostles were afraid of the challenge that lay ahead of them but with the help of the Holy Spirit they were able to go out and spread the word of God to all areas of the world. We, too, are often afraid to stand up to those who spread lies about us or others. We jump in and make judgements about things we hear without having all the facts or even really caring about them. We say things to others that are hurtful or go along with the status quo when we know in our hearts we should speak out. This season challenges us to use the gifts given to us from the Holy Spirit, the gifts of wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, reverence, wonder and awe, and knowledge when we are called to help one another and stand up for the truth in all things. Michael Grose from the Parent Forum conference called this developing concern for others and he listed it as one of the most important lessons we as parents should impart on our children – something we can’t do unless we do it ourselves as well.

At Mt St John’s we see being a good person not just as one who goes to Church or gets all the answers right in R.E. We see it as someone who makes the connection between the Gospel and the way we live our lives. We are not here just to learn about God and hear from the Gospel… we are called to ACT on them in our daily lives as we “Love tenderly, live justly and walk humbly with God”. The Gospels remind us to make our love real… to learn from our past, to commit to a more just future for all people. We are challenged to make peace, to be merciful, to see and walk beside those who are persecuted, sick and hungry, left out and alone as we stand up for what is just and right.

This week we also celebrate ‘National Sorry Day’ when we stop and reflect on the hurt Government decisions and decisions we make can have on others. Because I am away Thursday & Friday this week at a Priests & Principals’ conference we will be having a prayer service next Thursday at 2:15pm as part of our Leaders’ Assembly and all are invited.

I wish you all a great week as you take time to embrace the gifts in your lives and celebrate the love and joy they give you and all those you meet.

Yours sincerely

Sue Darby
Acting Principal

BEELINGEN READERS & WRITERS FESTIVAL WORKSHOP: As part of our goal to develop students’ passion and ability in writing, all students from Years 4, 5 and 6 will be attending a writing workshop in association with the Bellingen Readers’ and Writers’ festival. This will be held next Thursday 4th June at St Mary’s School in Bellingen. The visiting author will be Peter Macinnis. Peter’s depth of knowledge and practical inventions bring scientific enquiry and our local environment together in a series of hands-on investigations based on his book, Australian Backyard Explorer. All students will need to bring 2 x 1.25L plastic bottles – empty (we are making bug traps). Cost is $5 per student – a note went home with these students last week. We are asking for parent helpers to drive us to and from Bellingen to save us the cost of hiring a bus – if any parents are able to help with this, please let us know at school.
PROCLAIM PENTECOST STUDENT COMPETITION: On the last page of this newsletter is information about the “Proclaim” Pentecost Inspiring Flame competition – first prize is an iPad mini. Entry forms are available from the school.

SANDPIT DESIGN COMPETITION: Keep those designs coming for our sandpit competition! The competition ends in Week 8 on Friday 12th June, and is open to children in all classes. Designs must be:
- safe
- able to be covered to prevent cats and dogs using them
- big enough for groups of children to play in
- able to be built by volunteers.

TERM 2 SCHOOL FEES: Term 2 fees are payable by Friday 12th June, unless you are paying regular direct deposit amounts. For Internet banking payments, the school’s details are:

Bank: 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.

Suggested Direct Deposit amounts (from beginning of February 2015)
1 student – $252.50 per term
   $40.40 per fortnight (x 25 fortnights)
   $20.20 per week (x 50 weeks)
2 students – $430.00 per term
   $68.80 per fortnight (x 25 fortnights)
   $34.40 per week (x 50 weeks)
3 or more students – $530.25 per term
   $84.84 per fortnight (x 25 fortnights)
   $42.42 per week (x 50 weeks)

BOOK CLUB: Book club catalogues are being sent home today. Orders and money are due back by Friday 12th June.

ASSEMBLY: Tomorrow’s assembly will be held at 2:40pm and will be led by the K/1 class. All are most welcome.

MASS: The K/1 class will attend Mass next Wednesday.

PARENT ASSEMBLY: The Parent Assembly has money available again this year to provide education for parents. If you have some area of parenting that you would like to learn more about please talk to Cath Hartin or Mrs Darby and we will start a list and try to source people who can help us with your requests.

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

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

CANTEEN: Thank you to this week’s canteen volunteers, who are Alisha Fenton & Susan Ellis. A reminder that canteen volunteers should be at the school by 9:00am to tally up orders. If you are unable to do your rostered day, please organise to swap with another volunteer.

COMING EVENTS:

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STUDENT ABSENCES: There have been a lot of absences lately due to the arrival of the cold and flu season. If your child is absent from school for any reason, please make sure you notify the school. There are several ways you can notify us:
1. By phone

CAPTAIN’S AWARD: Congratulations to Mikaylah Miller, who received a Captain’s Award this week for playing well on the playground.

GOOD LEARNING AWARDS: Class awards went to Rylan Kahl for completing addition tasks carefully and with enthusiasm; Lara Smithers for completing individual tasks responsibly and carefully; Beau George for making a big effort to improve his learning behaviours; and Paris Hyatt for composing a cohesive descriptive narrative.
2. By email to msjpordr@lism.catholic.edu.au
3. Via Skoolbag app
4. By written note

MUSIC LESSONS: Rob Harpley is conducting lessons in guitar or keyboard at school on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30pm. Cost will be $20 for a half hour lesson. For more information call Rob on 67759282.

DORRIGO DRAMA – KIDS ON STAGE: Kids on Stage has resumed this term and is held on Monday afternoons at 3:30pm at the Old Gazette Theatre. Rehearsals for a production of “A Magical Mystery Tour” by Pene Charles are now underway. If you’re interested in being involved, please ring Dina Luciani on 66572243.

RISE UP - a talent quest for the youth of the Bellingen Shire is hosting an event at our Old Gazette Theatre on Saturday 27th June at 4pm. Please come along to support and hear the up-coming stars in our community.

DORRIGO HIGHLANDERS SOCCER: It’s a big week for soccer and the Dorrigo Highlanders Club with a night game on Wednesday and all teams playing at home this Saturday. Action kicks off tonight at the Alex Cork Fields with a 6.30pm start scheduled for the Dorrigo Highlanders against the Bellingen Bats. This make-up game is a “Top of the Mountain” versus Valley clash with plenty of familiar faces making up the Dorrigo team. This will be a test for the Highlanders with the Bellingen team currently sitting in second place on the North Coast Football ladder. Bring a travel mug, a warm blanket and plenty of voice to cheer on the home team.

After some broken rounds with rain and closed fields the Dorrigo Club is looking forward to a fine weekend to play host to four visiting clubs. Saturday’s play on the Alex Cork Fields begins early with the Miniroos on the main field from 9am and runs right through the day with the Dorrigo Highlanders playing the Sawtell Scorpions in the final game at 3pm. The full game list for the day is: 9am Miniroos; 10am 8s girls Lyrebirds vs Bellingen; 10.15am 14 girls Bluegums vs Bellingen; 10.40am 11s Wallabies vs Bellingen; 11am 8s boys Quolls vs Boambee; 11.30am 16 girls Waratahs vs Bellingen; 12 noon 9s Dingoes vs Sawtell; 1pm Women’s Cedars vs Boambee and 3pm Mens Highlanders vs Sawtell.

The canteen will be open all day for hot food and drinks, snacks and cold drinks so join us to enjoy some great local football action.

GFS KIDSPLUS meets every Wednesday during term time from 3-5pm in the Anglican Church Hall. There is food, fun, games, worship and craft. Students from Kinder through to Year 9 are welcome. Cost is $1 per session – new pupils always welcome. Contact Rev Mike on 6657 2015.

DORRIGO SHOW SCHEDULE COMPETITION: This year for the Dorrigo Show we are inviting all students to participate in a competition to create the cover for the 2015 schedule. Your design should be on an A4 page and in colour. Any theme depicting the Dorrigo Show will be considered. The competition is open to all students. The winning entry will also receive free entry to the show and a mystery package! Runner up will receive a mystery package. Entries close 29th May and can left at the office of each school.

IMMUNISATION CLINICS for babies and children will be held at the CWA Rooms (Child Health Clinic) on the First Thursday of each Month from 10am to 12pm, beginning on Thursday 7th May. For appointments, phone 0428 101659. This is a FREE service conducted by Child Health Nurses.

Children are learning habits that will often last a lifetime.

- Ensure your child eats breakfast. This improves concentration levels at school and reduces snacking
- Be realistic about the serving sizes you give your children. Forcing children to finish what’s on their plate when they are not hungry may lead to overeating and strong food dislikes.
- Eat your meals at the dinner table rather than in front of the TV. Children (and adults) are more likely to overeat whilst eating in front of the TV as they can easily miss the body’s cues to tell them they are full.

For more information go to www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au
‘PENTECOST INSPIRING FLAME’
COMPETITION

DUE DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS
9PM FRIDAY JUNE 12

MAJOR PRIZE
AN IPAD MINI
SECONDARY PRIZES - X2 $50 GIFT VOUCHERS

WHAT’S THE COMP?
Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit came to Jesus’ disciples with wind and flame so we want you to show us how the Holy Spirit inspires you, and gives you the love, power and energy to practise your faith.

Maybe your inspiring flame is an inspirational Christian, or maybe it’s just sitting around the campfire, or hanging with your best friend. It’s those people and moments that make you want to be a better Christian.

HOW DO I ENTER?
1) Collect an entry form from your teacher
2) Take a photo or create a picture (eg, draw, paint, collage) of the inspiring flame in your life. You can even give it a creative caption if you like!
3) Submit with a signed entry form to your classroom teacher

GOOD LUCK!

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