Dear Parents,

Jesus said to His disciples “Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation.” He asks us to do the same thing today. We are called to be the Good News to others, to spread the joy that is in our lives with all we meet. It is easy when we have so much; we are truly blessed to live in one of the most beautiful places in the world. This is something I am constantly reminded of as I go on playground duty and watch the children playing together, with all ages and all classes enjoying each other’s company and learning to share, to communicate, to listen and build empathy, negotiate and care for one another. These are life lessons that will help them become happy and productive citizens of the future, working together to make our world a better place, working towards ‘the common good’. Small schools are such nurturing learning grounds for the development of these social skills. Children learn to get along and accept each other for who they are as they build empathy and really get to know each other, the good parts and the bad. This is such a valuable life lesson for adulthood.

Congratulations to our K/1 students on their assembly last week. Your poetry and narratives were a real treat, as was your autumn art work. It is hard to believe our Kinder students have only been here for such a short time – they certainly stole the show! A big thank you goes to the K/1 parents for the support they have been giving their children in the preparation of their talking and listening each week; it has been of a very high standard and has helped each child build confidence as they speak in front of their peers.

Year 2/3 have been creating excellent Dreamtime stories and artworks and forming learning goals to guide their learning.

Thank you also to our senior students for all of the work they do to help the school run smoothly, Kassidy and Darcy C for the efficient way they run the sports shed, Holly for the care taken in setting up and coordinating the passive play, Connor and Tom for the time they give to organising our gardening working bees, Annie, Ben and Kayla for the plans they are putting in place for Mini Vinnies and Darcy H and Ellie for the work they are putting in to organise our end of term Readers & Writers Theatre (tomorrow’s trip to Bellingen should help with this), and to Ernie for helping wherever it is needed with enthusiasm.

May each of you enjoy the gifts of the Holy Spirit this week and always so that you can be filled with conviction and light, that gives you the capacity to show others how God is working in things.

Yours sincerely

Sue Darby
Acting Principal

P&F MEETING: Our next P&F Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th June at 3:25pm. Items for the agenda include working on the structure of the P&F, which was discussed & passed at the AGM. This will involve creating small sub-committees that would work on different areas; e.g. canteen, charity, books, maintenance etc. These would all then come under and report to the P&F. This would hopefully encourage more parent involvement. P&F will work on this to have implemented next year.

If anyone has any other agenda items, please email them to cmarsden@lism.catholic.edu.au
WINTER WARMERS RAFFLE: At our recent P&F meeting it was decided to hold this fundraiser again this year, as it has been very successful in the past. The P&F is calling for donations of wintry items (socks, slippers, scarves, woolly rugs, hot water bottles, chocolates, tins of milo… anything snuggly and/or warming!) to put in the raffle. If anyone is able to donate a load of firewood or the components thereof (e.g. one person donating logs, another chainsawing them into rounds, another splitting the rounds, another delivering) we would be very grateful. Please call the school if you are able to help. Tickets will be $2 each and the raffle will be drawn on Friday 31st July.

PROCLAIM PENTECOST STUDENT COMPETITION: Entry forms for the “Proclaim” Pentecost Inspiring Flame competition are available from the school – first prize is an iPad mini.

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.

WHOOPING COUGH: There have been a few cases of Whooping Cough in the area recently. Please be aware of this and take your child (or yourself) to the doctor if he or she has a particularly bad cough.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: It’s good to see so many students training for our athletics carnival at lunch time and in their spare time. Those wishing to compete in the 800m will certainly need it! The carnival will be held on Thursday 18th June at Bellingen High School – all students will attend. A note will go home regarding this next week.

BELLINGEN 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 tomorrow 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). Thank you to Julie Miller & Michelle Guest, who have volunteered to help with driving. Children are to take their recess and lunch and will be back in time for our Leaders’ assembly.

Peter Macinnis is also presenting an address on Friday of this week at the Dorrigo Rainforest Centre. In his presentation Simple Gifts: Environmental education in the information age Peter offers a fascinating perspective on the future of our planet. The event is on Friday 5th June from 10am to 12 noon, cost is $5 which includes morning tea. (RSVP by Wednesday 3rd June)

AS WE SAY GOODBYE: It was with sadness today that we said farewell to Mark Squires (Squiz). We send our love and sympathy to Patsy, Lindsay, Kelley, Kimberley, Corey, Jessie-Anne, Stephanie and their families. Mark was an integral part of our school
CAPTAIN’S AWARD: Congratulations to Charlie Lower, who received a Captain’s Award this week for playing fairly on the playground.

GOOD LEARNING AWARDS: Class awards went to Miranda Richter for completion of Mathematics tasks; Lewis Parker for excellent listening in class discussions and making valuable contributions; Eli Williams Van Rijn for producing a great, very detailed art work to go with his Dreamtime story; and Darcy Hartin for composing texts with more complex punctuation and working to improve handwriting.

ASSEMBLY: Tomorrow’s assembly will include a “National Sorry Day” liturgy. It will be held at 2:15pm and will be led by school leaders. All are most welcome.

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.

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 Rebekah Green-Kahl & Tianaha Willson-Baker. 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.

Please note that some people are still paying for UFOs at the old pricing – the correct prices are as follows:

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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
2. By email to msjpdorr@lism.catholic.edu.au
3. Via Skoolbag app
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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.

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.

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.

“What does your child do that someone else relies on?”
Most people shift a little uneasily when I ask this question in parenting seminars! It’s not meant to make you feel guilty. It’s meant to provoke some thought and make a point about developing responsibility in kids.

I’m often asked by parents how to develop responsibility in kids. The answer is simple – give responsibility to them! Let them feed the family pet, empty the dishwasher, clean up the living area at the end of the day.

Most kids rise to a real challenge when it’s sincerely given, and backed by realistic expectations. We tend to give responsibility to the kids who don’t need it – the easy kids. But we often ignore the kids in our family who really would benefit from giving them some trust – the difficult kids, those that require following up, or some parental work.

Kids belong in two ways to families – they either belong due to their positive contribution or they belong through poor behaviour. The family pest has as much cache as the responsible child – their parents know they are around!!!

It makes sense for parents to work hard to provide opportunities for kids to contribute to their family so they feel valued for what they bring to their family, rather than for what they take.

Here are three practical tips to promote a sense of responsibility in your kids:

1. Start early: Children as young as three are keen to help and take some responsibility but we often push them away and say, ‘You can help when you’re older.’ Train your kids from a young age to help themselves and others.

2. If a child forgets then no one else does the task: if a child doesn’t empty the dishwasher then it’s still there when they come home from school. Sounds tough but that’s how the real world operates. When you empty it, it becomes your responsibility.

3. Don’t give kids jobs where you have an emotional attachment: give them tasks that you know that you can live without if they are not done, or not done to your standard.

Another thing! Many parents call this type of responsibility ‘jobs’ or ‘chores’. I prefer to call it ‘help’. It’s just a little rebranding, but it reflects what it’s about.