Dear Parents,

I hope that everyone had time to rest (even if it was only for a short while), to catch up with family and to give their bodies time to recover over the long weekend.

This week we celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. In this celebration we are reminded that whenever we share in the Eucharist we are in union with Christ. He is at the centre of all that we do and say and we know that with God in our hearts we will be OK. There is nothing we cannot overcome because God is with us. This is one of the most special gifts our faith gives us, the ability to do our best and then trust that we will have the courage to embrace whatever comes along and find the joy in it.

A timely reminder for all who are about to receive their child’s first semester report. Please take the time to read through these reports with your child/children. Share the comments as they indicate what can be changed, worked on or praised. Look at the effort mark, because it is our efforts and our stamina that guides us to triumph in the end. Most of us get there eventually if we don’t give up, but for some it just takes a little longer. Then look at the grade, which is something that can be discussed at parent teacher meetings over the next couple of weeks, as teachers give you strategies and plans to help support your child’s learning. There will be a booking sheet included with your child’s report for those who would like to have an interview with your child’s teacher – interviews will take place over the next two weeks.

**STUDENT SICKNESSES:** So many children have runny noses and terrible coughs at present. If your child has a temperature or an incessant cough please keep him or her at home and give them time to recover. If children are at school sick with those who have just recovered, then the cycle begins all over again – and something that should mean only one or two days off will soon turn into weeks of illness. The only way children can recover from these viruses is by resting, drinking plenty of water and eating well.

Speaking of eating well…. this Friday Mr Harrison and our Leaders of Environment are preparing some delicious ham and vegetable soup for lunch. They will be using vegies from our garden and a few extras so we know that it will taste great and be good for us! The cost will be $1.50 per cup.

This Friday it is our Church’s birthday; it is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. We will be celebrating this with a liturgy at 12:30pm in the Church. All are welcome to join us. Father Amila will be celebrating this special occasion on Sunday at Mass at 10am and we will be having a shared morning tea at school afterwards if anyone would like to join us.

Yours sincerely

Sue Darby
Acting Principal

**KIDS IN THE CANTEEN:** This Friday our canteen will be run by the Leaders of Environment, Tom and Connor (with assistance from Mr Harrison). They will be serving a very tasty and nutritious home-made chunky ham & mixed vegie soup, with some of the ingredients picked from the school’s kitchen garden. A cup of soup will be $1.50
and can be ordered on the Friday morning as usual. Parents and friends are invited to come and buy some soup from us on the day as well – please order in the morning so we know how much to prepare!

Please be aware that there will be no other hot or bakery foods available for this Friday – snacks and drinks only (see amended menu below).

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**P&F MEETING:** Our next P&F Meeting will be held next 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

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL:** Next Thursday 18th June we will be travelling to Bellingen High School for our combined Athletics Carnival with St Mary’s of Bellingen. This is a really fun day and there will be activities for all children to participate in. Please fill in the bus permission slip for this and return it to school as soon as possible. If you intend to drive down with your children could you let us know please so that we can plan for the correct number of buses to transport us down. The Bellingen High canteen will be operating on the day (see menu on the back of bus permission form) – please send your lunch order, along with the correct money, in to our school office by Tuesday of next week.

**WINTER WARMERS RAFFLE:** 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 our Winter Warmers raffle. Tickets will be $2 each and the raffle will be drawn on Friday 31st July.

**SCHOOL DANCE:** Any parents from K/1 wanting to help organise our school dance please contact the school and we will organise a time to meet. The plan is to hold the dance on Thursday 25th June (which is the last Thursday this term) or Thursday 16th July (first Thursday next term).

**READERS & WRITERS THEATRE:** This will be held on Tuesday 23rd June at 5:20pm. It will be an informal evening to gather and share some stories, poems, and reports that have been written by the children this semester. We will have a sausage sizzle dinner and if people could bring something to share for dessert / supper, that would be great.

**MINI VINNIES WINTER APPEAL** by Annie, Ben and Kayla.

As the weather turns colder we remember that there are many families who don’t have enough clothes and blankets to keep them warm this winter and they can’t afford to buy them, so we are organising a Winter warm clothes drive to help tackle this problem. We need warm coats, jumpers, tracksuits or blankets that you no longer need, but that are still in good condition.

So if you get your warm clothes out of the cupboard and discover that they no longer fit, please bring them in to school and put them in the box provided. We will give them to St Vincent de Paul who will pass them on to people who need them. Any donations will be very much appreciated.

*Students with author Peter McGinnis and their bug traps*
Our National Sorry Day liturgy

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

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE: We are participating in the Premier’s Reading challenge again this year. It is aimed at encouraging students to read a wide variety of quality texts. We have hundreds of PRC books here at school, and to view the book list and rules go to the Premier’s Reading Challenge website https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html Students must read a certain number of books to complete the Challenge:

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The Challenge finishes for this year on 21st August.

SANDPIT DESIGN COMPETITION: The competition closes this Friday 12th June, so get those entries in! 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 several 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.

LEADERS’ AWARDS: Congratulations to the following students, who received awards from our school leaders:

- Sports Award – Evie Chong - for always volunteering to be in for a good game of Bullrush;
- Environment Award - Savannah Martin - for being a good helper every time we have a Tuesday garden group;
- Behaviour Award – Connor Young - for playing carefully in the playground and leaving games when they break down in organisation;
- Faith Award – Brydi Fittock - for following in God’s footsteps during this time of Pentecost;
- Learning Award – Thomas Chong - for working through tasks independently and quietly during class.

GOOD LEARNING AWARDS: Class awards went to Rylan Kahl for confidently matching words in oral reading & for excellent number writing; Savannah Martin for excellent oral presentations and completing tasks to a high standard; Andrew Towns for getting so excited about Maths and learning; and Kayla Smith for accurate graphing work in Mathematics.

ASSEMBLY: Tomorrow’s assembly will be led by the 2/3 class. All are most welcome.

TERM 2 SCHOOL FEES: Term 2 fees are payable by this 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.

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

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

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  
4. By written note

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**PARENT ASSEMBLY NEWS**

The recent parenting conference co-hosted by Lismore Catholic Schools Parent Assembly and the NSW Council of Catholic School Parents was an incredible success, with over 170 parents being inspired by speakers of the highest calibre. The theme of the conference “It takes a village to raise a child” encouraged many parent participants to go back to their families, schools and communities with new strategies, new energy and new motivation to not only transform their own parenting, but also commit to rebuilding the ‘village’ our children inhabit. Over the following weeks gems of wisdom from the conference keynote and workshop presenters will be shared with you in your school newsletter so that we are all enriched by the fantastic parenting ideas presented at the conference.

Gems of Wisdom from Michael Grose

- Start with the end in mind when parenting. Consider carefully what sort of adult you want your child to become and then begin proactively working toward that result.
- Resilience is a key in all students. It is also vital for children to have grit, determination and not be let off the hook.
- Raise kids with character. Character is forged through exposure to adversity so don’t save your child from every difficult and challenging situation. Mentor them through it, provide them with some possible strategies but don’t rescue them every time.

**Dorrigo Show Schedule Competition**

Entries are closing for the Dorrigo Show schedule 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 THIS FRIDAY and can left at the school office.

**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.

**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. For appointments, phone 0428 101659. This is a FREE service conducted by Child Health Nurses.

**BREASTSCREEN NSW:** BreastScreen North Coast’s brand new mobile unit will be visiting Dorrigo in mid June. It will be located in Hickory Street near the Spar Supermarket. The service is free and women in the target age group, between 50 and 74 year, are actively encouraged to attend for their two-yearly mammograms. However all women over the age of 40 are eligible for the service. A doctor’s referral is not necessary. To make an appointment, call 132050 for the cost of a local call.

**CREATIVE KIDS, JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

- **Monday 29th** Beginners Claymaking
- **Tuesday 30th** Claymaking
- **Wednesday 1st** Claymaking
- **Friday 3rd** Pottery painting 10am – 12.30pm

All sessions offer some outdoor playful active time, the opportunity to explore clay and draw using a variety of mediums.

Small groups $25 per child per session
Jenni Francis  66572625, jennifrancis2453@gmail.com

Diploma of Initiatic Art Therapy    Diploma of Clayfield (Sensorimotor Trauma Release)
One-to-one clayfield sessions  2pm – 4pm each day  $50