Dear Parents,

“The Church without frontiers, Mother to all’. This is the theme Pope Francis has given us for World Day of Migrants and Refugees this year. He asks us to think about and pray for a world that could exist with no frontiers; a world where we could be mother to all, to truly care for one another regardless of colour, creed, wealth or country of origin. This theme spreads a culture of acceptance and solidarity throughout the world, in which no one is seen as useless, out of place or disposable. When living out this “motherhood”, the Christian community nourishes, guides and shows us the way, accompanying all with patience, and drawing close to them through prayer and works of mercy.

With so many people in our world being displaced because of war, persecution, hunger, flood, earthquakes and other natural disasters it is time for all of us to be more welcoming, showing respect and solidarity towards the stranger in need. This week, take time in prayer to reflect on this worldwide problem and the importance our patience, acceptance and tolerance has every day.

Well done to the students who have been working so hard to learn their Spelling Bee lists. Ellie and Darcy H were very impressed with the accuracy displayed in all grades. Our eliminations will take place next week when Ellie and Darcy have recovered from this dreadful bug which is hitting so many at the moment.

Our second bin is now complete and can be seen at the bus shelter downtown. Well done Years 2 and 3; you have certainly captured all the fun things that we can do in Dorrigo. It is an excellent advertisement for all we have to offer. Next it’s over to Year 4/5/6.
Wishing everyone a great week, and special wishes to all our Dads. I hope you are all spoilt on Sunday!!

Sue Darby Acting Principal

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Father Amila would like to meet with the parents of the children preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion next Wednesday 9th September at 3:30pm. It is very important that at least one family representative is there. Kassidy, Jorja, Paris, Payton, Angus and Cooper are making their First Holy Communion on Sunday 13th September. This is a very special day and to help them celebrate I would like to have our choir group come along to Mass and sing. It would also be good to have some children who would be able to come to Mass at 10:00am on that Sunday to do the readings. After Mass we will gather at the school for morning tea. If you are able to come or you would be able to bring your child/children along please let Mrs Darby know so that she can distribute jobs.

PRAYERS FOR BRUCE AND COLLEEN McGUIRK: Please keep Colleen and Bruce in your prayers. They are well-loved people in our school community and Colleen is unwell at the moment.

PUPIL-FREE STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS: A reminder that the last day of term, Friday 18th September, is a pupil-free staff development day. All staff will be in Urungapook participating in our annual Spirituality retreat. The first day of next term, Tuesday 6th October, is also a Pupil-free Staff Development Day – staff will be investigating the Maths Syllabus with St Mary’s in Bellingen.

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

SPELLING BEE: Our Spelling Bee finals will take place on Monday 14th September in the last week of term and will involve four or five students from each grade. In the finals we will ask the students to spell words which are from any year’s core list. We will also put in a few challenge words for the last people in the finals. The Spelling Bee finals will be elimination and the last speller will be the winner.

MILO CRICKET COMP: Students from Year 3-6 will be travelling to Bellingen next Wednesday 9th September to participate in the Milo T20 Blast School Cup at Connell Park. This exciting opportunity will enable our students to play cricket with students from other schools in our area. We have booked the Community Bus for transport, but it’s not quite big enough to fit all the students, so we are asking for volunteers to help with private transport for the day. This will save us several hundred dollars on the cost of hiring a bus & driver. Please let us know via the permission form sent home today if you are able to help. Students in Years 3-6 are to wear sports uniform on this day.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH: Mrs Darby will be running the ‘Seasons for Growth’ program next term for children who have suffered grief or loss of some kind. If any parents would like their child/children to participate in this program please let us know so that groups can be organised. If you would like more information about the program come and see Mrs Darby or give her a call.

CAANTEEN: Thank you to this week’s canteen volunteers, who are Sascha Chong & Kate Young. 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. We also will need a few volunteers to cook some items for the canteen such as muffins, spaghetti bolognaise, soup and rissoles. Please contact the school to let us know if you can help with this once per term.

LINK TO SCHOOL WEBSITE: http://moodle.dorplism.catholic.edu.au/
MINI MOUNTIES: Mini Mounties is on again tomorrow. It is a “Big School” experience open to all children who will start Kindergarten in 2016. Sessions will be held on Thursdays from 9:00am to 11:00am on the following dates:
3rd September, 10th September, 15th October, 22nd October & 29th October.
Children who then enrol at Mt St John’s for 2016 will continue in the Mini Mounties program for the next two weeks.
Don’t forget to bring a hat and a snack to eat at recess. All sessions are free of charge.

FRUIT & VEG MONTH 2015 – Let’s Go Green!
Our school is participating in Fruit & Veg Month, which runs for the last 4 weeks of this term - Monday 24th August to Friday 18th September.
As part of Fruit & Veg Month, students will be involved in various classroom and school based activities that aim to encourage them to eat more fruit and vegetables. If any students have allergies to particular fruit or vegetables, please let us know at school.
Richard Harrison, Fruit & Veg Month School Coordinator

Woolworths Earn & Learn program

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN: The Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion gives our school the chance to earn new educational resources. Simply shop at Woolworths and you will receive one sticker for every $10 spent. Stick the stickers on to an Earn & Learn sticker sheet (we have some here at school) and drop them in the collection box at the school office.

ASSEMBLY: Tomorrow’s assembly will be led Kindergarten class, and will begin at 2:40pm. All are welcome!

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

TERM 3 SCHOOL FEES: Term 3 school fees are payable by this Friday 4th September, unless you are paying regular direct deposit amounts.

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.
Suggested Direct Deposit amounts (from beginning of February 2015)
1 student – $252.50 per term
2 students – $430.00 per term
3 or more students – $530.25 per term

LEADERS’ AWARDS: Congratulations to the following students, who received awards from our school leaders:
Sports Award – Scott Kedzlie – for showing his sporting skills in many active games;
Environment Award - Mr Harrison – for organising and participating in everything environmental;
Behaviour Award – Kody Kedzlie – for good behaviour in games and being kind to others;
Faith Award – Thomas Chong – for doing an excellent job helping serve on the altar;
Learning Award – Beau Stockton – for very accurately matching shapes to Toni’s verbal descriptions.
This week’s Captain’s award went to Ryleigh Miller for trying really hard in Spelling Bee testing.

GOOD LEARNING AWARDS: Class awards went to Tahlia George for an improvement in reading & writing; Hugh Thomas for always being cooperative; and Jorja Gilbert for improving her mathematical skills when dividing by 10s, 100s, 1000s & 10,000s.

COMING EVENTS:

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STUDENT ABSENCES: 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 dorp@lism.catholic.edu.au
3. Via Skoolbag app
4. By written note
LINK TO SCHOOL WEBSITE:
http://moodle.dorplism.catholic.edu.au/

ICHTHUS CAMP: Ichthus is a fun Christian camp for those in Years 4, 5, and 6 which will be held at Lennox Head from Sunday 27th September till Thursday 1st October. For more details and an application form please speak to Rev Mike, ph 6657 2015 or email him on michaelaridge@outlook.com

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 JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB PRESENTATION: Dorrigo Junior Rugby will be holding their end of season presentation day on Saturday 5th September at the Rec grounds from 11am till 2pm. There will be a BBQ lunch (gold coin donation). All players and their families welcome.

URUNGA NIPPERS – 2015/2016 SEASON:
Urunga Junior Surf Lifesaving Club will kick off the 2015/2016 season with a registration morning on Sunday 13th September, from 10am to 11am at the surf club at Hungry Head. New Nippers will need to bring a Birth Certificate please. 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, October 10: Registration and pool proficiency (U8-U14 only), Bellingen Swimming Pool, Bellingen – 3pm to 4pm.
Sunday, October 11: First Day of Nippers at Hungry Head, registration and ocean swim proficiency.

If you have any queries regarding Urunga Nippers, please contact our Registrar Lou Rodgers on 0437 170 738 or visit our website: www.urungaslsc.com.au for further information.

Children’s sport can bring out the worst in some parents. It seems that inside even the most mild-mannered person there is a monster lurking that emerges when their children are on the sports field. This monster makes a parent argue with officials and umpires, disagree with coaches and drive children to the point of distraction. These guidelines may help you tame the monster within as well as make sport enjoyable and worthwhile for your child:

1. Don’t allow sport to dominate your family life or your child’s life. Insist on a balance between different areas and encourage your child to vary his or her interests.

2. Encourage your child and take an interest but don’t add pressure by being too involved. You don’t want to make sport a source of stress for your child.

3. Focus your attention on performance, enjoyment and participation rather than on the results. Your child is learning, so winning is not the aim of the game at this stage. Yes, they do keep a score but you don’t have to focus on that.

4. Your approval is very important to your child and he or she picks up clues by listening to your comments and observing your body language. Be positive with everything you say and do, except when children display poor sportsmanship.

5. Remember that sport teaches children many life lessons, such as how to work together, solve problems and also how to accept the disappointment of defeat. Sport is a great character-builder for children of all ages.

6. Encourage children to talk about sport, but don’t force them to communicate if they don’t want to.

7. Get to know your child’s coach and understand that his or her job is to teach skills, develop positive attitudes and promote personal development. Winning should be further down on their list of priorities as a coach.

8. Take an interest in other participants, not just your child. By removing the focus from your child you are more likely to keep a balanced view of sport.

9. Model good sportsmanship for your child and insist that he or she acts in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. Sport is a social activity and those children who are poor sports tend to miss out on this important aspect.

10. Emphasise fun rather winning, learning rather than perfection, teamwork rather than individual performance and remember that if you want your child to excel in a particular sport he or she must enjoy their participation. For many children that means they must get more from their sport than just trophies and ribbons to keep them participating over the long-term.