Dear Parents,

It was with great sadness that we learned of Father Jim’s death on the weekend. Father Jim died on Friday evening following a long illness. He was our Parish Priest for 13 years and a true friend to us all. His genuine compassion and concern for each of us and his deep understanding of what it was to be truly human, to know suffering, to struggle and accept each of us for who we are was what endeared him to us so strongly. He turned unpacking the Gospels each week into an art, helping us to grow closer to God and find the relevance in the message of God’s words in our own lives. His gentle nature and his love of and concern for all children, his warmth and his love of singing brought a joy to every Mass he shared with us.

He always told the children how intelligent they were and how much he enjoyed their attendance at Mass. He never forgot to thank each person for the contribution they made, and his delightful sense of humour is something that sticks with the children when they reflect back. Last Friday when I called in to see him he was wearing his red jumper (go the Dragons!) and looked better than I had seen him in a while. He wanted the children to know how much comfort he found in our quilt and when he was unwell he was sure that there truly were 70 hugs sewn into it because he could feel them.

Father Jim always left us with one message, and that was God loves each and every one of us, and He calls us in turn to love one another. Father Jim truly did love us all; he could see the good in us even when we couldn’t see it ourselves, and for that we are eternally grateful. I hope St Peter has a beer ready for him at the pearly gates because he certainly has earnt one. God Bless and thank you!

Father Jim’s funeral will be held this Thursday at 1:30pm at St Mary Immaculate Mother of God Church in Bellingen and all are welcome. We ask that if you come to please bring a plate of food to share afterwards.

Wishing you all a happy and safe week and praying that you enjoy every moment you can with your families, because that time is so precious.

Sue Darby
Acting Principal

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Kassidy, Jorja, Paris, Payton, Angus and Cooper are making their First Holy Communion this 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 at 10am and sing. It would also be good to have some children who would be able to come to Mass this 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.

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 Urunga 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: Don’t forget our P&F Cake Trolley tomorrow! We are calling for donations of homemade (no shop-bought items please) fancy cakes, slices or biscuits to be sent in to school tomorrow 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 becoming quite renowned for our lovely cooking, so please give this fundraiser your support! If you are available to help with cutting up the cakes tomorrow morning, please let us know.

SPENDING BEE: Our Spelling Bee finals will take place next Monday 14th September at 6pm and will involve four or five students from each grade – finalists will be announced this Friday. 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. It would be great to have lots of people here to cheer on our spellers, so even if your child is not in the finals, please consider coming along to support those who are. Please bring a plate to share for supper.

VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION / SPORTS FAIR: We will be holding our Staff & Parents versus Students volleyball competition after lunch next Thursday 17th September, which is the last day of school for students. There has been some intensive training going on (although not by staff) so it should be a mighty battle! The students have also organised a mini Sports Fair, which will begin at 11:30am - parents and family members are invited to come and join us for this fun day.

CROQUET COMPETITION: Our Leader of Behaviour, Holly, recently organised a croquet comp for students during lunchtimes. The lucky winners were Tully Gibson, Kody Kedzie, Kassidy Guest & Darcy Capps, who all won a voucher for the canteen.

EQUESTRIAN TEAM RAFFLE: We are sending a team of three horseriders (Ashleigh, Montanna and Leah) to the Interschool Horse Extravaganza in Tamworth. The girls will ride over 4 days representing our school. To raise money to send them we have organised a raffle. Tickets will be available at school for $1 each if you’d like support this team. The prizes include a load of firewood, half a butchered pig, a pamper pack and more! A big thank you to BGA Agriservies, who have sponsored our team.

MILO CRICKET COMP: Students from Year 3-6 travelled to Bellingen today to participate in the Milo T20 Blast School Cup at Connell Park. They have had a great day of sport and socializing with students from other schools. Thank you to Julie Miller, Tony Thornhill and Mr Lawler for providing transport and to Mr Harrison for driving the Community Bus.

YOUNG MARY PERFORMANCE: We have booked a visiting theatre production for the first Friday of next term, called Young Mary (see details below). The cost of this performance will be $5 per student – please send this money in to school.斯塔斯表演: Young Mary

St Mary MacKillop was determined, compassionate and steadfast even as a child. This play introduces us to Young Mary and we participate in her many fun-filled and spirited childhood adventures. We have lots of fun playing games with Mary, and hearing about her pet cow Blorac and her dad Alexander. Then, as she grows, we bear witness to the determination of a hard working young woman who sets out to eliminate poverty and provide a fair education for all. The play is funny and entertaining and involves the audience in lots of acting and moral decision making. Young Mary’s humour and compassion helps the audience enjoy and understand St Mary MacKillop, whilst appreciating her famous quote: “Never see a need without trying to do something about it.”

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.

**CANTEEN:** Thank you to this week’s canteen volunteers, who are Kerrie Fittock & Alicia Miller. 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 know that lots of parents would love to be able to be canteen volunteers but due to work or family commitments are not able to – if you have the time to do a little bit of cooking for the canteen instead it would be a wonderful help. We need fresh muffins weekly, and we also need spaghetti bolognaise, soup and rissoles periodically. 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:
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:** The Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion has now finished! If you have any stickers left at home, please bring them in to school where we can stick the stickers on to an Earn & Learn sticker sheet and drop them in the collection box at the school office. All stickers must be returned to school by the end of term.

**ASSEMBLY:** Tomorrow’s assembly will be led by the Year 2/3 class, and will begin at 2:40pm. All are welcome!

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

**CAPTAIN’S AWARD:** Congratulations to Montanna Fenton, who received a Captain’s Award this week for having a go at lunchtime volleyball.

**GOOD LEARNING AWARDS:** Class awards went to Rylan Kahl for being an excellent helper with Mini Mounties; Thomas Chong for application and dedication to developing good communication skills; Angus Waugh for great effort with his home learning; and Ryan Miller for modelling fractions accurately with denominators 2, 4, 3, 5, 8 & 10.

**TERM 3 SCHOOL FEES:** Term 3 school fees are now due, 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
COMING EVENTS:

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SAVE THE DATE: Friday 23 October – Sunday 25 October 2015. The Diocesan Parent Assembly will be holding their annual northern family retreat on 23-25 October at Tyalgum Ridge Retreat. The Family Retreat is open to all families who have children enrolled in Lismore Diocesan Catholic Schools. This year our spiritual director will be Fr Gerald O’Collins sj who will guide parents in an exploration of Christ and the individual, Christ in the family and Christ in the community.

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.

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.

MOUNTAIN TOP SWAP MEET & CAR BOOT SALE: Swap meets are community events where people come together to buy swap and sell goods, such as car, truck, tractor and bike parts, general household and personal items, sporting goods and all manner of bric a brac. They are also often referred to as car boot sales. It’s like a giant garage sale.

Dorrigo RSL Sub Branch is holding this swap meet on Sun 4th October at Dorrigo Showground. Gates open 8.00am. Set up from 2.00pm Sat 3rd October. Entrance fee; Adults - $5.00 Families - $15.00 Children under 12 - free

Seller sites included in entrance fee

All goods welcome - buy, swap or sell anything and everything

Breakfast & lunch available from 7.00am on Sunday 4th (Sorry; no private food or drink stalls or raffles)

Contact John Newby ph 6657 8077
jadonoz@bigpond.com
Bob Denner ph 6657 1145 or 0429 406 535
rdenner@bigpond.net.au

CREATIVE KIDS IN THE HOLIDAYS

Wednesday 23rd - Connecting with clay (beginners)
Friday 25th - Exploring and making with clay
Tuesday 29th - Exploring and making with clay

Wednesday 30th - Painting fired pieces and glazing

10.00am – 12.30pm
Small groups, $25 per child per session. All sessions offer some outdoor playful active time and the opportunity to draw using a variety of mediums.

Jenni Francis, ph 66572625
jennifrancis2453@gmail.com
(I am away until 16/9/15 so leave a message and I will return your call upon return)