Dear Parents/Carers,

No assembly this week- Next Assembly Friday March 8th hosted by Yr 5/6F

Youth Mass
This Sunday is the monthly Youth Mass at 8am. Some children have been invited to be part of the Gospel procession. If you are able to be present this weekend please let the class teacher know so the children can be involved. There will be a cuppa after Mass in the school grounds so come along if you can. Who knows, the sun may even be shining!

Music at St John’s
A big welcome to Rochelle Wright (The Curly Cousins) and Jessie Vintila (The Lucky Wonders) to our teaching staff. Rochelle will be working with the Kindergarten each week using her vast knowledge and experience to bring music alive in the classroom. Jessie will be working with Yr 1/2, Yr 3/4 and Yr 5/6 each Wednesday and will be well known to many from her fantastic band and choir work in the region. We are blessed with an abundance of talent in our community and it’s wonderful to have people willing to share their love of music and life with our children.

What Matters
Year 5/6 are involved in a fantastic writing opportunity at the moment coordinated by the Whitlam Foundation. What Matters? is an annual writing competition run by the Whitlam Institute. Inspired by Gough Whitlam's commitment to involving young people in the shaping of Australia's future, the competition is open to NSW and ACT school students in years 5 to 12. Responding to the simple question 'what matters?', entrants are free to express their views on any matter they care about. Already both Yr 5/6 classes have had colourful and fruitful discussions as they decide on topics and ideas. We will share some of our writing over the next few weeks.

"For the children of Australia... the answer is to involve the creative energies of our children and our youth in a creative, concerned community"
- Gough Whitlam, 1972

Rain, Rain, Rain
Thank you for your patience during our horrendous day last Friday. Your children’s safety is our first priority and by remaining calm and organised we were able to keep the children safe and (relatively) dry! As a school we have been revisiting our flood and evacuation policy and will keep you updated over the next few weeks.

Regards,

Tim Bleakley
Principal
Fette News

Tinker Time @ The Shed
Come and get involved with the creative team at the shed. Create some interesting pieces like swords, snakes and lots more. Prices from $10 - $15. See you at the Fete.

Raffle Tickets
There are some fantastic prizes generously donated from the community. Tickets are $2 each in a booklet of 10. Children returning sold books will be in the running for weekly prizes awarded at school. Extra books are available at the office.

Music Music Music
At the fete we will set up our stage area and we are inviting members of the school community (children, parents, friends) to be part of the fun. If you have a particular musical or entertaining skill and would like to perform a few tunes please let us know. Starring so far: Sarah Grace Buckley, Mandy Nolan, and...The Curly Cousins!

Canteen News

Two Dollar Value
The Spinach and cheese roll $2.00 is proving to be very popular. The snack-sized meat pie for $2.00 is a good alternative to the large pie or the party pie.

Thank you to the donations of homemade banana bread and mini muffins for the counter.

There are still only a small handful of volunteers running the canteen. More people are needed urgently. Please contact Robyn on 0402 758 971 if you can volunteer this term.

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Welcome to our newest addition to the school newsletter. In this space our teachers will be sharing new apps and websites that will assist your children in their learning. As you may be aware our school has recently purchased 10 iPads. These wonderful new tools are in each classroom and are being used in a variety of ways. We have been researching the best educational apps available to use with our students and thought we should share to help you consolidate your child’s learning at home.

**Jumbled Sentences** is an Apple app available for all mobile Apple devices. It is free and there are six different levels. This app is designed to help learners improve their writing skills. Downloadable from the Apple Apps store.

**The NASA app** is a fantastic way of seeing what is happening in outer space. With pictures, videos and articles about latest discoveries this app is a wonderful way to help students learn about our world. This free app is available in for Apple and Android mobile devices.

**Kidcyber** is a very useful website for research. [http://www.kidcyber.com.au](http://www.kidcyber.com.au) has been around for many years. The information on this site is useful for most ability levels. The text is easy for children to read and provides extra links to more information. If you have any questions about these apps or website please contact Vanessa Crouch (vcrouch@lism.catholic.edu.au)

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**Kate Salmon, Assistant Principal**

As Acting Assistant Principal for 2013, it is my role to support the Principal and Parish Priest in the leadership of all aspects of St. John’s School. I contribute to the collaborative decision-making processes in the school Leadership Team and lead the process of the planning, implementation and evaluation of school goals.

My role includes responsibilities in the Catholic and community leadership of St. John’s, as well as organisational duties including day-to-day operations at St. John’s. I also contribute to the overall planning for learning of the school community.

I act in a support role to other teachers to coordinate and plan for Professional Development and collaborative planning amongst stage groups of teachers.

Like all teachers, I have a responsibility to be actively involved in continuous Professional Development myself. This year, my Professional Development takes the form of learning days and conferences which are conducted by the Catholic Schools Office, as well as part-time post-graduate study through the University of Newcastle.

I support student wellbeing by acting in a support role to Tim in the Pastoral Care of students. I contribute to the development of school policies which promote a positive climate for learning, in which students feel safe and encouraged.

I am keen to become better acquainted with some of our newer families, so please say “hello” in the playground one day!

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**Class parents**

A great response to our call for class parent helpers last week. Thank you to those who have offered to help and already there has been lots happening as the organisation of the fete starts to heat up.

Please look out for information coming home from the class parents seeking assistance on fete day.

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An invitation to a weekend of faith renewal, fun and socialising

Family Retreat 2013
ENABLING US TO DEEPEN OUR LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS
LEADING TO MORE ENRICHED DAILY LIVING

Two locations and dates to choose from
SDA Convention Centre
250 Grassy Head Road, Stuart Point
Saturday 9 March (midday) - Sunday 10 March (afternoon)
Camp Koinonia
29-41 Terrace Street, Evans Head
Saturday 23 March (midday) - Sunday 24 March (afternoon)

Facilitators
Adults Martin Scroope
Young People: Kate Nestor and Matt de Dassel

More information
For more information please contact your Parish School Parent Representative or your Parent Assembly Cluster Organisers:

Jo Kelly: Richmond Region
Mobile: 0407 706 454

Peta Rourke: Hastings/Macleay Region
Mobile: 0400 420 614

Leanne Robbins: Tweed Region
Mobile: 0407 143 975

Paul Edgar: Southern & Northern Clarence
Mobile: 0427 118 122

Please register by 1 March 2013
To register please phone 1300 557 874 or email parents@lism.catholic.edu.au

This retreat, accommodation and meals are free to all families with children enrolled in Parish Schools in the Diocese of Lismore.