Dear Parents & Carers,

Year 3/4 Mass
A big thank you to the Yr 3/4 teachers for their Mass preparation on Wednesday. With the Infants classes at swimming it was a chance for the older students to shine and they certainly did. One parishioner commented that it was the best behaved and involved group of children she has ever seen at a school Mass. Fr Anthony also made special mention of the reverence, participation and beautiful singing. Well done boys and girls. Also, a special mention to Judy Nicholls who makes our liturgies come alive with music and Grayson Barnard who is becoming a regular accompanying Judy on the organ.

School Fees
All school accounts need to be finalised in the next two weeks. Reminders have been sent home this week so please contact the office if there is a discrepancy with your account. The school is currently finalising enrolments and budget requirements for 2014 and therefore requires an accurate financial figure for resource planning and staffing. Thank you to those who have already finalised their accounts for the year.

Mullumbimby Show
Want to be part of some fun preparing for the Mullumbimby Show? We are entering the show scarecrow competition and are seeking parents to help some of our students in the art room next Wednesday. Come along and join us next Wednesday at 9am. Please let Stephanie know in the office if you will be attending. Colour in competition entries need to in at the office by Friday morning.

Working Bee
Thursday 14th November 9am
Purpose: Preparing the soil for the school garden
We are aiming to build shade arches (which will be planted with passionfruit vines) on the top yard. If anyone has 3 x 6 m lengths of reo concreting mesh lying around it would come in very handy.
This week Kinder children planted tomato and sunflower seedlings in the layered "keyhole" garden.

Canteen Meeting  Tuesday 19th November at 7pm
All interested parties are invited to our next Forum meeting where we will discuss the running and future of our school canteen. We will be joined by Maxine Molyneux, Health Promotion Officer from Northern Rivers Health. Maxine recently spoke to staff regarding the Live Life Well program and has excellent information and ideas for operating a successful and healthy school canteen. The meeting will be on Tuesday 19th November at 7pm in the staff room. Please join us if you feel you have something positive to contribute to the meeting.

Tim Bleakley
Principal

Rumi, Ioan, Marlin and Karen building up layers in the no-dig raised garden bed.
The Australian Museum has developed a new app that shares excellent information about our dangerous Australians. DangerOZ is the name of the app and it is found in both Apple and Android App Stores. The app can find animals according to location or in an alphabetic list. The information provided can be used for school assignments, to encourage reading and in some cases first aid information. For further information go to http://bit.ly/1gde42V.

I was recently checking out one of my favourite blogs when I came across this website. Exploratorium http://www.exploratorium.edu/ This is a really interesting site where you can explore all sorts of topics and even try out some experiments for yourself. Parents should make sure they supervise their children if they are carrying out any of the experiments. It’s also a place to explore interesting topics and engaging children and adults in thinking about different ideas.

Assembly Awards
Week 3
Alankar Hagedoorn-Storey
Cairo Garrett
Vincent Schembri
Lani Papa
Aniela Carpenter
Jack Edmonds
Banjo Hennessy
Sam Clarke
Lucas Buckman
Katie Cheek
Charlie Burton
Tiggy Harling
Jackson Brodie
**Christmas Concert**
**Thursday 28th November, 2013**

Our school concert is fast approaching and rehearsals and auditions are well under way, so it's time to start thinking about costumes!

We like to keep things as stress-free as possible for mums, dads and carers at this busy time of year, so here are the themes for each year group and some suggestions for simple yet effective costumes…

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<th>Year Level Theme</th>
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| Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 *Prehistoric times* | Anything dinosaur!  
Cavemen/women outfits (think *the Flintstones*)  
Bones in hair, animal prints  
Tarzan-type outfits  
Woolly mammoths (if you’re feeling brave) and sabre-toothed tigers |
| Year 3 and Year *Under the sea* | Octopi are always easy  
Seaweed (crepe paper and cellophane is your best friend here)  
Starfish  
Mermaids  
Deep sea divers |
| Year 5 and Year 6 *Outer space* | Aliens with lots of arms (use stuffed stockings)  
Flying saucers  
Robots (break out the foil and use ice cream containers for helmets)  
Space junk (raid the recycling) |

Please avoid masks, as we like to be able to see our kids’ lovely faces! A little bit of makeup or face paint is okay, but PLEASE DO NOT PUT MAKEUP OR PAINT ON CHILDREN OTHER THAN YOUR OWN without permission from their parents.

Please don’t feel pressured to provide your child with an expensive or elaborate costume- the best ones are usually when kids and adults get creative together with things you already have at home. Some discount shops have cheap and effective options too.

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**Swimming Carnival 2013**

After the success of last year’s twilight swimming carnival we are looking forward to a similarly splendid event this year. The date is set for Tuesday the 12th of November. The carnival will commence at 4.30pm and conclude at approximately 7.30pm.

The carnival was a wonderfully vibrant school community evening with great participation from the children and enormous support from the parent community; it is important to note that while all of the teaching staff will be running and supervising the carnival the children do need parental supervision at the carnival.

Entry costs for the children will be $3.00 for non-pool pass holders and $1.40 for pool pass holders. The usual entry fee for spectators of $1.80 will apply.

The pool canteen will be serving the usual menu of food and drink on the evening.

Last year we found that it was very difficult to fit all of the more competitive events into the evening format and lots of the planned novelty events were squeezed off the program. Therefore this year we are planning a pre-carnival event on the morning of Tues the 5th of Nov for the more able and enthusiastic swimmers in which we will hold a number of the longer competitive races.

Pre-carnival event will commence at 8.00 on Tues the 5th of Nov and the children will travel to school by bus at approximately 11.00am after all the races have concluded. I’ve already had several parents volunteer to assist at one or both of the events. Please contact me (gflint@lism.catholic.edu.au) if you are able to help out. We are particularly looking for ‘timers’ for Tuesday’s event.

-Greg Flint
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Participant
PC workshop, Logan QLD

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Photos
Crazy Sock Day/ Children enjoying Badminton on the top yard/ Banjo with his creative building/ Staff Vs Students soccer thrills