The students celebrated our school's Feast Day on Tuesday with a liturgy run by the primary students. Joseph was a man of deep faith, turning to God for guidance and strength. He is an example to us how an ordinary person can have an extraordinary love for others. Through Joseph's example we can learn to trust in God's way. As we think about St Joseph, we see the meaning of Christian service, which is putting the needs of others before ourselves. May we, like St Joseph, strive to place all our trust in you and have faith in your plans for us.
Cross Country Results

Congratulations to the students who participated in the combined schools cross country on Monday. This carnival includes students from Bombala, Delegate and Bibbenluke Public Schools, as well as from St Joseph’s. Our students displayed great sportsmanship and should be extremely proud of their achievements.

The children’s individual results are as follows:

8yrs James - 6th
10yrs Jack V - 2nd
11yrs Jasper - 2nd
12yrs Katie - 6th
8yrs Lachlan - 10th
10yrs Connor - 3rd
11yrs Baidon - 6th

Thank you to those parents and staff who were able to transport children to participate in this event.

Southern Region Cross Country

The Southern Region Cross Country will be held on Tuesday 9th April in Cobargo. If your child placed in the top six of their age race at the combined schools cross country carnival at Delegate, they are eligible to compete at the next level. Please see Kim to nominate your child by Thursday 28th March.

Parent / Teacher Interviews with Mr Bennett

Dear Parents/Carers,

I will be available for Parent/Teacher meetings on Wednesday 27th March from 3:30pm until 4:30pm and Thursday 28th March from 12:30pm until 2:00pm. I imagine we would need no more than 15 minutes to discuss any concerns you may have. I look forward to meeting as many parents as possible.

Thanks,

Paul Bennett
Bombala Show

St Joseph's won many prizes in the local schools art competition. I was impressed with all the St Joseph’s entries. The following children won a prize in their year category.

Kinder
Kate—1st
Evan—3rd
Madison—Highly Commended
Yr 3
Max S - Highly Commended
Harry—Highly Commended
Pawan—Highly Commended
Yr 5
Tayla Ventry—1st
Baidon—Highly Commended
Year 2
Max C—3rd
Lachlan—Highly Commended
Yr 4
Jaimie—Highly Commended
Yr 6
Monique—Highly Commended
Katie—Highly Commended

It was also great to see so many members of the St Joseph's school community entering various items in the show. I saw the Harry’s lego masterpieces, the Sten's prize winning vegies, the Farrell Family and their keen eye for photography, Lottie’s jewellery, Mary Ventry's scrapbooking pages and drawings, Peter Campbell’s drawings, just to name a few items.

A big thank you to those families who let us borrow their baby pets for the Patting Zoo and to those who were able to give up an hour to go on the roster.

Merit Award Winners

Arlen Hillyer- for his great teamwork skills
Dylan Simpson- always displaying a welcoming and caring attitude.
Indiana White- consistently following instruction in the classroom.
Max Chaplin- for his beautiful and creative writing
Charlie Campbell- making good choices in the classroom and playground
Lucy Merritt- for her fascinating writing
Tayla Ventry- displaying excellent leadership skills
Baidon Sten- for his artistic skills
Samuel Lucas- for his beautiful manners
First Reconciliation

Please keep Connor, Baidon, Lucy and their families in your prayers as they receive the sacrament of Reconciliation this Saturday. Thank you to Sr Teresa for preparing the children for this special occasion on the faith journey.

Heritage Week Excursion

The primary students have been invited to join in the celebrations for Heritage Week. The Visitors Information Centre and the Bombala Shire Council have organised an excursion for local school students to learn about the local history on Tuesday 26th March. The school group tour includes the early settlers hut, history room and gallery at Delegate, the court house, historic engine shed, museum/lavender house and railway buildings in Bombala. Please return the permission note by tomorrow Fri 22nd March. 2013.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

If you would like your child to enter into any of these competitions for students in Years 3-6, please return the permission note and entry fee by tomorrow Friday 22nd March.

Going Green

Use double-side when printing and only print out necessary documents.

Message from Mary MacKillop

"Let us refuse nothing to God's love."
**Exemptions for Student Attendance**

It is important that all parents read this item. There have been significant changes to the exemption of student attendance requirements in NSW schools.

Parents/guardians MUST complete an *Application for Exemption from Attendance at School* form for all absences when the absence is known in advance (e.g. holidays). If the request for absence is less than 101 days it can be approved by the Principal. If the request is for 101 or more days it must be forwarded to the Catholic Education Office. It will then be sent through the NSW Catholic Education Commission to the Minister of Education or his delegate, for his approval.

Unforeseen absences, for example, absences due to sickness, funerals, situations of pressing domestic necessity do NOT require an application for exemption.

If an *Application for Exemption from Attendance at School* is approved by the Principal/Minister the school will complete a *Certificate of Exemption*. This is kept on the student file and a copy is supplied to parents. This must be produced upon request by the Police or other authorised attendance officer. When departing the country the certificate can be requested by customs/passport officials.

The *Application for Exemption from Attendance at School* form is available on our school website and can also be collected from our school office.

**RE News**

The Sunday before Easter is known as Palm Sunday. It is the beginning of Holy Week. It celebrates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem riding on the back of a donkey. Great crowds of people lined the streets waving palm branches to welcome Him. The people shouted "Hosanna" and laid their cloaks and palm branches from the nearby trees in His path. The Palm Sunday story can be found in the Bible in the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

**Cleaning Roster**

22/3/13
Sally Chaplin

**Canteen Roster**

25/3/13
Nellie Hammond
NRL Clinic

On Tuesday the students at St Joey’s participated in the second of two sessions for the Backyard League Program. This is a game based program that enables students to learn to play the game of rugby league in a fun, non contact environment whilst at the same time allowing the students to take responsibility for the rules and games as they progress through the program.

A big thank you to Damian Kennedy from CRL For running these sessions at St Joey’s.

Wanted

Buttons of any size, colour or shape are needed for a craft project at St Joey’s. We will need these by the end of April.

School Community Council Meeting

The next open School Community Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th March in the primary classroom. All parents are invited to attend this meeting.

School Community Council Nominations

The St Joseph’s School Community Council is preparing to hold an election. All parents who have a genuine interest in being of service to the school community and have time to commit to the SCC duties are encouraged to nominate for a position on the SCC.

The SCC meets twice a term and the term of office is generally two years.

Nominations close Thursday 28th March. Please place your nomination in the box in the front office.

Greetings From God

Seven days without prayer makes one weak.
**Easter Holidays Program**

While on holiday come down to the **Sapphire Coast Marine Discovery Centre** and play! Meet a starfish, say hello to our cheeky octopus and feel a seal skull. Join in our fun holiday activities or just enjoy the delight of the centre.

**Holiday Activities Include**
- Indoor workshops
- Making marine craft to take home
- Snorkel tours for all ages
- Rocky Shore Rambles
- Fish Feeding
- Tsunami Demonstrations

**Details**

- **Time:** Daily 9am - 5pm
- **Cost:**
  - Adults $7, Children $2, Families $15

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**Photos**

If you would like a copy of a photo that your child appears in from the newsletter throughout the year, just send an email to kim.crannis@cg.catholic.edu.au and I can forward the picture on to you.

**Words of Wisdom**

A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle.

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**Teacher Interviews**

Interviews will take place next Wednesday 27th March for the primary classroom position. Parents will be informed of the successful applicant in the coming weeks and this person will officially start in Term 2.

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**Young Leaders Conference**

Monique, Katie and Miss Crannis will be attending the Young Leaders Conference in Sydney on Monday 25th March. The program has several guest speakers including:

- **Nathan Hindmarsh** - Former Captain of the Parramatta Eels
- **Jessica Fox** - Olympian/Silver Medallist London 2012
- **Creel Price** - Entrepreneur / Founder of Club Kidpreneur
- **Brett Lee** - Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying Expert
Celebrating Catholic Schools Week