Reunion Celebrations Wrap Up

Some of the highlights over the weekend included a dinner on Saturday night with approx. 170 people attending this evening which gave the ex-students of St Joseph’s the opportunity to reconnect with long lost friends, take a trip down memory lane and share stories from the playground. People travelled from Queensland, Northern Territory and Western Australia to attend the reunion celebrations.

On the Sunday we celebrated a Mass to give thanks for the wonderful efforts that had been made over the past 125 years, after Mass, the celebrations continued at the school where posters and photos of the ‘good old days’ were displayed for all to enjoy, the School Community Council catered for morning tea, lunch and many yarns were told during this time.

The current students, the Sisters of St Joseph and a former parish priest were presented with medallions to commemorate this momentous occasion.

All of the children from Kinder through to Yr 6 all participated in an art project where they were to create a mosaic sign for the front fence of the school to commemorate the 125th anniversary. I’m sure this new sign will be admired by all as they enter the school grounds.

A small group of children joined forces with Mr Farran to produce a recipe book to mark this occasion. These children should be commended for the final product.

Deputy Mayor, Brad Yields, CEO representative Elizabeth Moroney and the last Religious Principal, Sr Philomena all gave speeches to mark this special occasion.

The weekend has been a very happy time for all involved, and I am sure that we will look back on it with fond memories, another part of the wonderful history of St Joseph’s School, Bombala, and the beautiful community it serves.

The St Joseph’s school community would like to thank everyone who has supported a catholic education in Bombala over the past 125 years. We appreciate all that has been contributed by this community and we wish our school well into the future.
Welcome Back

Welcome back to final term for 2013. The staff look forward to working with you and your children to ensure we have another productive term. We have lots planned throughout term four so please read the newsletter and any notes thoroughly.

Kinder Orientation

Once again St Joseph’s will be holding Kinder Orientation sessions to help students with their transition to primary school. This year there will be four sessions that will be held on consecutive Thursdays. Each week will have a different focus so that students will be able to participate in a variety of activities. They will also have the opportunity to interact with all the students during play time.

Thursday 17th October: 9:15am—11:30am (Literacy)
Thursday 24th October: 9:15am—11:30am (Maths)
Thursday 31st October: 12:00am—3pm (Art)
Thursday 7th November: 12:00pm– 3pm (Music)

After School Sports Program

The After School Sports Program will commence next Wednesday 16th October. This term the sport is basketball and Terry Ingram will be coordinating the program. Please return the permission note if you would like your child to participate in this free sports program.

Words of Wisdom

Power doesn’t come with noise, it comes with stillness and silence.

Year 5 and 6 Excursion

The Year 5 and 6 students at St Joseph’s have been invited to participate in a “Working with Kids’ day next Monday at Lumen Christi Catholic College. We will join the Year 5 and 6 students from Lumen Christi and St Pat’s, Bega for a series of workshops. It will be a fun, fast-paced day that teaches the students about the 16 ‘Habits of Mind’ and links these back to success both academically and personally.
Message from Mary MacKillop

Do your best, and God will bless your efforts. (1889)

Thumbs Up

Thank you to all those who helped with the school reunion in any way. For example catering, painting, gardening, putting the mosaic tiles up, providing photos, hanging up posters, mowing, selling memorabilia, cleaning up etc, your assistance has been greatly appreciated by many.

Greetings from God

True soldiers of God’s army don’t quit when times get tough.

Hats

The children need to wear hats throughout Term 4. If your child does not have a hat they will be asked to play in the shade. Please help your child to remember their hat each day.

School Reunion Memorabilia

School Reunion Memorabilia is still available to be purchased from the school.

Recipe books, $20
Coffee Cups $10
Caps $10

Canteen News

If anyone can spare 2-3 hours on a Monday to go on the canteen roster, please phone Naomi on 6458 3205.

Thank You

A big thank you goes to Lana Martin-McInnes who showed the students the various steps involved so we could complete our mosaic art project for the front fence of St Joey’s.
St Francis was born in Assisi, Italy around 1181. In 1205 he left his worldly life, devoting himself to the care of the poor and the sick, and living as a hermit.

He was the founder of the Franciscan Order and in 1210, the small community of eleven brothers main rule was that all personal property had to be forsaken. By 1219 the order had 5000 members.

Saint Francis of Assisi died in his hometown at the young age of 44 on October 3, 1226. He was canonized in 1228.

He is the patron saint of animals and of the environment. His feast day is 4th October.

### Birthdays

- 6th October—River Guthrie
- 9th October—Pawan Weragala
- 14th October—Miss Bailey

### St Mary’s Mass Times

**1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th weekend of the month**

Sat—Delegate 5pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Sun—Bombala 9am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

**3rd weekend of the month**

Sat—Delegate 6pm Mass
Sun—Bombala 8am Mass

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**Cleaning Roster**

11/10/13
Penny Campbell

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**Canteen Roster**

14/10/13
Naomi Bruce
Congratulations

Book Fair and Parade

Thank you for the effort put into the costumes for Book Fair this year. It gets better every year. It was great to see so many parents, grandparents and family members able to join us for our parade. We raised $870 which entitles us to spend $175 to purchase books for the school library.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ben and Terrianne Edgecombe on the safe arrival of their son Tom. Tom is a little brother for Chloe, Lilly, Harry and Jack. We wish them all the best.
It was with great excitement and anticipation that I made the journey last weekend to join in with the celebrations of St Joseph’s 125yrs as a school. As I drove in and passed the street signs, wound my way through familiar turns and corners, so many memories came flooding back. I wondered who I would catch up with and be able to relive so many wonderful times with. I began to recall many of the wonderful moments I had shared as a part of the St Joseph’s community in Bombala. Hotdog days, billy cart racing, water bottle rockets, the renovations, the re-seeding of the yard, the crazy hair days, Mission day concerts, renovations of the church, the many BBQs etc… I realized that there was so much about St Joseph’s and Bombala that I personally had to be grateful for.

On Saturday evening I attended the dinner at the club with so many past and present parents, staff, and students. It was lovely to hear the stories and to catch up with people and where their children’s lives had taken them, what they were doing now and how things had gone over the past 5 years. There was an excitement and buzz all through the hall as people caught up, rekindling friendships, some for the first time in so many years just like it was yesterday! It was an incredible opportunity to relax, share memories and to celebrate over a wonderful meal the connections we all had with this great school and give thanks for our time with St Joseph’s.

On Sunday I was able to celebrate Mass with the community and walk the classrooms and grounds of the school. It was with fond memories and some tears that I looked through the photo albums of yesteryear and remembered the awesome times, the incredible students, the community and the amazing staff I had worked alongside those many years ago. There was an air of happiness, joy and excitement everywhere I turned and looked. Congratulations to everyone involved with the school- the buildings and grounds, classrooms and offices look amazing!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! St Joseph’s is a very inviting and welcoming school!

Thank you Kim for the invitation to attend this special occasion and for the opportunity to reconnect with the people of Bombala and in particular St Joseph’s school who have touched my life and enriched my journey. Congratulations everyone for a wonderful and special weekend and many blessings upon your future endeavours.

God Bless,

Brendan Maynard

Thank you for your invitation to the St Joseph’s school reunion. Unfortunately I will be just arriving back from Russia on Monday 7th October and so I will miss the 125th Anniversary. As you can imagine I am quite sad about this.

I have very fond memories of the school, town and community where I made my home for three years. St Joseph’s is a special place with special people that have dedicated themselves to making sure that the children get the best start to life that is possible.

I would appreciate it if you pass on my deepest regrets to the whole community as well as my best wishes for this very special event. I will miss saying hello to the staff, children and former parents, who I am sure will be there. If you could make sure that they understand I haven’t forgotten them and if it was not for the fact that I will be half way round the world then I certainly would have come down, imposed on someone’s hospitality and had a GREAT TIME!!!!With red wine being a must!

Once again I will be sad not to see all the exciting things that have occurred at the school since I have been there, but I wish you all the best for a great weekend.

Peter Rodda
The primary students cutting the cake.  
Mark McIntosh and Tash Stewart taking a trip down memory lane.

The students, Sisters of St Joseph and Fr Henry being presented with medallions to commemorate this milestone.

Jasper, Katie, Jaimie and Brylie with family members who also attended St Joseph’s.