Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to all of our families, students and staff. I hope the break has been restful, reinvigorating and enjoyable. We hope you are all ready for a fantastic year!

We welcome Mrs Michelle Bratti as acting Assistant Principal for 2015. We hope her stay with us will be rewarding.

We also welcome back Mr Slattry from Long Service Leave and Mrs Kenyon after her family related leave.

We welcome Mr John Fivaz as our Uniform Shop Co-ordinator.

The full staff list is in the Newsletter today with photos to assist you (see back page).

Please read all the information contained in the Newsletter carefully so you will be aware of what is happening and when events are occurring. Our School Calendar on our website will also contain the essential dates.

**ABSENCES**

To begin 2015 we have moved to an online Roll marking procedure. This creates some changes for all of us…

- If your child arrives after the 9.05am bell they will be marked absent. To change this to present they must arrive through the front office to have the office staff mark them present. The same needs to happen if they are being picked up early. For small absences during the day they are to be signed out and back in at office. (However we would like to avoid absences during learning time).

- If your child is going to be absent from school you can either ring the office on 06281009 after 8.30am or SMS to 0439837083 (no calls to this number). Doing either of these choices means you will not need to send in a note. You can email the school (alstp@lism.catholic.edu.au) but our preference for ease of access is SMS.

- After the rolls are marked, and if we have not heard from you, then you will receive an SMS inquiring about your child’s absence. A response to this will also negate the need for a note.

Another change is around the Exemption from School Attendance note. Prior to 2015 exemptions from attendance (holidays, funeral attendance, accompanying parents somewhere, etc) other than sickness was required. While the number of days has been lifted to 10 days absence before an exemption note needs to be lodged there are some more important changes to consider.

Holidays during school time are not necessarily being granted from 2015. This change comes from the Minister for Education, “If the Principal does not believe the absence is in the student’s best interests and does not accept the application then the absence will be recorded as A.”

“If the absence is in excess of 50 days the student may need to transfer to distance education”.

“If a student’s absence is due to sickness the Principal may require a doctors certificate, particularly if there is a history of unsatisfactory attendance”.

Whatever the outcome all these days missing from school are totalled and will be under investigation if they are high.

More on this at the Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 10 February.

**IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN OUR SCHOOL**

Everyone who works in our school is important, but as a new parent there are some people you will be more likely to see or need to speak to. Communication is the most important aspect of a school and your class teachers should always be the first point of call for issues related to your child.

→ Just remember, schools are busy places so if you need to speak to your child’s teachers in detail make an appointment to see them so
they can allocate a time and give you their full attention. You can also communicate with your class teachers through notes, phone calls and email. If wishing to email you need to use the teacher’s first initial and surname followed by @lism.catholic.edu.au e.g. If you were wanting to contact Therese Seymour then you would email tseymour@lism.catholic.edu.au

WHAT DO I NEED TO TELL THE CLASS TEACHER?

Communication is the key to a great year for you and your child. The best way for the class teachers to teach your child is if they know your child. If your child has any specific issues e.g. they have a problem with going to the toilet or the way in which they are going home each day (bus, car pick up), the class teachers can help if they are aware.

Let your class teachers know if your child will be away and why; if your child has a medical condition; if there are changes to family circumstances that may affect your child; afternoon pick up arrangements if you will not be picking them up; if your child has had head lice or anything else you may feel they need to know.

Good communication means less stress all round.

SOME OTHER PEOPLE YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW:

Parish Priest: Father Max Gow
Principal: Mrs Therese Seymour
Assistant Principal: Mrs Michelle Bratti
Leader of Pedagogy: Mr Andrew Maslen
Office: Mrs Debbie McMahon & Mrs Tanya Pagotto
School Counsellor: Mrs Lyn O’Neill
Canteen: Mrs Leanne Harris
Library: Ms Ros Kingsford;
School Welfare Officer: To be advised
Before School Support: Mr Vaughan Slattery
Uniform Shop: Mr John Fivaz

SIGNING IN AND OUT

It is a legal requirement that visitors to the school sign in and out at the front office. If you are coming in to help in a classroom, attending a meeting, coming to assembly or working in the canteen please remember to sign in and attach a name sticker. This allows us to know who is in the school and make sure everyone is accounted for in the case of a fire or evacuation. Please do not just pop into school to give your child a forgotten lunch or book. Enter through the office at all times.

SCHOOL TIMES

Mornings

School starts at 9.00am. There will be a teacher on duty from 8.40am. Before this time children are required to sit on the silver seats around the basketball court. If your child needs to be at school before this time please contact the school. We do have special before school support available at a cost of $5 per child per day. You can access this by calling Vaughan on 0432 080021.

Afternoons

School finishes at 3.20pm. A bell will ring at 3.15pm to allow classes to pack up and be ready for the second bell at 3.20pm. If you are coming into the school to pick up your child, please park around the side of the school and wait at the basketball court until the second bell then proceed to the pick up area in front of the Kinder classroom.

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Crunch & Sip: Around 10am daily for 5-10 minutes

Children are given time at the end of each break to go to the toilet, have a drink and wash their hands before going into class. Please remind your child of this and remind them that if they need to go to the toilet during class time they need to see their class teacher.

CRUNCH & SIP

This break is a short break during the morning session where students go outside to have a drink and a piece of fruit or vegetable. Parents are encouraged to cut up fruit for younger children if they are not able to manage a whole fruit on their own. Fruit break MUST be FRESH fruit or vegetables or dried fruit. Fruit straps etc will not be allowed during this time.

If your child is having a lunch order you MUST still send in fruit break.

LUNCH

Children all come out together and sit under cover for lunch. Students are required to sit and eat their lunch until the teacher on duty lets them go off to play. Please pack your child a healthy lunch as they will need this energy to help them get through the remainder of the day. If your child is having a lunch order, please see the canteen list for more details.

AFTERNOON TEA

Afternoon tea is time for the students to go out for a snack and a short play. Please ensure your child has a snack for this time. If you are putting in yoghurt or other items that need to stay cold, it is a good idea to freeze items or put in ice bricks. Don’t forget to include a spoon if needed. If your child is having a lunch order please include afternoon tea for them, unless you are ordering this as well.

CANTEEN

The canteen is run by Mrs Leanne Harris and is open Wednesdays and Fridays. The canteen is at the back of the school hall. Lunch orders MUST be taken to the canteen before school starts on these mornings. A canteen list will come home shortly, and is available on the website, and you will find weekly specials on the back page each week. You can order lunches and afternoon tea.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

The canteen can only run if we have parents that volunteer to help Leanne. If you are able to help in the canteen for a day during the term or on a more regular basis please contact Leanne Harris. Volunteers are always welcomed and it is a good way to help out the school.

HEALTHY SNACK DONATION

The canteen asks for a healthy snack donation for af-
ternal tea breaks. Families volunteer to go onto a roster to donate a healthy snack that can be sold on canteen days during the term. Some people donate money for Leanne to purchase fruit, send in a packet muffin mix or make a healthy snack. Ideas for donations are: pikelets, fruit platter, fruit kebabs, muffins, scones, crackers with cheese or vegemite on them, finger buns, fruit toast, plain cake. For more information about this please see Leanne in the canteen.

GETTING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

There are several options for getting your child to and from school: Drop off in car pick up, walking and buses. The area around our school is very busy at this time and safety is of the utmost importance. Please follow the procedures in place for the safety of all our children and staff.

BUSES

If your child is catching a bus they will need to have filled out paperwork for the bus company they will be traveling with. You can get paperwork for this from the bus company or the school. If your child is new to catching the bus and they do not know anyone else catching the bus, please let the school know and we can arrange a bus buddy for them. Infants children are walked up to the bus each afternoon by a teacher. Please make sure the class teacher is aware of your child’s bus and routine so they are where they should be, young students often forget. Bus lines are outside the church and children should wait with their bus line until the teacher on duty walks them up to their bus.

WALKING

Walking is an option if children live close enough to walk to and from school. Please talk to your child about road safety and crossing at the appropriate crossings. Children under the age of 8 have not developed their peripheral vision yet and should always cross the road with adult supervision. It is a good idea for your child to walk home with a trusted adult or older sibling until they can cross road safely.

If students are riding bikes or skateboards we insist they wear a helmet.

PARENT PICK UP

If you are coming into the school to pick your child up please park at the side of the school. Parents are asked to wait at the Basketball court until the second bell has rung. All students that are not catching the bus will be sitting on the seats on the road side of the Kinder rooms. Please walk around here to pick your child up.

CAR PICK UP AND DROP OFF

Behind the back of the school near the Kindergarten rooms is a car pick up area. This is supervised by several teachers (afternoon only) and is an easy and effective way of picking up and dropping off your child. Please note that you are not allowed to park or get out of your car in this area during the pick up and drop off times.

Children will wait on the silver seats until they see your car and then they will be instructed to walk down to you. Children should be able to get into the car by themselves and put on their own seatbelt. Please note that the car pick up line can be long but moves very quickly and efficiently when people work together and if it is raining this is a good option. Please do not block the entry to the Police Station while waiting.

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS LATE TO SCHOOL?

If your child is late to school for any reason you are to take them to the office and sign them in. Your child will need to wait for a late slip to take to class with them. The office can be busy at this time so please be patient. Please do not drop your child at car pick up / drop off if they are arriving late.

WHAT IF I NEED TO PICK MY CHILD UP EARLY?

If your child needs to picked up early or if they have an appointment in the middle of the day and will be returning to school after this you will need to go to the front office and sign them out. Please do not just go to your child’s classroom and take them. If your child is returning to school please sign them in again on their return.

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS SICK?

As inconvenient as it may be, if your child is sick please do not send them to school. Sick children spread germs that in turn make more people sick. If you are unsure if your child is too sick to come to school use these tips:

- do they have a temperature?
- are they coughing uncontrollably?
- do they have green or yellow mucus coming from their nose?
- are they tired, lethargic and grumpy?
- have they been vomiting or had diarrhoea in the past 24 hrs?
- has anyone else in your family been sick in the past few days?
- do they have an unidentified rash?
- are they on antibiotics and are still unwell?

Please make sure that if your child is sick you SMS school and they bring a note on their return to school that is dated and signed OR make a phone call to tell school they are absent OR email their class teacher. See ABSENCES for our preference.

If your child has an illness that is contagious or they are off for a prolonged period of time due to illness please notify the school immediately. A doctor’s certificate may be required.

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS ON MEDICATION?

Sometimes children need to take medication at school. This may be something as simple as cough lollies (strepsils) or it may be an ongoing regular medication e.g. asthma puffer. Whatever the case, all medication must be sent to the office with a note and in most cases a form outlining the dosage and time it needs to be taken etc. If you need more details about this please contact the front office.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS A MEDICAL CONDITION?

It is important that the school and class teacher are aware of any medical condition your child may have, espe-

cially if this condition requires regular medication, staff training, student monitoring or impacts your child’s everyday life in any way. Kinds of conditions that schools need to know about are:

- Asthma,
- epilepsy,
- diabetes,
- anaphylaxis,
- allergies – food (eggs, nuts, seafood etc), bees, other bites etc;
- ADHD, ODD, Autism,
- Intolerances or allergies to gluten.

If you have any concerns please contact the school.

**Head Lice**

Something you will come in contact with at big school is Head Lice. If your child gets head lice they will not be alone and they must be treated. Children with head lice are not allowed into the school until they have been treated and all eggs have been removed. If your child is found to have lice at school they will be sent home and will need to return to the school via the front office to have their hair checked before they are allowed back in class.

There are several treatments out there to treat head lice but the main issue is to remove all the eggs and re check your child’s hair every couple of days for the next week to make sure no new eggs have hatched. You will need a fine tooth comb and some conditioner to check your child’s hair. It is a good idea to wash hats and pillow cases and check the whole family.

To help prevent Head Lice (nits) encourage your child not to play with other people’s hair; do not share hats, keep hair tied back and neat, use gel or hairspray as this can help stop lice gripping to hair, spray hair with a combination of water, conditioner and tea tree oil; check your child’s hair regularly.

“Nit Free For Me” spray product available at the uniform shop for $14 or by contact at nitfreeforme@gmail.com.

**What is Mufti Day?**

Occasionally throughout the year the school will have a mufti day. Usually mufti days are a fundraising event and students are allowed to wear plain casual clothes for the day. (These are no uniform days) in exchange for a gold coin donation. Sometimes these days will have a theme e.g. bandanna day or red nose day. Information will be in the school newsletter when these days are coming up. When dressing children for these days they need to have covered shoulders, covered shoes and a hat, no midriff tops etc. please.

**What are Sports Houses?**

When your child enters the school they are given a sports house and each house is represented by a colour. St Joseph’s has three houses represented by the colours red (McCarthy), green (Cawley) and yellow (Dara). Your child will be able to wear a coloured shirt representing their house on sports carnival days. If you are unsure what colour house your child is ask the class teacher.

**What are Sports Carnival Days?**

St Joseph’s has three main school carnivals – swimming, cross country and athletics.

- The swimming carnival is held in December each year and all students are involved. Students under 8, compete in water games and activities in an infants carnival, this is a fun event and non competitive. Students over 8 can elect to swim in a number of different events. This section of the carnival is competitive and students who do well can then go onto higher levels representing the school and diocese.

- Cross Country is a long distance running carnival which is held at school. The infants complete a fun run on the school playground. Older students compete in a more structured long distance run and may go on to represent the school or diocese.

The Athletics carnival is usually held in term 2 and all students compete in a range of athletic events including running, shot put, long jump and high jump. Students 8 and over may be selected to represent the school or diocese.

**How can I help in the School?**

Schools always welcome volunteers and parents in whatever capacity they are able to assist. There are many opportunities in which you can help the school, some of these are:

- Parish School Forum,
- Fundraising,
- Parent Representative,
- Parent Assembly,
- Canteen,
- In the Classroom (guided reading, changing home readers, listening to kids read, working with small groups), Art volunteers,
- Helping at sports carnivals,
- Assisting on excursions,
- Become a member of group or committee,
- LAP tutor – these are people who come and work one on one with students for around one hour a week (see LAP). These are just a few ways you can help.

*Your assistance helps your child….*

**What is Parish School Forum or PSF?**

The Parish School Forum is a group of parents, teachers and parish representative that come together approximately once a month to discuss issues within the school and help the leadership team make decisions about the direction the school is heading. It is open to all parents who wish to attend and it is a great way to find out more about how the school is run. There are several smaller groups and committees within the school who have representatives that come along and present to the forum when they have events coming up so that the forum can assist them if needed.

In the past the PSF have assisted in rewriting policy
within the school, taken part in the school review and development process and had input into the development of the five year school plan, discussed various ways we can encourage more parent involvement in the school, helped organise events such as Family Day, discussed fundraising ideas and develop education programs for parents with help of the Parent Assembly. This is an excellent way to be part of the school and work together with staff to create a great learning environment for your child.

To find out more come along to a meeting.
First meeting is Tuesday 3 February.

What are Class Parent Reps?
Each stage has at least one Parent Representative. This parent volunteers to support the class, teacher and parents in developing a positive working relationship. It is designed to help welcome parents into the class and school and develop friendships and a social network for families. Some of the ways in which Parent Reps assist teachers is to welcome and assist new families in to the class or to help farewell a student who is leaving. Parent Reps normally organise social gatherings for class parents and families like cake, coffee and play dates at the park, or nights out for the Mum’s or Dad’s, they may also organise a card or gift for a specific family event – new baby or passing of a family member.

What is Parent Assembly?
Parent Assembly was set up by the Diocese of Lismore to give parents of all our schools a voice in the education of their children. It is an excellent way for parents and schools to work together to provide the best educational opportunities for all. Our school currently has two Parent Assembly Representatives, Sarah Moore and Deb Howe. These ladies are PSF members and attend meetings in Lismore once a term to feedback on how things are going at St Joseph’s, ways in which Parent Assembly may be able to support the school and ideas on how to involve families and parents in their child’s education.

Parent Assembly also has a Parent Library which is located in the teacher resource section of the school library. All parents are welcome to come and borrow items from here and can come and see Ms Ros Kingsford if they need assistance. This section contains books, DVD’s and other resources on a range of topics. Each year the Parent Assembly donate a considerable amount of new books to the section so please consider coming and using these great resources.

Parent Assembly also organise a range of events throughout the year to assist parents and families in educating themselves about relevant issues. Most schools in the diocese have a variety of guest speakers and programs that run free of charge to the parents of all diocesan schools as well as an annual conference that includes four guest speakers usually experts in the field of children, family and parent education. Look out for posters around the school and in the newsletter for upcoming events.

Finally, the Parent Assembly also have a family faith gathering every year. It is a weekend away for families of children attending diocesan schools and is provided free of charge for families who wish to attend. It is a great opportunity for families to come together, meet new people and build on their faith.

What Are Enrichment Tutors?
We have several Enrichment Tutors in our school that assist a variety of students in the classroom setting. Enrichment Tutors are vital members of our school community and work hard alongside the classroom teacher to bring out the best in all our students. Their knowledge and skills are invaluable and they provide a wealth of opportunities to the classrooms they work in.

What is Best Start?
Prior to Kindergarten students beginning formal school they all sit a Literacy & Numeracy Assessment with their teacher. They do this in one hour pre-booked timeslots. The results of this assessment give the school and their teacher an understanding of their starting point at school and how both the school and families and support them. The formal reporting of these results occurs during Term 1.

How Do The Stages Work?
In Years 1-6 at our school the students are divided into Stages:
- Kinder is Early Stage 1,
- Years 1 & 2 are Stage 1,
- Years 3 & 4 are Stage 2 and
- Years 5 & 6 are Stage 3.
This continues in High school where the curriculum is studied in stages also.

The NSW Curriculum is actually planned out in stages with students given two years to cover the concepts. We place the students in stages for their learning.

This year we are again working in more ‘open’ learning spaces where they will spend time in open classrooms with all the teachers involved in their learning. This will ensure we can meet the needs of individual students at all ends of the learning spectrum as their needs become clear, eg. Students are studying subtraction in Stage 2. A traditional class means a teacher may be trying to teach a student working at:-
- the level of Stage 1, for instance, the difference between 7 and 4 is 3,
- the level of Stage 2, eg. 2,456 minus 1,385 OR
- the level of Stage 3, eg. I have $40,000 to buy a new car. The basic model costs $36,118 and I have added tinted windows for $860, Bluetooth for $1,376. How much will I have left over.
To allow the learning to occur at all levels the teachers may decide to group like ability students for this task to ensure great learning occurs.

The Leader of Pedagogy ensures that the teachers are working in the best possible way to support your children. The whole Stage group of staff including Enrichment Tutors meets each week to plan for these experiences, change practice that may be impeding learning and to develop strategies. This is the Professional Learning Team (PLT).

What is LAP?
LAP or Learning Assistance Program is a program set up to allow students to engage in one on one time with an adult in the school setting. LAP was designed to support students who may need some extra support for a variety of reasons and would benefit from the positive and regular interaction with a caring volunteer. Students participating in LAP may be involved in a range of activities that relate to their
interests and that of the volunteer. For some students it is an opportunity to have someone to talk to, for others it is having some assist and support their learning one on one and for others it allows them to develop social confidence. Whatever the reason, if you would like to become a LAP tutor or you feel your child would benefit from this program please contact the school. This is co-ordinated by Mrs Jennifer Slattery.

**WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD IS UPSET WHEN I PICK THEM UP AFTER SCHOOL?**

Try not to interrogate your child immediately. Have afternoon tea, do your normal after school activities and then after dinner sit down and talk through the situation or problem. As the Principal I receive many 3.35 pm phone calls from worried parents. Often it turns out to be the child has had a few things go wrong during the day and they just need time to process this. Sometimes it is just a case of a tired student. But if it is a problem that the school needs to assist with a phone call or note or email next morning will get our help. **Please do not go phoning other parents.** This places them in a difficult situation and you may not have the whole story. If it is a school related problem please allow us to sort it for you.

**LIBRARY**

The library is run by Ms Ros Kingsford. Classes visit the library once a week as a class to borrow and return library books. Many students use the library at lunch times to read, play games and catch up with friends. It is important your child has a library bag as they will not be able to borrow without one. Make sure they are responsible for their library books and return them each week. Lost books will incur a book replacement fee.

_The library also has a great parent library which you are welcome to use anytime._

**TECHNOLOGY ROOM**

Many parents will hear about the technology room over the next few weeks. This is an exciting place filled with net books, I pads, games and an interactive whiteboard. It is also a place for those students who are not quite ready to tackle the big playground on their own yet. The technology room is open at lunchtimes on Wednesdays and Fridays to allow students to come in and play and interact with a wide variety of games and technology. Students will need to know their username and password for the computer before they will be able to use the netbooks. This is taught to them in Computer lessons beginning in their first week. You will be surprised how quickly some kids learn how to spell their surname! (part of their username)

**RELEASE FROM FACE TO FACE**

This is a union requirement for all teachers. If they hold a fulltime workload they must be given at least 2 hours release per week. Staff holding positions of responsibility eg Leader of Catechesis are also entitled to extra release.

In 2015 we will be releasing class teachers on a fortnightly basis for a whole day.

I will explain this by looking at Stage 1 as an example:

- S1 teachers Mrs Lidbetter & Mr Wilde will be released in the even named weeks on Fridays (Wk 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10).

During their release Mrs Bratti and Mr Slattery will be responsible for their classes. During release the students will have Reading, Maths, PE, HSIE and Library. Ms Kingsford will also assist in class during the HSIE component to support the use of Technology, research skills and note taking. This same format applies to all stages.

- Kinder release will be on Tuesdays in even weeks. Stage 2 release times will include myself in class on even weeks on Mondays.

- Stage 3 will have release on odd Tuesdays (Wks 1,3,5,7,9 ). All this will be made clear at the Parent Information Night on **Tuesday 10 February.**

**WHAT IS A LITURGY?**

A liturgy is a religious service that is held in the church, the hall or the classroom. It is less formal than a Mass, will usually not include the priest and will not offer communion. The school has several big liturgies throughout the year including: Ash Wednesday, NAIDOC week (Aboriginal and Indigenous Australians) and Family Day. All classes will usually have a liturgy at some point throughout the year. Families are always welcome and encouraged to attend these events. Please remember if you are attending an event in the school sign in at the front office first.

**WHAT IS MASS?**

Mass is the formal religious service, usually held in the church. Sometimes Mass will be moved to the hall to accommodate for larger numbers. All children attend Mass both as a whole school and in class or stage groups. Mass is different to liturgy in that it is more structured, it is longer and communion is celebrated. Families are encouraged to come and join in the school and class Mass and there is usually a morning tea organised after class Masses.

The School and Parish also encourage and welcome families along to Mass every weekend. Saturday night Mass is at 6pm with a Youth Mass once a month. Sunday Mass is at 8.30am with Children’s Liturgy. St Joseph’s is well known for its large numbers of altar servers which are made up from our students from years 4-6 and high school students. There is also a Sunday Mass at Wardell at 5.30 pm (Daylight Saving Time) and 5.00 pm (EST).

**SPORT**

Mr Paddy Wild is the school’s Sports Co-ordinator. For Winter Sports Trials (Stage 3 only) your child needs to collect an information pack from the office or from Mr Wilde. Winter Sports Trials will be held on Thursday 26th February after school in Lismore for Rugby League (11’s and Opens), Soccer (Boys & Girls), Rugby Union, Netball and Hockey. Students must be in Years 5 or 6 to attend and must have a high level of ability.

**ASK YOUR CHILD TO COLLECT THE PACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF THEY ARE INTERESTED.** Notes must be returned to school with $5 levy **by** Thursday 12 February.

**ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Permission notes went home last term for students competing in the Richmond Zone Swimming Carnival. The event is at Alstonville Pool on Friday 20 February.
PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Once again this will become clearer on the Parent Night.

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Therese Seymour

Jumping Joeys Playgroup

Everyone welcome

Each Tuesday during School Terms

commencing Tuesday 3 February

9.30 am—11.00 am

in the Technology Room

Contact: Libby Spash 0411 271 243

Year 6 Shirts

Orders with money are to be returned by this Friday 31 January. If you would like to change your order, please ensure it is sent to the office by Friday also. Thank you.

Majella Blenkhorn & Alison O'Toole

The following children have celebrated their birthday since our last Newsletter:

Oliver Condon, Jack Leslie, Jack Condon, Teila Bednall, Astrid Tyler, Holly Prodgier, John Gooding, Mary Parry, Jess Pocklington, Ewan Murgha and Owen Carroll

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Saturday 31 January: Daniel Kopp, Lillian King, Anna Keaslin, Elsa Brwon & Lauren Kopp

Sunday 1 February: Lucas Keaslin, Hannah Isaac, Cameron Boyce, Por-tia Dostine & Will Barnes

ALSTONVILLE HOCKEY CLUB

2015 SIGN ON AT ALSTONVILLE PLAZA on 31 JANUARY 2015.

All ages, senior and junior, boys and girls are welcome.

Come along and give hockey a go. All new Minkey (U 7) Players receive a free stick, shin pads and ball! AHC is a friendly, community minded club. In 2014 we supported Steptember, participated in a charity fun run and held club social events. Check out our website www.alstonvill hospockey.com.au or contact Club President Glen Hunter on 0402 674 525 or alstonvill hockeyclub@hotmail.com