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Friday 9 May

*At St Joseph's Primary School Wauchope
 we place our 'Trust in God' when we are respectful, responsible learners.*

TERM 2 – WEEK 3 CALENDAR

Sunday	MAY	11	Mother's Day
Monday	MAY	12	Staff Briefing, 8.30 am: Office closed until 8.45 am Staff Meeting, 3.30 pm
Tuesday	MAY	13	NAPLAN: Language Conventions and Writing – Year 3 and Year 5 Early Bird Reading Program Uniform Shop, Parish Hall; 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm School Banking Band and Guitar tuition Guitar – Bernie commences for Term 2 Craft Club: Infants (Parish Hall) Lego Club: Primary (Library) Active After Schools Program begins: Karate
Wednesday	MAY	14	NAPLAN: Reading – Year 3 and Year 5 Fr Dan visiting Year 6 Diocesan Principals meeting – Mrs Coelho attending
Thursday	MAY	15	NAPLAN: Numeracy – Year 3 and Year 5 P & F Meeting: 7.00 pm, St Joseph's Meeting Room Early Bird Reading Program School Sport Lego Club: Infants (Library) Craft Club: Primary (Parish Hall) Active After Schools Program: Volley Ball
Friday	MAY	16	Staff Prayer – Office closed until 8.45 am Family Faith meeting – Mrs Parsons attending

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 19:	Change over to Winter Uniform
MAY 19:	Scholastic Book fair begins
MAY 20	ICAS Computer Competition
MAY 22:	Questacon Science Fair
MAY 23:	Diocesan Cross Country Carnival
MAY 28:	School Athletics Carnival
MAY 30 – JUNE 4:	Life Education Van
JUNE 6:	Staff Spirituality Day: PUPIL FREE DAY

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CONTEMPORARY LEARNING

It's hard to argue that we shouldn't aspire to have 21st century classrooms. After all, we are now almost 15 years into the 21st Century. The difficulty is we (global education) probably skipped 20th Century classrooms and taught a 19th century model for over 200 years, making it a bit hard to "suddenly" embrace change. Nevertheless, we need to become adaptive learners who can shift their thinking to meet the needs of the time, and in so doing we equip our students with the capabilities they need for a future we cannot predict. What skills and capabilities will they need?

Children will need to be able to communicate using many forms including writing and speaking but also be savvy with social media and quick to learn presentation tools. They will need to be able to work collaboratively in teams, problem-solving and critically thinking to develop solutions, and being creative enough to design and use new technologies, create new jobs, and envision different opportunities. They will need perseverance, a sense of humour, be open to new learning, be able to build on prior knowledge.

This You Tube link is quite an eye opener for all <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDZFcDGpL4U>

For further reading visit <https://cais21stcentury.wikispaces.com/List+of+21st+Century+Skills> or Google "21st Century learning Skills".

Come along and learn more at our Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 11 June 2014 at 6.00 pm. Mark your calendars.

MOTHER'S DAY

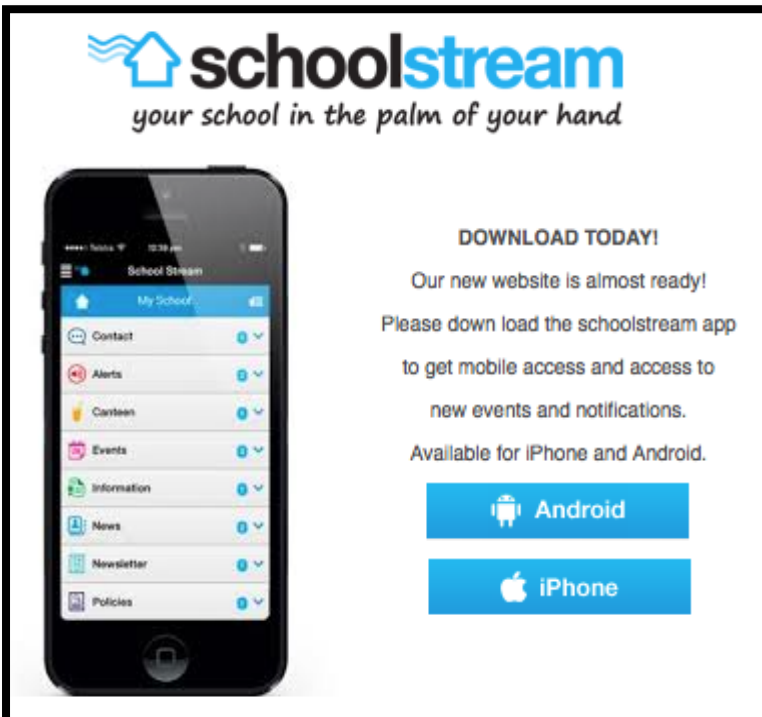
Today we celebrated the wonderful work of our mothers and grandmothers. The children are always very excited to see members of their family at special occasions like today. I thank Mr David Poulton and Miss Laurretta Lewis who prepared our Liturgy. A special thank also goes to our P & F Association who catered for our Mother's Day morning tea, which was enjoyed by all. We wish all mothers and those who are like mothers to us, a very happy day this Sunday.

NAPLAN

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will see our Year 3 and Year 5 students complete NAPLAN. It is important to know that NAPLAN is not a pass or fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against the national standards and compared with their peers throughout Australia. NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. As a parent, you can help your child by treating NAPLAN test days just like any other school day. Some nervousness is natural – just as your child may find other school events a little confronting. Friday 16 May 2014 is set aside as a catch up day for students who are absent earlier in the week.

NEW SCHOOL APP

As a school we have been working towards the launch of our new corporate school website. The time is very near at hand for the site going 'live' and I thank the Technology committee: Mr David Poulton, Mrs Robyn O'Brien and Mrs Krystal Brady who have supported me in this project. An additional feature of this website will



The advertisement features the Schoolstream logo at the top, which consists of a blue house icon with three wavy lines above it, followed by the word "schoolstream" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Below the logo is the tagline "your school in the palm of your hand" in a smaller, italicized font. On the left side, there is a black smartphone displaying the Schoolstream app interface. The app screen shows a list of menu items: "My School", "Contact", "Alerts", "Canteen", "Events", "Information", "News", "Newsletter", and "Policies". Each item has a small blue icon and a dropdown arrow. On the right side, the text reads "DOWNLOAD TODAY!" in bold, followed by "Our new website is almost ready!" and "Please download the schoolstream app to get mobile access and access to new events and notifications." Below this, it says "Available for iPhone and Android." At the bottom, there are two blue buttons: one with the Android logo and the word "Android", and another with the Apple logo and the word "iPhone".

be our **School Stream App**. Parents can download the app now and begin to receive notifications in relation to school events and newsletters. Simply follow the prompts on iTunes or Google Play. In time this App will be the main form of notifications as we will phase out the use of text messages. Therefore, it is suggested that the notification centre be turned on for you to receive continual updates. Click for the [Android](#) or [iPhone](#) download.

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

Earlier this week all families received a letter including a copy of our Guiding Behaviour Statement and the Affective Questions. This initiative was suggested by parents at the P & F meeting during Term 1 this year therefore enabling all parties to have a greater knowledge of the philosophy behind our new policy and to also use the same format of questions in resolving conflict and creating better outcomes for all. I encourage families to take the time to discuss with your children the contents of the letter.

STAFF SUCCESSES

I am continually amazed at the dedication of our staff and the additional studies and professional learning they complete in their own time. I would like to congratulate Mrs Rachel Moss and Mrs Christy Ismay who have recently been awarded a Post Graduate in Education majoring in Religious Education and Miss Marion Horton who has been awarded a Bachelor of Education Primary Upgrade.

HALF YEARLY REPORTS

As we are sure you are aware, Australia is in the process of adopting a new national curriculum. In contrast to the past, where each state or territory has had their own syllabus to work from, we are now phasing in the Australian Curriculum which will create a standard syllabus across the entire country that all schools must work from. 2014 has seen the implementation of the new English and Science curricula and therefore, these two subject areas will look a little different from normal on your child's half yearly report. More information will come through our weekly newsletter, as well as a parent session to be held at a parent evening on Wednesday 11 June 2014

THANK YOU

Thank you to Laura Clarke who has generously donated her time to upgrade our supply of ice pack covers. They will be put to good use.

SYMPATHY

We offer Mrs Ann-Maree Hamilton and her family our love and support following the sad passing of her dad, Mr Ken Coombes this morning. Funeral details will be available early next week.

TRISH COELHO

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

QUESTACON/LIFE EDUCATION VAN VISIT

Notes went home this week regarding these two upcoming visits to school, Questacon on Thursday 22 May 2014 (cost \$3.00) and Life Education from Friday 30 May to Wednesday 4 June 2014 (cost \$9.00).

Feedback from families, especially about increasing costs of Life Education, would be appreciated by our school. Please consider this and inform us for our future planning.

FUNRUN/WALK

We plan on holding our hugely successful Fun Run/Walk again this year, on Wednesday 25 June 2014. This is when students gather sponsorship and then participate in a beach Fun Run/Walk. More information will be available soon.

CHANGE OVER DAY TO WINTER UNIFORM – MONDAY 19 MAY 2014

SPORT NEWS

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The Active After Schools Program gets underway next week and will commence on Tuesday with Karate and Volley Ball on Thursday. The sessions commence at 3.15 pm and conclude at 4.15 pm. It is very important that parents or carers are at school ready to collect children when the program finishes. If you would like your child to participate then please complete a form in the office before Tuesday. Children without a form completed will not be permitted to participate; a new form is needed for each term. Active After Schools is a great opportunity for kids to find different pathways into sports and be more active. Special thanks to the staff who see the value in this opportunity for our children and give up their time to supervise the group.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Please keep Wednesday 28 May 2014 free in your diaries as this is the day for our annual Athletics Carnival. The carnival will be held at St Joseph's Regional High School. We require as many parent helpers as we can get on this day to make it happen, please make yourself available if you can. More information and notes will come home in the coming weeks.

DAVID POULTON

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 12 May 2014 – Virginia Leister and Amber Bradshaw

Wednesday 14 May 2014 – Rachel Sonter and Holly Laws

Friday 16 May 2014 – Joy Kirkman and Rachel O'Brien

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Saturday 10 May, 2014 6.00 pm Mass

Group 6 –
Elizabeth & Ben Pike and Ben Mesher

Sunday 11 May 2014, 7.30 am Mass

Group 5 –
Hughes Family and Lachlan & Callum Pye

MOTHER'S DAY LITURGY

