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Friday 8 August

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

TERM 3 – WEEK 5 CALENDAR

Monday	AUG	11	PUPIL FREE DAY
Tuesday	AUG	12	ICAS Mathematics Competition ASD Inservice – Mrs Lewis and Mrs Gleeson attending Mrs Peck - Long Service Leave all week Uniform Shop Closed School Banking Band and Guitar tuition Guitar – Bernie
Wednesday	AUG	13	Fr Dan visiting; Year 5/6P Consultative Reference Group Meeting – Mrs Coelho attending
Thursday	AUG	14	School Sport Soccer & Netball Gala Day: Laurieton NO PRIMARY SPORT ELECTIVES
Friday	AUG	15	Staff Prayer; 8.30 am 'Joey's Juniors', 9.30 am – 10.45 am Feast of the Assumption: Whole School Mass; 9.30 am Peer Support; 2.10 pm,

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG	18	Book Week commences
AUG	21	P & F Meeting
SEPT	4:	'Night of Stars' – School Concert

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOLS REVOLUTION.....

I was reading many articles last weekend that focussed on the improvement in student learning and was taken by a front page article in last Saturday's newspaper. The article centred around the revolution in schools creating flexible and adaptive environments and the impact this is having on student learning. I am heartened to be part of a Diocese that has its eyes set on the future and the learning needs of our students, as evident in our Contemporary Learning Framework. I remember reading an article approximately 2 years ago where flexible and adaptive environments in schools were condemned, yet schools have listened and acted upon

Engaging,
adaptive
environments
that energise
the learner

data and research; hence, 2 years later, reaping the benefits of perseverance and an attitude of striving for excellence. Stephen Heppell, an English specialist in education, has closely followed this revolution in schools around the world and notes that Australia is leading the way in so many facets. He states,

'We've moved from the factory model in schools and workplaces (think of a typing pool with rows of people all sitting the same, doing the same thing). That's all gone. When you start looking at the workplace today, you find it's full of collegiality and mutuality. If I go for a job the first thing I'm likely to be asked is 'what are you like as a team player?' They're looking to understand how I work and communicate with others. We also know that these new and collaborative ways of working need appropriate spaces. We need spaces to work in together, spaces to focus and work by yourself, and we need spaces to sit around a large table in groups. We also need spaces for celebration, and presentation. These are all different spaces – and none of those are like the standard classroom with an uncomfortable chair and uniform desk. The key is noticing that the world is changing and considering how your space can best be adapted to enhance learning and prepare kids for their future careers. We need to make sure our children have got the capability, confidence and esteem to make their way in the world, and not turn up asking 'what do you want me to do?' but rather taking action themselves.'

The full article can be found on the following link for those who may be interested.

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nsw/deskfree-strategy-turns-classrooms-into-creative-learning-hubs-that-see-student-engagement-soar/story-fni0cx12-1227010727049>

FUN RUN SUCCESS

This week saw the culmination of our FUN RUN efforts and I wish to thank each and every family who supported this venture. We have successfully raised \$6758.65 towards the purchasing of new technology within our school. This is half of the allocated amount required, which is a tremendous start in fulfilling our goal. The children were extremely excited yesterday when our draw was conducted and I congratulate the following winners of the major prizes;

Smiggle Gift Bags: Adam Cook, Thomas Nardella, Grace Smith

Bluetooth Speakers: Ethan Begley, Stephanie Lambert

\$20 iTunes Cards: Beau Benson, Tayha Hinshelwood, Taytum Moylan, Jake Robb

SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS

I wish to thank families for the very positive response in paying School Fees, especially those who have now fulfilled their yearly commitment. We as a school can budget for ongoing costs and resourcing when we have the financial support of families.

ABSENT NOTES ON THE APP

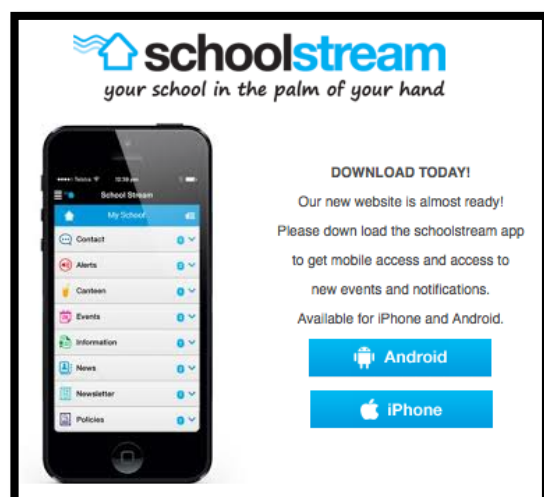
We have received positive feedback in relation to those families who have used the new School Stream App as a means by which to send in absent notes for their children. We are glad this convenience is of assistance. If you are yet to download the School stream App, simply log onto our website and click on the icon on the home page.

PUPIL FREE DAY

A reminder to families that this coming **Monday 11 August 2014** is a **Pupil Free Day** and staff will be inserviced on the new Australian Curriculum for Mathematics in preparation for 2015. Thank you for your support of our school and staff.

NIGHT OF STARS

The teachers and children are well and truly preparing for our School Concert scheduled for **Thursday 4 September 2014**. The songs are being refined, dance steps rehearsed, poems recited and scripts rewritten. We invite all families to mark their calendars as this will be an evening not to be missed. More information in the coming weeks. Costume notes were sent home today.



TRISH COELHO

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Our school is presently in the process of establishing a school vegetable garden under the supervision of ex-high school teacher and parishioner, Mr Graeme Reithmuller. Year 5 and Year 6 students are helping in the planning and construction. Thanks to the Eggert family for donating garden soil and mulch, and to Mr Reithmuller for his help.

KEN OGILVIE

FROM THE SPORTING FIELD

DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

What fantastic weather we had for the Diocesan Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to all our representatives. We will have a full report next week outlining their achievements.

SCHUBERT 7'S

Our Schubert 7's teams had a great day representing our school and competed well. Their dedication and practise is to be commended. A big thank you to the parents of these children who ensured their children travelled to and from the event. A special thank you to Mr Vince O'Brien and Mr Ken Ogilvie for looking after the teams, preparing them and assisting on the day. Thank you!

SOCCER AND NETBALL GALA DAY

Our best wishes go with our Year 5 and Year 6 students as they compete in the Soccer and Netball Gala day on Thursday 14 August 2014. We wish them all the best and thank Mrs Jennings and Miss Lewis for accompanying the children. Children participating are reminded; the bus will depart school at 9.00 am. Children are required to wear correct sports uniform and bring football boots and shin pads for soccer. They also need to supply lunch and a water bottle. Limited canteen facilities will be available.

SPORT ELECTIVES

A reminder that next week there will be no sport electives for primary students, due to the Year 5 and Year 6 Soccer and Netball Gala Day. Sport Electives will resume during Week 6. This was outlined in the sports elective note sent out last term. Children will still have five sessions of their sports electives.

DAVID POULTON

CANTEEN ROSTER	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
August 11, August 13 and August 15	PUPIL FREE DAY	Sharnie McClure and Julie Keena	Julie Edden and Rebecca Begley

FLAVOURED WATER NOW AVAILABLE –

Aqua Ball flavoured water – no artificial colours or flavours and no sugar

\$1.60 or include in our regular \$5 meal deal

Krazy Lemon Drink – no longer available

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Saturday 9 August 2014, 6.00 pm Mass – Group 6 (Elizabeth & Ben Pike and Ben Mesher)

MINI VINNIES

This year our Mini Vinnies group is again supporting Operation Christmas Child. We are asking you to be generous in providing a small item for a boy or girl to give hope and joy to the children in need this Christmas.

To fill our Christmas boxes we are looking for –

Something to wear – t-shirt, shorts, skirt, cap, beanie, sandals etc
Something to love – teddy bear, doll, soft toy (must be small for postage)
Something special – carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, stickers, necklaces, craft kits, a personal note
Something for school – exercise book, pencil case, pens, textas, hairbrush, hair clips etc
Something for personal hygiene – toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, and hair clips etc.

Operation Christmas Child makes it possible for you and your family to tangibly and directly impact a child in the developing world. The joy of packing a shoebox filled with simple items becomes a treasure for children living in poverty.

Items to arrive at school by Friday 5 September

MARION HORTON AND THE MINI VINNIES GROUP

COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE:

A personal encounter weekend for those who are grieving the loss of a spouse/partner through separation, divorce or death will be held from Friday 17 to Saturday 19 October, 2014 at “Arabella Garden Inn Motel” in Wollongbar. It offers participants the opportunity to turn the pain of loss into growth. Bookings are essential and applications close on Friday 3 October 2014.

For further details call Judy 66241549, Jan 6624 5175 or 0437 112031. or visit our website: www.belismore.org.au for more information.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC:

The child protection Network is holding its annual Teddy Bears Picnic. The aim of the day is to provide families – free activities, information about child protection and meet people working in these services.

On the day – we are looking for store holders who will conduct children’s activities from 10.00 am.

Other activities will include storytelling, jumping castle and sausage sizzle.

To participate in the Teddy Bears Picnic on Wednesday 10 September please complete and Expression of interest form. Contact Shiree Sinclair at Interrelate on 02 5525 3200.

JUNIOR DISCO (Under 6’s – Under 12’s)

Presented by Wauchope Soccer Club – tonight Friday 8 August 2014

Wauchope RSL club upstairs from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm.

Prizes for best ‘Bling’ dressed – boys and girls are requested to wear plenty of ‘Bling’.

\$6 per child or \$10 per family.

Adults are requested to sign their children in and sign for collection at 8.30 pm + leave contact details.