Friday 22 August

TERM 3 – WEEK 7 CALENDAR

LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK
(See calendar of events inserted)

Sunday AUG 24 Youth Mass: Our Lady Of Lourdes Church: 6.00 pm

Monday AUG 25 Staff Briefing; 8.30 am Staffroom – Office open at 8.50 am
Book Fair continues- Library

Tuesday AUG 26 English Workshop – Miss Harris and Mrs Pearman attending
Book Fair continues- Library
Uniform Shop open – 1.50 pm to 2.50 pm, Parish Hall
School Banking
Band and Guitar tuition
Guitar – Bernie

Wednesday AUG 27 Fr Dan visiting; Year 5/6J
Book Fair ends today - Library
Diocesan Priest/Principal’s Conference – Fr Dan and Mrs Coelho attending

Thursday AUG 28 School Sport
Primary Sport Electives
Diocesan Priest/Principal’s Conference – Fr Dan and Mrs Coelho attending

Friday AUG 29 Staff Prayer; 8.30 am
‘Joey’s Juniors’, 9.30 am – 10.45 am
Diocesan Priest/Principal’s Conference – Fr Dan and Mrs Coelho attending

Saturday AUG 30 Children’s Liturgy – Our Lady Of Lourdes Church; Mass, 6.00pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT 4: ‘Night of Stars’ – School Concert
SEPT 5: FATHER’S Day Breakfast and Liturgy

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CHARACTERS GREAT AND SMALL, WONDERFUL AND WILD

Our Book Character Parade on Wednesday was an absolute delight to view and a highlight for all staff and students. Hosted by the ‘Tooth Fairy’ (aka Mr Poulton), we were treated to many varied characters, even
Mary with her own real lamb! Thank you to all the parents and grandparents and other family members who attended and contributed to the presentation of the children. My congratulations go to Mrs Robyn O’Brien for her organisation and dedication to Book Week. The Book Fair itself will continue into next week. Please visit the Library to either donate or purchase a book with your child.

ENERGISING, ADAPTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Over the past number of months we, as a staff, have been considering and researching the impact of the learning environment upon our students. We have noted schools need to celebrate diversity and difference among all learners. Identification of individual interests, differences, needs and learning styles are crucial to challenge all learners. The skills students acquire are influenced by the design of learning spaces, the effective use of ICT and the ways in which leaders change the nature and culture of schooling to reflect the needs of learners in the 21st century. Our research has shown that learning is enhanced, deepened and made more relevant when connected learning spaces provide opportunities for:

- active and interactive participation
- collaborative project work
- information retrieval and sharing
- discussion and presentation
- production of new knowledge
- teacher and student-led activities
- connection with experts
- local and global networks
- personalised learning

To maximise the effectiveness of learning, to allow creativity, innovation and inquiry by energised and inspired learners our learning spaces need to be flexible so they are appropriate for the activity being undertaken. This could mean group teaching, a presentation, several small collaborative groups or an individual learning space. This flexible approach will more easily cater for diversity and difference among our learners. Flexibility will allow greater interaction with learners and each can be challenged individually. Learners need to be offered choice and an opportunity to make decisions about their learning environment. This gives them control over what and how they learn.

As a school we have been selected to participate in a three day ‘Schools Tour’ in Term 4 to view these types of Learning Environments in action. At this stage it has not been confirmed which four staff members will be attending. Staff will also have the opportunity to travel to St Joseph’s Alstonville towards the end of this term to view flexible and adaptive environments at work within Stage areas.

P & F SUPPORT

Last night saw a very successful P & F meeting with much planning towards our School Concert and Father’s Day breakfast. I thank those committee members who continue to work hard for the betterment of our school. I am very grateful for the $3000 donation from the P & F and $2000 donation from the Canteen towards the purchase of technology resources and equipment. This amount will boast our Fun Run money and enable us to purchase more devices. I also thank Melissa Potts for her generous donation of a $206 ‘Younique’ beauty package which will be raffled with an iPad Mini at our concert night.

NIGHT OF STARS

In your child’s bag today is an invitation to our ‘Night of Stars’ (pearl parchment). All relevant information is provided on the invitation for your consideration.

TRISH COELHO
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST/LITURGY

On Friday 5 September 2014 we will be hosting a Fathers’ Day breakfast from 7.30 am. All dads, granddads or carers are invited to join us at that time under the Infants COLA. Following breakfast and games with your children, all are invited to stay for a special Fathers’ Liturgy in the hall at 9.00 am.

Any helpers as breakfast cooks would be appreciated.

RELIGION CORNER

EXURO (ON FIRE!)

Exuro is a gathering for selected Year 5 students from Parish Primary Schools based within Regions of the Diocese to celebrate their faith at a Diocesan level. A reminder to those students who have taken nomination forms, these are due back to Miss Harris no later than Tuesday 26 August 2014.

YOUTH MASS

Have you considered coming to our Youth Mass. This coming Sunday is our scheduled monthly Youth Mass with pizza afterwards. 6.00 pm start just like Children’s Liturgy. See you there.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY

Our next Children’s Liturgy is scheduled for Saturday 30 August 2014. We look forward to sharing this Mass with our families as we gather together in faith.

TAMEKA HARRIS
(Leader of Evangelisation)

BAND NEWS

On the recent Pupil Free Day, a combined Catholic primary school band workshop was held at St Joseph’s Primary School, Port Macquarie. Over 80 children attended and spent the day honing their musical skills. The students had a chance to meet children from other schools who will all eventually be playing in the Regional or St Paul’s school bands.

A small select group were chosen to perform at Emmaus Nursing Home to celebrate Youth Week. The students performed to an appreciative audience and received wonderful feedback from the staff and organisers.

We will hold another, similar workshop on Tuesday 7 October 2014 which is also a Pupil Free Day. We encourage all students to attend if possible as the improvement in playing is tremendous after such an intensive rehearsal day.

ANN HAMILTON
National Literacy and Numeracy Week will be celebrated from Monday 25 August to Friday 29 August 2014. The week aims to recognise the achievements of students and the work of teachers, parents and members of the community who support young people to develop stronger literacy and numeracy skills.

Our school is planning a number of activities during the week which will highlight the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all children. This week will be a celebration of all the wonderful teaching and learning which takes place, as well as the many other exciting opportunities that St Joseph’s Wauchope provides for our students. Listed below is a schedule of events for the week. We welcome you to all or any of these activities.

RACHEL MOSS (Leader of Curriculum)

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BOOK CLUB

Book club orders are to be returned on Friday 29 August 2014. Please write your child’s name and class clearly on the top section of the form and return with payment in a sealed envelope. Mrs Hillard will be at the COLA from 8.45 am to 9.10 am to collect orders. No late orders will be accepted after 3.00 pm on Friday. Please add a note to your order if you wish for any birthday or surprise orders to be left at the Office. Cheques are to be made payable to St Joseph’s Primary School.

SUE HILLARD

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ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER
Saturday 23 August 2014, 6.00 pm Mass – Group 3 (Ebony Williams, Grace Robb and Sara Slater)
Sunday 24 August 2014, 7.30 am Mass – Group 4 (Jessica & Tom Daley and Lachlan & James Eggert)
Sunday 24 August 2014, 6.00 pm Youth Mass – Volunteers welcome

MINI VINNIES
Thank you to all families who have generously donated items for our Operation Christmas Child project. Please keep the items coming as some classes have yet to fill their boxes.

To help raise funds for the postage and to continue to support our local St Vincent de Paul Society, Mini Vinnies will be holding a raffle over the next several weeks.

**Prize – Large container of confectionary treats**
**Cost – 50 cents per tick or three for $1.00**

Once again thank you for your support of our Mini Vinnies projects. It means that as a school community we are making a difference by helping those in need.

MARION HORTON

SPECIAL INVITATION TO GRANDPARENTS

**PLEASE COME TO ST JOSEPH’S PRIMARY SCHOOL**
**AND READ WITH US TO CELEBRATE**
**LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK**
**FOLLOWING READING PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BYO LUNCH**
**TUESDAY 26 AUGUST 2014**
10.30 AM
Lunch at 11.00 am
Please gather at the school Office verandah by 10.30 am.
Year 6 leaders and assigned teachers will direct you to the appropriate classroom.

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.

WAUCHOPE LITTLE ATHLETICS
Saturday 23 and Saturday 30 August. 10.00 am to 12 noon at Blackbutt Oval.
Come and have fun while trying the field and track events you saw at the Commonwealth Games!!

LET’S FIGHT THE FIGHT with Donna
For Donna Atkins and her family
Silent Auction and fundraiser – Saturday 30 August 2014 from 6.30 pm, $25 entry
Wauchope/Bonny Hills Surf Club
Buy a mystery balloon
Contact - Karen Warneken on 0432 687 667
An invitation to a weekend of fun and socialising in the Aboriginal Catholic spirit

One Mob, One Voice, One Spirit

A spiritually enriching opportunity for parents and care givers of children in Parish Schools. All are invited to join together for an exciting time to strengthen family life through our Catholic faith.

This can be the start of a new beginning in a busy and stressful life, and a great opportunity to strengthen and reconnect – to stop and take time out as a family.

Team Leaders
Aunty Joan Hendricks,
Doreen Flanders, Fr Ron Perrett,
Clarice Greenup, Cheryl Donovan,
Mark Smith, Barry Flanders,
Leanne Parsons

Location
Yarrawarra Aboriginal Culture Centre

Details
Accommodation and meals are free for all families with children enrolled in Parish Schools in the Diocese of Lismore.

Dates
9:00 am Saturday, 25 October to 12:00 pm Sunday, 26 October 2014

Register Now
call Doreen Flanders on 0419 986 940 or your school’s IEW
email: parents@lism.catholic.edu.au or call 1300 557 874