TERM 4 – WEEK 6 CALENDAR

Monday NOV 10 Staff Briefing: 8.30 am – Office opens 8.45 am
Staff Meeting: 3.30 pm

Tuesday NOV 11 Remembrance Day
Uniform Shop Open: 1.50 pm – 2.50 pm
Active After Schools program – Rugby Union

Thursday NOV 13 Sport
Active After Schools program – Multi Sports
Mini Vinnies Meeting - Macksville

Friday NOV 14 Assembly: 2.30: Primary COLA

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV 20 Mini Market Day
NOV 20 P & F Meeting
NOV 21 Year 6 Orientation to St Joseph’s Regional College
NOV 21 Diocesan Summer Sports Trials
DEC 5 Science Fair
DEC 13 Year 6 Graduation Mass

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Today concluded our very extensive Kindergarten transition and orientation program. It has been delightful to see the ‘Joey’s’ students develop in confidence and settle into the routine of our school. I thank Miss Tameka Harris and Mrs Jessica Pearman for their organisation and dedication to this program as well as all our Teacher Assistants who assisted throughout each session. During the coming weeks 2015 Kindergarten families will receive notification of the BEST START Assessment time for their child.

STUDENT TEACHERS

Next week we welcome three student teachers to our school who will complete four week practicums as part of their training from the University of Newcastle. We welcome Mr Bradley Pees to Year 3P, Miss Nala Hayes to KP and Miss Hayley Ellis to 2M. We trust their time at our school will be rewarding.
STAFFING UPDATE

As a result of a recent interview process I welcome the following staff members to our school community;

Mrs Maria Wilson who comes to us from St Joseph’s Coraki, Miss April Elliott who is a recent graduate from Australian Catholic University and Miss Caitlyn Gow also a recent graduate, from University of Newcastle. We look forward to welcoming and working closely with these new members of staff in 2015.

This week we learned that Mrs Ann-Maree Hamilton has extended her leave until the end of Term 2, 2015 in order to continue in her current position with Family and Community Services.

CLASSES 2015

Over recent weeks we have shared with families who will have children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 during 2015 the initiatives for our flexible and adaptive environments which will ensure greater personalised learning for students. These grades will be grouped as Stages beginning the new school year. For those students in Year 3 to Year 6 many opportunities for collaborative learning are planned across each Stage as well.

We have placed more information on our website under the Learning and Teaching tab for those who were unable to attend our parent evenings or for those families wanting more information.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

YEAR 5 CAMP

A very successful Year 5 camp was held last week (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) at Coffs Harbour with 38 students participating. It is important for future planning that our school receives some feedback from parents on the structure of our camping programme. Presently, Year 6 attends ‘The Great Aussie Bush Camp’ and Year 5 go to Coffs Harbour. Both are outdoor education venues. Repetition of activities (e.g. canoeing, archery) is avoided.

The school is happy with the present situation but we are also well aware of financial constraints on families. If you have any thoughts or suggestions on the present structure, or what might be better, please contact me.

BOOK PACKS

Once again this year we are requiring families to purchase a set bookpack for each child. These have been costed at very reasonable prices. For ease of purchasing, the bookpacks will be delivered to the school towards the end of Term 4 and can be collected before the Christmas holidays. A list of costings will appear in next week’s Newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact the school Office if you have any questions in relation to the bookpacks for 2015.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

ANNUAL SCHOOL FETE – ST JOSEPH’S LAURIE TEN
St Joseph’s Primary School, Laurieton
Annual Fete from 4.00 pm – Friday 14 November 2014
Giant Slide, Jeeps, Mechanical Bull, Bungee Run, Haunted House and lots more fun
BBQ, Fish and Chips stalls, baskets and books, plants and cakes, tea and coffee…. Something for everyone. Santa will be arriving at 5.30 pm on his Fire engine.

SPORT NEWS

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our annual Swimming Carnival will be held during Week 9 on Tuesday 2 December 2014. Please keep this date free if you can help. We will require parent helpers to run the carnival. The Carnival will also double as a selection process for the Zone Swimming Team, 2015. Novelty events for Infants children as well as 25 m races for children will be held on Carnival day for children who are not strong swimmers. Children wishing to compete for age champions will need to swim 50m races. The age divisions are 8yrs and under, 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs and 12yrs for both boys and girls.

An information and permission note for the Carnival will arrive home today; all children need to have these returned by Tuesday 18 November 2014. We look forward to running a great carnival for the children.

SCHOOL SWIMMING

There will be NO school visits to the pool for water safety activities on our regular Term 4 sport days. Due to the pool changing hands and the increased use of the pool from other schools, we are unable to run these lessons. It is also important to note that swimming is no longer in the curriculum and is not an activity the school is responsible for teaching. The children will continue with Sport Activities at school. The new operators of the Wauchope Pool are currently installing a heated pool for learn to swim lessons. If you require your child to participate in swimming lessons I suggest you contact Swimwell at the Wauchope pool on 6585 2001.

DAVID POULTON

CANTEEN ROSTER

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Parents are reminded that lunch orders need to be written on paper bags from home. Bags are available for purchase at our local IGA supermarkets for a reasonable price. Rewriting orders is very time consuming for our Canteen volunteers.

JULIE KEENA

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Saturday 8 November 2014 – 6.00 pm Mass, Group 1 (Harry & Samuel Coates and Matthew Walsh)
Sunday 9 November 2014 – 7.30 am Mass, Group 2 (Emilee & Grace Gibbs and Jordan Lynch)

AWARD RECIPIENTS – Assembly Friday 14 November 2014
