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Friday 28 November

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

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#### TERM 4 – WEEK 9 CALENDAR

Monday	DEC	1	Staff Briefing: 8.30 am – Office opens 8.45 am Staff Meeting: 3.30 pm
Tuesday	DEC	2	School Swimming Carnival <b>Uniform Shop Closed</b> <b>NO Band or Guitar with Bernie</b> Active After Schools program – Rugby Union
Wednesday	DEC	3	Class Reconciliation: Year 4C
Thursday	DEC	4	School Captain Speeches, (Old Parish Hall) Sport Active After Schools program – Multi Sports BEST START Training – Mrs Moss attending
Friday	DEC	5	Science Fair: 9.30 commences Parents and friends welcome to visit the Science Fair

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC	9	Uniform Shop open – 1.50 pm – 2.50 pm
DEC	10	Semester Two Reports go home
DEC	13	Year 6 Graduation Mass – 6pm
DEC	16	End of Year Whole School Mass
DEC	16	<b>Uniform Shop open – 1.50 pm – 2.50 pm</b> <b>(Final day for purchases prior to 2015 school year)</b>
DEC	17	Last day for students

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#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### LISMORE PROCLAIM PARENTS 2014 UPDATE

During the month of October, six Proclaim Lismore Parents 2014 Gatherings, were held throughout the diocese. The events were an opportunity for parents, schools, parishes and the Catholic Schools Office to begin a conversation about the value and importance of being authentic partners in the mission of educating young people, in order that they may lead full and meaningful lives. For those parents unable to attend, you may like to reflect upon the following responses presented during the meetings by members of the CSO executive:

☐ **Partnership in Education.** *A key concept to consider is mutuality - 'mutual respect + mutual interest = mutual benefit'. If both staff and parents have mutual respect for each other, recognise the difficulties of their responsibilities and have the best interests of the child at heart, then there will be mutual benefit in which all profit - child, teacher, parents.*

☐ **Partnership in School Governance.** *An informed parent is an empowered parent. Make sure you take the opportunity to learn how your school is funded, governed and resourced to ensure you have a strong voice in the wellbeing of all students in your school.*

☐ **Partnership in Faith.** *The key question to consider is: 'Who is writing on the soul of your child?'*

*Is it peers writing of conformity and risk taking behaviour? Is it the media writing messages that to consume more is to be happy or that the only thing that matters is 'me'? Or is it the Parish school, parents and parish in partnership writing the same messages? Of how each human person is created in God's image, and all people deserve dignity. Or that an encounter with Jesus Christ leads to a full and meaningful life. Or that that a formed faith can overcome times of difficulty. The only way to counter the messages of the secular world is to work together.*

For all who did attend, a summary report will be made available to schools, parishes and the parent participants very soon. While it is important to recognise the success of these events it is vital that we all remember that the gatherings were only the beginning of the Lismore Proclaim Parent initiatives in action.

## THANK YOU FR PAT

We wish Fr Pat well and thank him for generously supporting our school and Parish while Fr Dan took a well-earned break. Fr Pat was able to help many classes with their Reconciliation. He was also the first to report the lightning strike as he watched from the Presbytery and has been a welcome visitor to the Staffroom over the past few weeks.

TRISH COELHO

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## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### WEEK 10 – ACTIVITIES

We are planning some extra activities for the school during Week 10 (Monday 8 December – Friday 12 December 2014.) Some of these activities are Christmas craft, Regional High School drum band, quizzes, maths activities, exercise routines. There will be a small cost of \$2.00 per student to cover some of the costs. A payment slip is at the end of this Newsletter.

### P & F CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Our P & F Christmas celebration will take place on Friday 12 December 2014 at "Curly's", 6.30 pm. All volunteer parents (Canteen, Uniform, and Banking) and P & F members are invited. Payment is own dinner costs, with refreshments provided. Numbers are required for booking. Names please to Karmen Marchment 0408 424 794 by Friday 5 December 2014.

### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

As previously advised, we are requesting items for Christmas hampers. One major hamper will be for our P & F Christmas hamper raffle. The other hamper baskets are given to each classroom for collecting items which will be presented to our local St Vincent de Paul Chapter for distribution to families in need at Christmas. Thank you for generously supporting both causes.



BEN MIDDLETON – TRIBUTE TO PHILLIP HUGHES

## BOOK PACKS – 2015

As mentioned in previous newsletter, families are required to purchase a backpack set for each child for 2015. These can be collected from the school towards the end of the school year. There is a \$10.00 Technology Levy included in backpacks to cover costs for school purchased learning programs such as "Maths Online", "Reading Eggs" or iPad apps and additional devices. The school has subsidised this cost considerably.

Costs of backpacks will be:

Kindergarten	Year 1 and Year 2	Year 3 and Year 4	Year 5 and Year 6
\$72.00	\$67.00	\$55.00	\$52.00

Payment options are – cash or cheque on pick-up of the book packs, or an EFT to the following school bank account -

**St Joseph's School, Commonwealth Bank, Wauchope**  
**BSB – 062 618**  
**Account Number – 0090 1440**

**Please use family name as reference. Thank you to all families who have already arranged payments, with direct payment into the school bank account being the preferred option.**

KEN OGILVIE

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## LIBRARY NEWS

The Library is now closed for borrowing for 2014. A stocktake will commence during Week 9. Please ensure all Library books are returned as soon as possible. Check – under the bed, in cupboards, school bags, the car and all areas of house where Library books can hide.

ROBYN O'BRIEN

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## CANTEEN ROSTER

ROSTER	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
December 1, December 3 and December 5	Amber Bradshaw and Virginia Leister	Joanne Sproul, Holly Laws and Rachel Sonter	Allison Lambert and Tracy Wilson

**THANK YOU** to Sally Marsh for her generous donation of a new kettle to our Canteen. The volunteers, I am sure, will put the kettle to good use.

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## ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Saturday 29 November 2014 – 6.00 pm Mass, Group 2 (Emilee Gibbs, Grace Gibbs and Jordan Lynch)  
Sunday 30 November 2014 – 7.30 am Mass, Group 1 (Harry Coates, Samuel Coates and Matthew Walsh)

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## BOOK CLUB

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Book Club during the year. As a result of your purchases the Library has been able to purchase books and resources to the value of \$1379 from commission and gifts received. Scholastic Australia is a generous supporter of education. A huge thank you to Mrs Sue Hillard for her time and the effort she puts into organising our Book Club orders. We do appreciate your contribution to our school as a volunteer.

## DIOCESAN SUMMER SPORTS TRIALS

Congratulations to our Diocesan Summer Sports Trials representatives, Monique Rudder (Basketball), Riley Cribb (Cricket), Nelson Young (Tennis), Noah Spillane and Thomas McMurray (Touch). From all reports these children had a great experience and played well in their chosen sports. Congratulations to Monique who gained selection into the Diocesan Team and will now participate at the Polding Summer Sports Trials next year. Well done Monique.

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our annual Swimming Carnival will take place on Tuesday 2 December 2014. Thank you to the many parent helpers who have nominated to help on the day. If some parents could arrive early at the pool to help set up shade tents, that would be fantastic. All Primary children and those children in Year 1 & Year 2 who nominated for 50 or 25m races will depart school from the pool at 9.00 am. The remainder of Infants children will arrive at approximately 10.30 am -11.00 am to participate in their novelty races and games, and the watch their teammates swim. All children are asked to bring their own lunch and plenty of water to drink. The pool Canteen will be available to children for a short period of time during the day. Please do not rely on this for your child's lunch. Sun Safety is very important as well; please ensure your child has their school hat and plenty of sunscreen. We look forward to a great day and wonderful Swimming Carnival to end our sporting year.

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## YEAR 6 – MINI MARKET DAY

What a great success the Year 6 Mini Market Day was, raising a massive \$2058!!! What a marvellous achievement. Big congratulations to our Year 6 Leaders for running the market with impressive stalls. A special thank you to the wonderful Year 6 parents for supporting and assisting with the preparations for the Mini Market.

Year 6 have decided to purchase a selection of sporting equipment for the school, they are in the process of finalising the order. The order contains equipment for classes from all stages to use and specialty items for wet weather and passive play areas. I commend the students on their work in this area as they have been thoughtful and considerate in their decision-making. Congratulations and thank you Year 6.

DAVID POULTON

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**LJ HOOKER WAUCHOPE** – Christmas Workshop, Friday 19 December 2014 from 11.00 am – 12 noon  
All material supplied to make a personal gift for the family. Limited to 20 spaces only.  
Book Now – 6586 1212

**KIDS FISHING WORKSHOP** – Camden Haven, Wednesday 14 January 2015, 10.00 am to 2.00 pm  
Give your child the opportunity to learn to fish during the school holidays. The day involves fishing techniques such as knots and rigging as well as casting, bag/size limits and ethical fishing practices. The workshop is designed for children aged 8 – 14 years. \$40 per child. Numbers limited to a maximum of 25 and bookings essential.

Contact Jamie Burnes – NSW Department of Primary Industries on 4980 9204, 0408 609 332 or email [jamie.burnes@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jamie.burnes@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

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## PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN FORM ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEK 10 – ACTIVITIES \$2.00 PAYMENT

As mentioned in last week's Newsletter, enclosed is payment of \$2.00 per student to cover costs for Christmas craft, Regional band performance and other incidental costs.

Children Names:

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Classes: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_