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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

KINDERGARTEN ARRIVE

On Wednesday we welcomed our 40 Kindergarten children and their families; by all reports it has been a very smooth start to the year and Kindergarten has been a hive of activity. It has been wonderful to reap the benefits of our extended Joeys Juniors program which allows our Kindergarten students to transition easily into the school year. It was delightful to see so many parents on the day as they were greeted by the teachers and Fr Dan. I thank Mrs Jessica Pearman and Miss Kasey Miles for all their efforts with Best Start Assessment last week. Kindergarten parents will be informed of these results during coming weeks. **Kindergarten students will be photographed for the Wauchope Gazette on Monday morning.**

MEETING WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

All teachers are available to meet with parents and discuss any matters of importance. Please note that 'dropping in' before school and wanting to discuss matters is not ideal. Much preparation is taking place at that time of day and unscheduled meetings are not possible. If you wish to meet with your child's teacher and discuss any matter at length, please make an appointment or contact the Office to arrange same. In doing so all families are then given the time and attention required. **Please note, each Monday and Friday morning staff have briefings and prayer and are not available until approximately 8.45 am.**

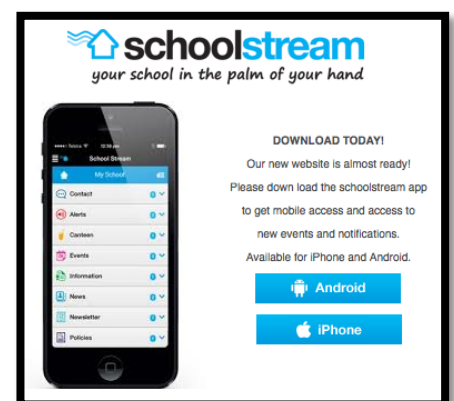
KEEPING UP TO DATE

At St Joseph's we have a number of means by which to communicate with parents on a regular basis. Our newsletter comes out each week and is emailed to families. This is also available on our **School Stream App** and website. At times, families will receive an SMS, in the case of absences or specific notices. Most communication is through our **School App – School Stream**. I encourage all families to download and update this App to ensure all communication is up-to-date.

ANAPHYLAXIS GUIDELINES

Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction. It occurs when a person is exposed to an allergen (such as a food or an insect bite). Reactions usually begin within minutes of exposure and can progress rapidly over a period of up to two hours or more. It is important therefore for all school community members to be aware of anaphylaxis, its symptoms and triggers, and the management of anaphylaxis in the school environment. Here at St Joseph's we have students who will suffer from an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to certain allergens. In continuing to educate all in our community we ask you to consider the following:

- Be mindful of any foods in lunch boxes that contain nuts
- Washing of hands thoroughly after eating
- Children are not to share any food from their lunch box.
- Children are not to bring food from home for other children.
- Be aware of the signs and symptoms of a reaction i.e. swelling of lips, face; hives, difficulty breathing



Given that anaphylaxis is potentially life threatening and always requires an emergency response, teachers, students, parents and all of St Joseph's school community must be aware of the risks involved. To minimise these risks we aim to make our school a safer environment.

PUPIL FREE DAY

As mentioned in last week's newsletter the Diocese of Lismore has set aside a number of Pupil Free Days for 2015. The first of these is scheduled for **Wednesday 4 March**. We as a staff will travel to Kempsey to join with other schools to gain Professional Learning around the new Australian Curriculum for Mathematics.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

Our first Parents and Friends meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 19 February 2015 at 7.00 pm** in St Joseph's Meeting Room. We invite all existing and new families to come and join us.

TRISH COELHO

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

PARENT MEETINGS

As a means of getting to know your child's teachers and the routines for 2015, we are conducting our Beginning Year Parent Information Evenings on the following days. Please mark your calendar accordingly. Meetings will be held in classrooms.

Monday 16 February: 5.30pm – STAGE 2 ... Year 4P, Year 4L and Year 3H

Monday 16 February: 6.15pm – EARLY STAGE 1... ES1 P and ES1M

Tuesday 17 February: 5.30pm – STAGE 1 ...S1M, S1S, S1E

Tuesday 17 February: 6.15pm - STAGE 3 ... Year 5/6L, Year 5/6GO

GUITAR LESSONS.... Bernie Schwarze

Once again this year our guitar teacher, Bernie, will be offering tutoring on guitar each Tuesday commencing at 12.30 pm. Please complete and return the form at the end of this Newsletter if your child wishes to resume or commence guitar lessons. Lessons are for primary students, Year 3 – Year 6. For further information please phone Bernie on 0439 548 868. Lessons being this Tuesday 10 February 2015. Please complete the permission note attached to the bottom of our Newsletter if your wish for your child to undertake these lessons.

KEN OGILVIE

EARLY STAGE 1 MATHS GROUPS



FOCUS ON FAITH

This year we are welcoming many new faces to our community at Wauchope. To welcome our new families into our Parish we are holding a **Welcoming Mass on Saturday 14 March 2015** in combination with our first Children's Mass. This is an excellent opportunity for our school and parish community members, old and new, to gather in prayer and create new friendships and connections. We invite everyone to attend and join us for a small supper and meet and greet following Mass. We also invite all families to our **Opening School Mass on Wednesday 11 February 2015 at 9.30 am** and the **Children's Mass and Sacrament of Penance Inscription Ceremony on Saturday 14 February 2015**, both at the church.

A reminder of the current Our Lady of Lourdes Mass times.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Wauchope: Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm and Sunday 7.30 am

St Patricks, Beechwood: 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month 9.30 am

St Pater's Long Flat: 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month 9.30 am

JESSICA PEARMAN AND RACHEL MOSS

FROM THE SPORTING FIELD

POLDING SUMMER SPORTS TRIALS

Today Monique Rudder travelled to Lismore to participate in the Polding Summer Sports Trials for Basketball. Monique has been a great ambassador for our school through her sport. We look forward to hearing about her achievements next week.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Zone Swimming Carnival will take place on **Tuesday 17th February 2015 at Macksville**. Our school team for this event is listed below. All children involved are to return their permission & medical forms by Wednesday 11 February 2015. If you are able to assist by helping at the carnival it would be greatly appreciated. Please tick the box on the permission slip if you can assist.

2015 Zone Swimming Team – Blake Haywood, Riley Bugden, James Eggert, Cooper Frankland, Jaksen Groth, Aidan Grove, Tahnee Holland, Fletcher Kirkman, Lachlan Paynting, Madeline Lynch, Lachlan Morgan-Monk, Anabelle Paynting, Abbie Phillips, Tamika Roach, Jake Robb, Sofia Roods, Monique Rudder, Eliza Smith, Luke Squire, Sharlea Templeman, Hannah Thompson, Hannah Towler, Matthew Walsh, Brendan Walsh, Monique Williams, Naite Wilson

SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Our sports cages have plenty of sporting equipment for children to play with during the lunch breaks. Can you please ensure that children do not bring personal equipment to school (handballs being the only exception).

DAVID POULTON

Help your child self-regulate their behaviour through breathing.....

Follow the link for some valuable ideas

<http://www.childdevelopmentclub.org/index.php/blog/blog-posts/251-helping-children-to-self-regulate-through-breath? sm au =iVVP55t6D5PVDsJq>

BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders are to be returned to school on Friday 13 February 2015. Please write your child's name and class 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 School. A new option with Scholastic is to pay with LOOP. Our school is not set up for this process and we have shaded over this section on your booklets as a helpful reminder.

SUE HILLARD

TERM 1 – WEEK 3 CALENDAR

Monday	FEB	9	Staff Briefing: 8.30 am – Office opens 8.45 am Staff Meeting: 3.30 pm
Tuesday	FEB	10	Uniform Shop Open: 1.50 pm – 2.50 pm SCHOOL BANKING COMMENCES Band Rehearsal 8.00 am Band and Guitar tuition Future Leaders Inservice – Mr Seymour attending
Wednesday	FEB	11	Future Leaders Inservice – Mr Seymour attending Opening School Mass: OLOL Church: 9.30 am. All welcome
Friday	FEB	13	Staff Prayer: 8.40 am: Office opens 8.50 am School Census
Saturday	FEB	14	Children's Mass & Sacrament of Penance Inscription Ceremony: OLOL Church: 6.00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB	16	Parent Information Evening: ES1P and ES1M (Kindergarten) Year 4P, Year 4L and Year 3H
FEB	17	Zone Swimming Carnival – Macksville
FEB	17	Parent Information Evening: S1M, S1S and S1E, Year 5/6L and Year 5/6GO
FEB	18	Ash Wednesday Mass
FEB	23	Zone Winter Sport Trials
MAR	4	Pupil Free Day – Australian Curriculum
MAR	4	Diocesan Swimming Carnival – Murwillumbah

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Junior Rugby League Registrations for Wauchope Blues are now up and running. Returning players and new players may register on line on the Wauchope Blues JRLFC website page at Sporting Pulse, or they may register in person on the registration days. Players transferring from another club must register in person and supply a copy of Medicare and Birth Certificate.

Registration days – Friday 13 February 2015 from 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm and Saturday 21 February 2015 from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm at Lank Bain Oval, Wauchope.

Enquiries to Lynne on 0415 680 557 or Cassie the Registrar on 6586 4792

Wauchope Hockey Club is a friendly club that encourages players to have fun and enjoy hockey. Various age groups are catered for including seniors. Under 7, Under 9, Under 11, Under 13 and Under 16 + three grades of seniors in both men's and women's.

Registration dates are Saturday 7 February at the Wauchope RSL from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm and Sunday 8 February 2015 at the hockey field (on Ocean Drive, Port Macquarie) from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. We will also have a BBQ at the field and some mini hockey games – bring your stick (if you have one) as well. All games are played at the one location and are at approximately the same time each week.

For more information email wauchopehockeyclub@outlook.com

Port Macquarie junior AFL Club registration days for boys and girls

Auskick 5 – 9 year old children play each Friday 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm. Under 11, 13 and 15's play each Sunday morning.

Come and try registration day 5.00 pm, Thursday 12 February 2015, Wednesday 18 February 2015 at 10.30 am and Sunday 1 March 2015 at 10.30 am at Wayne Richards Park, Port Macquarie.



GUITAR LESSONS – BERNIE SCHWARZE

I wish my child _____ Class _____ to have guitar lessons with Bernie Schwarze during 2015.

Signed _____ Date _____

(Please return by Tuesday 10 February 2015)