FROM THE BENCH

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

LENTEN MICRO CHALLENGES

As we journey through this season of Lent we can draw deeper into our relationship with God through small daily Lenten Micro Challenges. I have included a few for this week for each of us to consider.

**FAST** if you haven’t already; choose something to give up for the next six weeks of Lent.

**FAST** from listening to music, the radio or podcasts today.

**FAST** from thoughts of superiority and considering yourself better than others today.

**FAST** from going out tonight and have a night at home with friends or family.

**PRAY** by spending some time in silence today, listening for God instead of asking for something.

**PRAY** for a greater awareness of God’s presence in the everyday, ordinary things in your life.

**PRAY** in a place of solitude and be alone with God today.

**PRAY** for people to have deeper and more meaningful connections with each other.

**GIVE** a smile to every single person you encounter today.

**GIVE** $10 or more to a charity that works in assisting the disadvantaged.

**GIVE** a call or email to someone who might be feeling alone today.

**GIVE** warmth to others today by donating a coat, sweater or blanket to a shelter.

(adapted from bustedhalo.com)

MEASURING OUR SCHOOL CULTURE

The Diocese of Lismore has engaged the services of a consultancy company Insight SRC to assist all schools in our Diocese to track their school culture. This process will be a 5 year project. This will entail surveying staff, students (Year 5 and Year 6) and a random selection of parents. This data will be most valuable in allowing us to set goals for the future and modify our intentions as need be. In the coming weeks we will be notifying the families who have been randomly selected to complete the survey. I encourage those families to assist us by returning the surveys and sharing honestly their thoughts. The more data we have the better our school will become in the future.

TRISH COELHO

P & F POOL PARTY

WAUCHOPE POOL

TONIGHT : 5.00 PM – 7.00 PM

ALL WELCOME
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

UNIFORM SHOP – CHANGE OF DAY

We thank Deb Frankland and Allison Lambert for their continued support of our Uniform Shop. These ladies run the Uniform Shop in a voluntary capacity. Due to a change in work commitments the Uniform Shop will commence trading each Friday morning from **Friday 27 March 2015, 8.30 am to 9.30 am** in the Parish Hall. The Uniform Shop will open for the next two Tuesday afternoons (10 March and 17 March) as normal, prior to the change of day taking place. Pre-order forms can be completed and left at the Office for processing.

P & F – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Early notice, that the Annual General Meeting of our school P & F Association will be held at **6.00 pm, Thursday 26 March 2015** in the meeting room. All positions will be declared vacant and elections held. Your presence and commitment will ensure another successful year for our valuable P & F Association.

KEN OGILVIE

FROM THE SPORTING FIELD

WINTER SPORTS TRIALS

The Zone Winter Sports Trials will take place on **Monday 9 March 2015** at St Joseph’s Regional College. Our best wishes go with the students as they trial in their chosen sport. If the day is cancelled again, parents will be notified via the School Stream app. This can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or the Android Store.

DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Monique Rudder and Brendan Walsh for their participation in the Diocesan Swimming Carnival on **Wednesday in Murwillumbah**. Travelling to this carnival is a big commitment for a race that takes only seconds. Brendan came **4th** in his 50m Freestyle race and **8th** in his 50m Butterfly. Monique finished **6th** in her 50m breaststroke. Both swimmers should be commended on their achievements and we thank them for doing such a fine job representing our school. Well done Monique and Brendan.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Thank you to families who have returned Cross Country Carnival notes. A reminder, the carnival will take place on **Thursday 12 March 2015**. The event will be held at Andrews Park, Wauchope. Children will come to school on the day and class teachers will walk them to the park to compete in the events. Students from Year 3 to Year 6 will walk to Andrews Park following the morning bell. Children from Year 1 & Year 2, who have nominated to run in the 9 yrs and Under 2km race will also walk to Andrews Park at this time. All other Infants children will come at approximately 11.00 am to watch the final races and then participate in races for their respective classes. This carnival is a great event for the children and one that cannot run without parental support. If you are able to assist with course supervision on the day, it would be greatly appreciated. If you have already indicated you are able to assist, I thank you. If not, and are able to help, please return a note with your child, or advise the Office.

DAVID POULTON

PARENT ASSEMBLY NEWS

FAMILY RETREAT 28 - 29 MARCH 2015

Our Family Retreat is fast approaching. Escape the busy hustle and bustle of life. Come and enjoy the weekend with your family, meeting new families and sharing in the lovely outlook of Grassy Heads. This year we have Father O’Collins leading us in a new and engaging format, including fun activities for the whole family. To register for our Parent Assembly Family Retreat, open the electronic copy of the flyer in your school newsletter and click the link “To register.” This will take you to a registration form for your convenience. Or contact Peta Rourke on 0400 420 614 or Paul Edgar on 0427 118 122. To help us with our catering, accommodation and organisation, could you please register your family before Friday 13 March 2015? We look forward to seeing you at our relaxing and informal family gathering. Food & accommodation supplied by Parent Assembly for your enjoyment!!!

PETA ROURKE (CLUSTER ORGANISER HASTINGS MACLEAY REGION - PARENT ASSEMBLY
BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders are to be returned to school on Friday 13 March 2015. Clearly write your child’s name and class on top of the form and enclose 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. All cheques made payable to St Joseph’s Primary 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

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Are you an actor? Are you a singer? Can you dance?
A story based on the fairy tales of Hans Christian Andersen – Auditions
Montana’s on High, High Street, Wauchope adjacent to Timbertown Resort Motel
4.30 pm to 5.30 pm, Friday 20 March 2015
If you answered to any of these questions, here is your chance to show the world!
To register and for information re your particular audition requirements, phone Julie on 0416 019 828 or email juliepatrick@hotmail.com

Tuition available – piano, flute, voice
Sheridan is an active member of the local musical community and the founder of the Conservatorium Mid-North Coast Friday Lunchtime Concert program. Tuition is also available in Reading Recovery on a one-to-one basis. Sheridan is an experienced teacher with over 25 years’ experience in the delivery and writing of special needs educational program. Reasonable rates.
Phone Sheridan is your are interested in music or Reading Recovery tuition 0429 313 089

2nd Wauchope Scout Group – Fundraising Garage Sale, Saturday 7 March from 8.00 am to 1.00 pm
Donations of saleable goods and items would be appreciated.
Please call Heather on 0429 861 378 or to book your own stall.

Wauchope Centenary of Rail Celebrations Friday 10 April to Sunday 19 April 2015
Includes Official Opening of the Heritage Festival and Tribute Service to Railway workers, Rocks Ferry Reserve, Sunday 12 April 2015 at 2.00 pm.
“Tin Hare” Rail motor Shuttles to Telegraph Point and Kendall from 10.50 am
“Tin Hare” Evening Soiree to Kempsey and return 7.00 pm /8.40 pm
For bookings and more information please contact 0424 226 258 or 0418 682 147
Visit www.wauchoperailcentenary.com.au

Hastings Country Music Association invites all under 18 year old performers to perform at The Rising Young Stars Open Concert on Saturday 14 March 2015 at 9.45 am at Bransdon Street Wauchope, behind the Star Hotel. All acts welcome, (not just country music acts). For information please contact Cheryl Hall 6587 5222 or Julia Slater 6585 1783.

Wauchope Thunder Rugby Club
Boys and girls are invited to come and play rugby union with the Wauchope Thunder Rugby Club. The 2015 season sign on will be held at Andrews Park from 5.00 – 6.00 pm on Friday 6 March 2015 with a free sausage sizzle for all the family. The Thunder will field the following teams in the Friday night Port Junior Rugby Union competition. UNDER 6’s & 8’s, UNDER 10’s, UNDER 12’s & UNDER 14’s. All players will receive shorts, socks and a training shirt as part of their registration.
FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT PETER DALEY on 0409 445 701 or JACK PIKE on 0407 205 994

Port Macquarie, Westport Park – Damian Syred’s All new 2015 Circus Royale
Wednesday 11 March 2015 – Sunday 15 March 2015
Circus and Animal spectacular under the colourful big top. Circus favourites including: aerial acts, contortion, clowns, juggling, cows, camels, dancing horses and football playing dogs. Onsite ticket office from 10.00 (open show days) or phone bookings 0410 669 253 – daily from 9.00 am to 9.00 pm.
TERM 1 – WEEK 7 CALENDAR

Sunday MAR 8  3rd Sunday of Lent

Monday MAR 9  Staff Briefing: 8.30 am – Office opens approximately 8.45 am  
Zone Winter Sports Trials: St Joseph’s Regional College, Port Macquarie  
Staff meeting: 3.45 pm

Tuesday MAR 10  Uniform Shop Open: 1.50 pm – 2.50 pm  
Band Rehearsal 8.00 am  
Band and Guitar tuition  
School Banking  
Student Discipleship Incitāre Year 6 – Mrs Pearman accompanying students

Wednesday MAR 11  Sacrament of Penance  
Year 4P - 9.45 am and Year 4L - 12.15 pm

Thursday MAR 12  Cross Country Carnival – Andrews Park, Cameron Street, Wauchope  
Board of Studies Meeting – Mrs Coelho attending

Friday MAR 13  Staff Prayer: 8.40 am: Office opens approximately 8.50 am  
Diocesan Winter Sports Trials; Grafton

Saturday MAR 14  Welcoming Mass: Children’s Mass: OLOL Church: 6.00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAR 18  Sacrament of First Penance
MAR 21  Celebrate Jesus
MAR 26  AGM – P & F Association
MAR 27  Uniform Shop opening each Friday from 27 March – note change
MAR 28 & 29  Family Faith Retreat
APR 2  Last day of Term 1 for students

CANTEEN ROSTER

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Sporting house captains following our Beginning of School Year Mass