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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

LENTEN GRACE

We are now half way through our Lenten season and it is an opportunity to ask ourselves: *How are we going?* - In our prayer life, fasting and with giving. The season of Lent is a preparation for the celebration of Easter - the pinnacle of our church’s liturgical year. Let us pray for the grace of God to guide us and support us.

**A Prayer for Lenten Grace**

Lovely God  
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.  
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude  
so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayerful life.  
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul  
And remind me of the grace of simplicity.  
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and  
In doing so, rediscover the grace of gratitude and generosity  
May this season be a grace filled time to  
Rekindle my love for and faith in you.  
Amen.

The link below provides a short reflection that families can do together.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8YAEXvjmhw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8YAEXvjmhw)

**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. **Families who have been selected to complete this survey have been contacted and will receive a package early next week. These will be sent home in your child’s school bag.** 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

**WELCOMING AND CHILDREN’S MASS**
**OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH**
**SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2015, 6.00 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.

‘KISS AND DROP’ COLLECTION

For those students who are collected at ‘Kiss and Drop’ of an afternoon we have provided a **Family Name Card** to assist us with the identification of each car. We ask that these please be attached to the inside of the passenger side visor and turned down for ease of reading. Placing the **Family Name Card** on the dashboard makes it difficult to read with the reflective sun. Thanks so much.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our school has a school uniform that over the years has been determined by the parent body. (see page 24 – Parent Handbook). Recently there has been a trend towards students not following uniform guidelines.

The following in particular need close attention.

- Nail polish is not permitted
- Hair ribbons – when worn must be white, blue, gold or lemon to match the uniform
- Jewellery – most not be worn. Ear studs or sleepers only, that must be worn in both ears
- Sports Uniform – plain black joggers (no canvas or skate shoes)
- White socks – must be ankle length – folder over and not rolled. Cutaway socks which are below the shoe line are not permitted

SCHUBERT 7’S RUGBY LEAGUE

Here are some final details regarding our Rugby League day on Tuesday 17 March. Please arrive at the venue, Stuarts Park, Port Macquarie at 9.30 am wearing your sports uniform. Mouthguard and drink bottles are essential. All players will be given a school supplied jumper, and girls issued with tags, on the day. Mr Poulton and Mrs O’Brien will be supervisors. A canteen will operate on the day.

KEN OGILVIE

FOCUS ON FAITH

WELCOMING AND CHILDREN’S MASS

Tomorrow evening, Saturday 14 March 2015 is our inaugural Welcoming Children’s Mass. Mass will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Wauchope commencing at 6.00 pm. We invite all families and friends to join us on this special occasion. Following Mass we will share pizza and a supper. This is a great opportunity to connect as a school and parish community as well as welcoming and connecting with new and old friends. We look forward to seeing you all there!

CHILDREN’S MASS – MUSICIANS

We are also looking for some parents that play instruments or sing, for anyone who would be interested in playing at our children's Masses. It would require some practice times. If you are interested please contact Mrs Jessica Pearman through the school.

JESSICA PEARMAN AND RACHEL MOSS
FROM THE SPORTING FIELD

WINTER SPORTS TRIALS

Congratulations to all of our Year 5 and Year 6 Students who participated at the Zone Winter Sports Trials on Monday. Reports of good sportsmanship and well behaved children are always a delight to receive. Special congratulations to the following children who gained selection into the Zone Team to trial at the Diocesan Trials today at Grafton. Tahnee Holland - Netball, Riley Cribb - Rugby League along with Tom Daley & Joshua Goldberg who gained selection for Rugby Union. We look forward to reports of these children’s efforts next week.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Our annual school Cross Country Carnival was held in hot conditions as Andrew’s Park yesterday. Even with the hot weather, participation was high and the enthusiasm of the students was fantastic. Congratulations to all children for running and having lots of fun. A special thank you to the lovely parents who came to help supervise on the course and support the children.

Congratulations to Curran for taking out the carnival. In all my years running sport I haven’t seen a carnival so close on points. I believe this came about by the strong participation of all children, as MacKillop and Waugh tied for second place.

House Points - 1st Curran (226)  2nd Waugh (220) & MacKillop (220)

Age Champions
9yrs and Under - Blake Haywood & Rhiannon Slater
10yrs - Aidan Grove & Kellie Burke
11yrs - Lachlan McMurray & Montaya Hinton
12yrs - Matthew Walsh & Monique Rudder

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

The Zone Cross Country Carnival will take place on Wednesday 1 April 2015 at Bowraville. Congratulations to the children who ran well at our carnival and gained selection into our school team to compete at the Zone Carnival. Permission notes for the Zone Carnival will arrive home early next week. If your child cannot attend, please let the Office know as soon as possible so we can offer the position in the team to a replacement runner.


CATCH THE READING BUG – PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Making home reading with your child successful from the start. This session aims to give you practical steps to support your children as they learn to read.

WHEN - Tuesday 17 March 2015
WHERE- Kindergarten Classroom
TIME- 5.30 pm
PARENTS FROM ALL GRADES ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO ATTEND

DAVID POULTON

MINI VINNIES - ST PATRICK’S DAY FUNDRAISER
Come dressed wearing green on Tuesday 17 March 2015 and bring a GOLD COIN
This is a fundraiser for Caritas (Project Compassion)
Covered shoes to be worn
What Is The Australian Curriculum?

The Australian curriculum, assessment and reporting authority (ACARA), in collaboration with states and territories has developed agreed curriculum for English, Mathematics, Science and History. Each of these learning areas includes content statements that represent essential learnings for all Australian students. For more information visit the links below
http://syllabuses.bos.nsw.edu.au

What Will My Child Learn At School In Mathematics?

- students develop their mathematical knowledge, skills and understandings through a range of learning experiences across:
  - number and algebra, e.g. whole numbers and fractions and decimals
  - measurement and geometry, e.g. length, area and time
  - statistics and probability, e.g. data and chance
  - they develop their problem solving skills and mathematical reasoning and communication
  - students in stage 3 develop deeper understanding in statistics and probability

Language and Terminology

- Times tables will now be called ‘multiplication facts’

A Glossary of terms is available in the support materials for the Mathematics curriculum.

STRANGER DANGER

Parents please be aware that the school has been advised of inappropriate approaches being made to children within the community. This is a timely reminder that the safety of our students is paramount, both at school and to and from school. Please be aware and vigilant if your child walks or cycles unaccompanied to or from school.

TERM 1 – WEEK 8 CALENDAR

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| Monday    | MAR 16| Staff Briefing: 8.30 am – Office opens approximately 8.45 am  
Staff meeting: 3.45 pm  
School Financial Audit being conducted |
| Tuesday   | MAR 17| Uniform Shop Open: 1.50 pm – 2.50 pm  
ST PATRICK’S DAY – Come dressed in green and bring gold coin  
Band Rehearsal 8.00 am  
Band and Guitar tuition  
School Banking  
Catch the Reading Bug – Parent Information session; 5.30 pm |
| Wednesday | MAR 18| Sacrament of Penance: OLOL Church: 6.00 pm                                             |
| Thursday  | MAR 19| Feast of St Joseph Husband and Father                                                    |
| Friday    | MAR 20| Staff Prayer: 8.40 am: Office opens approximately 8.50 am  
Assembly: 2.10pm: School Hall: Year 4L presenting |
| Saturday  | MAR 21| Celebrate Jesus: Bain Park: 9.00 am – 1.00 pm                                           |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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**AWARD RECIPIENTS – ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2015**


**CROSS COUNTRY**

**COMMUNITY NOTICE**

**Wauchope Soccer club wants you!**
Register now for the 2015 season at [www.wauchopesoccerclub.sportingpulse.net](http://www.wauchopesoccerclub.sportingpulse.net) or phone Tracey Eastwood on 0400 929 480 for details – Teams are filling fast…

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

**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

**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.