FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia’s annual fundraising and awareness-raising appeal, bringing thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world’s poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

Running through the six weeks of Lent each year, Project Compassion is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of caring supporters, all in the name of justice and peace. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia; without it, they could not do the vital work they do.

During Project Compassion 2014, approximately $11 million was raised to help the world's poorest communities. The theme for Project Compassion 2015 is “Food for Life”. As Pope Francis says: “It is a well-known fact that current levels of production are sufficient, yet millions of people are still suffering and dying of starvation. This is truly scandalous.”

Project Compassion 2015 explores how Caritas Australia is helping the world’s poorest people establish sustainable food, walking with them as they free themselves from the burden of food insecurity and develop new, improved income streams for a better future.

This week, we as a school raised $267.50 towards Project Compassion through our St Patrick’s Green day. Thanks so much to all families who contributed towards this total.

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to all families who have tended to Term 1 School Fee accounts. Please note if you are not on a direct debit or EFT payment plan, these are now overdue. We ask families to please address this matter before the close of term. If you are experiencing difficulty please do not hesitate to contact the Office.

CELEBRATE JESUS

We look forward to gathering tomorrow for the annual Celebrate Jesus festival at Bain Park. All activities are free and we know our School Choir will be wonderful ambassadors for our school. We invite everyone to join us. I thank Mrs Rachel Moss and Mrs Jessica Pearman for their coordination of this event. I acknowledge the great work of Mrs Petrina Lewis in preparing our choir.
P & F AGM
This coming Thursday will see out P & F AGM conducted. We invite new and existing members of our school to join us as all positions are made vacant and new Office Bearers are elected.

When: Thursday 26 March 2015
Time: 7.00 pm
Where: St Joseph’s Administration Meeting Room.

CONGRATULATIONS
We are pleased to announce the safe arrival of Evelyn, baby sister for Isaac Park (Kindergarten), Amelia, little sister to Lucas (Kindergarten) and Tayha Hinshelwood (S1E) and Isabelle and Mackensie, twin granddaughters for Mrs Leanne Parsons and nieces for Nikki Parsons (Year 5/6GO)

SYMPATHIES
We were saddened to hear of the loss of Colin Ninness (Mrs Christine Ninness’ father-in-law) early last week, a local identity and active parishioner who was respected highly by so many. May he rest in peace and share the grace of eternal life.

TRISH COELHO

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

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

The correct uniform will be monitored by all staff. We ask parents to please ensure their child is dressed appropriately according to the requirements.

KEN OGILVIE

FROM THE SPORTING FIELD

WINTER SPORTS TRIALS
Last Friday four of our top athletes participated in their chosen sports at the Diocesan Winter Sports Trials. Riley Cribb - Rugby League, Tahnee Holland – Netball, Thomas Daley and Joshua Goldberg - Rugby Union (pictured). 370 children from throughout the Diocese took part in these trials which made our representation great from these fine competitors. Reports of good sportsmanship and fair play from outside parties were wonderful hear. Congratulations to Thomas Daley for gaining selection into the Rugby Team trialling for the Polding Team at Forbes on Monday 22 June 2015. This is the second time Thomas has made it to such a level and with last years’ experience under his belt we wish him all the best and look forward to hearing about his achievements.
SCHUBERT 7’S

On Tuesday, 39 boys and girls from our primary classes attended the Schubert 7’s Gala Day. This was a fun day of competition with participation the key aspect and to also promote children playing Rugby League. A big thank you to all the parents who came and supported the children. In particular, Michael Young who looked after the Year 5/6 boys team and Darren Hooper who took care of the Year 3/4 boys team.

Thank you to the lovely parents who willingly took home the jumpers to wash, Andrew Oates, Matthew Middleton and Monique Young. The boys teams played well and had a great time. The girls were super proud of their achievements, winning three games and drawing one in the League Tag games. If any children would like to play rugby league this season, girls or boys, please contact Wauchope Junior Rugby League.

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

The Zone Cross Country Carnival will take place on Wednesday 1 April 2015 at Bowraville. We ask all children who gained selection into this year’s team, please returns permission notes by Wednesday 25 March 2015, please. If, for some reason your child cannot attend, please advise the Office as soon as possible.

DAVID POULTON

CELEBRATE JESUS
SATURDAY 20 MARCH 2015
BAIN PARK; 9.00 AM – 1.00 PM: ALL WELCOME

A DAY OF FUN FOR ALL

Bain Park, Wauchope will again be the venue on Saturday 21 March 2015 for the annual day of fun. The Celebrate Jesus Community Fun Day is a great family day out. There will be events and activities for everyone as well as helping us think about the Lord Jesus as we approach Easter.

Commencing at 9.00 am and concluding at 2.00 pm, the program includes live music, jumping castle, face painting, clowns, drama, puppets, school group presentations, balloon animals, games, stilts, children’s crafts and thought provocers etc.

Many of the entertainers are local people, but the main acts are professional entertainers One Accord and Quiz Worx, travelling from Newcastle and Sydney respectively.

The winners of the colouring competition will be announced at about 11.00 am and receive their prizes.

The day is brought to you by the combined Churches of Wauchope and endorsed by the Ministers Association. Come and join in because everyone is welcome.
For more information call Peter - 0427 813 496 or Will - 0412 847 026.
TERM 1 – WEEK 9 CALENDAR

Saturday  MAR  21  Celebrate Jesus: Bain Park: 9.00 am – 1.00 pm

Monday  MAR  23  Staff Briefing: 8.30 am – Office opens approximately 8.45 am
Staff meeting: 3.45 pm

Tuesday  MAR  24  Band Rehearsal 8.00 am
Band and Guitar tuition
School Banking
Science and Technology Inservice – Miss Miles and Mrs Pearman attending
Year 6 visit from Mr Jim Dempsey: St Joseph’s Regional College

Thursday  MAR  26  School Sport
Annual General Meeting P & F Association, 7.00 pm Meeting Room

Friday  MAR  27  Uniform Shop open – Parish Hall, 8.30 am to 9.30 am
Staff Prayer: 8.40 am: Office opens approximately 8.50 am

Sat/Sun  MAR  28/29  Family Faith Retreat

UPCOMING EVENTS

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COMMUNITY NOTICE

Wauchope Community Centre – School holiday FREE children’s activities – Ages 5 to 12
Wednesday 8 April 2015 – Karate fun 10.00 am to 11.30 am + healthy morning tea included at the Arts Hall Oxley Lane, Wauchope.
Wednesday 15 April 2015 – Hip Hop Dance class 10.00 am to 11.30 am + healthy morning tea included at the Performing Arts hall, 45 Wallace Street, Wauchope
Contact the Wauchope Neighbourhood Centre to book your child in 6585 4055

105th Annual Wauchope Show – Friday 10 and Saturday 11 April 2015 at the Wauchope Showground

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