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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

RENOVATIONS TO CREATE ENERGISING, ADAPTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Throughout this year, as a staff, we have been amazed and delighted with the impact of the learning environment upon our Kindergarten and Stage 1 students. We have noted a difference among all learners. The skills students acquire have been influenced by the design of these learning spaces and the effective use of ICT. We have been affirmed that this flexible approach easily caters for diversity and difference among our learners. Flexibility allows for greater interaction with learners and each can be challenged individually. Learners are offered choice and opportunities to make decisions about their learning environment. It has given them control over what and how they learn. The environments have confirmed what research has shown - that learning is enhanced, deepened and made more relevant when connected learning spaces provide opportunities for:

- active and interactive participation
- collaborative project work
- information retrieval and sharing
- discussion and presentation
- production of new knowledge
- teacher and student-led activities
- connection with experts
- local and global networks
- personalised learning



To continue with these innovative environments for learning we have consulted with the Parish Finance Committee. After much consideration and discernment it has been deemed appropriate that similar works continue prior to the end of this school year, to allow a smooth transition into 2016 for those students entering Year 3 and Year 4 next year. It is anticipated that minimal disruption will occur to learning. This is an exciting phase for our school placing us in good stead, similar to many schools within our Diocese who are already well on the journey of creating flexible and adaptive learning spaces.

I thank Fr Dan and the Parish Finance Committee for their continued support and acknowledgement of the wonderful work done by the educators at St Joseph's.

Engaging and adaptive environments that are:

- Safe and secure
- Supportive, stimulating and challenging • Shared
- Respectful of diversity and difference
- Energising and Flexible
 - Connected locally and globally



CHANGES TO STUDENT ATTENDANCE REGULATIONS

As families would be aware all schools are obliged to report student attendance to government authorities. This year we are required to do so for an extended period which covers $\frac{3}{4}$ of the school year. It is worth noting that students showing more than a 10% absent rate will be recorded and monitored closely. This includes partial and full absences. Note that this is a total of only 5 days per term.

All staff record student absences at the commencement of the school day. Any child coming late or leaving early is required to present to the Office accompanied by a parent or carer. Please note that it is not acceptable for children to be leaving throughout the day to attend extra-curricular activities.

Reporting Absences

Each day an SMS will be forwarded to parents for any child who has been recorded as absent. We ask that parents reply to this text as it automatically links into our electronic system and recorded as the absent note. **During the coming weeks the School Stream, Absent Form facility will be turned off** to streamline the receipt of absent notifications.

Applying For Leave for 10 Days or More

Parents have in the past filled in an *Exemption Form* when wishing to take their children out of school for **10 days or more**. The process has changed slightly and families are required to now complete a *Leave Form*, requesting this leave.

An *Exemption Form* would be used in the case of extended sickness or hospitalisation or elite sporting commitments. The *Leave Form* is used for holidays outside school holiday periods or pressing domestic situations. Families need to be made aware that applying for any leave **does not** automatically mean that this leave will be approved.

KEY POINTS FOR FAMILIES:

- **All student absences are reportable to government authorities**
- **Replying to the SMS message is sufficient as an absent notification but must be done so prior to 3.00 pm on day of absence.**
- **Reasons for any absence must be made within 7 days (or it then becomes an unexplained absence)**
- **Absences for extended leave (more than 10 days) need to be applied through completion of Exemption or Leave forms.**
- **All absences are recorded at the beginning of the school day**
- **Children arriving late must be accompanied by an adult and present to Office.**
- **All children leaving early must be collected and signed out through the Office. (Please do not go directly to the classrooms – we will locate your child/children and they will then come to you at the Office).**

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS (Monday 15 – Thursday 18 June 2015)

Parent/Teacher Interviews for this semester will take place during Week 9 of this term. Interviews will run from Monday 15 June until Thursday 18 June. This year we will be using an online booking system that is convenient and easy to use. Parents will be able to electronically book their interview times through an online website. Watch this space for booking details over the coming weeks.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

A reminder to families; School Photos are scheduled for **Wednesday 27 May 2015**. We ask all children attend in complete winter uniform. If you wish to purchase your child's school photo, envelopes are to be returned to the Office by Monday 25 May 2015. Photo envelopes were sent home yesterday.

TRISH COELHO

FROM THE SPORTING FIELD

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – Thursday 4 June 2015

Big thank you everyone who has returned their Athletics Carnival notes. A special thanks to the parents who have nominated to help on the day. An athletics carnival cannot run without the support of parents; if you are able to assist, please let us know. Many hands make light work. We will also need some willing parents to be at Regional College by 9.00 am to help set up tents. A few extra people at this time can make a big difference.

Shot Put – This year we are running the shot put events at school. The purpose of this is to save time on the day. Shot put can be a time consuming event. We now have a shot put ring at school. Classes will be instructed on the finer details of shot put and children will then have the opportunity to compete. We have already commenced the process with Year 6 boys and will work through the classes in the lead up to our Carnival Thursday 4 June 2015.

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OUR MID NORTH COAST LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT DENTAL CLINICS ARE SITUATED IN:

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|  PORT MACQUARIE | Morton Street (Old Hospital) | Port Macquarie |
|  WAUCHOPE: | Wauchope Community Health Campus High Street (adjacent to hospital) | Wauchope |
|  LAURIETON: | Camden Haven Community Health Campus Laurie Street | Laurieton |
|  KEMPSEY: | Kempsey Community Health Campus (in hospital grounds) Polwood Street | Kempsey |
|  COFFS HARBOUR | Coffs Harbour Health Campus Pacific Highway | Coffs Harbour |

IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER INDICATING YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE CHILD DENTAL BENEFIT SCHEME YOU CAN USE THIS AT ANY OF OUR CLINICS

Coffs Harbour Network
Oral Health Services
 Locked Bag 812
 Coffs Harbour 2450
 Tel 1300 651 625
 Website <http://mncld.health.nsw.gov.au/>

Hastings Macleay Network
Oral Health Services
 PO Box 126
 Port Macquarie 2444
 Tel 1300 651 625
 Website <http://mncld.health.nsw.gov.au/>



MOTHER'S DAY LITURGY

COMMUNITY NOTICE

OASIS 2015 – Lismore Annual Diocesan Young Adult Weekend

If you are looking for more out of life, then this weekend could really be your OIASIS

Saturday 22 – Sunday 23 August 2015 - \$95 (Including meals and accommodation)

For more information contact Fr Richard Foley – 02 6683 2051, catholicchurch.cora@bigpond.com or Kelly Hartley 0427 617 160, kelhart1@tpg.com.au

WAUCHOPE SOCCER CLUB – PINK SPORTS DAY

Help raise funds for Breast Cancer Network Australia by going pink. All players are to purchase a pair of pink socks and wear them during the game. There will also be a raffle on the day.

For more information contact Tracey Eastwood, Secretary Wauchope Soccer Club on 0400 929 480

TERM 2 – WEEK 5 CALENDAR

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| Monday | MAY | 18 | <p>BOOK FAIR begins - Library</p> <p>Staff Briefing: 8.30 am – Office opens approximately 8.45 am</p> <p>Staff meeting: 3.45 pm</p> <p>Leaders of Evangelisation and Catechesis Meeting: Mrs Pearman and Mrs Moss attending</p> |
| Tuesday | MAY | 19 | <p>Confirmation Information Evening: 6.00 pm, OLOL Church</p> <p>Band Rehearsal 8.00 am</p> <p>Band and Guitar tuition</p> <p>School Banking</p> <p>ICAS Digital Technologies Assessment</p> <p>9.15 am Wood Street fields. RL “Schubert 7s”</p> |
| Wednesday | MAY | 20 | Hastings Principals’ Meeting – Mrs Coelho attending |
| Thursday | MAY | 21 | <p>BOSTES Meeting – Mrs Coelho attending</p> <p>School Sport – Dance</p> |
| Friday | MAY | 22 | <p>Uniform Shop open – Parish Hall, 8.30 am to 9.30 am</p> <p>Staff Prayer, 8.40 am: Office opens approximately 8.50 am</p> <p>Mass Bundaleer 10.30 am - Year 4L attending</p> |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| MAY | 27 | School Photos |
| MAY | 30 | Children’s Mass: Confirmation Inscription (Year 2 students) |
| JUNE | 3 | ICAS Science Assessment |
| JUNE | 4 | School Athletics Carnival |
| JUNE | 10 | Diocesan Year 6 Religious Education Test |
| JUNE | 15 – 18 | Parent Teacher Interviews |
| JUNE | 19 | Zone Athletics Carnival |
| JUNE | 19 | Mini Vinnies Sleep Out |
| JUNE | 25 | FUN RUN – Bonny Hills Beach |
| JUNE | 26 | Pupil Free Day |

BOOK FAIR

Commences Monday 18 May to Wednesday 27 May 2015 in our Library from 8.30 am. The Library will also be open for purchasing of books during Lunch 1 and Lunch 2 and after school until 4.00 pm. We also have available a wish list and students are invited to complete one wish to take home.

Commission raised from the Book Fair will go towards the purchase of new resources for our Library.

Many thanks to Mrs Robyn O’Brien for setting up and running our annual Book Fair.

CANTEEN ROSTER

| Monday 18 May | Wednesday 20 May | Friday 22 May |
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| Molly Warrener Rachel Sonter | Suzie Mea Lisa Nardella | Melanie Everingham Shannel Debreceeny |