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Friday 22 May

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL PHOTOS

A reminder to families; School Photos are scheduled for **Wednesday 27 May 2015**. We ask all children attend school wearing 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 with children on Thursday of last week.

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 arriving 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 parents reply to this text as it automatically links into our electronic system and recorded as the absent note. **The School Stream, Absent Form facility has now been 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).

EARLY MORNING DROP OFF

I have raised this issue with families in the past in relation to students arriving at school well before the supervisory period beginning at 8.35 am. I have noted on many occasions this Term that some students are being dropped at the school gates well before 8.00 am. Even though staff members may be on the premises they are not here in a capacity to supervise children at that point in time. If any family is requiring supervision before the recommended hours please contact Mad Hatters (Out of School Hour Care) on 0448 609 690. They are open from 6.00 am to 6.00 pm to accommodate families.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

This year we are using the website www.schoolinterviews.com.au as our vehicle for booking times and dates for Parent Teacher interviews. These interviews will be conducted from the Monday 15 June 2015 to Thursday 18 June 2015 (Week 9). Interviews will be held in the school hall.

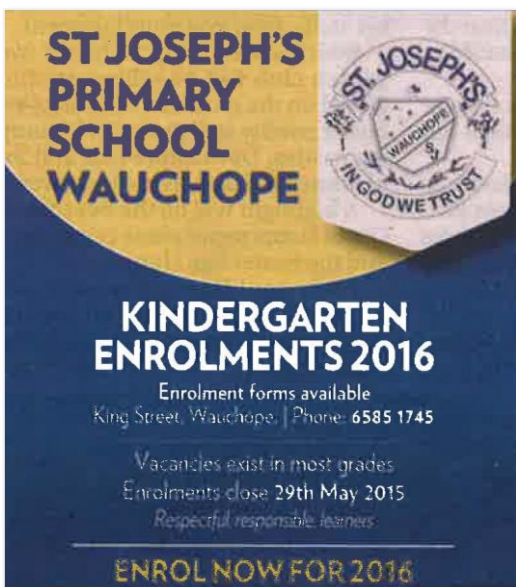
Whilst this is a new process for booking it is very simple and easy to use. To access the bookings please proceed to the website and enter the **EVENT CODE: AKK46**.

From there you will be prompted to book an available date and time with your child's classroom teacher. You will also receive a confirmation email of your booking.

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

AKK46

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2016



The enrolment process for students commencing school in 2016 has begun. If you have a child ready to commence school next year or know of a family wishing to enrol their child at St Joseph's, Enrolment Forms can be collected from the Office during school hours. **Applications will close Friday 29 May 2014.**

TRISH COELHO

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

SCHUBERT 7'S RUGBY LEAGUE

Due to the current weather conditions and the state of grounds, this event was postponed for the second time on Tuesday. The Schubert 7's carnival will now be held during Term 3 on a date to be advised.

KEN OGILVIE

FROM THE SPORTING FIELD

DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY

Our best wishes went with Blake Haywood today who competed at the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival at Lismore. Blake ran third in the recent Zone Cross Country Carnival and has a good chance of placing at Diocesan level. We wish him a safe journey.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – Thursday 4 June 2015

Preparations for our Athletics Carnival are progressing well. A reminder that Athletics Carnival notes were due today. The carnival is part of the school curriculum and participation is expected as if a normal school day. If you have not yet returned your child's note, please do so on Monday. Children do not need to nominate for the sprint events as all children will be placed in races for these events. Children do, however, need to nominate for other events as specified in the permission note.

DAVID POULTON

AWARD RECIPIENTS – ASSEMBLY Friday 29 May 2015

Emily Potts, Abby Cook, Kate Mann, Lewis Johnson, Kai Austin, Banjo Atkins, Annabelle Knox, Forrest O'Brien, Tneisha Farrell, Jaxon Gayler, Linkin Jones, Tayha Hinshelwood, Lily Cook, Joshua Lindley, Georgie Oates, Archie Wallace, Mia Haywood, Madison Hartas, Mackenzie Byrnes, Dante Carney, Lilah Potts, Dani Poole, Joshua Pike, Daniel Owen, Aidan Hill, Lillie Jepp, Riley Bugden, Harry Newman, Ethan Smith, Eliza Smith, Abby Fletcher, Jeffrey Keena, Bella Kilmurray, Andrew Ammann, Cooper Frankland, Lachlan Morgan-Monk, Ashley Middleton, Kayleigh Falls, Fletcher Kirkman and Bronson Rhodes.

BOOK FAIR

Our very successful Book Fair will continue until Wednesday 27 May 2015. Sales have already exceeded the \$3000 mark. We are now entitled to \$950 commission which will go towards the purchase of resources for our school.

ROBYN O'BRIEN

2015 ROBOCUP WINNERS



TERM 2 – WEEK 6 CALENDAR

Monday	MAY	25	BOOK FAIR continues - Library Staff Briefing: 8.30 am – Office opens approximately 8.45 am Staff meeting: 3.45 pm
Tuesday	MAY	26	Band Rehearsal 8.00 am Band and Guitar tuition School Banking
Wednesday	MAY	27	SCHOOL PHOTOS Additional Needs Teachers Meeting – Mr Seymour attending Fr Dan visiting Year 3H
Thursday	MAY	28	School Sport – Dance Diocesan Principal's Conference – Mrs Coelho attending
Friday	MAY	29	Uniform Shop open – Parish Hall, 8.30 am to 9.30 am Staff Prayer, 8.40 am: Office opens approximately 8.50 am School Assembly: 2.10pm, School hall Diocesan Principal's Conference – Mrs Coelho attending Library network Meeting – Mrs O'Brien attending
SATURDAY	MAY	30	Children's Mass - Confirmation Inscription (Year 2 students): OLOL Church, 6.00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE	3	ICAS Science Competition
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

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 25 May	Wednesday 27 May	Friday 29 May
Julie Keena Melissa Lee	Rebecca Kirkman Belinda Smith	Nerida Ackerman Nicole Tilston

COMMUNITY NOTICES

OASIS 2015 – Lismore Annual Diocesan Young Adult Weekend
 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 FARMERS MARKET – tomorrow Saturday 23 May 2015
 Come and check out the new and revamped markets at the Wauchope Showgrounds from 8.00 am
 Lots of delicious food and interesting stalls

SLICE OF HAVEN FOOD FESTIVAL – held on the Laurieton Foreshore behind the LUSC. Fantastic family day out, great music and fabulous food. Rain or Shine!
 Sunday 24 May 2015 – See you there!

Reconciliation
WALK
Sunday, 24 May 2015

Walk the talk
 Reconciliation is everyone's business!

Designed & painted by Elder Uncle Morrie



Listed are the stalls we are planning. If you are able to assist please complete and return the slip below and your details will be forwarded to the P & F Committee.

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL SPRING FAIR

FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER 2015

We are excited to host the St Joseph's Primary 2015 School Fair. This is a wonderful day for the family featuring raffles, craft, fun for the kids, food and more.

The success of the St Joseph's Spring Fair relies on the generous support of our School Community. **WE NEED YOUR HELP**, stall coordinators, donations, cooks and more.

Items requested for collection are:

- Pre-loved toys
- Pre-loved books
- Garage Sale items (in good condition)
- Donations of vouchers or prizes for 'Your Number's Up'
- Country Craft

STALLS

- Beautiful Baskets (Small gift hampers)
- Kitchen delights (Cake Stall)
- BBQ
- Canteen Drinks
- Country Craft
- Corner Store (Grocery Gamble)
- Pre-loved books
- Kids Zone
- Sand Play
- Kids Craft/Band/Balloons
- Your Number's Up (Combination of Chocolate Wheel and Lucky Numbers)
- Trash to Treasure (Garage Sale)
- Lolly Shop
- Major Raffle
- Pre-loved toys
- Icing and Decorating
- Plants

St Joseph's Primary School, Wauchope

The Spring Fair Committee are seeking stall holders for Friday 23 October 2015, for the abovementioned stalls. If you are able to assist please complete and return this slip by Wednesday 15 July 2015.

I am able to coordinate the _____ stall.

Name: _____ Phone: _____