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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

CONGRATULATIONS

I wish to congratulate Miss Caitlyn Gow and Miss April Elliott on their recent Graduation from University. Both have completed a Bachelor of Education and are working towards their accreditation with the NSW Board of Studies. Miss Gow and Miss Elliott contribute much to the life and energy of our school.

A WELL EARNED BREAK

This weekend Fr Dan begins his annual holiday. During Dr Dan's absence we welcome Fr Pat Dowd to our school community. Fr Pat is a regular visitor to our Parish. We wish Fr Dan a restful break and hope that his planned trip will hold much adventure and many fond memories.

STAFFING UPDATE

I wish to welcome to our staff Ms Sonia Solares, who will replace Mrs Rachel Moss as she commences Maternity Leave at the beginning of Term 3, and Miss Lauren Higenbotham who will replace Mr Michael Marshall beginning Tuesday 9 June. I am sure all members of our community will make both Ms Solares and Miss Higenbotham feel very much at home.

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

FAREWELL MR MARSHALL

Today we bid Mr Michael Marshall farewell and wish him well as he takes up his position at St Joseph's Laurieton.

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.

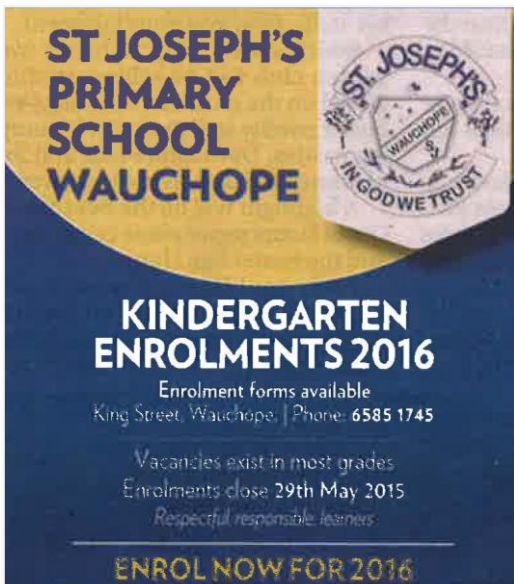
Applying For Leave for 10 Days or More

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).**



KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2015

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.

TRISH COELHO

SCHOOL WEBSITE UPDATE

As many would be aware our school website has received a major overhaul during the past year and is much improved. Traffic through our site is higher than ever, as people use this valuable resource to find out information and happenings at our school. We have continued to develop the site, with a new feature being a School Calendar. This is available under the News and Events heading on the home page, enabling families to see what's coming up and help with planning. Please visit www.wauplism.catholic.edu.au

FROM THE SPORTING FIELD

DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Blake Haywood for his participation in the Diocesan Cross Country. Blake finished the difficult Cross Country Course at Lismore, against some strong competition, a commendable 16th. This event was a great experience for Blake and I'm sure he'll be even stronger next year. Well done Blake.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – Thursday 4 June 2015

All systems are go for our Athletics Carnival on Thursday 4 June 2015. We look forward to holding a great event for our children, providing an opportunity for them to run, compete for their Sporting House, have fun and enjoy the day. Thank you to parents who have nominated to come and help. If a few parents could arrive at St Joseph's Regional College at approximately 9.00 am to set up tents it would be greatly appreciated.

A reminder for students to wear sports uniform. A plain coloured shirt representing their house is acceptable. Don't forget to bring hats, water bottles and food for recess and lunch. No canteen facilities will be available.

DAVID POULTON

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 will be a wonderful day for the family featuring raffles, craft, fun for the kids, food and

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

CHRISTIAN GIBBS (P & F PRESIDENT)

BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders are to be returned to school on Friday 5 June 2015. Please write your child's name and class clearly on the top of the form and return in an envelope with payment. Mrs Hillard will be at the COLA from 8.45 am to 9.10 am to collect orders. No late orders accepted after 3.00 pm on Friday. Cheques are to be made payable to St Joseph's Primary School.

SUE HILLARD

TERM 2 – WEEK 7 CALENDAR

Monday	JUNE	1	Staff Briefing: 8.30 am – Office opens approximately 8.45 am Staff meeting: 3.45 pm
Tuesday	JUNE	2	Band Rehearsal 8.00 am Band and Guitar tuition School Banking
Wednesday	JUNE	3	ICAS Science Competition Assistant Principals' Conference – Mr Ogilvie attending School Administration Training – Mrs Mackay attending
Thursday	JUNE	4	School Athletics Carnival Assistant Principals' Conference – Mr Ogilvie attending
Friday	JUNE	5	Uniform Shop open – Parish Hall, 8.30 am to 9.30 am Staff Prayer, 8.40 am: Office opens approximately 8.50 am Assistant Principals' Conference – Mr Ogilvie attending

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 1 June	Wednesday 3 June	Friday 5 June
Julie Keena Cheryl Rixon	Sharnie McClure Margaret Cook	Allison Lambert Tracy Wilson

Note – Macaroni cheese is longer available at our Canteen

PARENT ASSEMBLY NEWS

The recent parenting conference co-hosted by Lismore Catholic Schools Parent Assembly and the NSW Council of Catholic School Parents was an incredible success with over 180 parents inspired by speakers of the highest calibre. The theme of the conference “It takes a village to raise a child” encouraged many parent participants to go back to their families, schools and communities with new strategies, energy and motivation to not only transform their own parenting, but also commit to rebuilding the ‘village’ our children inhabit. Over the following weeks gems of wisdom from the conference keynote and workshop presenters will be shared with you in your school newsletter so that we are all enriched by the fantastic parenting ideas presented at the conference.

Gems of Wisdom from Michael Grose

- Start with the end in mind when parenting. Consider carefully what sort of adult you want your child to become and then begin proactively working toward that result.
- Resilience is a key in all students. It is also vital for children to have grit, determination and not be let off the hook.
- Raise kids with character. Character is forged through exposure to adversity so never save your child from every difficult and challenging situation. Mentor them through it, provide them with some possible strategies but don't rescue them every time.