FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On Wednesday evening it was delightful to share with families the Sacrament of Confirmation for our candidates. The children were so very well prepared and their excitement for this Sacrament was a blessing to behold. I would like to especially thank Fr Dan our Parish Administrator, Pastor and Spiritual Guide for his continued support and guidance. The children’s preparation was second to none and I thank and congratulate Mrs Rachel Moss, Miss April Elliott, Mr Dane Seymour, Ms Sonia Solares, Mrs Jessica Pearman and Miss Kasey Miles. The thought and dedication that went into this celebration was much appreciated.

STAGE 2 RENOVATIONS

As mentioned last term we are anticipating the renovations to the Library area and adjoining classrooms to commence before the end of this term. This will enable our Library to have a new home and the classrooms for Year 3 and Year 4 for 2016 to be set. The Development Application has been submitted to Council this week. The greatest benefit of the process this year is that no class will be relocated to allow building to occur. As more information comes to hand I will keep families informed.
NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION – WAUCHOPE SKATE PARK

Construction commenced this week on the new Wauchope Skate Park and is estimated to be completed by September 2015, subject to favourable weather conditions.

The works may cause minor disruption to traffic along Cameron Street for delivery of materials during construction, however pedestrian and vehicular access will be maintained at all times. The work may be ongoing between 7am and 5pm Monday to Saturday.

TRISH COELHO

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

AFTERNOON PICK UP – STUDENT SAFETY

I am sure all would agree that student safety is paramount when allowing students to leave our school premises at the end of the day. I have enclosed some reminders to parents this week, which I ask you talk with your children about.

Please note -

- No children will be collected by parents from classrooms
- No children will be permitted to walk to parents waiting in parked cars
- If you wish to use the 'Kiss and Drop' collection zone to collect your children, staggering your time between 3.17 pm and 3.25 pm would be helpful.
- Cars are not permitted to park in the 'Kiss and Drop' zone, even with their engines idling.
- Children collected from under the COLA wait with teachers until the final bell.

We appreciate your co-operation. At the end of this newsletter a School Safety Notice to Drivers has been included. It is very common for the Council Ranger to enforce these requirements around our school.

FUN RUN SPONSORSHIP MONEY

Thank you to all those children who have brought in their sponsorship money and are now entered into the prize draw. We ask that all money be returned to school within the coming week. Reminder letters were sent out to families today.

NIGEL TOOLE

CANTEEN ROSTER

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Another successful P & F meeting was held last Thursday evening where we welcomed Mr Nigel Toole, our new Acting Assistant Principal to St Joseph’s. At the meeting the P & F Committee decided to postpone the Spring Fair which was scheduled for Friday 23 October 2015. It is anticipated that this event will now be held during October 2016. Thank you to all the parents who offered to support the Spring Fair by assisting to run a stall. To conduct such an event more time and planning is required.

In lieu of the Spring Fair we have decided to hold a Trivia Night on Saturday 24 October 2015. Those who have previously attended the Halloween or Hawaiian trivia nights know the fun had by all. Tickets will be $10 per head with tables of 10 available. Get your family and friends together and book a table early by contacting Mrs Mackay at the Office. This year the trivia night will not only support our school but local Op shops as well; our theme is “Op Shop Challenge”. Come dressed in your favourite purchase from an Op shop. More details closer to the night.

CHRISTIAN GIBBS (P & F PRESIDENT)

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN:

The Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion is open again and we invite any families who have the Earn and Learn stickers to contribute these to our school. We also encourage as many other family members, such as grandparents to assist. This venture will enable us to purchase much needed resources for our school. The Woolworths Earn and Learn 2015 will run from until Tuesday 8 September.

MARIA WILSON

TERM 3 – WEEK 3 CALENDAR

| Monday   | JULY 27 | Staff Briefing: 8.30 am – Office opens approximately 8.45 am  
Staff Meeting 3.40 pm |
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| Tuesday  | JULY 28 | Band Rehearsal 8.00 am  
Band and Guitar tuition  
School Banking  
ICAS – English Competition  
WHS Audit |
| Wednesday| JULY 29 | Schubert’s 7’s Rugby League; 9.20 am Wood Street Port Macquarie  
Fr Dan visiting Year 1  
Sacrament of Eucharist Parent Information Evening  
BOSTES Meeting – Mrs Coelho attending |
| Thursday | JULY 30 | Principal’s Meeting – Mrs Coelho attending |
| Friday   | JULY 31 | Staff Prayer 8.40 am: Office opens approximately 8.50 am |

UPCOMING EVENTS

| AUG 3–6 | Year 6 Camp |
| AUG 7   | Diocesan Athletics Carnival |
| AUG 8   | Children’s Mass |
| AUG 17–19 | Year 5 Camp |
| AUG 17  | Pupil Free Day |
| AUG 23  | Year 6 selected students – Tournament of Minds, Coffs Harbour |
| AUG 27  | Year 6 Fishing Opportunity |

YEAR 6 CAMP PAYMENTS
ALL AMOUNTS TO BE FINALISED BY WEDNESDAY 29 JULY.
BOOK CLUB

Book Club Orders are to be return to school on Friday 31 July 2015. Please write your child’s name and class on the top of the form and return with payment in a sealed envelope. Mrs Hillard will be at the COLA from 8.45 am to collect orders. No late orders will be accepted after 3.00 pm on Friday. Please advise if you wish the order to be a surprise and left at the Office. Cheques are to be made payable to St Joseph’s Primary School.

SUE HILLARD