FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HAPPY CAMPERS

Yesterday saw the return of our Year 6 students from The Great Aussie Bush Camp and it was delightful to listen to their stories of personal achievement. One of the rewarding aspects of being an educator is recognising the times when students reach a designated goal, whether that be learning or their social skill or in this case many physical challenges. I personally thank staff members, Leanne Oates, Lauretta Lewis, Nigel Toole, Simone Baker and Peter Roods, who gave of their time and rearranged their own families this week to accompany the students and work with them whilst at camp.

CHILDREN MASS

Tomorrow evening we invite all families to join us for our Children’s Mass. During this celebration those children receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be scripted into the program. I ask all members of our school and parish community to keep these children in your thoughts and prayers. Please pray for – Lara Crawley, Toby Cusato, Liam Delandemare, Ziggy Ewart, Oliver Hooper, Joseph Jackson, Hannah Johnson, Breanna Manning, Jesse Martin, Thomas Nardella, Joshua Pike, Lilah Potts, Mary Slater, Rhiannon Slater, Holly Squire and Amelia Young

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DATA

Some time ago 60 families in total, were randomly selected along with Year 5 and Year 6 students and all staff to complete the School Improvement Survey through the company Insight SRC. This data has now been returned to us and given a very broad spectrum of results. The value of such a process is that we can now identify areas for growth and as a school community set workable goals for the future. Thank you so much to those families who so openly and honestly contributed to this information.

FUNDING FOR THE CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

The funding for the National School Chaplaincy Program has again been re-evaluated by Government bodies. As a school we are required to review the effectiveness of this program. Mrs Robyn O’Brien has been appointed as our School Chaplain since 2007. Families who have accessed this service will receive a survey today. We encourage anyone else who has an interest in completing this survey to contact the Office. The more information we gather assists us with our application for the next round of funding. Surveys are to be returned by Friday 21 August 2015.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Please note, as advertised in previous newsletters and the Parent Handbook Monday 17 August is a scheduled Pupil Free Day. On this day our staff will be inserviced on the new Australian History and Geography Curricula. Year 5 students will still depart for their camp on this day.

TRISH COELHO
ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

FUN RUN DRAW

Thank you to all families who have returned the promised amount from our annual FUN RUN. The date for the draw will be Thursday 13 August. All monies need to be in by Wednesday 12 August to ensure tickets in the draw. Reminder notices have already been sent home.

NIGEL TOOLE

P & F NEWS

NOTIFICATION OF SPECIAL MEETING.

A Special Meeting of the St Joseph’s Wauchope Parents & Friends Association is being held on Thursday 20 August 2015 at 5.30pm. The purpose of this meeting is to adopt a new constitution for the P&F. The committee have been working towards a new constitution with the School Executive and Fr Dan, our Parish Administrator. The current constitution was written during 1990 and is well overdue for review. The objectives of the proposed constitution are consistent with those published by the Diocese of Lismore in “A Guide to the Operation of Parents & Friends Associations in Catholic Schools”. A draft copy of the proposed constitution can be viewed on the school website (under Parents and Friends), School Stream app or viewed in hardcopy at the Office. The special meeting is the opportunity for all families to have their input into the draft document being proposed by the Association and school. A vote will be taken, and if ratified the new constitution will be implemented immediately.

Following this special meeting a regular General Meeting of the P & F will be held where we will be discussing the upcoming Trivia Night, Chocolate fundraiser and recap of the BBQ / Canteen held at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival in Port Macquarie.

CHRISTIAN GIBBS (P & F PRESIDENT)

FROM THE SPORTING FIELD

DIOCESAN ATHLETICS

Today, representatives from our school participated in the Diocesan Athletics Carnival at St Joseph’s Regional College. Kellie Burke nominated in High Jump and Long Jump, Jed Kirkman, the 800m, Joshua Goldberg, Long Jump, Jett Fletcher, Discus and High Jump, Lachlan Morgan-Monk, Shot Put, Aidan Grove, 100m and 200m, Monique Rudder, Long Jump, Joshua Carney, Long Jump and Blake Haywood in the 800m. Possibly one of the most diverse teams from our school to represent at Diocesan level. A report on our competitor’s results will be in the Newsletter next week.

YEAR 5/6 - SOCCER AND NETBALL GALA DAY

Representatives from Year 5/6L and Year 5/6GO will participate in the Zone Soccer and Netball Day at Laurieton on the Thursday 20 August 2015. We will field two competitive sides and two non-competitive sides. Students from Year 5 and Year 6 wishing to participate, please return your notes as soon as possible to enable team selection. The competitive teams will compete to represent our zone at the next level and have a chance of winning the Paul Wilson Cup (Soccer) and the Diocesan Netball Cup.

DAVE POULTON

FINAL PAYMENT
FOR YEAR 5 CAMP DUE TODAY
$140
Information required to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA) for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child’s school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child’s gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the ACARA Act 2008 for one or both of the following purposes:

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au.
TERM 3 – WEEK 5 CALENDAR

Saturday  AUG  8  Children’s Mass: Our Lady of Lourdes Church: 6.00 pm: All welcome
Monday  AUG  10  Staff Briefing: 8.30 am – Office opens approximately 8.45 am
  Staff Meeting 3.40 pm
Tuesday  AUG  11  Band Rehearsal 8.00 am
  Band and Guitar tuition
  School Banking
  ICAS Mathematics Assessment
Wednesday  AUG  12  Fr Dan visiting Year 5/6L
  Hasting Principal’s Meeting – Mrs Coelho attending
Thursday  AUG  13  School Sport
Friday  AUG  14  Staff Prayer 8.40 am: Office opens approximately 8.50 am
  Peer Support Program begins
  Uniform Shop Closed; pre-orders to be left at the Office

UPCOMING EVENTS

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LOST PROPERTY & CORRECT UNIFORM

We have a huge amount of lost property is in our overflowing laundry basket. Mrs Ninness kindly looks after this area for us. Next weekend all lost items of clothing, lunch boxes etc will be washed and then donated to St Vincent de Paul. If the lost property is labelled we will try finding the rightful owner. Please check the lost property basket during the week if you wish to claim an item which may not be labelled.

Please remember the correct uniform code – no colour head bands, no jewellery, black joggers for sport, blue stockings for girls and correct tracksuit pants on sport day must be worn.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Go4Fun is a healthy lifestyle program for children aged 7 to 13 years, who are above a healthy weight. Best of all it is absolutely FREE. Your child will receive start-up pace, weekly session information, activities, recipes and more. Plus you will receive a practical Meal Mate cup to help with portion sizes. Every week your children will be involved in fun and interactive games and activities to get their heart rates up and enjoying being active. Enrol for Wauchope Term 4 program – Tuesdays 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm commencing October 13. Register at Free call 1800 780 900 or online www.go4fun.com.au