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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

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION – 15 AUGUST

August 15 is the day that Catholics have long celebrated what is called the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. The Feast of the Assumption celebrates both the happy departure of Mary from this life by her natural death, and her assumption bodily into heaven.

The idea of the assumption of Mary into heaven after her death is first expressed in narratives of the fifth and sixth centuries. Even though these were never official, they bear witness to the very early belief in a teaching of the Catholic Church which was not formally defined as a dogma (a teaching essential to the Catholic faith) until 50 years ago.

Though it was almost universally believed for more than a thousand years, the Bible contains no mention of the assumption of Mary into heaven. The first Church writer to speak of Mary's being taken up into heaven by God is Saint Gregory of Tours (594). On May 1, 1946, Pope Pius XII, asked all bishops in the world whether they thought this belief in the assumption of Mary into heaven should be defined as a proposition of faith, and whether they with their clergy and people desired the definition. Almost all the bishops replied in the affirmative.

On November 1, 1950, the Feast of All Saints, Pope Pius XII declared as a dogma revealed by God that "Mary, the immaculate perpetually Virgin Mother of God, after the completion of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into the glory of Heaven".

It is through this understanding that we know the reasoning behind this Feast as a Holy Day of Obligation. Fr Dan will be offering Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 9am in the morning.

LEARNING WALKS

Our flexible and adaptive learning spaces for Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 have created many opportunities for our staff to personalise the learning more for each student. We gained much valuable feedback from the children and parents who are immersed within these areas at the Parent Teacher Interviews. In order to give parents and families an even greater understanding of how these areas operate we will be conducting Learning Walks in the coming weeks. To ensure that these allow an opportunity for all to attend a booking system will be made available, similar to that done for the Parent Teacher Interviews. Keep watching this space.



PUPIL FREE DAY – MONDAY 17 AUGUST 2015

FUN RUN DRAW

Congratulations to all our Fun Run Draw winners who collected a prize today. We are very appreciative of the support families have given to the school through this annual event. As a community \$6123.00 was raised and this amount has been allocated to the purchasing of Mathematics materials which will support the new curriculum which has been implemented this year.

Congratulations to our major prize winners Joey Prosser, Eliza Smith, Makayla Cook, Abbey Cook and Jenna Richards-Brown.



STAFFING UPDATE

I wish to advise today that Mr Ken Ogilvie has formally submitted his intention to retire as of the end of the 2015 school year. In the coming weeks the Assistant Principal position will be advertised through the Catholic Schools Office and interviews will occur before the end of this term. As a community we will also take the opportunity to farewell Mr Ogilvie and thank him for his many years of service to our school and parish.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR P & F EXECUTIVE

Last Friday our P & F Executive hosted the BBQ at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival. I wish to acknowledge the efforts and dedication of Karmen and Adam Marchment, Melissa Baker and Anne McKinnon. We thank Trudy Willmot from St Agnes Primary who assisted all day as well. The profit margin for our P & F Association was approximately \$1000.

FAREWELL

This week we farewelled Jaksen Groth (S1M), who has moved towns and started at his new school on Wednesday. We wish him all the very best as he settles into his new school.

JOEY'S JUNIORS BEGINS

Next Friday, 21 August will see the commencement of our 'Joey's Juniors' program. We begin the process by which our Kindergarten students for 2016 will transition into our school and begin to establish a sense of the routines of primary school. If you have a child commencing school next year and have yet to return the acceptance of enrolment please be aware these were due by the end of July.

YEAR 5 CAMP

On Monday our Year 5 students leave for camp. We note that this is a Pupil Free Day, yet teachers are scheduled to travel with them on this day. Students are to bring a packed lunch on Monday as it is not provided by the Adventure Centre. I wish the students as well as Miss Caitlyn Gow, Mr Dane Seymour and Mrs Christine Ninness a wonderful few days away.

TRISH COELHO

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.

CADBURY CHOCOLATES FUNDRAISER

Notes were sent home today with the eldest in each family asking for expression of interest in relation to our upcoming chocolate fundraiser. If you cannot assist please return the tear of slip by Monday 24 August 2015.

CHRISTIAN GIBBS (P & F PRESIDENT)

FROM THE SPORTING FIELD

DIOCESAN ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all of our students who represented our school at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival last week. It was a fantastic day, with fine weather, great participation and wonderful sportsmanship. As the head marshal for track events, I had the pleasure of meeting many students and witness such wonderful sportsmanship between the students. Congratulations to Mr Nigel Toole for doing such a wonderful job of convening the carnival.

We had four standout performers making it into the Diocesan Team to compete at the Polding Carnival which will be held on the 4th September in Newcastle. Kellie Burke came first in the Junior Girls High Jump, Monique Rudder finished second in the Senior Girls Long Jump, Lachlan Morgan-Monk was second in the Senior Boys Shot Put, and Joshua Goldberg finished third in the 11yrs Boys Long Jump.

YEAR 5/6 - SOCCER AND NETBALL GALA DAY

We wish those children competing in the Zone Soccer and Netball Gala Day at Laurieton on Thursday 20th August all the best. Representatives will need to be at school ready for a 9.00am departure. The children will return in time for the usual afternoon departure routines. We wish these representatives all the best as they compete in their chosen sports. We look forward to hearing about their achievements on their return.

SCHUBERTS 7's

Good luck to those competing in Sydney on Wednesday 19 August in the Legends of League tournament. Thank you to Mr Ogilvie and Mr O'Brien for accompanying our St Joseph's students.

DAVID POULTON

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week is fast approaching with our annual Book Character Parade to be held on Tuesday 25th August.

We will be holding a Book Fair with books supplied by Central Book Suppliers. These books are very reasonably priced and all parents, grandparents and friends are invited to come along to the Library to view the Book Fair. The school receives a commission on all books sold, which in turn allows for more resources to be purchased for our Library.

The Book Fair will commence during the week next week and continue until Friday 28th.

ROBYN O'BRIEN

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 17 August	Wednesday 19 August	Friday 21 August
Pupil Free Day	Joanne Sproul Molly Warrener	Julie Keena Karmen Marchment Shannel Debreceeny

AWARD RECIPIENTS – Assembly, Friday 21 August 2015

Kai Austin, Oliver Scott, Jaylah Murphy, Brinkley McHugh, Abbey Cook, Brooke Johnson, Banjo Adkins, Joey Prosser, Ezekiel Minturn, Tneisha Farrell, Jarvis Ring, Grace Brauer, Emily Cook, Darcy Crawley, Grace Keena, Jethro Boyd, Matilda Shields, Lilly Leister, Ethan Begley, Lucas Phillips, Adam Cook, Ziggy Ewart, Holly Squire, Mary Slater, Charlie Ackerman, Makayla Cook, Thomas Frankland, Sienna Heaton, Luke Squire, Jasmyn Debreceny, Stephanie Lambert, Anabelle Paynting, Harry Newman, Nelson Young, Hannah Dakin, Monique Rudder, Logan Byrnes, Josh Carney, Lachlan McMurray, Hannah Summer, Courtney Grove.

TERM 3 – WEEK 6 CALENDAR

Monday	AUG	17	PUPIL FREE DAY Year 5 leave for camp
Tuesday	AUG	18	Band Rehearsal 8.00 am Band and Guitar tuition School Banking School Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption: 9.30am: All welcome Australian Curriculum Inservice – Ms Solares, Miss Elliott Mrs Stewart attending
Wednesday	AUG	19	Fr Dan visiting Year 5/6GO Mrs Handley from St Joseph’s regional visiting Year 6 -11.15am
Thursday	AUG	20	School Sport Soccer & Netball Gala Day Primary Assistant Principal Meeting – Mr Toole attending P & F Association Special and General Meetings: 5.30pm
Friday	AUG	21	Staff Prayer 8.40 am: Office opens approximately 8.50 am Peer Support Program Uniform Shop Open 8.30 am – 9.30 am Joey’s Juniors begins 9.20 am – 10.45 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG	23	Year 6 selected students – Tournament of Minds, Coffs Harbour
AUG	24	P & F Chocolate Fundraiser notes due back.
AUG	27	Year 6 Fishing Opportunity
SEPT	12	Sacrament of Holy Communion

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Now Enrolling Beechwood Out of School Hours Care, Monday – Friday 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm
Contact – 0400 915 844.

HSC PRAYER SPONSORS

Prayer sponsors are needed for the Year 12 students of St Agnes Parish Secondary Schools during their HSC exams. A prayer sponsor is someone who prays for another person with a specific intention in mind and at specific times. If you are interested in being a Prayer sponsor for a Year 12 student, please contact the respective schools – MacKillop College 6583 2632, St Joseph’s Regional College 5525 4100, Newman Senior Technical College 6580 3800.