FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PERSONALISED LEARNING AT ITS BEST

It is wonderful to return this week to our school and speak with so many about their holidays and return to Term 4. I have had the pleasure of not only travelling overseas to enjoy some relaxing family time but also be a member of a contingent of 40 representatives from our Diocese to schools in California. We visited a number of schools who work together as Professional Learning Communities. The principles underlying these schools is collaboration and total focus on student learning. As a Diocese we were very interested in how these concepts can improve student outcomes and further develop teacher capacity. We have a great deal to learn in relation to Positive Behaviour for Learning and Response to Intervention for student learning. Over the coming months we, as a Diocese will have the opportunity to process much of these learnings and better provide services and resources for our children. Many schools were very creative in their thinking around the structure of the daily school routines, something well worth considering for ourselves.

FUTURE PLANNING: FLEXIBLE AND ADAPTIVE ENVIRONMENTS FOR 2016

Parents of children in Year 2 and Year 3 received an invitation to a Parent Education Evening scheduled for Monday 26 October 2015. During this year we have continued to further implement our Contemporary Learning Framework, especially the opportunity for learning to take place in flexible and adaptive environments. To share the vision for our 2016 Stage 2 classes we invite all parents of existing Year 2 and Year 3 students to attend the education evening.

During Week 5, we are providing opportunities for the parents of children in Stage 2, 2016 to participate in a learning walk tour of our flexible and adaptive classrooms. These tours are running in preparation for the 2016 class structures, providing parents with the opportunity to observe the existing learning environments and view the progress of our newly renovated Stage 2 2016 classrooms. This invitation is open to all school families.

Simply log onto the school interviews website and use the required code to book your timeslot for either Tuesday 3rd November or Thursday 5th November.

MAKING JESUS REAL

On Wednesday evening we were delighted to share in the expertise of Mr Peter Mitchell the founder of the Make Jesus Real Program. Peter travelled from Tasmania to run leadership workshops with our 52 leaders from Year 3 to Year 6. The evening then flowed into dinner and a joint session of children with parents.

His wisdom and profound insights were valuable for both the children and parents alike. Those families who attended have been given an evaluation form today. We would appreciate any feedback from the evening.

I thank the Diocese of Lismore Parent Assembly, especially our local representative Peta Rourke who funded the evening and make it possible for Mr Mitchell to attend. I also congratulate Mrs Jessica Pearman and Miss Kasey Miles who co-ordinated the evening. It is a privilege to know I work with such dedicated staff who invest so deeply in our children: to those who attended and supported the children in their workshop and also preparing dinner; THANK YOU.

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to families who have fulfilled their financial responsibilities towards School Fees. There are a still a number of families yet to meet this obligation. Those who are on a regular Direct Debit or Centapay program, your fees will continue to be collected. On a number of occasions this year we have had transactions dishonoured and therefore families are now in arrears of completing their obligations. I ask that families please ensure financial commitments to the school are met. Contact the Office if you are unsure of the remaining balance for 2015 and any adjustments can be made. I ask that families tend to this as a matter of importance.

TRISH COELHO

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL SAFETY - EVACUATIONS & LOCK DOWNS

Each term our school conducts practice drills which may be needed in the event of an emergency. These drills are either an evacuation or a lockdown drill. These are not conducted to alarm students but rather to ensure that if these were required, all would be familiar with the procedures and protocols. Staff discuss these drills with the students and, using their professional training, know how to allay and calm any nerves. So ... if your child comes home and tells you that we have carried out one of these drills do not be alarmed. In the event of a real evacuation or lock down situation, communication would be made with families through our schoolstream app. At these times, we would be operating under the control and advice of relevant emergency service agencies.

SRC - Lunch Time Activities

For the remainder of the year our Year 6 SRC will be running various lunch time activities. On Monday, children are invited to audition for Joey's Got Talent. Beginning next Friday and continuing each fortnight. Children are encouraged to take part in 'Buddy Handball'. Later in the term students will also have an opportunity to take part in an Art show. We thank the SRC for these initiatives.

NIGEL TOOLE
GOTCHA Cards

This week we launched our playground GOTCHA cards. These cards are designed for teachers to notice students who display WEST behaviours on the playground. Already we have over 35 cards in the box! This clearly shows that the spirit of Jesus is alive and well on the playground at St Joseph’s.

ADDITIONAL NEEDS INFORMATION

Dyslexia workshop

Port Macquarie Panthers are hosting a series of Dyslexia presentations supported by the Dyslexia Online Learning Centre. These free presentations are for parents and teachers to support children with Dyslexia. See the website for further information and registration details. http://dyslexia.com.au/register/

Additional Needs Education

At the request of the Australian Government, data will be collected this year on those students who are receiving adjustments and meet the definition of disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992. Please follow the link – http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-studentdisability to the handout which fully explains this process. If you DO NOT want your child included in this data collection, please contact the school Office immediately – 6585 1745.

DANE SEYMOUR

MINI VINNIES NEWS

Christmas Hampers

It is that time of year again. Mini Vinnies will be organising the collections of suitable items which will be presented to needy families within our community. Please give generously as you have in the past. Each stage/class will have a basket where students can store the donated items. Items can include - Non-perishable food items, kitchen items, laundry items, Christmas cakes, sweets and treats, small items which can be given as gifts to children – books, toys, clothing etc (new) and/or Christmas decorations.

Mini Vinnies Gathering - Friday 6 November 2015

On Friday 6 November 2015 our school will host the Regional Mini Vinnies Gathering for approximately 120 students with teachers and high school leaders from the Hastings area. The day commences at 10.00 am and concludes by 2.00 pm. The Mini Vinnies team for our school will be involved in the workshops, run by Sarah Mason, the Youth Organiser for SVDP to promote leadership and social awareness.

We are looking forward to hosting this special event and ask you prayers for a great day.

MARION HORTON

FROM THE SPORTING FIELD

SUMMER SPORTS TRIALS

Summer Sports Trials will take place this Monday 26 October 2015. Our children will represent the school in Touch and Cricket which will be held at Kempsey and Basketball at the Port Macquarie Basketball Stadium. We wish our students all the best in their chosen sports.

Girls Touch - Anabelle Paynting, Amelia Stubbs, Abbie Phillips
Boys Touch - Lachlan McMurray, Aidan Hill, Nathan Ward, Jake Robb
Basketball - Tahnee Holland
Boys Cricket - Brayden Williams, Brendan Walsh, Liam Richards-Brown, James Eggert, Samuel Coates, and Aidan Grove.
DIOCESAN SPORT ENRICHMENT CAMP

Congratulations to Monique Rudder who has been selected to attend the Diocesan Sport Enrichment Camp to be held at the Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen from Sunday 29 November 2015 to Tuesday 1 December 2015.

Monique was chosen due to her outstanding performances representing our school, zone and diocese at Polding Basketball along with her efforts at the Diocesan Swimming and Athletics Carnivals. We congratulate Monique on this selection and wish her all the best at the camp, and hope she has a wonderful experience which strengthens for future sporting endeavours.

HORSE RIDING

Last Friday Brock Wilkinson, Tamika Roach attended the Taree Interschool/Interclub Fun day.

They enjoyed representing our school doing what they love. Many prizes and ribbons were won on the day.

Clay Atkin rode his horse Tally at the Equestrian Interschool Competition at the Australian Equestrian and Livestock Centre in Tamworth over the weekend. Over 900 riders from NSW and Queensland took part in the event.

P & F NEWS

Excitement is mounting and the questions are flowing! Tomorrow evening’s Trivia Night promises to be a great night. If you have been thinking about getting a table together it isn’t too late. We ask that everyone come prepared to fundraise and have an enjoyable evening sharing in each other’s company. The questions have been collated with a few surprises planned. Don’t forget to dress for the Op Shop challenge and participate in the best decorated table. The evening is BYO drinks and nibbles. I thank the following sponsors for their support and contributions.

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Bring your money, brains and sense of humour for fun filled night. All the action begins at 7.00pm SHARP.

CHRISTIAN GIBBS: P & F PRESIDENT

P & F TRIVIA NIGHT TOMORROW NIGHT – 24 OCTOBER 7.00 PM

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TERM 4 – WEEK 4 CALENDAR

Monday OCT 26 Staff Briefing; 8.35 am - Office open approximately 8.50 am
Summer Sports Trials
Contemporary Learning Framework Education Evening: 6.00 pm: School Hall

Tuesday OCT 27 Band Rehearsal 8.00 am
Band and Guitar tuition
School Banking

Wednesday OCT 28 Leaders of Curriculum Meeting – Miss Miles attending

Thursday OCT 29 School Sport

Friday OCT 30 Staff Prayer 8.40 am - Office opens approximately 8.50 am
Uniform Shop open – 8.30 am to 9.30 am
Final Joey’s Juniors session.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV 3 & 5 Walking Tours through the Flexible and Adaptive Environments
NOV 4 Kindergarten 2016 Orientation morning and Parent Information Evening
NOV 6 Kindergarten 2016 Orientation morning
NOV 12 Mini Market Day
NOV 20 Year 6 - Transition Day St Joseph’s Regional College
(Please note a bus will be provided for Year 6 to return for Mr Ogilvie’s Farewell Assembly after lunch)
NOV 20 Farewell Assembly – Mr Ogilvie
NOV 21 Farewell Dinner – Mr Ogilvie
DEC 10 Swimming Carnival
DEC 12 Graduation Mass – Year 6
DEC 15 Year 6 – Gold coin trail (Outside charity – Christmas lunch for the homeless)

AWARD RECIPIENTS – ASSEMBLY Friday 30 October 2015


COMMUNITY NOTICES

FARMERS MARKETS – Wauchope Showground tomorrow Saturday 24 October 2015 at the Wauchope Showgrounds. 8.00 am to 1.00 pm. Lots of fun for the whole family. Plenty of local produce and theusual stalls with delicious food and goodies.

WAUCHOPE LITTLE ATHLETICS
Wauchope Little Athletics have commenced their 2015-2016 season. Blackbutt Park, Wauchope each Friday evening from 5.15 pm.
Anyone wishing to register can still do so on Friday evening from 5.30 pm. For more information phone Jacky 0410 005 789 or Anne-Maree 0427 665 324

WAUCHOPE NETBALL CLUB – Registration Days (Please mark your diary)
Wauchope Basketball Stadium, Cameron Street, Wauchope
Saturday 6 February and Friday 13 February 2016. 9.00 am – 12 noon
Information contact – Kim Thompson on 0408 861 898