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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

TREAT WEEK SUCCESS

This week has been one to celebrate the wonderful learning throughout our year and the many achievements of our children. We have been delighted in Peer Support Christmas Craft, Tabloid Sports, Matinee Movies, and today's Nativity Story shared by our senior students. It is vitally important to take time out to celebrate all that we have achieved throughout the year and recognise the hard work of both staff and students. I thank the staff for their co-ordination of this week's activities.

FINE DAY FOR A DIP

Yesterday saw all our students enjoy the benefits of a cool swim at our town pool. Our junior students played many games and shared in each other's company whilst our senior students were more competitive with 25m and 50m races. I thank all parent helpers who assisted with the smooth running of the carnival. It was delightful to have a number of ex-students return to lend a helping hand. My personal thanks to Mr David Poulton and the staff for their co-ordination and running of the carnival.

STAFFING UPDATE

This week we farewelled Mrs Wendy Bignell: our long standing, well-loved School Counsellor. Mrs Bignell has served our community for many years and offered incredible support to many families throughout that time. We wish her well and thank Mrs Bignell for her dedication and guidance.

Applications have now closed for our Indigenous Education Worker for 2016 and School Counsellor positions. As appointments are made families will be advised accordingly.

We welcome to our teaching staff Mr Peter Stephens who comes to us from the Canberra Goulbourn Diocese. We look forward to welcoming Mr Stephens and his family to our school community. We also welcome Mrs Erin Carrick to our teaching support staff for the 2016 school year.

A full complement of staff can be found as the attachment to this newsletter.

We will conduct our 'Step Up' session with children next Thursday so they can experience time in their learning environment for 2016 and meet as many of the teachers as possible.

SEMESTER TWO REPORTS

On Tuesday, Semester Two reports were sent home with all children. I am sure that parents have had the opportunity to sit with their children to discuss the successes of the year and any recommendations for 2016. If you are yet to receive this report please contact the Office.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2016

This is an important time as Year 5 prepare to take over the Student Leadership of our school. A period of preparation took place, in which roles were discussed, candidates nominated and speeches prepared and presented to the school community. The elections took place on Tuesday involving all students from Year 2 - Year 6 as well as staff. We congratulate our new School Leaders for 2016:

Amelia Stubbs and Jake Robb (School Captains)
Madeline Lynch and James Eggert (School Vice Captains)

We look forward to working closely next year, building an even stronger school community.

WELCOME BABY AMAYA

Amaya just missed our Newsletter last week. Welcome to Amaya Lee who is a beautiful baby sister for Tyce Lee in S1M.

TRISH COELHO

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

TIMETABLE FOR 2016

In order to meet our compliance requirements we have needed to change the structure of our day. From the beginning of next year the school's timetable will be altered to the following time schedule.

8:55 Morning assembly
9:00 Morning session begins
10:20 Fruit break
10:30 Classes continue
11:00 Lunch 1
11:30 Middle session begins
1:15 Lunch 2
1:45 Afternoon session begins
3:15 Final bell

PLAYGROUND INITIATIVE FOR 2016

Recently, staff have been exploring various options to create more space for lunch time play. In consultation with Port Macquarie Hastings Council we have been seeking approval for the use of Andrews Park during lunch times. This initiative will not begin until students have been educated about the procedures of going down to the oval, the safety requirements and their responsibilities of such a privilege. At first this opportunity will only be available to Stage 3 students with the possibility of Stage 2 becoming involved later. Students in Stage 1 and Early Stage 1 will not be given this option but will have their playing area increased within the school grounds. Should you have any questions regarding the use of Andrews Park, please contact the school.

SPORTS DAY 2016

From the commencement of the 2016 school year, the official Sport Day will be Wednesday. On Wednesday students will wear their Sports uniform. This change is required to allow classes to maintain 'protected learning time reserved for Maths & English' and gives us greater opportunities to utilise external sports providers

NIGEL TOOLE

***WE INVITE ALL FAMILIES TO OUR GRADUATION AND CHILDREN'S
MASS: SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER: 6PM***

THE SRC PRESENTS ST JOSEPH'S GOT TALENT

Auditions were held for St Joseph's Got Talent last week. All students who made it through to the final round will perform at 1.40 pm on Monday 14 December 2015 in the Ogilvie Hall. This will mean an early lunch.

The Talent show is run by our Year 6 leaders and is not a competition.

All performers are required to have costumes, props and music (if required) ready for Monday. Children can change into costumes at Lunch 2 and change back into their school uniform following their performance. Performances will be limited to 3 minutes with a bell ringing at 2min 30 secs.

SRC

CURRICULUM

MATHLETICS

Over the last term we have been fortunate to have a free trial of an online maths program called Mathletics. Students have had a lot of fun with this program and have enjoyed learning and competing with friends whenever they get a chance. St Joseph's have purchased an online subscription to Mathletics until January 2017. This substantial purchase means students will be able to access Mathletics with their current username and password during the school holidays. Students are reminded to take a copy of their password home.

READING EGGS

A decision has been made not to continue the Reading Eggs subscription for 2016. If you would like your child to have access at home next year you will need to buy purchase an individual subscription.

MARIA WILSON & KASEY MILES

FROM THE SPORTING FIELD

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our annual swimming carnival took place yesterday at the Wauchope Pool. The event was a great success with participation high, enthusiasm at fever pitch and friendly competition well and truly on show.

All children who took part in the day should be congratulated on their wonderful participation and excellent sportsmanship during the races. It was delightful to see the fantastic participation from our infant students in the 25m events as well as the fun activities. It is always special to have our whole school participating at a carnival. Thank you to our wonderful infant teachers for running these great activities for the students.

Thank you all for the wonderful parent support we had at our carnival. It was an outstanding turn out of parents who came both to assist and cheer the children. And a special thank you to the past students of our school who came to the pool and helped out on their pupil free day. Big thanks to Max Roods, Ebony Williams, Grace Robb and Lachlan Eggert.

Congratulations to Waugh for taking out the championship house. The scores were close all day and only 41 points separated first and third.

1st – Waugh 356 2nd MacKillop 334 3rd – Curran 315

Age Champions for 2015

9 yrs and Under Age Champions – Alia Fabrizio & Brendan Walsh
10 yrs Age Champions – Monique Williams & Aidan Grove
11 yrs Age Champions – Sophia Roods & Jake Robb
12 yrs Age Champions – Monique Rudder & Matthew Walsh

DAVID POULTON

TERM 4 – WEEK 11 CALENDAR

CANTEEN CLOSED ALL WEEK

Saturday	DEC	12	3 rd Sunday of Advent - Year 6 Graduation Mass and Children's Mass: 6.00 pm OLOL Church: All welcome
Monday	DEC	14	Staff Briefing; 8.35 am - Office open approximately 8.50 am St Joseph's Got Talent – Ogilvie Hall: 1.40 pm
Tuesday	DEC	15	End of Year Mass: 9.30am: OLOL Church: All welcome Coin Drive for an outside charity organised by Year 6
Wednesday	DEC	16	Book Packs available for collection from the Ogilvie Hall: 8.40 am – 9.15 am and 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm (Please note these are at no cost to families)
Thursday	DEC	17	Last Day for Students Book Packs available for collection from the Ogilvie Hall: 8.40 am – 9.15 am (Please note these are at no cost to families)
Friday	DEC	18	Staff Planning Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN	27	Staff return for 2016
JAN	27	Uniform shop open – 9.30 am – 11.00 am Old Hall enter via King Street
JAN	28	Year 1 to Year 6 return
		Best Start Assessment begin for 2016 Kindergarten students
FEB	3	Kindergarten students for 2016 begin school

ADVANCE NOTICE

**P & F FAMILY FUN NIGHT
WAUCHOPE SWIMMING POOL
FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2016
5.00 PM – 7.00 PM**

More details closer to the event – please mark your calendar



Third Sunday of the Advent

The third candle, lit on the third Sunday of advent with the first two, is the Shepherds' candle. We are reminded that God sent the angels to proclaim His arrival to common man and that He still uses ordinary people today to spread the good news of Christ. This candle is pink or rose and represents God's love and faithfulness.