FROM THE PRINCIPAL

FINDING TIME FOR GOD

As a Catholic community we celebrate the Grace of God and the many blessings bestowed upon us. None the least of these is the birth of Christ into our world at Christmas and his death and resurrection at Easter, granting us eternal life. May your family find time this Christmas to celebrate within our community in rejoicing and thanks.

Please find below the Mass times for the Christmas celebrations within our Parish this year:

Thursday December 24
- Wauchope 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm Christmas Carols
- Wauchope 7:00 pm Children’s Christmas Vigil Mass

Friday December 25
- Wauchope 7:30 am Christmas Dawn Mass
- Long Flat 9:30 am Christmas Day Mass

FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES

Last Saturday evening we celebrated our Year 6 Graduation and acknowledged the many achievements of our graduating class. We wish the children well and know they move onto high school with many skills required to achieve anything in life. I thank Fr Dan for his continued support of our school and his guidance as our spiritual pastor. It is with heartfelt sadness we say goodbye to Fr Dan. We wish Fr Dan well in his new posting back within the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Today, we farewell a number of families who now end their association with St Joseph’s School, Wauchope. We wish these families all the very best for the future -

- Ammann (19 years), Carney, Cribb, Daley, Falls, Hollis, Hutcheon, Morgan-Monk, Nardella, Pares, Parsons, Poole, Rhodes, Rudder (15 years), Spillane, Summers, Templeman, Young and Towle

Today we farewell the following staff members who are beginning other endeavours in the future. We thank each of them for their continued support and dedication to St Joseph’s, Wauchope:

Mrs Jessica Pearman begins Maternity Leave

Mrs Leanne Parsons is taking up a temporary position at St Joseph’s Laurieton whilst on leave for 2016

Miss April Elliott is taking up a teaching position at Kendall Public School
Miss Lauretta Lewis moving back to the far north coast to be with family

Miss Caitlyn Gow is taking a position at Rosary Park Catholic Primary School at Branxton.

Miss Alana Johns is off to Charles Sturt University to begin her studies in 2016

Mr Kurt Newell is off to Newcastle University to begin his studies in 2016

Mrs Ann Browne returns to our casual support staff

Our very best wishes go with all these members of our school community.

UNIFORM SHOP

We wish to inform families that the Uniform Shop has now closed for the holiday period and will re-open on Wednesday 27 January 2016 from 9.30 am to 11.00 am in the Parish Hall.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

Throughout 2015 the school has been well supported by a number of sub committees formed from our parent body. I wish to acknowledge the continued support of our Parents and Friends Association, Uniform Shop and School Banking Committees. Your help is greatly appreciated in assisting and enabling the smooth running of our school.

Finally, I wish all families the very best for a restful break and look forward to a prosperous 2016. Thank you so much for your continued support and allowing us to share in the joy of educating your children. Merry Christmas and may you find Christ in all you do this festive season.

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TERM 1 - WEEK 1, 2016

Tuesday  JAN  26  Australia Day – Public Holiday

Wednesday JAN  27  Teachers resume

Uniform Shop open – 9.30 am to 11.00 am in the Parish Hall

Thursday  JAN  28  Year 1 to Year 6 resumes classes

BEST START - Assessment begins for Kindergarten students

CANTEEN CLOSED - WEEK 1

FUTURE DATES - 2016

Wednesday  FEB  3  Kindergarten students begin full time classes

Friday  FEB  19  P & F Family Fun Night: Wauchope Pool

“Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.”

— Norman Vincent Peale

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Wauchope Farmers Markets – Wauchope Showground, Saturday 19 December 2015 from 8.00 am.

A Christmas extravaganza of stalls, local produce and activities.