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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

NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

We have learned over recent months that Fr Dan will be returning to Brisbane after the Christmas period. We are delighted for him that he now knows where he will be settled. Fr Dan has been appointed for the duration of 2016 as the next Chaplain to the Royal Brisbane Hospital. We wish him all the best, yet are excited to know that we still have a few more opportunities this term to celebrate the Mass and wish him farewell.

We have received notification this week that our new Parish Administrator will be Fr Felix Ekeh who is currently serving as an Assistant Priest to the Cathedral Parish in Lismore. Fr Felix will begin his posting at Our Lady of Lourdes Wauchope on 2 January 2016.

There is a farewell dinner for Fr Dan on 10 December at Wauchope Country Club for any families wishing to attend. Please RSVP Tracey at the Parish on 6585 1464 your intention to attend.

TREAT WEEK

Next week we have set aside a section of every day to celebrate, with the children, a wonderful year of learning. It is very fitting for us to celebrate all the achievements of the children throughout the year and take time out to reflect on such progress. The timetable for each day's activities is included in the calendar.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

As previously advised, we are requesting items for Christmas hampers. Our local St Vincent de Paul Chapter work tirelessly at this time of the year to assist families in need and appreciate our continued support. We ask that families contribute items no later than Friday of next week as we need to finalise the hampers. Thank you for generously supporting this cause.

ARE YOU MOVING AWAY FROM WAUCHOPE?

If you know your child will not be returning to St Joseph's for the 2016 school year, please let us know as soon as possible. We have had a number of families enquiring about possible enrolments, as well as waiting lists for some classes. Your assistance in this regard is much appreciated.

WELCOME

We welcome Alia Fabrizio to S1M. We know she has settled well and is forming friendships in her new class.

TRISH COELHO

NOMINATIONS, NOTES & PAYMENT SWIMMING CARNIVAL DUE

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

UNIFORM SHOP OPERATING HOURS

Our Uniform Shop will be open this coming Friday 11 December 2015 allowing families to ready themselves for the new school year. **Please note that this will be the last opportunity for families to purchase uniforms before the 2015 school year.** Families may pay by cash, cheque or EFT.

Please note that post 18 December 2015 the bank account details for the Uniform Shop will change. We ask families to pay for all items before the close of business on Friday 18 December 2015.

BOOK PACKS

Book Packs for 2016 have been ordered and will arrive at school in the coming weeks. In previous years families have had to pay for Book Packs throughout Term 4. **This will not be the case for 2016 Book Packs; I am sure families will appreciate this change leading up to Christmas. The cost of the Book Packs is being absorbed into the school budget.** These packs will be sent home with your child to enable you to cover them over the school holidays.

LOST PROPERTY

During recent weeks there has been a large gathering of lost property, much of which is not labelled. If your child has lost any clothing or personal items such as lunch boxes, drink bottles, jumpers and hats we invite you to check.

NIGEL TOOLE

FOCUS ON FAITH

MAKING JESUS REAL – RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS CALENDAR WEEK 2

Week 10 Monday	Week 10 Tuesday	Week 10 Wednesday	Week 10 Thursday	Week 10 Friday
Say good morning/hello to as many people as you can.	Find 5 things to thank people for today.	Encourage someone on the playground that looks down or left out.	Count how many times you can make a person smile today! The person with the most smiles collected wins a GOTCHA card.	Start the weekend off with a smile and find something to do for Mum and Dad that they would appreciate!

ADVENT

This week is the start of Advent. Advent is a special time of waiting and preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. All students celebrated this week a special Advent liturgy. The Advent liturgies will continue weekly until the end of Advent. As a family there are many ways you can prepare and wait. Talk to your family about how you are attending to your spiritual life. Recommit yourselves to praying daily, reading Scripture, and staying faithful to God's commandments. Pray together that through this Advent season your family will be more prepared to receive Jesus when he comes again. Below is a special Advent prayer you can share with your family.

God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,
As we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.
Amen.

JESSICA PEARMAN AND KASEY MILES

SPECIAL 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.

In 2016 those students who are receiving adjustments for their learning and meet the criteria for the disability discrimination act will meet formally with their home class teacher at the mid-year parent teacher interviews. Please be aware that this meeting is the one formal opportunity to meet and discuss your child's learning progress and individual goals.

All parents will have the opportunity in early Term 1 to meet with your child's home class teacher. This is the appropriate opportunity to share any relevant information that will assist your child socially or educationally in the school environment in 2016.

If you have any queries surrounding this process please do not hesitate to contact the school.

DANE SEYMOUR

FROM THE SPORTING FIELD

DIOCESAN SPORTS CAMP

Last week, Monique Rudder represented our school at the Diocesan Sports Camp held at Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Camp. This was a great opportunity for Monique. She was selected to take part which enabled her to develop her sporting skills and knowledge as well as meet some world class athletes. Monique found this a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A big thank you to all families who have completed the online registration and thank you to the parents who have nominated to help. The carnival will take place on Thursday 10 December 2015 at the Wauchope Pool. All students will walk to the pool with their class. If parent helpers could arrive at the pool by 8.45 am. We need help to set up tents and be ready for the first event which will take place shortly after the children arrive at 9.30 am. Your help is always appreciated.

Students are asked to remember to bring a packed lunch, hat, sunscreen, swimmers and towel. Children wear their school sports uniform; however, students are permitted to wear a plain coloured shirt to represent their sporting house.

We pray for fine weather and look forward to running a great carnival for our school.

DAVID POULTON

LIBRARY NEWS

It is that time of year again – please search all those tricky hiding holes for library books; under the bed, in the car, behind the lounge etc. Mrs O'Brien is about to undertake end of year stocktake and all books are required for this purpose.

ROBYN O'BRIEN



Second Sunday of the Advent – Sunday 6 December 2015

The second candle, lit on the second Sunday of Advent along with the first candle, is the Bethlehem candle, reminding us that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. It too is purple, reminding us that it was a King who was born in the manger.

TERM 4 – WEEK 10 CALENDAR

TREAT WEEK

Sunday	DEC	6	2 ND Sunday of Advent
Monday	DEC	7	Staff Briefing; 8.35 am - Office open approximately 8.50 am Thank you Morning Tea and Liturgy: 10.30 am: School Hall TREAT WEEK – CHRISTMAS CRAFT ACTIVITIES
Tuesday	DEC	8	Band Rehearsal 8.00 am Band Tuition School Banking Reports home to parents School Captain Speeches: 11.40 am: School Hall TREAT WEEK – TABLOID SPORTS AFTERNOON
Wednesday	DEC	9	Year 6 Pool Day TREAT WEEK – MAGNIFICENT MOVIES
Thursday	DEC	10	School Swimming Carnival Parish Farewell for Fr Dan: Country Club: 6.00 pm
Friday	DEC	11	Staff Prayer 8.40 am - Office opens approximately 8.50 am Uniform Shop Open TREAT WEEK – NATIVITY PLAY ASSEMBLY (No fortnightly awards)

UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC	12	Graduation Mass – Year 6
DEC	15	End of Year Whole School Mass
DEC	15	Year 6 – Gold coin trail (Outside charity – Christmas lunch for the homeless)

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 7 December	Wednesday 9 December	Friday 11 December
Julie Keena Cheryl Rixon	Lisa Nardella Ann Eggert	Julie Keena Karmen Marchment Gemma Fletcher

COMMUNITY NOTICES

WAUCHOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS AT BAIN PARK, SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER 2015

Wauchope Farmers Markets from 1.00 pm

Carols and entertainment from 5.00 pm, Santa approximately 6.30 pm

Sing Australia & Hastings Town Band and combined churches Community Choir

Family Movie “Arthur Christmas” (PG) on the big screen at 8.20 pm

PORT MACQUARIE LIBRARY – Free concert for primary aged school children at the Port Macquarie Library, Saturday 5 December 2015 at 10.30am. Local storytellers will launch their CD The Koala Went to Cooee, with a free concert for young children. Join the fun with puppets, music, dancing and storytelling. For more information contact Virginia Cox, Children’s Librarian at Port Macquarie Library.

HASTINGS CHORISTERS – Yuletide Vespers.

Musical Director – Robyn Ryan. Mozart’s Vespers and Christmas choral delights.

Sunday 6 December 2015 at the Uniting Church, Port Macquarie. 2.00 pm start.

Tickets – Adults \$20 and School students \$10 each

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