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*'Empowered quality learning in flexible and adaptive environments,
utilising personalised and collaborative practices.'*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SMOOTH START

I congratulate and thank all children and families on such a smooth start to our school year. It has been delightful walking throughout the grounds listening to the holiday stories and sharing in the adventures of the children.

I welcome the following new staff members and know that it is with ease they have been supported and settled into our school:

Miss Kate Agnew, Miss Emma Kelly, Miss Kimberley Latimore and Mr Peter Stephens (Classroom Teachers), Mrs Erin Carrick (Support Teacher), Mrs Natasha Holloway and Ms Kate Morris (Indigenous Education Workers), Mr Owen Hamill (Gap Year Trainee), Miss Zena Clarke (School Counsellor) and Mr Ron Burke (Grounds and Maintenance Coordinator)

Also, this week we welcomed the following students to our school and trust that they have begun to form new friendships and settled smoothly into our school routines:

Lilian and Gabriel Ashbil, Emily and Ryan Eggert, Harry and Olivia Holloway, Meisha Mabey, James Merkus and Mitchell and William Stephens.

FENCING SECURED

I am sure all families have noticed our new fence which was installed throughout the holidays. Everyone will agree that this is far more safe and secure for both staff and students. I thank Jason Fletcher from Jaytec Fencing for his hard work and dedication in working to a strict deadline over the holiday period.

NEW OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE

For those students and families who enter through our Avondale Street entrance I am sure you have noticed the newly installed outdoor learning space outside the Stage 1 rooms. This learning space was made possible through the generous donation from our 2015 Year 6 students. This space will be enjoyed by many students and treasured as a wonderful parting gift.



SYMPATHIES

Over the holiday period we were saddened by the news of the passing of a number of relatives and members associated with our school. We extend our sympathies to Miss Laretta Lewis (2015 Year 5/6L teacher) and her family on the passing of her grandmother and father. We have also been rocked by the sudden death of Mr Gerard O'Brien, long standing teacher and coach at MacKillop College, Port Macquarie and husband to Anne O'Brien, Principal of MacKillop College, Port Macquarie. May all these families find peace and support during this time of sadness.

CONGRATULATIONS

Towards the end of 2015 we were delighted to hear the news that Miss April Elliott (2015 S1E Class Teacher) and Miss Laretta Lewis (2015 5/6L Class Teacher) both became engaged. We wish them both every happiness and joy as they prepare for their wedding day.

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to those families who have registered their financial details in assisting Mrs Mackay with the regular payment of school fees throughout 2016. Direct Debits have been activated and school fee collection commenced. Fee statements will arrive home in the coming weeks for families who pay fees other than Direct Debits. If you have had a change in the number of children attending St Joseph's, either an increase or decrease please contact the School Office as this will impact upon any regular payments required.

TRISH COELHO

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

TIMETABLE FOR 2016

As mentioned late last year the structure of our day has changed slightly in order to meet our compliance requirements. The school day at St Joseph's is as follows.

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

From the beginning of Week 3, Stage 3 students will be trialling the use of Andrew's Park at lunch times. If this is successful, the Stage 2 children will be given an opportunity to use the park as well. 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. 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 Andrew's Park, please contact me here at school.

SPORTS DAY 2016

A reminder, that the official Sport Day for this year will be a 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.

LET'S STAMP OUT BULLYING PERFORMANCE

On Tuesday 9 February 2016 students will be viewing the performance 'Lets STAMP Out Bullying'. Let's STAMP Out Bullying combines all sorts of magic tricks and stories to get its simple and effective plan for dealing with bullies across. Illusions and comedy are the two main ingredients that will illustrate the 5 simple steps in this practical STAMP acronym. A note will arrive home on Monday with details and cost.

Stay away How to avoid bullies.

Tell someone - Reporting a bully is not being a 'dobber'.

Always help - The power of peers.

Make friends - Including students who are easily left out.

Play nicely - Making sure that YOU are not being the bully.

NIGEL TOOLE

UNIFORM SHOP TRADING
EACH WEDNESDAY, 1.30 PM – 3.00 PM
Pre-orders can be completed and left at the Office

SPORTS NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS – TAHNEE AND MONTAYA

Congratulations to Tahnee Holland and Montaya Hinton who were part of the Under 12's NSW Indigenous 'Budgies' netball team. The team finished a commendable 3rd overall. The competition was held at Runaway Bay in Queensland during January. Montaya has been selected to play in the Australian Indigenous 'Budgies' team on the Gold Coast during July.

ADVANCE NOTICE – ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Zone Swimming Carnival will be held at Macksville Swimming Pool on Tuesday 16 February 2016. A note with relevant details and charges will arrive home during the week.

P & F POOL PARTY NIGHT
WAUCHOPE POOL
FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2016
5.00 PM – 7.00 PM

TERM 1 - WEEK 2, 2016

Canteen commences – Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week

Monday	FEB	1	Staff Morning Briefing; 8.30am (Office closed until 8.45 am) Staff Meeting 3.30 pm BEST START Assessment continues
Tuesday	FEB	2	BEST START Assessment continues
Wednesday	FEB	3	2016 Kindergarten Students begin School Sport Day Uniform Shop open – 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm in the Old Hall
Friday	FEB	5	Staff Prayer (Office Closed until 8.45 am) Polding Summer Sport Trials Assembly 2.30 pm, Hall (No names for Awards available at time of printing)

FUTURE DATES – 2016

FEB	9	<i>Let's Stamp Out Bullying</i> Performance
FEB	10	Ash Wednesday
FEB	15 & 16	Parent Information Evenings
FEB	16	Zone Swimming Carnival
FEB	18	P & F Meeting
FEB	19	P & F Family Fun Night: Wauchope Pool
FEB	22	Zone Winter Sports Trials

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 1 February 2016	Wednesday 3 February 2016	Friday 5 February 2016
J Keena & C Rixon	J Keena & S McClure	J Keena, N Tilston & R Begley