FROM THE PRINCIPAL

KINDERGARTEN ARRIVE

On Wednesday we welcomed our 34 Kindergarten children and their families; by all reports it has been a very smooth start to the year and Kindergarten has been a hive of activity. It has been wonderful to reap the benefits of our extended Joeys Juniors program which allows our Kindergarten students to transition easily into the school year. It was delightful to see so many parents on the day. I thank Mrs Petrina Lewis and Miss Emma Kelly for their efforts with Best Start Assessment last week. Kindergarten parents will be informed of these results during coming weeks.

MEETING WITH YOUR CHILD’S TEACHER

All teachers are available to meet with parents and discuss any matters of importance. Please note that ‘dropping in’ before school and wanting to discuss matters is not ideal. Much preparation is taking place at that time of day and unscheduled meetings are not possible. If you wish to meet with your child’s teacher and discuss any matter at length, please make an appointment or contact the Office to arrange same. In doing so all families are then given the time and attention required. Please note, each Monday and Friday morning staff have briefings and prayer and are not available until approximately 8.45 am.

WELCOME ISLA EVE

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Isla Eve Pearman. Mrs Jessica Pearman gave birth to her beautiful baby girl on Tuesday 2 February 2016. Isla Eve weighed in at 3.27kg (7lb 3oz) and was 49.5cm long. Both mum and bub are doing well.

ANAPHYLAXIS GUIDELINES

Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction. It occurs when a person is exposed to an allergen (such as a food or an insect bite). Reactions usually begin within minutes of exposure and can progress rapidly over a period of up to two hours or more. It is important therefore for all school community members to be aware of anaphylaxis, its symptoms and triggers, and the management of anaphylaxis in the school environment. Here at St Joseph’s we have students who will suffer from an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to certain allergens. In continuing to educate all in our community we ask you to consider the following:

- Be mindful of any foods in lunch boxes containing nuts
- Washing of hands thoroughly after eating
- Children are not to share any food from their lunch box
- Children are not to bring food from home for other children
- Be aware of the signs and symptoms of a reaction i.e. swelling of lips, face; hives, difficulty breathing

Given that anaphylaxis is potentially life threatening and always requires an emergency response, teachers, students, parents and all of St Joseph's school community must be aware of the risks involved. To minimise these risks we aim to make our school a safer environment. All staff members have been adequately trained in Anaphylaxis Management.

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 and increase or decrease please contact the School Office as this will impact upon any regular payments required. **Please note; as of the 2016 calendar year any scheduled direct debit that defaults and incurs the Default Return Fee will be billed back to the family directly. Currently this is $2.50 per defaulting transaction. Therefore I ask families to please ensure adequate funds are available in your account and that account details are accurate at the time of debiting.**

SYMPATHIES

We extend our sympathies to Nathan Ward (Year S3S) on the passing of his grandmother following a long illness. We pray that his family will know the strength of Jesus during this difficult time.

TRISH COELHO

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION EVENINGS

As a means of getting to know your child’s teachers and the routines for 2016, we are conducting our Beginning Year Parent Information Evenings on the following days. Please mark your calendar accordingly. Meetings will be held in classrooms.

- **Monday 15 February: 5.30pm – STAGE 2 (Year 3 and Year 4)**
- **Monday 15 February: 6.15pm – Stage 3 (Year 5 and Year 6)**
- **Tuesday 16 February: 5.30pm – Kindergarten**
- **Tuesday 16 February: 6.15pm – Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2)**

MAKING JESUS REAL

MJR is a resource designed to foster a relationship with Jesus that is real to the students and relevant to their daily lives. MJR is centred on the belief that we are the image of Jesus to all people around us. We are His representatives and our actions should reflect His values taught in the Gospel. Jesus told us that we are all part of His family and that the way we treat others should be reflective of the way we would treat Him. St Joseph’s will continue to implement this valuable resource throughout 2016.

KEEPING UP TO DATE

At St Joseph’s we have a number of means by which to communicate with parents on a regular basis. Our newsletter is published each week and emailed to families. The Newsletter is also available on our School Stream App and website. At times, families will receive an SMS, in the case of absences or specific notices. Most communication is through our School App – School Stream. I encourage all families to download and update this App to ensure all communication is up-to-date.
COMMUNITY NOTICES
WAUCHOPE PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB will commence their 2016 season during February. New members are welcome to join this friendly club. Ages range 4 years to ladies. Classes are held at Wauchope Public School from Monday – Thursday. For more information take a look at the website http://physicalculture.com.au or phone Annette Wannell on 0409 125 664

AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS AT WAUCHOPE TENNIS CLUB – Come and try tennis for a sport. The first lesson is free. Contact Greg on 0417 466 760 or email pmtc@bestit.net.au

LUNCH TIME ACTIVITIES
Again this year we are offering many activities to engage all children in various forms of play during lunch times. I would like to express my appreciation to the numerous staff that prepare and run these activities to ensure St Joseph’s caters for the needs of all individuals.

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NIGEL TOOLE

SPORTS NEWS

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Congratulations to the students who gained selection into the Zone Swimming Team. Our school swimming carnival held at the end of 2015 acted as trials for this event. It is important to note that children are now swimming in an age group higher than they did last year. For example, the children who came first in the 8yrs Girls 50m Freestyle are representing the school in the 9yrs Girls 50m Freestyle.

Children selected in the team will have received a permission slip and information sheet today. This has important information for members of the team. I urge all children to return permission slips and payment on time.

I thank the P & F committee for their ongoing support of our travelling school teams. The P & F subsidise our bus cost making the event more affordable for the team members.

Zone Team: Abby Fletcher, Aidan Grove, Aila Fabrizio, Amelia Stubbs, Anabelle Paynting, Brendan Walsh, Darcy Crawley, Eliza Smith, Ethan Begley, Grace Smith, Hannah Towler, Jake Robb, James Eggert, Jasmyn Debceny, Joshua Lindley, Lola Delandemare, Luke Squire, Mia Haywood, Monique Williams, Naite Wilson, Oliver Hooper, Riley Bugden, Samuel Warren, Sofia Roods, Tahnee Holland, Taytum Moylan, Zachary Copp

DAVID POULTON

P & F POOL PARTY NIGHT
WAUCHOPE POOL
FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2016: 5.00 PM – 7.00 PM
HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR ACCEPTANCE NOTE YET?

CANTEEN ROSTER

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TROUBLE ENTERING OUR NEW FRONT GATE?

HERE ARE SOME HANDY TIPS -

‘STAMP OUT BULLYING’
TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY
2.00 PM
NOTES AND $4 PAYMENT
DUE BY MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY

TERM 1 - WEEK 3 2016

Monday  FEB  8  Staff Morning Briefing; 8.30am (Office closed until 8.45 am)
          Staff Meeting 3.30 pm
          Sports Captains Speeches and Voting: 12.45pm: Ogilvie Hall

Tuesday FEB  9  Let’s Stamp Out Bullying Performance: 2pm: Ogilvie Hall
              Band and Tuition
              Early Learning Plans Inservice – Mr Poulton, Miss Heginbotham and Miss Latimore attending

Wednesday FEB 10  Ash Wednesday
              School Sport Day
              Uniform Shop open – 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm in the Old Hall

Thursday FEB 11  Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Friday FEB  5  Staff Prayer (Office Closed until 8.45 am)
              Census.

FUTURE DATES – 2016

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
APR  27  School Photos (Please note change of advertised date)