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

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

**Repent and Believe in the Good News** is said as the ashes are traced in the sign of the cross on the forehead. As a nation and peoples we have much to be grateful for. Let us begin this Lenten season in prayer recognising this.

**2016: The Year of Mercy.** Pope Francis, in announcing this special Holy Year of Mercy reminds us "when faced with the gravity of sin, God responds with the fullness of mercy." This Lent especially is a time for a personal response to our need for God's mercy, a time in which to review, renew, and rebuild our love for God and neighbour.

### WELCOME FR FELIX

This week we welcomed Fr Felix Ekeh to our school and Parish community. We look forward to joining with him in many sacramental opportunities and sharing our school life with him on a deeper level. Thank you to Fr Felix who celebrated the Ash Wednesday Mass as well as his first school Mass with St Joseph's.

### LEADING THE WAY

Yesterday, on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, we as a school celebrated our opening school Mass and inducted our new school leaders. As we celebrated together all members of our school and Parish community recommitted to working more closely together in unity throughout 2016.

*'We promise to be concerned for the good and the happiness of all members of our school community. We pledge to support the students and the staff of St Joseph's, to uphold the excellent standard of the school and to fulfil our duty. We ask that you be with us Lord. May this school be one of peace, truth and sincerity.'*

I congratulate the following children inducted into Leadership positions for 2016

School Captains:	Amelia Stubbs and Jake Robb
Vice School Captains:	Madeline Lynch and James Eggert
Curran House Captains:	Brayden Williams and Sofia Roods
Curran Vice House Captains:	Samuel Warren and Kellie Burke
Mackillop House Captains:	Beau Smith and Ashley Middleton
Mackillop House Vice Captains:	Makayla Steele and Lola Delandemare
Waugh House Captains:	Lachlan McMurray and Tandiah O'Brien
Waugh Vice House Captains:	Dylan Lambert and Montayah Hinton

I thank Mr Nigel Toole and Miss Kasey Miles for the preparation of the Induction Mass.

*Be thankful that you don't have everything you desire,  
If you did, what would there be to look forward to?  
Be thankful when you don't know something;  
For it gives you the opportunity to learn.  
Be thankful for the difficult times.  
During those times you grow.  
Be thankful for your limitations;  
Because they give you opportunities for improvement.  
Be thankful for each new challenge;  
Because it will build your strength and character.  
Be thankful for your mistakes;  
They will teach you valuable lessons.  
Be thankful when you're tired and weary;  
Because it means you've made a difference.*

## **SOME PROMPTS TO HELP SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY AND WELL BEING**

- Please send all permission notes and money in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class and reason clearly written on the front.
- Students must return permission notes by the due date.
- All medication is to be handed to the Office. A Medication Authorisation form must be completed for medication to be held and administered to your child. These forms are available from the Office.
- Please park legally and safely around our school.
- No child is to be collected from classrooms. Children collected by parents are to be collected from the Primary COLA **at the time of the final bell.**
- Parents are asked not alight from cars at the Kiss and Drop zone. If your child is unable to secure their own seat belt, please park and collect them from the COLA.
- Parents are asked not to gather outside school pick up areas after school as this causes congestion.
- Please be aware entry to the school from 9.15 am to 3.10 pm is only through the gate on King Street at the Office.
- All visitors and parents are asked to report to the Office upon arrival.
- Talk with your children about the practice Lockdown procedures we have conducted here at school.

**I thank families for considering these routines and ask that you please adhere to our requests. Next week all families will receive guidelines for afternoon pick routines to assist in ensuring your child's safety and the safety of all.**

Children who catch Bus 335 are to be aware that this bus will not leave St Joseph's in the afternoon until approximately 3.45 pm.

## **PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION EVENINGS**

We look forward to meeting with parents next week on Monday and Tuesday evenings where staff will share with families the expectations and routines for 2016 for each stage group. 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)**



## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

A friendly reminder to families regarding the school uniform expectations - Please ensure your child is wearing the prescribed uniform.

- **Colour variations** will not be acceptable and correctness of uniform will be insisted upon
- **Hair Ribbons** etc - When worn must be white, blue, gold or lemon to match uniform worn
- **Extreme haircuts** or styles are not permitted.
- **School Hats** - Our school has a policy of "no **school** hat, no play" to protect the children, therefore hats are required to be worn all year.
- **Jewellery** - Must **NOT** be worn to school. In the case of pierced ears, studs or sleepers must be worn in both ears.

#### GIRLS (SUMMER)

Blue and white checked uniform  
White socks (long or short, worn above the ankle)  
Black polishable leather school shoes (no high tops).  
Brown leather school sandals. (optional)  
School Sloppy-Joe with school emblem.  
Taslon jacket with school emblem  
Polar Fleece Vest with school emblem  
Only yellow, white or navy ribbons/headbands acceptable for tying back hair  
School hat

#### BOYS (SUMMER)

Blue shirt (short sleeves)  
Grey shorts - no labelled shorts, corduroy or cargo pants.  
Long or short grey socks (worn above the ankle)  
Black polishable leather shoes (No high tops)  
Brown school sandals (optional)  
School Sloppy-Joe with school emblem  
Taslon Jacket with school emblem  
Polar Fleece Vest with school emblem  
School hat

**We have noted a number of girls wearing anklet socks with their uniform. Please note these are not regulation uniform.**

### LET'S STAMP OUT BULLYING PERFORMANCE

On Tuesday students were able to participate in the '*Lets STAMP Out Bullying*' Performance. Even though the show was full of entertainment it demonstrated ways in which children can effectively deal with difficult situations. The acronym for the show was;

**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

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### FOCUS ON FAITH

#### *INCITĀRE*

On Tuesday 8 March 2016 six Year 6 students will be attending Incitāre. This is a one day retreat experience for Year 6 students from parish primary schools.

The retreat will be a chance to bring students together to meet like-minded peers and to celebrate with other young people who practice their faith. The activities will be a mixture of large and small sharing groups as well as celebrating a liturgy together. The program has been geared to meet the needs of the Year 6 students.

The activities and experiences will allow attendees to build relationships with other students from throughout their region of the diocese and allow the students the opportunity to talk about and share their faith journey.

KASEY MILES AND NIGEL TOOLE

**P & F MEETING**

**THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2016, 6.00 PM, OFFICE MEETING ROOM**

## FROM THE SPORTING FIELD

### ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our best wishes go with our Zone Swimming Team as they represent the school on Tuesday at the carnival in Macksville. Reminder to all students involved to please make sure your permission slip and medical forms have been returned, along with payment. The bus will depart school at 7.15 am. The bus may not return in time for afternoon buses; therefore please ensure you make arrangements for children to be collected from school.

**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 Debreceeny, 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

### DIOCESAN SUMMER SPORTS TRIALS

Congratulations to Tahnee Holland for being a great representative in the Diocesan netball for our school. Unfortunately, Tahnee didn't make selection into the team. All reports tell us that she played well and displayed excellent sportsmanship. Well done Tahnee!

### ZONE WINTER SPORTS TRIALS

The Zone Winter Sports Trials will take place on Monday 22 February 2016 for our Stage 3 students at St Joseph's Regional College. Children wishing to participate in these trials will have received a permission note on Monday with all the details. It is important to remember that these trials are for children who play the nominated sports and are competent in their chosen sport; positions are limited. The sports available to the children are Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Boys & Girls Soccer and Hockey. Any children wishing to take part in the trials need to return their permission and medical notes on Wednesday 17 February 2016.

DAVID POULTON

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

#### LIBRARY CLASS TIMES - 2016

**Monday : 11.30 am to 12.30 pm – Stage 3 - S3A/S3PS/S3S**

**Tuesday : 11.30 am to 12 Noon – ES1 (Kindergarten)**

**Thursday : 11.30 am to 12.30 pm – Stage 2 – S2M/S2P/S2H**

**Friday : 10.30 am to 11.00 am – Stage 1 -S1S, 11.30am to 12 Noon S1M & 12 Noon – 12.30 pm S1L**

#### CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 15 February	Wednesday 17 February	Friday 19 February
Julie Keena Gina Williamson	Julie Keena Margaret Cook	Julie Keena Rachel Sonter Shannel Debreceeny



## TERM 1 - WEEK 4 2016

Monday	FEB	15	Staff Morning Briefing; 8.30am (Office closed until 8.45 am) Staff Meeting 3.30 pm <b>Parent Information Evening : 5.30 pm - Year 3 and Year 4 (Stage 2)</b> <b>6.15 pm - Year 5 and Year 6 (Stage 3)</b>
Tuesday	FEB	16	Band and Tuition Zone Swimming Carnival <b>Parent Information Evening: 5.30 pm - Kindergarten (ES1)</b> <b>6.15 pm - Year 1 and Year 2 (Stage 1)</b>
Wednesday	FEB	17	School Sport Day <b>Uniform Shop open – 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm in the Old Hall</b>
Thursday	FEB	18	P & F General Meeting: 6.00 pm: St Joseph's Meeting Room
Friday	FEB	19	Staff Prayer (Office Closed until 8.45 am) <b>P &amp; F Family Fun Night.: 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm: Wauchope Pool</b>

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## FUTURE DATES – 2016

FEB	22	Zone Winter Sports Trials
MAR	2	Diocesan Swimming Carnival
MAR	10	School Compliance Audit
MAR	18	Diocesan Winter Sport Trials
MAR	23	School annual Cross Country Carnival
APR	8	Pupil Free Day
APR	27	School Photos <b>(Please note change of advertised date)</b>

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### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**WAUCHOPE SOCCER CLUB** – Registrations are now open for the 2016 Season and will close on 1 March 2016. Register online at <http://www.myfootballclub.com.au>

Representatives from the Club will be at the Wauchope RSL Club on Saturday 13 February 2016 from 10.00 am to 12 noon for assistance with registrations. For further information please contact Channine on 0429 861 327 or Bec on 0409 401 926.

**WAUCHOPE THUNDER RUGBY CLUB** – 2016 Junior Rugby Sign on Days  
Saturday 13 February 2016 and Saturday 20 February 2016, 10.00 am to 12 noon at Andrew's Park BBQ area  
For further information contact Jacky Ostler on 0410 005 789 or Peter Daley on 0409 445 701

**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](mailto:pmtc@bestit.net.au)

**JUNIOR INDOOR CRICKET PROGRAM 2016** – The Arks Sports Centre, Port Macquarie will be conducting Junior Indoor Cricket Clinics and Games for the following age groups throughout the 2016 school terms. These clinics will teach you the fundamentals of Indoor cricket, rules, how to play the game, teach you skills and most of all have some amazing fun along the way. \$20 Registration and insurance + \$10 per player per week. Contact 6581 4799 or [www.arksports.com.au](http://www.arksports.com.au)

2016 registration day – **PORT CITY HOCKEY CLUB**

Juniors U 7's to U 16's women and men – all abilities welcome. Hockey field, Ocean Drive, Port Macquarie on Saturday 13 February 2016 from 9.00 am to 12 noon and Tuesday 16 & 23 February 2016 from 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm.  
For more information contact [info@portcityhockey.com.au](mailto:info@portcityhockey.com.au) or find on Facebook