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

## LENT

Take some time each day for quiet prayer. Make this part of your Lenten journey. Remember the voice of God who spoke in today's Gospel: "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Think about how you may listen more carefully to Jesus, through prayer, quiet reading of Sacred Scripture, daily Mass, and participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Make a promise to do one of these things each day, or to take part of a day for special time set apart. As you do this, think about making time for Jesus as you would make time for a good friend. Our friendships grow when we spend time with those who are important to us; the same holds true in our relationship with Christ.

## CONGRATULATIONS, MRS CARRICK

I wish to congratulate Mrs Erin Carrick on her recent Graduation from University. Mrs Carrick has completed a Bachelor of Education and is working towards her accreditation with the NSW Board of Studies. Mrs Carrick contributes much to the life and energy of our school.

## CONGRATULATIONS, MR ROODS

Our staff continually strives to improve their skills and qualifications. Congratulations to Mr Peter Roods who has successfully completed a Certificate III Child Support Services. Mr Roods is one of the very talented aides at our school and we thank him for his generous spirit.



## NEW NAMES...NEW FACES

Continuing with the 'New Faces' segment I introduce two more new staff members, Mr Peter Stephens and Miss Kate Agnew. Mr Stephens and Miss Agnew join Ms Solares on Stage 3 and come with a wealth of knowledge.

Mr Peter Stephens and his family come to us from the Canberra/Goulburn Diocese. He brings with him vast experiences in a range of areas. Our school and Stage 3 students are already feeling his positive influence. Lately, we have noticed Mr Stephens is quite the guitarist and we look forward to seeing him play various tunes in and around the school.

Miss Kate Agnew finds things a little warmer in Wauchope after having spent the previous 12 months in London. Before gaining valuable teaching experience in London, Miss Agnew taught in Sydney at St Aloysius Milsons Point.

We are very grateful and I thank Mr Stephens and Miss Agnew for their contributions this term and compliment them on their smooth transition into our school community.

## **AFTER SCHOOL ROUTINES**

To ensure everyone's safety and smooth transition of an afternoon I encourage all families to read and adhere to the information regarding the school pick up routines sent home on the 17 February. A copy of this information has been attached to the back of the newsletter.

NIGEL TOOLE

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## **FOCUS ON FAITH**

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Today students in Stage 2 had the opportunity to reflect upon Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection as they were led through the fourteen Stations of the Cross by Fr Felix. We thank Fr Felix for this opportunity particularly during Lent where this experience can be richer, deeper and more meaningful. Stage 3 will join Fr Felix during Week 7.

### **FR FELIX VISIT**

Each Wednesday, Fr Felix will be visiting a class within our school. This week he spent time with Year 3. This is a unique opportunity for classes to sit and talk with Fr Felix.

### **PARENT RECONCILIATION MEETING**

Last night, in the Our Lady of Lourdes church a Parent Information session was held to discuss the Sacrament of Penance. We would like to remind all members of our St Joseph's community that our first Children's Mass and Sacrament of Penance Inscription will be occurring Saturday 5 March 2016 at 6.00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Wauchope. Please keep these candidates for Penance in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for this great gift of Reconciliation.

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## **FROM THE SPORTING FIELD**

### **ZONE WINTER SPORTS TRIALS**

Congratulations to our Stage 3 children who took part in the Zone Winter Sports Trials on Monday at St Joseph's Regional College. The children were exceptionally well behaved and great sporting ambassadors for our school.

We had students representing our school in Netball, Soccer, Rugby League and Rugby Union. They each showed great participation, sportsmanship and dedication to their chosen sports and should all be commended on their effort.



Congratulations to Tahnee Holland and Montaya Hinton for gaining selection in Netball. Aidan Hill, Lachlan McMurray and Jake Robb for their selection in Rugby Union. All five children will now travel to Grafton on the Friday 18 March 2016 to participate in the Diocesan Winter Sports Trials with the aim of selection in the Diocesan Team and onto the Polding Trials. We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing about their achievements.

## HOT SHOTS TENNIS

This week we commenced our Hot Shots Tennis Program. The support of the Sporting Schools Grants has enabled us to secure the program for Stage 1, Stage 2 & Stage 3. This program will take place on Wednesday afternoons during sport time. Each stage will have three sessions with Mr Greg Alchin from Port Macquarie Tennis Club who will deliver the program.

Children are not required to bring equipment for this program as it is provided. The timetable for the program will take place over the remainder of this term and the first three weeks of Term 2



**Stage 2** – Week 5, Week 6, & Week 7

**Stage 3** – Week 8, Week 10 & Week 11

**Stage 1** – Weeks 1, Week 2 & Week 3 (Term 2)

## CROSS COUNTRY

Our annual school Cross Country Carnival will take place during Week 9 on Wednesday 23 March 2016. Please mark this date on your calendar. We will require parent support in order to run the carnival for our children. Permission notes for the event will come home in the near future.

All children will take part in the carnival. Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 children will run a modified shortened course and awarded ribbons and points for their participation. Other children will run in their age divisions and complete the allocated distances.

9 yrs and Under – 2km

10 yrs – 2km

11 yrs – 3km

12 yrs – 3km

If your child is serious about competing and wishes to earn a place in the School Cross Country Team, to compete at the Zone Carnival, it is recommended that they start training in preparation for this event. The first six competitors across the line in each of the above divisions in both girls and boys will be selected.

DAVID POULTON

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## AWARD RECIPIENTS – ASSEMBLY Friday 4 March 2016

Lily Eyles, Jacob Lynch, Ellie Seymour, Miley Cooper, Laney Walsh, Zeth Jones, Cooper Kirkman, Abbey Cook, Tneisha Farrell, Saffron Mea, Charlie Benson, Jaylah Murphy, Annabelle Knox, Oliver Koivu, Amelia Riley, Katie Eyles, Teliya Gayler, Byron Kolk, Jesse Martin, Mackenzie Byrnes, Jack Bradshaw, Holly Squire, Tyce Lee, Lacey Copp, Meisha Mabey, Mary Slater, Toby Warren, Lucas Tee, Aidan Hill, Jedd Kirkman, Anabelle Paynting, Abby Fletcher, Charlie Ackerman, Montaya Hinton, Aidan Grove, Kellie Burke, Jeffrey Keena, Luke Squire.

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## CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 29 February	Wednesday 2 March	Friday 4 March
Julie Keena Christine Ashbil	Julie Keena Gemma Fletcher	Julie Keena Rebecca Begley Sally Marsh

## TERM 1 - WEEK 6

Monday	FEB	29	Staff Morning Briefing; 8.30am (Office closed until 8.45 am) Staff Meeting 3.30 pm
Tuesday	MAR	1	Band and Tuition Band rehearsals for 2016 beginner students, 8.00 am, Ogilvie Hall Christian Meditation Workshop at Port Macquarie : Mrs Cleary Cycles of Improvement mentor training at Coffs Harbour : Mr Toole
Wednesday	MAR	2	School Sport Day School Banking STAR Workshop at Port Macquarie : Mr Roods & Mrs Mascord Leader of Pedagogy Meeting : Mrs Wilson attending Diocesan Swimming Carnival - Lismore <b>Uniform Shop open – 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm in the Old Hall</b>
Thursday	MAR	3	Catholic Worldview Permeation at Coffs Harbour : Ms Solares & Miss Miles
Friday	MAR	4	Staff Prayer (Office Closed until 8.45 am) Assembly 2.15 pm, Ogilvie Hall Parish Schools Executive Retreat at Coffs Harbour : Miss Miles & Mr Toole

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### FUTURE DATES – 2016

MAR	8	Incitāre at Port Macquarie – Year 6 selected students
MAR	10	School Compliance Audit
MAR	14	Schools Financial Audit (2015)
MAR	18	Diocesan Winter Sport Trials
MAR	23	School annual Cross Country Carnival
APR	8	Pupil Free Day
APR	26	Students and staff – First day Term 2
APR	27	School Photos ( <b>Please note change of advertised date</b> )

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### PARENT ASSEMBLY

On behalf of Parent Assembly, we would like to say a very big THANK YOU to those parents who were able to join us for our Cyber Safety & Digital Citizenship presentation at MacKillop College on Monday night and at the “Raising Resilient Children” workshop at St Peter’s Primary School on Thursday night.

Your attendance at these presentations is greatly appreciated and your feedback from the evaluation forms will be utilised for the funding of future events.

As well as the Parent Assembly events, St Joseph’s Regional College hosted Adam Voigt who presented “Bully Proof Your Child” on Tuesday night. Feedback from parents at all these events was very positive. We are very fortunate to have such proactive schools that welcome and support parents and families and the funding from the Catholic Schools Office to host these events. Thanks again for your support. Look out for future parent engagement opportunities advertised in your school newsletters.

### **PARENT ASSEMBLY HASTINGS MACLEAY REGION**

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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 Fairmont Gardens on Tuesday 23 February 2016 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm for assistance with registrations. For further information please contact Channine 0429 861 327 or Bec 0409 401 926

Dear Parents

As we all settle into the routines of the new school year I wish to refresh some necessary routines and expectations regarding drop off and collection of your children. As you are aware our school spans across two streets and each of these is designated for particular purposes. Listed below is vital information to ensure student safety. I ask that you continue to talk with your children about these routines.

### MORNING DROP OFF

- Student access from buses is via King Street (**Please note King Street is a Bus Zone from 8.00 am – 9.30 am and 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm. Therefore no cars can stop or park in this zone.**)
- Student access from cars is via Avondale Street
- Students are supervised from 8.35 am onwards. There is no supervision provided before this time and we ask families to not drop children off beforehand.
- On arrival students are required to place their bags in the bag racks and forward directly to the playing areas.

### AFTERNOON DISMISSAL ROUTINES

- Children are directed to three areas for dismissal: Primary COLA, Kiss and Drop (Infants COLA) and Buses (Hall COLA)
- Children catching buses are called for boarding as each bus arrives.
- Children collected by parents or trusted adult are collected from Primary COLA. **Both adults and children are to wait until the final bell before leaving.**
- Adults are requested to keep all walkways clear and allow students to gather and sit under the COLA with adequate room.
- Families using Kiss and Drop are to adhere to the following;

#### **NO PARKING AREA:**

- This is a 'Kiss and Drop' zone only and **cars cannot linger in this area for more than 2 minutes.**

#### **NO STOPPING AREA:**

- Vehicles are not permitted to stop in this area for any reason, it is an allocated children's crossing zone.

#### **TURNING CIRCLE:**

- Cars are required to drive to the end of the cul-de-sac and turn around prior to entering the Kiss and Drop Zone. **It is illegal and also dangerous for cars to complete a U Turn in the School Crossing Zone.**
- These zones are effective between 8.00 am - 9.30 am and again 2.30 pm - 4.00pm on all school days, including Pupil Free Days.
- **All children entering cars need to be skilled in securing their own seatbelt.**



- Parents walking children out of the school gates are asked to exit the Front Office gate and Avondale gates only. All others will be locked during this time. All pedestrians must cross at the allocated crossing. Walking between buses or through the 'Kiss and Drop Zone' is both unsafe and poor modelling for our children.
- **Parents are asked to be mindful that all children must leave the premises accompanied by an adult. Please, alert a staff member if you see a child who is wandering alone and unattended.**

I ask all families to discuss these routines with your children to ensure the safety of all. I feel sure you will agree with me, that the safety of our children and staff is paramount.

Yours sincerely

Trish Coelho  
Principal