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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE INSCRIPTION

Our Year 3 students have begun their journey towards receiving the Sacrament of Penance. Tomorrow evening we celebrate our Children's Mass where each participant is inscribed into the program. These opportunities are wonderful for all and show support of what it is that makes us a truly Catholic community. We look forward to celebrating with many families at Our Lady of Lourdes Church 6.00 pm tomorrow evening.

EMU INTERVENTION (Extending Mathematical Understanding)

Leaders from the southern half of the Diocese (from Coffs Harbour to Laurieton) spent time last week engaged in professional learning around a project called EMU or Extending Mathematical Understanding. This is a research based intervention program developed by Dr Ann Gervasoni from the Australian Catholic University in association with the Early Numeracy Research Project. The EMU program has shown by detailed research to improve children's learning and confidence with mathematics. Mrs Wilson and I have had the opportunity to train other staff members this week in the Assessment Tool to gauge any gaps in student learning around Mathematics.

EMU

LEADING MATHEMATICS
TEACHING & LEARNING



AUSTRALIAN ARMY BAND

Last Tuesday the Australian Army Band visited us to share their musical talents and of course entertain us for the afternoon. Their performance enlivened the children and showed all students just how far anyone can go when learning a musical instrument. The repertoire shared with the children was engaging and made dancing a real treat. Thanks to Mrs Ann Hamilton from Bulegum2 for organising this visit for our school.

COMPLIANCE AUDIT

On Thursday 10 March 2016 a panel of members from the Catholic Schools Office will be visiting our school to complete the scheduled Compliance Audit. This audit focuses on many facets of the functioning of our school and ensures we are compliant in practice and policy.

TRISH COELHO

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

SPORTS UNIFORM

Some students appeared yesterday and last Wednesday, Sports Uniform day, with multi coloured or white joggers. Our Parent Handbook states "plain black joggers (no canvas or skate shoes)" as part of sports uniform. This Uniform Policy was developed after wide consideration with parents and is enforced by the school. **Your cooperation in providing "plain black joggers" on sports day is sought and appreciated.**

P & F – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Early notice, that the Annual General Meeting of our school P & F Association will be held at **6.00 pm, Thursday 17 March 2016** in the Meeting Room. All positions will be declared vacant and elections held. Your presence and commitment will ensure another successful year for our valuable P & F Association.

NIGEL TOOLE

FOCUS ON FAITH

MAKING JESUS REAL

Each week we at St Joseph's have an MJR focus. This week the focus was 'God Moments'. During the week staff and students have noticed a few children display caring acts of good deeds. Here are a few that have been brought to our attention this week.

GOD MOMENTS

Summer-Rose Tilston – Was seen encouraging a classmate who was not in a small group for a Maths activity to come over and join in her group.

One of the students dropped his pencil case and the contents scattered onto the concrete. **Aryan Vaishnav** stopped to help him pick them up.

Makayla Steele "I saw God at Andrews' Park when everyone was having fun".

Lola Delandemare, "At morning prayer we put our hands together and prayed for all that is good and what we need to improve. We see God moments in the church and in the playground. I see God moments when someone encourages someone else to do well".

Jake Robb, "I saw God in other children when they were helping me".

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Beginning the week, Monday 14 March our school will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. During this week students will be involved in various activities. To begin the celebrations we are inviting parents and grandparents to join us for a Liturgy at 9.30 am in the Ogilvie Hall followed by a chance to go into your child's class and view some of the great things they have been doing. At 11.00 am we encourage as many parents and grandparents to join their children for lunch to mark the beginning of a special celebration.

CELEBRATE JESUS

We welcome all families to the 'Celebrate Jesus' festival in Bain Park on Saturday 19 March 2016 as we join with our local churches for an enjoyable day of festivities. I wish to thank Mrs Petrina Lewis and Mr Peter Stephens who have co-ordinated the choir to perform. If your child is able to come and participate could you please fill in the slip at the bottom of the information sheet and send it back to school.

KASEY MILES & NIGEL TOOLE

MINI VINNIES REPORT

The Mini Vinnies team will be conducting a cake/lolly stall on Tuesday 15 March 2016 during Lunch 1. The funds raised will go towards the Project Compassion appeal. Our team has sixteen new members who are enthusiastically helping our established members and following the motto of the St Vincent de Paul Society, which is = "Good Works".

Students are encouraged to purchase something from the stall to support Mini Vinnies in their efforts to make a difference this Lent. Gluten free options will be available. Please feel free to donate saleable items if you are inclined, but be mindful of those with allergies.

Mini Vinnies members – Amelia Stubbs (President), Dylan Lambert (Vice President), Montaya Hinton (Secretary), Tandiah O'Brien/Ashley Middleton (Joint Treasurer role), Grace Gibbs/Felicity Bradshaw (Publicity), Lara Crawley, Mary Slater, Rhiannon Slater, Holly Squire, Amelia Young, Lilah Potts, Hannah Johnson, Joseph Jackson, Jesse Martin, Naite Wilson, Teliya Gayler, Ziggy Ewart and Adam Cook.

MARION HORTON

FROM THE SPORTING FIELD

DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Wednesday, three of our top swimmers travelled all the way to Lismore with an overnight stay for the Diocesan Swimming Carnival. Taytum Moylan, Anabelle Paynting and Brendan Walsh not only represented our school, but also represented our Zone, the Hastings. All three of our swimmers were exceptional and part of a winning team as Hastings Zone won the carnival overall.



Taytum had a strong swim in her 8yrs Girls 50m Freestyle and came fourth! A fantastic achievement, congratulations Taytum. Anabelle represented in the 11yrs Girls Breaststroke and finished a commendable 5th. Well done Anabelle. Brendan competed in two events the 50m Freestyle and the Individual Medley. Brendan finished a commendable 4th in the Medley and secured a 3rd place in the Freestyle and has earned a spot in the Diocesan Team to swim at the Polding Swimming Carnival. Congratulations Brendan on a wonderful achievement.

DAVID POULTON

P & F NEWS

The first P & F event for 2016 was held on Friday 18 February 2016 at the Wauchope Swimming Pool. What a fantastic night it was! It was wonderful to see so many families all having a great time, with the aqua scramble a hit as always. A huge welcome to our new and returning families.

We held a raffle during the evening which raised \$250, with one prize of a \$70 meat voucher from Coppy's Butcher Block. Congratulations to the winner of the raffle, Amber Bradshaw.

AGM - The 2016 AGM will be held **on Thursday 17 March 2016 at 6.00 pm** in the meeting room of the school. Entry is via the King Street main gate. All families are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please consider becoming involved with St Joseph's P & F association as many hands make light work!

SAVE THE DATE - Friday 29 July 2016 at 6.00pm. **The 2016 Art Extravaganza.** Details to come later.

CHRISTIAN GIBBS - PRESIDENT

CANTEEN ROSTER

| Monday 7 March | Wednesday 9 March | Friday 11 March |
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| Julie Keena Cheryl Rixon | Julie Keena Joanne Sproul | Julie Keena Melanie Everingham Carol Begley |

TERM 1 - WEEK 7

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| Monday | MAR | 7 Staff Morning Briefing; 8.30am (Office closed until 8.45 am) Staff Meeting 3.30 pm Leader of Pedagogy meeting – Mrs Wilson attending |
| Tuesday | MAR | 8 Band and Tuition Band rehearsals for 2016 beginner students, 8.00 am, Ogilvie Hall School Banking Inciãare at Port Macquarie – Year 6 selected students and Mrs Stewart attending HSIE Workshop – Miss Agnew, Ms Solares and Mr Stephens attending |
| Wednesday | MAR | 9 Sacrament of Penance: Year 4 and S3A: 12.30 pm; OLOL Church School Sport Day Uniform Shop open – 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm in the Old Hall HSIE Workshop – Miss Horton, Miss Miles and Mr Poulton attending |
| Thursday | MAR | 10 School Compliance Audit |
| Friday | MAR | 11 Staff Prayer (Office Closed until 8.45 am) PSSA Coaching Clinic – Mr Toole attending |

FUTURE DATES – 2016

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| MAR | 14 | Schools Financial Audit (2015) |
| MAR | 15 | Mini Vinnies Cake Stall, Lunch 1 |
| MAR | 17 | P & F AGM |
| MAR | 18 | Diocesan Winter Sport Trials |
| MAR | 19 | Celebrate Jesus |
| 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 (Please note change of advertised date) |

COMMUNITY NOTICES

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, this evening Friday 4 March 2016. Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Wauchope. Prayer service approximately 6.45 pm. Includes a special children's blessing. Light supper prior (from 6.00 pm) in the Ogilvie Hall. Parents and children welcome. The service theme is prepared by the church of "Cuba".

WAUCHOPE SOCCER CLUB – We still have vacancies in some of our teams and welcome old and new players. The Club offers flexible payment arrangements for membership; registrations will remain open for another week. Please register online at <http://www.myfootballclub.com.au/>. For further information contact Bec 0409 401 926 or Channine 0429 861 327.

ARMY BAND PERFORMANCE



**EFTPOS
NOW AVAILABLE IN FRONT
OFFICE AND UNIFORM SHOP**

**CASH OUT FACILITY NOT
AVAILABLE.**