whole school improvement

Last Wednesday Mr Toole, Mrs Wilson and I travelled to Coffs Harbour to receive the results of our most recent Insight SRC School Improvement Survey data. We were given the opportunity to work one on one with Mr Peter Hart in unpacking these results. Something we have found ever so gratifying. To have a more personalised forum to really know what is at the core of everyone’s thinking was invaluable. There were areas of growth over the past 12 months and also continued areas to be addressed. During the coming months leading up to our School Review many aspects of these will be translated into a five year plan. I thank those parents who engaged in this survey for their honest and open input. Our senior students have given us valuable insights into where they see the priorities for the future.

p & f update

Last night we held a very successful P & F meeting and it was delightful to see new faces around the table. I congratulate Karin Prassl who was successfully elected as our new Treasurer.

pupil free day

Each family received a note last week in relation to changes to Pupil Free Days for the remainder of 2016. If you have not received this note please contact the School Office. Our next Pupil Free Day is scheduled for Tuesday 14 June 2016.

change over to winter uniform

This coming Monday will see all students changeover to Winter Uniform. I thank families who work in partnership with the school, acknowledging the need for their children to present themselves in correct school uniform.

#pray4homelessness

Today saw the launch of our #pray4homelessness initiative. As a school we recognise the power of prayer and social justice action within our world. As a community we have begun to focus on those within our own community by extending support for those directly in need in the Hastings area. As a school we will be stopping each day at 12 noon in collective, intentional prayer.

During the coming weeks we will have activities scheduled involving both children and families reaching out in mercy to those in need.

Our launch today is a wonderful springboard for families in exploring the notion of social justice in action. I am sure your children can share more of what our assembly contained today.
MOTHERS’S DAY CONTINUES

It was so delightful to hear the messages from our mothers following the celebrations last Friday. There were many, but thought it worthy to share some of these with you today.

“A big thank you to the staff and all the students involved in the Mother’s Day celebration last Friday. What a wonderful initiative and tribute to all us mums!!”

“I have never felt so inspired to be a mother. Thank you for such a vibrant message.”

“I am going home today feeling refreshed and renewed.”

“What a fantastic day! We all had a beautiful relaxing afternoon at the Mother’s Day event with pampering by the kids, delicious lunch and the kids performances. Well done to everyone at St Joseph’s School”

“Thank you Mrs Coelho for gifting the Mothers/Goddesses of St Joseph’s with such a special afternoon. Today the students would have learned event management, logistics, hospitality service and the gift of giving, stellar job by all involved!! My alarm and intentions are set and ready for #middayBABYmidday”

“Thanks to all staff and students for a fun afternoon with lots of memories.”

“What a beautiful afternoon being pampered, loved & inspired by Trish’s message. One reason why we adore our school & the amazing staff who bless our children daily. Thank you”

Congratulations to Alannah Steele and Ethan Needs who are this week’s Waterman’s Award winners.

Congratulations to our fortnightly Award Winners.

RJ Robert Davison, Lily Eyles, Charlie Holloway, Erin Oates, Bailee Todd, Mason Begley, Miley Cooper, Teleah Holbert, Cooper Everingham, Darcy Crawley, Emily Betts, Kaeden Thomas, Brinkley McHugh, William Eggert, Matilda Squires, Isaac Park, Banjo Adkins, Jai Bullock, Alyssa Hughes, Rylee Copelin, Madison Hartas, Toby Cusato, Grace Brauer, Dante Carney, Lily Cook, Alannah Steele, Aryan Vaishnav, Joseph Jackson, Hayleigh Ireland, Mia Haywood, Bailey Wilson, Ellyra Squires Brendan Walsh, Ellouise Kirkman, Beau Smith, Brayden Williams, Abby Fletcher, Felicity Bradshaw, Summer Minturn and Sofia Roods.

FOCUS ON FAITH

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION INSCRIPTION

We look forward to celebrating with our families tomorrow evening the Inscription of those students preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This will be contained within our Parish Mass tomorrow night at Our Lady of Lourdes Church starting 6.00 pm.
FROM THE SPORTING FIELD

Athletics Carnival

Please remember to return all athletics notes to school by Monday please. We always need lots of parent helpers so please indicate on the note if you are able to assist. We will need assistance with setting up tents before the carnival at around 8.20 am, and at least 10 time keepers.

The P&F will be running a BBQ; we will not have access to the College’s Canteen at all during the carnival. Children are to bring snacks, and drinks for the day. Please refer to Sports Carnival Canteen list within the Newsletter.

Shubert 7’s

Next Thursday a team of Year 5 and Year 6 Boys will compete at the Schubert 7’s in Port Macquarie. Our school is the reigning champions in this tournament and we wish them all the best. A special thanks to Mr Ken Ogilvie and Mr Vince O’Brien for their support and guidance of the team. We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing about their achievement.

SPORTS CARNIVAL CANTEEN

No pre-orders. Children purchase on the day.

Sausage Sandwich  $2.00
Steak Sandwich  $3.00
Poppers  $1.00
Cans of drink  $2.00
Water  $1.00
Potato Chips  $0.50
Chocolate Bars  $2.00

Tea and Coffee – Gold coin
Variety of cakes from $1.00

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK to keep up to date with all that’s happening at St Joseph’s.

BOOK FAIR

We will be holding a Book Fair commencing this coming week. Monday 16 May 2016 to Friday 25 May 2016. Mrs O’Brien will be in the Library for sales prior to school, during Lunch 1 and Lunch 2 and after school until 3.45 pm each day (except Wednesday).

Commission for sales will enable us to purchase valuable resources for our Library.

Thank you, Mrs O’Brien for coordinating our Book Fair.

UNIFORM SHOP EXTENDED HOURS

Shop will open:
Monday 16 May 2016
1.30 pm – 3.00 pm
(Change due to Athletics Carnival)

Order forms available on the school website or from the Office

Changeover to Winter Uniform
Monday 16 May 2016

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Saturday, 13 May 2016

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- Children’s Liturgy and Eucharistic Inscription
- Mass 6.00 pm OLOL Church

BOOK FAIR COMMENCES

Monday, 16 May
- Winter Uniform

Tuesday, 17 May
- ICAS Competition Digital Technologies

Wednesday, 18 May
- School Athletics Carnival

Monday, 23 May
- St Joseph’s Wingham staff visiting

Thursday, 26 May
- P & F School Disco
- Stage 2 visit to Glasshouse
- National Sorry Day

Friday, 27 May
- Diocesan Cross Country

Saturday, 28 May
- Choir performing with Ubuntu Children’s Choir at Wauchope RSL

Tuesday, 14 June
- Pupil Free Day

Saturday, 18 June
- Sacrament of Eucharist

Friday, 24 June
- Zone Athletics Carnival

Tuesday, 28 June
- NAIDOC Day celebrations

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Fire and Rescue Open Day

Saturday 21 May 2016 between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm. You are invited to watch fire safety demonstrations, road crash rescue scenarios, board a fire truck and learn about becoming a firefighter.

Mercy May
Every mum is precious

You are invited to join us for an event. Let us get together for a great time and raise money for a good cause in the process.

Saturday 21 May 2016 at 3.00 pm
$12.00 entry fee
Bethel Church, High Street, Wauchope
RSVP 18 May 2016
Heather 0417 302 735

Donations of coloured buttons are required for Term 2 children’s craft activities.

CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 2, WEEK 4

Monday, 16 May 2016
Julie Keena & Virginia Leister

Wednesday, 18 May 2016
Athletics Carnival

Friday, 20 May 2016
Julie Keena
Nerida Ackerman
Melanie Everingham

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