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NEWSLETTER  
TERM 2 WEEK 5

Friday, 27 May 2016

PRINCIPAL – TRISH COELHO

NATIONAL SORRY DAY

National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held on 26 May each year. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Stolen generations refer to Indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their families and communities. On 26 May 1997 the Report into the Separation of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island children from their families was heard in Federal Parliament. ‘The Bringing Them Home’ Report revealed the extent of forced removal of Indigenous children from their families and homes, which went on for 150 years into the early 1980s. The Report also revealed the devastating effects of these

removals in terms of spiritual, emotional and physical trauma, as a direct result of the broken connection to traditional land, culture and language. It also revealed the damaging effects that these forced child removals continue to have on the Indigenous families and communities today.

It was very fitting that our Stage 2 students were able to attend the Adam Hill Performance at the Glasshouse on this day. I also thank Mrs Holloway for her reflective prayer at morning assembly, Tahnee and Summer-Lilli who led this so reverently.

SCHOOL DISCO SUCCESS

Our students were treated last night to a wonderful night of fun, frivolity and stamping to the beat. What a wonderful way to burn some energy as the weather starts to get cooler. I thank our P & F executive for their efforts in co-ordinating this evening. Financially this was a wonderful success for our P & F.

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TEACHER PLACEMENT
An initiative of the Diocese of Lismore is the opportunity to place a teacher in a high performing school outside the Diocese for a period of time, teaching and learning alongside practitioners and in turn bringing those learnings back to our own school. Over the past few years we have found this to be one of the most beneficial means by which to develop our school in the ways and means of contemporary learning. This coming week Miss Kasey Miles and Miss Kimberley Latimore will attend this opportunity. They will travel to St Kevin’s, Dee Why from Monday through to Wednesday. We wish them well and know the week at St Kevin’s will be a wonderful professional experience. We thank the Diocese for their support of this initiative.

UBUNTU AFRICAN CHILDREN’S CHOIR
We so look forward to our school choir supporting the Ubuntu African Children’s Choir tomorrow evening at the Wauchope RSL. I thank Mrs Petrina Lewis and Mr Peter Stephens for their co-ordination of this event, as well as Mr Darren Hooper. It is not too late to get yourselves a ticket to attend. Tickets available at the door or bookings online – www.kwaya.org

UBUNTU AFRICAN CHOIR WORKSHOP
The choir will run a Workshop for all children at St Joseph’s on Monday 30 May 2016 beginning 1.45 pm. Please ensure all notes and monies ($2) are returned for this activity.

KINDERGARTEN 2017 INTERVIEWS BEGIN
This coming week sees the opportunity to welcome and begin the transition for our 2017 students. Interviews with both the children and parents begin next Wednesday. One of the most rewarding exercises as a Principal is sharing in the joy of children beginning their formal education. These interviews will continue for a number of weeks.

FUN RUN PREPARATION BEGINS
Our annual Fun Run at Bonny Hills Beach is scheduled for Wednesday 29 June 2016. All children received their bright pink sponsorship form explaining the process and what we are raising funds for this year. We thank you for your continued support of this annual fundraising event. The Fun Run also promotes and celebrates the active lifestyle and beautiful surrounds that we enjoy here on the Mid North Coast. All forms are due back to school by Tuesday 28 June 2016 with the permission slip signed and sponsors listed. Don’t forget that all returned sponsorship forms receive a ticket in our prize draw. Tickets are also given for every $5 pledged and returned after the Fun Run.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Our staff will all be involved in Professional Learning in relation to the new Australian Curriculum and the permeation of our Catholic Worldview within this curriculum on Tuesday 14 June 2016. Please note this date in your calendars as such. We appreciate the continued support we receive from families in relation to the professional learning needs of our staff.

FIRST EUCHARIST
The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be held Saturday 18 June 2016 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Church Wauchope at 6.00 pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with the students who are completing the Sacrament during this time.

AWARD RECIPIENTS
Assembly Friday 3 June

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FROM THE SPORTING FIELD

Diocesan Cross Country

Grace Smith represented our school today at the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival at Bowraville. Grace competed in the 9yrs and Under girls 2km event; we wish her all the best and look forward to hearing about her achievements.

10yrs Boys Age Champion

Blake Haywood is our 10yrs Boys Age Champion from the Athletics Carnival last week. Blake missed the photo shoot of champions as he was representing our school at the Schubert 7’s, well done Blake!

Stage 1 Sport with Students from Regional College Port Macquarie

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

Sacrament of Confirmation

Our school has joined the Amart Community Kickbacks Program. Under this program, the school can earn 5% of your purchases at any Amart Sports as in-store credit to spend on our school sports programs. All you need to do is join Team Amart, select our school from the list of participating groups and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Amart Sports.

So how does it work?

Every time you shop and swipe your Team Amart card, they will capture your transaction and 5% of that sale will be credited back to the school. As long as you have selected our school as our nominated group on your loyalty account, you’ll be supporting us by earning credits.

Our school has joined the Athlete’s Foot School Reward Program. Telling the staff what school you belong to will ensure that for every pair of shoes purchased the school will be given $5.

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

Monday 30 May
- UBUNTU CHOIR WORKSHOP
  Please return notes and Payment of $2.00

Tuesday 31 May
- ICAS Science Competition

Tuesday 7 June – Friday 17 June
- Bookings open online for Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday 10 June
- Semester 1 Reports go home to parents

Tuesday 14 June
- Staff Development Day

Wednesday 15 June
- ICAS Spelling Competition

Thursday 16 June
- ICAS Writing Competition

Saturday 18 June
- Sacrament of Eucharist

Monday 20 – Thursday 23 June
- Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 24 June
- Zone Athletics Carnival

Saturday 25 June
- Sacrament of Confirmation

Tuesday 28 June
- NAIDOC Day celebrations

Wednesday 29 June
- Annual FUN RUN

Friday 1 July
- Last day Term 2

Tuesday 19 July
- Students return for Term 3

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Port Macquarie Junior Rugby Union

The Port Macquarie Junior Rugby Union are hosting a night of Rugby Union for girls on Friday 3 June at Stuarts Park from 5.00 pm
James Perrett from NSW Rugby will be teaching skills and training for all skill levels. Girls aged from 4 years to 18 years are welcome. For further information contact Craig Smith on 0439 810 612 or email smithie1971@gmail.com

Rainbow Serpent Early Learning Group

Term 2 – 2016

Children 0 – 5 years and their parents/carers to share stories, craft and fun activities. Enjoy precious bonding time with your children. Watch as your children make new friends and discover more about world

Wauchope Neighbourhood Centre (3 Wauch Street)
Each Tuesday from 17 May 2016 until 28 June 2016
10.00 am – 12 noon
More information contact Aunty Steph or Cindy D
6585 2277

Seasons for Growth for Parents: Supporting your child following separation and divorce

In partnership with Good Grief and the Diocese of Lismore, Parent Assembly is offering Seasons for Growth for parents.
Free of charge
For location and times contact Peta Rourke 0400 420 614 or prourke@lism.catholic.edu.au