Friday, 12 August 2016

PRINCIPAL – TRISH COELHO

CREATIVE VIBES ART SHOW

The finishing touches have now been placed on our P & F sponsored Art Show. The show commences at 6.00 pm this evening in the Ogilvie Hall. Come to share in the excitement of viewing your child’s own masterpiece. Each piece of artwork is for sale to families. Entry fee is $10 per person. Join in our silent auctions, raffle bonanza and an evening of good food and wine.

I thank especially Mrs Natasha Holloway, Mrs Christine Ninness, Mrs Leanne Oates, Ms Courtney Nicholson, Mrs Karmen Marchment, Mrs Gina Williamson, Mrs Trish Stephens, Mr Darren Hooper, Mr Chris Eggert and Mr Derek Moore for their organisation and efforts with our Art Show.

Our sponsors have been especially generous and I ask that families return the favour by supporting those business houses.

We look forward to a wonderful night ahead.

JOEY’S JUNIORS THIS MORNING

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to Mrs Coelho who travelled to Sydney this week to receive an award from BOSTES. She was recognised for her Accreditation as a Lead Teacher with the Board of Studies, the only teacher at that level within the Lismore Diocese. Also, she was commended on her work with BOSTES in supporting teachers through higher accreditation as a member of the Moderating and Consistency Committee. We are so proud to call her our Principal.

FUN RUN Prize Winners

Last Friday we held our major prize draw rewarding all children who have supported this venture. Our major prize winners are as follows:

Smiggle Bags – Finn Towey and McKinley Halls
iTunes Vouchers – Mason Begley and Joel Holbert

JOEY’S JUNIORS BEGINS

It is always an exciting time for staff and families when our Joey’s Juniors Program begins here at St Joseph’s. Today we commenced the transition to school for our 2017 Kindergarten students. The excitement was high and the nerves were showing, just a little. This year we have a very structured program which involves our neighbouring Pre School teachers as well as the parents themselves. I thank Mrs Maria Wilson and Mrs Petrina Lewis for their co-ordination of this program.

ICAS – Spelling
International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

St Joseph’s had eight students participate in the ICAS Spelling paper. We were awarded three credit and five participation certificates. Congratulations to the following students –

Participation – Lily Cook, Joseph Jackson, Lukas Tee, Stephanie Lambert and Dylan Lambert
Credit – Alannah Steele, James Eggert and Ashley Middleton

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YEAR 6 CAMP SUCCESS
This week has seen our Year 6 students enjoy their time at The Great Aussie Bush Camp and stretch themselves as well as reach some set goals. I thank Ms Sonia Solares, Mrs Christine Ninness, Mr David Poulton and Mrs Elise Howard who accompanied the students these four days and rearranged their own families to attend camp.

SCHOOL VEGETABLE GARDEN
Stage one of our vegetable garden has been completed with the construction of our ‘rabbit proof’ fence. Stage two of this project will see the assembling of the raised vegetable gardens and filling them with suitable soil. We are hoping to complete the second stage on Monday 15 August 2016, between 11.30 am and 1.30 pm. Any assistance during this two hour period would be greatly appreciated.

PROMOTING MENTAL WELLBEING IN TEENAGERS
*We invite you to join us on a journey through the eyes of a teen!*

This parent workshop will provide strategies to positively support your teen.
- Emotional Intelligence
- Understanding the teenage brain
- How mindfulness can help with emotional issues
- Positive communication to use with teens
- Problem solving with teens
- Setting Boundaries
- Technology / screen time:

What to watch out for:....

When:
Wednesday 31st August 2016:
5:30 pm
Supper
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Workshop Presentation

Where:
MacKillop College – Lochinvar Centre

Registration:
Click [here](https://goo.gl/forms/GPkMNg1N8b7j142i3) to register
Or
Enter the following link
https://goo.gl/forms/GPkMNg1N8b7j142i3

RSVP: Monday 22 August 2016
For further information contact: Debbie Ward 040702643

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Earlier this week, Mr Michael Cooper from Camp Australia visited to brief members of our Leadership Team in relation to the real prospect of setting up Before and After School Care, beginning 2017. It was a very positive meeting which now relies on effective administration and communication from all parties. The out of pocket cost to parents for before school care could be as little as $5.46 per day and $5.84 per day for after school care. Pupil Free Days could cost as little as $8.30 per day. The meeting was very productive and has given us much to think about as we consider a move forward in partnership.

Should you wish to seek more information about this organisation – [Click here](https://www.campaustralia.com.au)

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ADVANCE DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday 24 August
- Book Parade
Thursday 25 August
- Zone Gala Day
Friday 26 August
- Joey’s Juniors continues
Sunday 28 August
- Tournament of Minds
Monday 29 August
- Literacy/Numeracy Week Challenge Day
Tuesday 30 August
- Open classroom visit
Friday 2 September
- Father’s Day Festival
Wednesday 14 September
- Port Macquarie Speech Eisteddfod
Monday 19 September
- Whole School Concert
Thursday 22 September
- Port Macquarie Dance Eisteddfod
Friday 23 September 2016
- Staff Development Day

COMMUNITY NOTICES

GLASSHOUSE SPROUTS: ART FOR KIDS!
Bring the children and come to one of the Glasshouse Sprouts art activities in the Regional Gallery. Help them grow their creativity, learn new skills and make friends. One this Saturday and inspired by ecologically designer and artist Stephen Mushin. Just $5 per child. Saturday 11.00 am – 12 noon. Call the Box Office 6581 8888 or book online http://www.glasshouse.org.au/Whats-On/Glasshouse-Sprouts

Circa – SNEAK PEEK!!!

If you can’t make the main show then the Circa Sneak Peek is just for you! Circus escapade at the Glasshouse. The Circa Carnival comes to town with whimsical tales of creatures of the land and sea. 4.00 pm, Wednesday 7 September 2016 at the price of $18.50. For the first time ever the Circa ensemble will perform a series of actual extracts from the main show. The presentation will end with a Q & A Session. Phone 6581 888 for more details.

WAUCHOPE CARAVAN, CAMPING 4WD, BOATING & FISHING SHOW
This weekend at the Wauchope Showground; many attractions.

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