TRISH COELHO - PRINCIPAL

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

So often we strive to make our children aware of those people who are role models as Christ has been. Last weekend Pope Francis recognised Mother Teresa as she was canonised as a modern day saint for the Catholic Church. Her dedication to the poor and the mission of the church was extraordinary. Pope Francis stated in his address, “Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defence of human life, those unborn and those abandoned and discarded. May she be your model of holiness.”

Let us take the words of Mother Teresa into our coming week.

“People are often unreasonable, irrational and self-centred. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway. If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway. What you spend year creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway. Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway. In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.”

“If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family.”

Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

FATHERS DAY FESTIVAL

Our Father’s Day Festival last Friday provided the opportunity for so many of our dads and grandfathers to join with their children to celebrate everything that resembles fatherhood. More than 75 fathers joined us. The afternoon allowed for fun and games of Olympic proportion, followed by a shared BBQ. Thanks so much to Mr Nigel Toole for his organisation of the afternoon and the staff who supported him in running each station. Special thanks to Karmen Marchment, Tracy Wilson, Susie Mea and Allison Lambert who worked their magic on the BBQ, feeding the hungry hoards.

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ALL THINGS AUSTRALIAN

The excitement is mounting and the final touches are being placed on our bi-annual concert. The children have been preparing all term for this night.

Our Dress Rehearsal is scheduled for Friday 16 September 2016 at 12 noon. All costumes are required at school on that day for the rehearsal. A note went home to all families last week in relation to the costume requirements. Please contact the Office if you have not received the note.

The actual concert is scheduled for Monday 19 September 2016. There is a Matinee session at 12 noon and an evening session at 6.00 pm.

We extend an invitation to all Parishioners and any adults who cannot attend the evening session to attend the 12 noon Matinee.

Entry costs are $2 per person or $10 per family.

Please note that all students will be with their teachers in the classrooms throughout the duration of both concerts. Students will need to be signed out from the classroom at the end of the evening and are not permitted to sit with their parents in the Hall. The students themselves will have seen the concert in full prior to this date.
SPEECH AND DRAMA EISTEDDFOD

Our students are participating in the Port Macquarie Speech and Drama Eisteddfod on Wednesday 14 September 2016 at the Uniting Church, Sherwood Road, Port Macquarie.

The children will be transported by bus throughout the day as timetabled. There is no cost to parents in allowing their children to attend. However, there is an entry fee of $5 per session for adults attending on the day should you wish to see your child perform.

Due to the timetable of performances our school canteen facilities will not be available for any child in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 on Wednesday.

All students are to wear their Sports Uniform as per usual on the day. Permission slips are required to your child’s class teacher by Tuesday 13 September 2016.

Speech and Drama Eisteddfod Timetable
106 Choral Presentation Stage 3 Year 5 & Year 6 – 10.00 am
1. St. Joseph’s Wauchope
2. St. Columba
3. St. Agnes

105 Choral Presentation Stage 2 Year 3 & Year 4 - 10.30 am
1. St. Agnes
2. St. Joseph’s Wauchope

104 Choral Presentation Stage 1 Kindergarten / Yr 1 & Yr 2 – 11.00 am
1. Wauchope Public School
2. St Joseph’s PM Yr 2
3. Hastings Public School
4. St Joseph’s Wauchope K
5. St Joseph’s PM Yr 1
6. St Joseph’s Wauchope

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy and prayers to Charlie (S1L) and Beau (S3PS) Smith on the sudden death of their Uncle Andrew and sad passing of their great grandfather, Pop Charlie within a few days of each other.

Sympathy also to Summer-Rose Tilston (S1L) on the death of her much loved grandfather, Geoffrey Muirhead, aged 55 years.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS.

As advertised at the beginning of the year our staff have two scheduled Professional Learning days in the coming weeks. These days will enable staff to be inserviced further in the new Australian Curriculum as well as planning our Schools’ Strategic 5 Year Plan for 2017 – 2021.

These dates are:
Friday 23 September 2016 and Monday 10 October 2016

Thank you for your consideration and support.

MATHLETICS AWARDS

This week’s Trophy for the highest participation points goes to Mr Stephen’s Class with a record 66,315 points!

Congratulations to our TOP 10 Mathletes Brayden Williams, Lillie Jepp, Lacey Tonkin, Samuel Warren, Hannah Dakin, Aiden Hill, Teleah Holbert, Joel Holbert, Matilda Shields, Joshua Pike.

Our Mathletes competed for the top 3 spots during Numeracy Week. Congratulations to our special medal winners: 1st Brayden Williams (16,010 points), Lillie Jepp (15,634 points), Lacey Tonkin (11,863 points). Together our school scored over 280,000 points and Ms Solares’ Class featured at 21st place in the country on the Wall of Fame for most points in an 8 hour period!

Certificates

A bronze certificate is awarded when a student earns over 1,000 points in a week. 63 Bronze Certificates were earned this week alone. Silver Certificates are earned when a student has 5 bronze certificates and earns 1,000 points in that week. 15 Silver Certificates were earned this week. A Gold Certificate is earned when a student has 4 Silver Certificates and earns 1,000 points in that week. This Certificate will be printed and presented in front of the school. We have yet to reach that milestone.

We will conclude our Mathletics competition at the end of Week 10, however your points will still be adding up and so will your certificates. When students do reach that milestone, we will present those Certificates very proudly, even if it’s next year. Remember, competition with others will only get us so far, in the end; it only matters if you are trying to be the best you can be.
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK to keep up to date with all that’s happening at St Joseph’s.

FROM THE SPORTING FIELD
POLDING ATHLETICS

Yesterday Kellie Burke travelled to Newcastle to represent our school and diocese at the Polding Athletics Carnival. We wish her all the best and look forward to hearing about her efforts upon her return. Kellie is competing in the 11yrs Girls High Jump. Kellie has shown herself to be an excellent high jumper this year. Coming first in the Zone and Diocesan Carnivals, hopefully she’ll continue this form into the carnival and competes well in her event.

SOCCER AND NETBALL GALA DAY

Our Year 5 and Year 6 students travelled to Laurieton on Wednesday to compete in the Zone Soccer and Netball Gala Day. From all accounts our students were fine representatives of our school, showing good participation and sportsmanship. We congratulate them on their efforts. Kempsey took out the soccer and Laurieton won the netball. A big thank you the parents who supported and helped out on the day.

Tuesday 13 September
• Year 5 and Year 6 attending Fr Rob Galea performance

Wednesday 14 September
• Speech and Drama Eisteddfod. (See newsletter for detailed times)

Thursday 15 September
• Our Lady of Sorrows Mass: OLOL Church; 2.00 pm
• P & F Meeting: 6.00 pm: St Joseph’s Meeting Room; All welcome.

Friday 16 September
• Dress Rehearsal (All costumes required at school on this day)
• Joey’s Juniors: 9.30 am

ADVANCE DATES
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monday 19 September
• All Things Australian: School Concert: Matinee 12 noon: BBQ from 5.00 pm Concert 6.00 pm: $2 per person or $10 per family

Friday 23 September
• Staff Development Day

Monday 10 October
• Staff Development Day

Thursday 13 October
• Andrew Chinn Performance

Wednesday 19 October
• Whole School Mass

Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 October
• Aboriginal Spiritual Family Retreat

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ONE MOB, ONE VOICE, ONE SPIRIT

Aboriginal Family Retreat for all families with children enrolled in Parish schools within the Diocese of Lismore.

A spiritually enriching opportunity for parents and care givers.

Presenter – John Lochowiak
9.00 am, Saturday 22 October 2016 to 12 noon, Sunday 23 October 2016. Yarrawarra Aboriginal Culture Centre.
Accommodation and meals are free for families from our school who attend

Register – contact Doreen Flanders on 0419 986 940 or Mrs Natasha Holloway via the school Office.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ROLLANDS PLAINS FAMILY FUN DAY
Thursday 29 September 2016
Come out to Rolland’s Plains Upper Public School, 719 Upper Rolland’s Plains Road and follow the yellow balloons.
From 10.30 am to 1.00 pm
Games, jumping castle, craft, Library Van, sausage sizzle.
Wauchope Neighbour Centre for more information – 6586 4055.
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Join us for the 2016 Family Retreat
Nourish, Nurture, Grow

- Programs for all ages 0—Adult
- Adult Sessions facilitated by the Missionaries of God’s Love
- Meeting you where you are at in your faith journey
- Mass, reconciliation, prayer

- Games
- Evening activities
- Outdoor activities in beautiful surroundings

- Costs covered excluding some optional activities

- Relax and enjoy quality family time and activities
- Meet and connect with other families
- All families welcome

Click [HERE](http://goo.gl/UygRMH) or go to [http://goo.gl/UygRMH](http://goo.gl/UygRMH)
Choose either the date or the venue that suits you

**Northern Retreat October 22/23**
Tyalgum Ridge Retreat. For more information contact Jo Kelly: (m) 0407706454

**Southern Retreat October 29/30**
SDA Convention Centre, Stuarts Point. For more information contact Peta Rourke: (m) 0400420614

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