Friday, 21 October 2016

**PRINCIPAL – TRISH COELHO**

**SOCKTOBER – 24 OCTOBER 2016**

Socktober is an initiative of Catholic Mission and one way our school can fundraise and engage in advocacy and formation activities for Catholic Mission during World Mission Month in October, or at other times throughout the year.

On Monday 24 October we invite all students to come to school in CRAZY SOCKS with a gold coin donation so we can fundraise to assist with the issue of poverty within our community.

So go searching now for your favourite, colourful or even the best odd socks! There will be fun activities on the day including a liturgy at 12.45pm. All welcome to attend.

**EXURO**

Some of our Year 5 students participated in Exuro this week. They shared their faith journey with other students from around the Hastings Zone. This is a wonderful initiative supported by our Catholic Schools Office. I thank Mr Toole and Mr Stephens who supported our students with this venture.

**WELCOME**

This week we welcome Savannah (S1M) and Jake (S1S) Purcell to our school. We hope they have settled in well and are enjoying our NSW weather. A lovely change from Queensland.

**P & F SUPPORT**

Congratulation to our P & F Association on a successful fundraiser the evening of our Biannual School Concert last term. The raffle and BBQ on the evening raised $1300. We thank them for their continued support and their donation of $4000 towards new short throw data projectors for our new Stage 3 learning space.

We invite all volunteers and active members of the P & F Association to the end of year Christmas gathering on 18 November. More details to follow. Mark your calendars.

Come along and join us at the Hastings Co-op 100 year Community Party. As a school we will have a stall and would be delighted to see families there helping us promote our wonderful little school and all we have to offer.

- Displays from local clubs, schools and community groups
- Cooking demonstration
- Vintage and hot rod car display
- Annual Rotary Book Sale
- 2WAY FM live outdoor broadcast
- Hastings Valley Miniature Railway Society display
- Petting farm Farmer’s Challenge
- Plus lots more...

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BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE FOR 2017

A MESSAGE FROM CAMP AUSTRALIA

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FAMILY FAITH RETREAT

This Family Faith Retreat will be held at Yarrahappini Youth Camp at Stuarts Point on Sat 29 & Sun 30 October 2016.

This venue offers families beautiful outdoor surroundings in which to explore their Catholic Faith and meet new families and friends. A children's programme will be run to provide a fun and nurturing weekend for our kids and the adults will participate in workshops as well as share family time with their children exploring the fun activities the venue has to offer.

SCHOOL VISITS

Yesterday we hosted a number of staff visiting from St Joseph’s Wingham and the Newcastle-Maitland Catholic Schools Office who came to observe our personalised learning in our flexible and adaptive environments. Once again it is always a privilege to showcase our school to other staff and share with them our initiatives and structure. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive in complimenting our staff and students on their ability to personalise the learning and to work with others with such purpose and intrinsic motivation. This is testament to the wonderful work of our staff and students.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Our teachers have been working with the University of Adelaide to increase their skills in digital technologies. The course they are undertaking is voluntary. We look forward to implementing even more digital technologies and computational thinking into our teaching as we prepare students for the future.

ROBOTICS

Success!! Our Stage 3 students started basic Robotics in term 3 thanks to a $5000 Catholic Schools Grant. They are now programming their robots using our new Chrome books and have just completed their first challenge: to program the Edison Robots to flash lights. Now their challenge will be to program the Robots to flash a morse code message.

More than half of Year 4 had their first Robotics club today. These very enthusiastic students will learn Robot basics during Term 4. We look forward to showing you some of our creations in the near future.
JOEYS JUNIORS PROGRAM

Our Joeys Junior’s Transition Program has been running since August and we are so proud of our pre-school students and how they have adapted to ‘big school’. We love seeing these smiling faces on Fridays and are so pleased that these new students and their families will be joining the Joeys family next year.

We had fun last week reading *Who Sank the Boat* and experimenting with items that sank or floated and built up our muscles and teamwork playing parachute games. Have a look at some of the things we have been doing.

ART SHOW ITEMS

We are offering parents a final opportunity to purchase your child’s artwork from our Creative Vibes Art Show held in Term 3. Artwork not purchased by families by Friday 28 October 2016 will then be made available to anyone to purchase, as there has been interest shown in many pieces.

**Kindergarten $5**
- John Deere Tractors
- Hungry Caterpillars

**Stage 1**
- Glass Jars $5
- Coasters (set of four) $10

**Stage 2**
- Leaf wind chimes $5
- Tile Trees $10

**Stage 3**
- Fish wind chimes $5
- Dream Catcher $10
- Lamps $15

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

Congratulations to this week’s *GOTCHA* winners, Hannah Thompson and Brendan Walsh. These people have been caught out being the face of God for others within our community. Well done!

Sporting News

Swimming Carnival

Unfortunately due to the current delays to the upgrade of the Wauchope Pool we will not be able to run a swimming carnival this term. The carnival will be held early next year and from this we will pick representatives for the Zone Swimming Team. We thank you for your understanding and look forward to running an event at new facilities in 2017.

Summer Sports Trials

The summer sports trials will take place on Monday 31 October, we still have spots available for students to participate in these sports. Extra notes were given to students in Year 4 & Year 5 who are interested. If these students could return them on Monday it would be greatly appreciated.

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BUSWAYS INFORMATION

Year 2 students progressing to Year 3 – 2017

As you are aware the Transport for NSW requires a new application for free travel from students who commence Year 3. As of May 2016 Transport for NSW require all applications be completed online at www.transportnsw.info/school-students. The old “blue forms” are no longer accepted. DO NOT SEND APPLICATIONS TO BUSWAYS.

UNIFORM SHOP

Donations of second hand uniforms in good condition will be gratefully accepted and appreciated.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Creating in the Hastings presents Santa’s Elves 2.00 pm Saturday 3 December at the Senior Citizens Hall, Wauchope and Sunday 4 December at The Con, Hollingsworth St Port Macquarie - $10 per ticket call 0416 019 828.

Go4Fun last chance to register for Term 4. FREE after school program with start-up pack. Wauchope - Wednesdays 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm starting 12 October. Register at Freecall 1800 780 900 or online www.go4fun.com.au

Wauchope Hockey Club Summer Social Games – Tuesdays commencing 25 October and runs until 15 November at Landrigan Park Wauchope. All ages and skill levels welcome. $10 per week call Glen on 0419 258 712 or email wauchopehockeyclub@outlook.com for more information.

Book Club orders due 28 October. Mrs Hillard will be at the COLA to collect orders between 8.45 am and 9.10 am. Orders after 3.00 pm Friday will not be accepted.

Monday 24 October
- Socktober Fundraiser: Crazy Sock Day: Liturgy 12.45pm: Ogilvie Hall

Wednesday 26 October
- Fr Felix visiting Year 6

Friday 28 October
- International Teachers Day
- Bundaleer Mass: S3A attending
- Joey’s Juniors: 9.30am – 11am
- Book Club orders due

Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 October
- Family Faith Retreat

ADVANCE DATES

Monday 31 October
- Summer Sport Trials

Monday 31 October & Tuesday 1 November
- School Review and Improvement Validation Days

Friday 4 November
- Orange Laundry $4$ Fundraiser

Tuesday 8 November
- Year 6 Mini Market Day

Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 November
- Kindergarten 2017 Orientation mornings
- Kindergarten 2017 Parent Information Evening

Friday 18 November
- P & F Christmas gathering

Wednesday 23 November
- 2017 Before and after School Care Parent Information Evening.
- Year 7 Orientation Day

Friday 25 November
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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
- Relax and enjoy quality family time and activities
- Meet and connect with other families
- All families welcome

Click [HERE](http://goo.gl/UYyRMH) or go to [http://goo.gl/UYyRMH](http://goo.gl/UYyRMH)

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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**Register and Book**
Through your school page on our website you can request an information pack, or register and book your children into the program.

If you have any further questions, you can call our friendly Customer Service Team from Monday to Friday (8.00am – 6.00pm AEST) on 1300 105 343.

We look forward to seeing you in OSHC soon!

Yours sincerely,

Kylie Parks  
Camp Australia  
Regional Coordinator

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