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BLESSINGS FROM OUR COMMUNITY

As a school we continue to be blessed by many parish and community entities. Just this week we have received a $500 donation from the Wauchope Chapter of the Catholic Women’s League and $100 from the Long Flat Crafters and Quilters. Both organisations have donated money towards the short-throw data projectors required for Stage 3 next year. I thank both committees for their generous donations and express our sincere appreciation on behalf of the school community.

Each fortnight we award Watermans Vouchers for those students who have shown their ability to be respectful, responsible learners. With this they venture over to Watermans and treat themselves to a lovely milkshake. I thank Watermans for their continued support of our school and their generous sponsorship of this venture.

PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT

On behalf of Fr Felix and the Trustees of the Diocese of Lismore it is with much pleasure I announce the appointment of Mr Brendan Kiely as the Principal of St Joseph’s Wauchope, beginning the 2017 school year. Mr Kiely is currently the Principal of St Mary’s Bowraville. I am sure all will join with me to welcome Mr Kiely to our community.

SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to Darcy (S1M) and Lara (S2H) Crawley on the passing of their great grandmother in Tamworth last week.

CONGRATULATIONS MISS AGNEW

This coming week sees Miss Kate Agnew take some personal leave as she prepares for her wedding. We wish Miss Agnew and her fiancé Scott all the very best for their future together and many blessings on their wedding day, Saturday 26 November 2016.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

As we lead up to Christmas our Mini Vinnies Leaders are working alongside our local St Vincent de Paul workers in making Christmas more manageable for families within our community. Each Stage group within our school has been allocated their baskets for filling with food and present items.

We hope to give to St Vincent de Paul many baskets filled to overflowing of non-perishable foods (within date range) and gifts (new) to ensure that Christmas is much brighter for those struggling to make ends meet this Christmas.

Please send items with your...
Congratulations to this week’s GOTCHA Winners; Harrison Newman (ES1) and Kai Austin. These children have been caught being the Face of God to others.

YEAR 6 ORIENTATION TO HIGH SCHOOL

Students in Year 6 progressing to St Joseph’s Regional College will attend an orientation day on Friday 25 November 2016. Students need to make their own way to and from the College and arrive at 8.30 am for an 8.45 am start.

They are to wear sports uniform, school hat and are required to also bring a pencil case. A BBQ lunch will be provided, but please supply a snack for recess or money for the canteen.

ARE YOU MOVING AWAY FROM WAUCHOPE?

If you know your child will not be returning to St Joseph’s for the 2017 school year, please let us know as soon as possible. We have had a number of families enquiring about possible enrolments. Your assistance in this regard is much appreciated.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Following our Year 6 Graduation Mass, Year 6 parents have organised a light supper which will be held under the covered area of the Ogilvie Hall. For more information contact Diane Warren 0410 628 797.

Year 6 students are also invited to Inflatable World on Saturday 17 December 2016 from 3.00 – 5.00 pm. This activity has also been organised by Year 6 parents. For more information and RSVP (By Friday 9 December 2016) contact Susannah McMurray 0416 240 766.

BOOK PACKS

It is that time of year again when Book Packs for 2017 are being arranged by staff. Once again families will not have to pay for Book Packs throughout Term 4. This follows on from the feedback given by families after trialling the payment arrangement for 2016 whereby Book Packs were absorbed into the school budget and charged to families within their school fees. I am sure families will appreciate this option leading up to Christmas.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE FOR 2017

A MESSAGE FROM CAMP AUSTRALIA

We are excited to be partnering with your school to deliver Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) from Monday 30 January 2017.

We will partner with your school community to deliver a tailored before and after school care program that is focused on bringing out the very best in kids. The program combines active games with structured and unstructured play, quiet time and a healthy snack. Every day is an adventure led by enthusiastic Camp Australia educators who are on a mission to make kids smile.

Parent Information Session
To help families understand how the program is structured, to meet our educators, and to find out how to make bookings and manage your account, a Parent Information Session will be held at the school.

When: Wednesday 23 November at 6.00 pm
Where: Ogilvie Hall

We understand time is valuable to working parents and you may not be able to attend this information night. If this is the case, please visit www.campaustralia.com.au and use the school finder to find out all you need to know about the program.

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SAVE THE DATE – SCIENCE FAIR

Tuesday 29 November is our Science Fair here at St Joseph’s. Students will be presenting their Science creations on this day and will also take part in various Science and Technology activities. Families are most welcome to join us. Times will be allocated when all presenters are confirmed.

DATA LOGGERS, LIGHT BOXES, ROBOTS!!

It’s all happening at Joeys. Science in Stage 3 this term has been very engaging thanks to our local High Schools lending us specialised equipment! Thank you to Mr Jayme Reid at Wauchope High and Mr Matt Wilson at St Paul’s. Looking forward to our visit from Mr Rob Mahon and Mr Rhys Jones from MacKillop College on 29 November! Parents are invited from 1.30 pm to view just some of the Science happening within our school. Kindergarten’s constructions are certainly worth a look!

FROM THE SPORTING FIELD
SUMMER SPORTS TRIALS

Our best wishes go with Brendan Walsh and Aidan Grove as they head to Coffs Harbour on Friday, 25 November 2016 to participate in the Diocesan Summer Sports Trials for Cricket. This will be Brendan’s second time at these trials and Aidan’s first. Both boys are handy with the bat and Aidan is a very sharp fielder. Brendan also likes to try his hand at wicket keeping. We hope both boys enjoy the experience and learn new ways to improve their cricket and maybe gain selection into the Diocesan Team.

AMART SPORTS SURPRISE

Thank you for shopping at AMART Sports and letting them know you are associated with St Joseph’s Wauchope. As a result of the community kickback program our school was able to purchase $450 worth of sporting equipment for Stage 2 & Stage 3.

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

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

Monday 21 November 2016
Julie Keena & Julie Edden

Wednesday 23 November 2016
Julie Keena & Margaret Cook

Friday 25 November 2016
Julie Keena, Gina Williamson and Sally Marsh

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RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP TALK

BOOK CLUB

Book club orders are to be returned to school on Friday 25 November 2016. Mrs Hillard will be at the COLA from 8.45 am. Please write your child’s name and class clearly on top of the form and return in a sealed envelope.

No late orders accepted after 3.00 pm on Friday 25 November 2016

Mark envelope “Surprise” is either a Christmas or birthday order.

Wednesday 23 November
- 2017 Before and After School Care Parent Information Evening 6.00 pm: Ogilvie Hall
- Penance Year 4 and S3A

Friday 25 November
- Year 7 Orientation Day St Joseph’s Regional College
- Diocesan Summer Sport Trials
- Bundaleer Mass: Year 4 attending

ADVANCE NOTICES

Monday 28 November
- School Captain Speeches: Ogilvie Hall

Tuesday 29 November
- Whole School Science Fair

Tuesday 6 December
- End of Year Mass

Thursday 8 December
- Whole School Reflection Day

Friday 9 December
- Semester 2 Reports arrive home

Saturday 10 December
- Children’s Liturgy

Wednesday 14 December
- Year 6 Fun Day, Kendall

Thursday 15 December
- Year 6 Graduation Mass and Supper

Friday 16 December
- Last day for students

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FREE LAWN BOWLS

Just a reminder that the Wauchope Country Club has a junior bowls session for girls and boys this Saturday 19 November 2016 between 10.00 am to 11.30 am with fun games and activities for the children. This is open to all children. For more details regarding the day please contact the junior bowls co-ordinator Andy Beazley on 0411 099 593

2016 WHITE RIBBON COASTAL WALK

Sunday 27 November 2016
Lighthouse Beach to Town Green or Flynn’s Beach to Town Green or Town Beach Kiosk

The White Ribbon Coastal Walk is a FREE community event consisting of walking the Coastal Walk from Lighthouse Beach, Flynn’s Beach or Town Beach Kiosk to the Town Green to raise awareness about White Ribbon Day, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

Registration essential by November 25, 2016

For further information go to www.pmhastingsdfv.com.au or contact 6584 9102

2nd WAUCHOPE SCOUT GROUP GARAGE SALE

Saturday 26 November 2016, 8.00 am to 1.00 pm at the Wauchope Scout Hall, Tallowood Avenue. Raffle, BBQ. Lots of great second hand goods.

Stalls available to book: $15 indoor or $10 outdoor

Donations of second hand goods would be appreciated.

To donate items or book a stall please phone Heather 0429 861 378