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NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 10

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

FINDING TIME FOR GOD

As a Catholic community we celebrate the Grace of God and the many blessings bestowed upon us. None the least of these is the birth of Christ into our world at Christmas and his death and resurrection at Easter, granting us eternal life. May your family find time this Christmas to celebrate within our community in rejoicing and giving thanks.



Mass times for the Christmas celebrations within our Parish this year:

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| Thursday December 24, 2016 | Wauchope | 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm Christmas Carols |
| | Wauchope | 7:00 pm - Children's Christmas Vigil Mass |
| | Wauchope | 12:00 midnight – Christmas Mass |
| Friday December 25, 2016 | Wauchope | 7:30 am Christmas Day Mass |
| | Long Flat | 9:30 am Christmas Day Mass |

FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES

Last evening we celebrated our Year 6 Graduation and acknowledged the many achievements of our graduating class. We wish the children well and know they move onto high school with the many skills required to achieve anything in life. I thank Fr Felix for his continued support of our school and his guidance as our spiritual pastor. Today, we farewell a number of families who now end their association with St Joseph's School, Wauchope. We wish these families all the very best for the future –

Burke, Coates, Dakin, Fletcher (Jarrod), Gibbs, Holland,

Kirkman (Jed), Laurie, Lee, Lynch (Madeline), McMurray, Middleton, Robb, Roods, Sanim, Ward (19 years)

Today we farewell the following staff members who are beginning other endeavours in the future. We thank each of them for their continued support and dedication to St Joseph's, Wauchope:

Mrs Sue Cleary begins her retirement. Well-earned and most deserving

Mr Owen Hamill will begin studying engineering at the University of Newcastle in 2017

Miss Emma Kelly is commencing a teaching position within the Diocese of Armidale

Miss Kasey Miles is commencing the position of Assistant Principal at St Joseph's Alstonville

Mr Peter Stephens, who will continue to be of service to the schools within the Hastings area

Our very best wishes go with all these members of our school community.

UNIFORM SHOP

We wish to inform families that the Uniform Shop has now closed for the holiday period and will re-open on **Friday 27 January 2017 from 9.30 am to 12 noon.**

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

Throughout 2016 the school has been well supported by a number of sub committees formed from our parent body. I wish to acknowledge the continued support of our Parents and Friends Association and School Banking Committees. Your help is greatly appreciated in assisting and enabling the smooth running of our school. I also recognise the numerous volunteers who assist with the running of our Canteen and Library.

GRATITUDE BEYOND WORDS

Today I bid farewell to a community who has guided and embraced my leadership. I will soon embark on a new role within the Diocese of Lismore. I have always felt so much at home here at St Joseph's, both between 1989 – 1996, as a classroom teacher and 2013 – 2016 as the Principal. When I came back in 2013 it felt just like coming home. The welcoming community of St Joseph's is second to none, one which has allowed me to grow as a leader. I thank the many families I have been associated with throughout these years and the children who have enriched my life on a daily basis. I know that St Joseph's will continue to be a school of high expectations ensuring all reach their potential. I leave knowing that the school will be guided by a professional loving staff, whose dedication and skills continue to amaze me.

I wish all members of our school and parish community the very best for a bright future ahead. Finally, I wish all families the very best for a restful break and look forward to a prosperous 2017. Thank you so much for your continued support and allowing us to share in the joy of educating your children. Merry Christmas and may you find Christ in all you do this festive season.

God's Blessings.

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TERM 1 - WEEK 2, 2017

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| Friday | JAN | 27 | Teachers resume Uniform Shop open – 9.30 am to 12.00 noon |
| Monday | JAN | 30 | Years 1 to Year 6 resume BEST START Assessment begins for 2017 Kindergarten |
| Monday | FEB | 6 | 2017 Kindergarten begin classes |



FUTURE DATES - 2016

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| Friday | FEB | 17 | P & F Family Welcome Evening: Bago Vineyards |
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