THIRD SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT

The third candle, lit on the third Sunday of Advent with the first two, is the Shepherds’ candle. We are reminded that God sent the angels to proclaim His arrival to common man and that He still uses ordinary people today to spread the good news of Christ. This candle is pink or rose and represents God’s love and faithfulness.

TREAT WEEK SUCCESS

This week has been one to celebrate the wonderful learning throughout our year and the many achievements of our children. We have been engaged in Touch Football Challenges, Christmas Craft, Tabloid Sports, Sausage Sizzles and a very prayerful Whole School Reflection Day. It is vitally important to take time out to celebrate all that we have achieved throughout the year and recognise the hard work of both staff and students. I thank the staff for their co-ordination of this week’s activities.

SEMESTER TWO REPORTS

Today, Semester Two Reports were sent home with all children. I am sure that parents will have the opportunity to sit with their children to discuss the successes of the year and any recommendations for 2017. If you are yet to receive this report please contact the office.

STAFFING FOR 2017

Attached to this week’s newsletter is the full complement of staffing for 2017, including allocations for classroom teachers beginning the new school year.

On Thursday 15 December, the students will have a ‘step up day’ to get to know who their teachers are for 2017. During this process the children will have the opportunity to experience their learning areas for 2017 as well.

Treat Week – Touch Football
Hastings Co-Op Commemorative Garden

As a part of the celebrations for the 100 Years of the Hasting Co Op a community garden/meeting space in the car park at the supermarket in Hastings Street, Wauchope is being created.

The design will include a spiral footpath and our school has contributed a section of mosaic art that depicts us within community.

A big thank you to Elise Howard who oversaw this project. It looks amazing and we can’t wait to see our design within the memorial garden.

Year of Mercy Reflection Day

SPORTING NEWS

2017 Sports Captains
On Wednesday this week we held sports meetings for our houses, Curran, MacKillop and Waugh. Students from Year 5 did a fantastic job speaking to their respective houses and put forward good cases for why they should be sports captains. Congratulations and thank you to all children involved.

Our sports captains for 2017 are as follows:

MacKillop Captains
Juniper Mea & Jett Fletcher
Vice Captains
Stephanie Lambert & Aidan Hill

Curran Captains
Eliza Smith & Ethan Smith
Vice Captains
Anabelle Paynting & Blake Haywood

Waugh Captains
Hannah Towler & Mitchell Dorahy
Vice Captains
Summer Minturn & Brendan Walsh

Renovations Complete

CHILDREN’S LITURGY
We look forward to seeing many of our families at our Children’s Liturgy tomorrow evening at OLOL Church beginning 6pm. Everyone is most welcome.

Thank you
A big thank you to the P & F for their support of our Year of Mercy Reflection Day. We appreciated the BBQ you put on for the students.

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Mathletics
Congratulations to Teleah Holbert who was awarded a GOLD certificate in Mathletics this week. Teleah has already earned 15 bronze certificates and 3 silver certificates and racked up over 80 000 points on Mathletics. An amazing achievement!

Canteen Closed

Week 10

Library
All library books are now due. Please check school bags and at home and return to the Library as soon as possible.

Next Tuesday from 9.00 am, parents are invited to assist in covering books and resources. Your help in this regard is really appreciated.

Book Packs
Book packs for 2017 have arrived. These can be picked up from the newly renovated area formally known as the Old Hall.

Pick up times are:
Monday 8:30 – 9:00 & 2:45 – 3:30
Tuesday 8:30 – 9:00 & 2:45 – 3:30
Wednesday 8:30 – 9:00 & 2:45 – 3:30.

If you are unable to pick your child’s book pack during these times, could you please make contact with school so other arrangements can be made.

Like us on Facebook to keep up to date with all that’s happening at St Joseph’s.

Uniform Shop Additional Hours
The Uniform Shop is now taking pre-order forms in preparation for 2017.

Monday 12 December:
9.00 am – 12.00 pm

An additional day will be offered to families on Friday 27 January 2017, 9:00 am - 12.30 pm.

Pre-order forms are available at the School Office or on the school’s website. Payment can be via direct credit, Eftpos or cash.

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STAFFING FOR 2017

- **Principal**
  - Mr Brendan Kiely

- **Assistant Principal**
  - Mr Nigel Toole

- **Leader of Catechesis**
  - Mrs Kara Dewhurst

- **Leader of Evangelisation**
  - Ms Jessica Bailey

- **Leader of Pedagogy**
  - Mrs Maria Wilson

- **Leader of Curriculum**
  - Mrs Sonia Solares

- **Leader of Additional Needs**
  - Mr Dane Seymour

- **Parish Administrator**
  - Fr Felix Ekeh

- **PBS**
  - Mrs Sonia Solares

- **PDHPE Leader**
  - Miss Kimberley Latimore

- **Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)**
  - Mrs Petrina Lewis, Ms Jessica Bailey

- **Stage 1 (Year 1 & Year 2)**
  - Ms Marion Horton, Miss Kimberley Latimore and Mr Dane Seymour.

- **Stage 2 (Year 3 & Year 4)**
  - Mrs Kara Dewhurst, Mrs Lauren Mascord and Mr David Poulton.

- **Stage 3 (Year 5 & Year 6)**
  - Mrs Kate Coman, Mr Andrew Hurrell and Ms Sonia Solares.

- **Support Teachers**
  - Miss Lauren Ayres, Mrs Erin Carrick, Mrs Rachel Moss, Mrs Leanne Oates and Mrs Susan Stewart

- **Teacher Assistants**
  - Mrs Simone Baker, Mrs Cherie Knox, Mrs Chris Ninness and Mr Peter Roods

- **Trainees**
  - Miss Lucie Williams

- **Indigenous Education Worker**
  - Mrs Natasha Holloway

- **Library Assistant**
  - Mrs Robyn O'Brien

- **Secretarial**
  - Mrs Robyn Mackay and Mrs Trenna Beltzig

- **School Chaplain**
  - Mrs Robyn O'Brien

- **School Counsellor**
  - Miss Zena Clarke

- **Grounds and Maintenance**
  - Mr Ron Burke

- **Uniform and Canteen Co-ordinator**
  - Mrs Julie Kenna

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Positive Partnerships is coming to a location near you!

Join us for a day of learning with other parents and carers of school aged children on the autism spectrum, designed to help you foster productive school, family and community relationships to provide the best kind of support for your child. Our workshops are for parents, carers and grandparents wanting to understand more about autism and learn practical strategies using evidence based resources to help maximise their young person’s learning.

What will you gain by attending this workshop?

- An increased understanding of the impact of autism
- Further knowledge about how to develop effective partnerships with your school
- Information to help you access further support both inside and outside of school
- An opportunity to be part of a support network where you can share strategies and experiences with other parents/carers
- An understanding of a planning tool that can be used to share key information related to your child

Workshop details

Venue:  
Rydges Port Macquarie  
1 Hay Street  
Port Macquarie NSW  2444

When:  
Wednesday 22 February 2017  
9.15 am – 3.00 pm (Registration from 8.30 am)

Catering:  
Morning tea and lunch is provided. Please advise any dietary requirements upon registration.

Register Online:  
www.positivepartnerships.com.au  
Registrations open on 8 December 2016 and close one business day prior to the workshop. Register early as places are limited!

Questions?  
If you are not able to register online please call the Positive Partnerships  
Infoline: 1300 881 971 or email parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au

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Port Macquarie
22 February 2017

Register your place:
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DO YOU HAVE AN EMPTY ROOM OR RENTAL PROPERTY?

Charles Sturt University students are looking for accommodation in Port Macquarie.

Turn your spare room or rental property into cash by registering on: csu.studystays.com

Any questions?
Contact Kristy on 02 6582 9338 or accommodationpmq@csu.edu.au

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