



# St Joseph's Primary School Wauchope



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## Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2

### PRINCIPAL MESSAGE



Welcome to St Joseph's school for the 2017 school year. It is with great excitement and optimism that I have the opportunity to lead St. Joseph's school as Principal. Our children have returned to school enthusiastic, ready and willing to learn. It has been a wonderful start to the year to see so many smiling faces on the playground and in the classrooms. My challenge in the first few weeks will be to learn as many names as I can and engage with your child in a caring and positive way.

As a Catholic school focussed on Christ centred beliefs and practices, I would like to build onto the faith formations and spirit filled occasions your child already receives. I do hope to see you all at Our Lady of Lourdes parish and school Masses as the year unfolds. I also encourage you to take part in your child's education this year and assist us here at school to help form our students as successful and independent

learners, but to also develop them as promising and capable leaders within our community.

If at any time you would like to come into the school and speak with me, please do so. My door is always open and my willingness to listen and act upon your concerns or requests is paramount for the successful partnership we need to have here at St Joseph's School.

With God's blessings for a successful year ahead.

**Mr Brendan Kiely**  
PRINCIPAL

## SENSORY GARDEN

This week, we were able to unveil our new Sensory Playground. The area is an additional playground space which all students can utilise. We are able to provide our students with a range of positive playground opportunities catering for many physical, social, emotional and sensory needs. The playground incorporates a range of natural elements and allows students to explore and investigate through play.

The Sensory Playground was designed and constructed by local Landscape Gardener, Mal Titterington from Fine Landscapes. He was able to design and build a sensory space that is appropriate for our playground and engaging for our students. Mr Titterington worked tirelessly through the school holidays.



We would like to extend a very special thank you to Matt and Melanie Everingham (Jack S3C & Cooper S1S) from Coastal Quarry Products for their very generous donation of garden materials used within the project. The Sensory playground would not look so wonderful without their generous support.

We are seeking donations of any good quality sand/water play toys and matchbox cars/trucks/bikes to use within the Sensory Playground space. Please direct these donations to the Office.

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## WELCOME

### New Teachers

We welcome to St Joseph's School new teachers and trainee assistant, Mrs Kara Dewhurst, Mr Andrew Hurrell and Miss Lucie Williams. We know that they bring many wonderful skills and talents to our school and they will be a wonderful addition to the St. Joseph's school staff.

### New Students

We welcome to St Joseph's school Wauchope our new students. Bridget Williams and Kayben Ndely in S1L, Nikesh Nath Year S3H, Isabelle Leslight and Keily Styles S3H. They have all fitted in well this week and we look forward to them enjoying many lovely experiences at our beautiful school.

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## PROTECTED LEARNING

Much of our staff professional learning throughout 2014 was directed towards our shared vision for more personalised learning for our students. In achieving this shared vision, our English and Mathematics sessions have been timetabled across the whole school between 9.00 am and 12.40 pm each day. We endeavour to have these as sessions of uninterrupted learning to maximise student engagement. We ask that parents please be mindful of this timeframe in allowing children to partake in vital English and Mathematics sessions. We appreciate there are times when you may need to take your children from class, but ask that you be considerate in avoiding interruption to this time frame.

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## PROCLAIM DATE CHANGE – PUPIL FREE DAY

The revised date for Proclaim is **now Monday 22 May 2015**. This will be a Pupil Free day and replaces the previous date held on the school calendar in the Family Handbook.

## SCHOOL PRAYER

We would like to share our new school prayer. The prayer was developed last year with the assistance of Fr Felix and the Religious Education team, student representatives across stages and staff members. The school prayer asks for God's guiding hand and everlasting love to work with our gifts through the use of our head, heart and hands.

We invite you all to practice the school prayer at home with your children so it may bring you closer to God's presence, both at home and at school.

### In God We Trust

God you have placed your trust in us with the gifts of our head, heart and hands.

God help us to use our heads to think of each other,  
working together like sister and brother.

Here at St Joseph's

We walk in God's footsteps, we get better every day.

God help us to use our hearts to show our love,  
to each other and to God above.

Holy Spirit guide us today as we laugh, work and play.

Being respectful, responsible and resilient each day,  
we Make Jesus Real in our own special way.

God help us to be like St Joseph using our hands to do good deeds,  
to work together looking out for each other's needs.

We are all unique yet we are all the same,  
created by God's love and called by name.

At St Joseph's Wauchope, In God we trust.

Amen

We ask these blessing's on our school through this prayer.




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## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### Before and After School Care

On Monday, the fruits of many hours of hard work came to light with the beginning of our Before and After School Care in the Ogilvie Hall. We are happy with the take up of the service with over 30 parents having already enrolled their children. If you would like to enrol your child(ren) please visit [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au) and use the school finder to find out all you need to know about the program or drop into the Ogilvie Hall and chat to the Camp Australia staff.

### Grant

Recently, our school has just been notified that we have been successful in obtaining a \$30,000 State Government Grant to support the establishment of our new Before and After School Care.

### Hot Weather

We certainly started the week with a bang and some very warm days. We have modified our activities and uniform requirements this week to ensure students were not overheating. In light of the hot weather late last year and again this year, we have decided to stagger the installation of some air conditioners in various classrooms commencing with Kindergarten. No doubt with the children in a comfortable environment their learning is supported.

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## SCHOOL FEES

School fees accounts will be issued during the coming weeks. For those families who pay by Direct Debit, these transfers will commence immediately. We ask those families who have either increased or decreased the number of children attending St Joseph's, and who do pay via Direct Debit, to please contact the Office to ensure your payment amounts are adjusted. I thank all families for their commitment in fulfilling the payment of school fees. No changes will be made by the Principal to the processes in place for collection of school fees.

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## RELIGION

### Beginning Mass

We invite school families to our Beginning School Mass on Monday 13 February 2017 at 9.30 am in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. This will be a Spirit filled Mass with the blessing and induction of our school leaders.

### Altar Servers

Notes will be sent home in the near future to begin our recruitment process for Altar Servers for 2017. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to become leaders within our Parish and school community.

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## CURRICULUM



This week all our students participated in a Maths Assessment Interview (MAI) as part of the Early Mathematical Understanding Program (EMU). This program is a researched based program which helps teachers' pinpoint student's mathematical understanding and application. Teachers are then able to target the children's learning into the future. Our teachers have made great use of this opportunity sitting with every one of their students and getting to know them before we dive back into the classroom. Parent letters regarding areas for growth will be sent home in due course. An EMU parent and student evening is planned for later in the year.



### What is formative assessment?

At this time of the year teachers will conduct formative assessments such as MAI's, Best Start and spelling tests to gauge the level of skill or knowledge each child possesses. A formative assessment is any sort of written work, observation or conversation which may help a teacher find out where your child is at. This way a teacher can personalise your child's learning and gauge it at the right level. Our teachers are will trained in the use and allocation of all testing measures.





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**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

We keep in our prayers Brenda Bartlett (Mother of Mrs Robyn O'Brien) and Mr Bruce Bowman (Father of Mrs Sue Cleary).

Our deepest sympathy for the departed soul of Fred Mabey, grandfather of Ivy Copelin (ES1) and Meisha Mabey (S2P). Fred also worked at St Joseph's school completing various gardening and maintenance tasks.

**BABY NEWS**

Congratulations to Kaeden Thomas and Lillian Leister on the birth of their beautiful baby brother, Wylder Rowan during December. We look forward to a visit from Wylder in the near future.

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**SPORTS COORDINATOR****Swimming Carnival**

With 40 degrees predicted for Monday 6 February 2017, our school Swimming Carnival has been postponed. The Swimming Carnival will now be moved to our back up date, **Thursday 9 February 2017**. We have informed the Catholic Schools office and it is recommended that moving the carnival is in the best interest and safety for all students, staff and parents swimming or assisting on the day. The program will remain the same on Thursday; events will commence at 9.30 am and conclude between 1.30 pm -2.00 pm. Students from Year 1- Year 6 will be walking to and from the pool on the day. **Kindergarten will remain at school.**

Thank you to everyone who nominated their child/ren in events via the booking system online and for those parents offering assistance, it is greatly appreciated. The deadline for nominations has remained the same. We look forward to a great day Swimming Carnival and good luck to all students participating on the day.

**Grace and Eliza Smith**

Last weekend Grace and Eliza competed in an Athletics Carnival at Lismore representing their Little Athletics Club. Both girls are to be commended on their efforts with Grace receiving a 1st in 60m hurdles and the 70m sprint, a 2nd in the 100m sprint and 3rd in long jump. Eliza came 3rd in high jump for her age group. Well done girls!

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**CANTEEN**

Monday 6 February	Julie Keena and Virginia Leister
Wednesday 8 February	Julie Keena and Sally Marsh
Friday 10 February	Julie Keena, Sharnie Murphy and Tracey O'Malley

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**WHAT'S ON****WEEK 3, TERM 1**

<b>Monday 6 February</b>	<b>Kindergarten commence</b>
<b>Tuesday 7 February</b>	<b>Cuppa for Kinder parents, Ogilvie Hall</b>
<b>Thursday 9 February</b>	<b>School Banking</b>
	<b>Music Lessons and Band commence from 8.00 am</b>
	<b>Swimming Carnival</b>
	<b>ADVANCE DATES</b>
<b>Monday 13 February</b>	<b>Whole School Beginning Mass, 9.30 am</b>
<b>Friday 17 February</b>	<b>P &amp; F Family gathering Bago Vineyards Maze</b>
	<b>More details next week, all families welcome</b>

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## KINDERGARTEN

### New Adventures

We welcome our new Kindergarten children to school on Monday. It is such a huge step in these little ones lives, coming from preschool or home into big school and formal learning structures. The Kindergarten parents and children will meet their teachers at the Kindergarten classroom on the Monday morning at 8.45am. We welcome Kindergarten parents to a morning cuppa, the Ogilvie hall after they say their goodbyes and leave their children in the capable hands of our teachers. As a school we will welcome Kindergarten children to our school at our Tuesday morning assembly.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Piano Lessons in Wauchope** – please contact Nadia 6586 4823

Free parent/fulltime carer/grandparent **Autism Workshop** at the Rydges Port Macquarie on Wednesday 22 February 2017 For more information contact Karen Evans on 0466 487 943

Does your daughter love to dance? **Wauchope Physical Culture Club** is conducting registration and enrolment days on Monday 6 & Thursday 9 February 2017 from 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm at the Wauchope Public School Hall. New members welcome from ages 2+. Classes are conducted at the Wauchope Public School Hall each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday commencing Monday 20 February 2017. For further information please contact Annette Wannell 0447 157 340 or Lisa Wannell 0409 125 664.

**Wauchope Soccer Club registrations** - Season commences April and runs until September 2017. Register online at <http://www.myfootballclub.com.au/>.

Club registration days – Sat 11 & Sat 18 February, Wauchope RSL 10.00 am-12noon (please register online prior).

For further information please Bec 0409 401 926 (AH only) or Ben 0429 328 383 (AH only)

## ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, WAUCHOPE

**Please return by Friday 10 February 2017**

### NEWSLETTER - PAPER COPIES

Dear Parents

It is very important that you are kept up to date with St Joseph's School happenings and changes. We do provide many forms of ICT platforms with communication from the school, we cover, Facebook/Schoolstream/Webpage for Newsletters/messages and also paper copies of our Newsletters. I would encourage you to complete in the survey below as to what method you would like to receive our school information. My vision is to move away from printing colour paper copies of Newsletters. Costs to the school for colour printing of each Newsletter are considerable. If you still require a paper copy of the Newsletter, please indicate below.

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