ACTING PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

MRS ROBYN O’BRIEN & MRS CHRIS NINNESS
As notified earlier in the week, we were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs Robyn O’Brien’s mother, Mrs Brenda Bartlett and Mrs Ninness’ father, Frank Stephens. The St Joseph’s school community extends heartfelt sympathy to Mrs Robyn O’Brien and Mrs Chris Ninness, their families, relatives and friends.

Mrs Brenda Bartlett was also the loving grandmother of Breanna Manning (S3S) and Hanz Herrera (S1L) and Amelia (S2M) and Nicholas Riley (ES1).

MRS SUE CLEARY
Please continue to pray for Mrs Sue Cleary as she cares for her father.
**PRAYER SERVICE FOR MR KIELY, MRS O’BRIEN & MRS NINNESS**

_Sickness and death, pain and grief—our own or others’—are perhaps the most powerful motives for human prayer. Even if someone’s doubt or indifference about God outweighs faith, sickness often leads them to ask for prayer. And when they ask, no matter how busy, how intimidated, or how apathetic we have become in our prayer life generally, most of us attempt, once again, to frame a prayer._

_We pray because when someone we love is vulnerable, suffering, or broken, it compels us to wrap that person in care, to exercise our muscles. If nothing else can be done, we at least want to suffer with the one who is suffering. This instinct is one of the first liturgical impulses we learn, to pray for the sick. Like our other liturgical impulses, it can help us recognise who God is, as in our prayers we realise that this love for the suffering is a manifestation of the image of God in us._

On Wednesday we gathered together as a school in support of Mr Kiely and the loss of his beloved mother, Lorraine, for Mrs O’Brien and the loss of her beloved mother, Brenda and for Mrs Ninness and the loss of her beloved father, Frank Stephens. This was a moving prayer service that encapsulates the faith filled spirit within the St Joseph’s community.

**LEADING THE WAY**

On Monday, the school celebrated our Opening School Mass with the induction of our new school leaders. Together, all members of our school and parish community recommitted to working more closely and in unity throughout 2017.

_‘We promise to be concerned for the good and the happiness of all members of our school community. We pledge to support the students and staff of St Joseph’s, to uphold the excellent standard of our school and to fulfil our duty. We ask that you be with us Lord. May this school be one of peace, truth and sincerity.’_

I congratulate the following children inducted into Leadership positions for 2017 -

- School Captains: Bella Kilmurray & Jeffery Keena
- Vice School Captains: Jasmyn Debreceny & Aidan Grove
- Curran House Captains: Eliza Smith & Ethan Smith
- Curran Vice House Captains: Anabelle Paynting & Blake Haywood
- Mackillop House Captains: Juniper Mea & Jett Fletcher
- Mackillop House Vice Captains: Stephanie Lambert & Aidan Hill
- Waugh House Captains: Hannah Towler & Mitchell Dorahy
- Waugh Vice House Captains: Summer Minturn & Brendan Walsh

I thank Mrs Kara Dewhurst and Ms Jessica Bailey for the preparation of the Induction Mass.

**Mr Nigel Toole**
ACTING PRINCIPAL
TERM 1 CALENDARS DATES

Please find attached the dates for various events in and around the school for Term 1. Be aware that these dates are accurate as of today, Friday 17 February 2017, but are subject to change. The change may be beyond our control. If a change to a date is made, this will be shown in our weekly Newsletter.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS - MONDAY 20 – WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2017

Parent feedback throughout 2016 encouraged us to review the way we engage with parents early in the academic year. As a result, we will be conducting brief parent teacher interviews for Year 1 to Year 6 students on Monday 20, Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 February 2017.

This will be a valuable opportunity for parents to meet their teacher, discuss any concerns, receive feedback on their Maths Assessment Interview (MAI) and ask any questions in a one-to-one format. Parent information will come home prior to this interview which may answer many of your questions before the interview.

If you haven’t already, bookings for the interviews can be made through My School Interviews or for those without internet access; you may ring the Office to book a time on 6585 1745. Please follow the steps during the booking process.

Booking website: www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Booking code: Zggbz

BAND

Band for beginners (not 6 string guitars) will commence on Tuesday 21 February 2017 in the Ogilvie Hall at 8.00 am. Please remember to bring your instrument and music.

RELIGION

Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation
The parent meeting for First Reconciliation will be held on Monday 20 February 2017 at 6.00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Wauchope. We ask for all parents who have children who will complete the Sacrament this year, to please attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

KISS AND DROP

To support the smooth running of Kiss and Drop we would love if every family could display their surname on the rear of the passenger visor. If you do not have a laminated card, please contact the office and we will have one made up for you.

A WELCOME TO 2017 - FAMILY GATHERING
Bago Vineyards and Maze
Milligan’s Road, Wauchope
Friday 17 February 2017
4.30 pm – 7.30 pm
$5 entry per person for Maze
BYO Dinner/Picnic
(Barbecue available for you to cook your own meat)
Family event and a great chance to meet other parents and families
The children will have a great time playing in the Maze
Cheese platters and drinks available to purchase
Lucky Door Prizes

respectful, responsible, resilient
SPORTS COORDINATOR

Zone Swimming Carnival
Good luck to all the students travelling to Macksville on Tuesday for the Zone Swimming Carnival. A reminder that students are required to be at the school by 7.05 am. The bus will be departing for Macksville at 7.15 am and returning to school following the Carnival. Afternoon buses cannot be guaranteed, please ensure your child is picked up from school.

Winter Sports Trials
On Monday numerous students from Year 5 & Year 6 will attend the Zone Winter Sports Trials to be held at Port Macquarie. We wish the children all the best and know they will be great ambassadors for our school.

Please take note of the following reminders -
- There will be no Canteen facilities available at the venue. Please make sure that your child has lunch, snacks, sunscreen, hat and plenty of water.
- All Rugby Union and Rugby League players are required to wear a mouth guard or they will not be permitted to play.
- Soccer players are required to wear shin pads. Metal spikes are NOT allowed.
- Hockey players will need to wear shin pads and mouth guard.

Wauchope Thunder Rugby Union club is recruiting players from Year 1 to Year 6 to play in the Hastings Valley competition 2017. The club is focused on fun with mates, teaching new skills, good sportsmanship and a fair run for all i.e. everybody gets game time regardless of ability provided; registration is paid and child regularly attends training. Some introductory skills sessions will be run at the school by the Thunder during the week commencing Monday 27 February 2017.

All games are played on Friday afternoon at Stuart’s Park, Port Macquarie commencing from 5.00 pm onwards (BBQ food & drinks available). A single training session per week will be held at Blackbutt Oval, Wauchope on Wednesday from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm. No games or training during school holidays and the weekend of June long weekend.

Cost is $100 or less depending on age group (includes registration, insurance, shorts, socks, training shirt and cap). Registration will be held on Saturday 11, 18 and 25 March from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm at the BBQ area, Andrew’s Park, Wauchope. Training will commence Wednesday 22 March 2017.

Any enquiries, please call Jack Pike on 0407 205 994.

SENSORY GARDEN
A big thank you to Chris Austin from CA Constructions (father of Kai Year 2 & Sienna Kinder) for the creation of a cover to protect the sandpit in the new sensory playground.
CANTEEN

Monday 20 February  Julie Keena and Kylie Burnes
Wednesday 22 February  Julie Keena and Margaret Cook
Friday 24 February  Julie Keena, Tracy Wilson and Allison Lambert

CANTEEN SPECIAL
Meatlovers Pizza – only $2.00 each (Hawaiian not included). While stock lasts.

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

WHAT’S ON

WEEK 5 TERM 1

Monday 20 February  Parent Teacher Interviews
Reconciliation – Parent Information Meeting 6.00
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Wauchope

Tuesday 21 February  School Banking
Band (not 6 string guitar) 8.00 am, Ogilvie Hall
Zone Swimming Carnival, Macksville
Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 22 February  Parent Teacher Interviews

ADVANCE DATES

Wednesday 1 March  Ash Wednesday

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Register online: http://www.myfootballclub.com.au
Club registration Day – Saturday 18 February 2017 at the Wauchope RSL Club from 10.00 am to 12 noon. For further information contact Bec 0409 401 926 (ah) or Ben 0429 328 383 (ah only)

Mid Coast Futsal - Futsal training each Friday at Westport High School. Ages 8 yrs to 10 yrs, 4.30 pm, Ages 11 yrs to 13 yrs from 5.30 pm. Contact Alison 0412 191 923.
## St Joseph’s Primary Wauchope

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Wauchope Rugby Club

Rugby Union competitions 2017
Join Australia’s newest rugby union club –
The Wauchope Thunder

Girls & boys in Years 1 to 6 are invited to play on a Friday afternoon / evening in Port Macquarie

Training - Wednesday 5 to 6 pm at Blackbutts Oval, Wauchope. Senior players recruited from New Zealand will be assisting coaches.

Cost (see over) includes rego, insurance, socks, shorts, training shirt & cap (club owned jerseys)

Registrations will be held on Saturday 11, 18, & 25 March from 11 am to 1 pm at the BBQ area at Andrews Park, Wauchope

Please see over for details
For further details, please do not hesitate to contact Jack on 0407 205 994

Why play Rugby?
Girls & boys are welcome to play
Focus on safety through teaching correct technique, particularly tackling & binding e.g. the 5 steps to a safe & effective tackle
Emphasise on fun through playing running rugby, team spirit and good sportsmanship – poor behaviour will not be tolerated

Cost
$75 per player – U7/8's
$100 per player - all other age groups
Includes registration, insurance, shorts, socks, training shirt & cap (the best value sport in the Hastings Valley)

Uniform
Jerseys for games owned & supplied by the club
Shorts, socks & training shirt supplied (covered by $100 rego fee)
Mouthguard and boots compulsory and at player’s cost
No mouth guard – no play

Friday afternoon / evening competitions
Approx. 16 game competition on Friday afternoon / evening with
• No games during school holidays
• No game on Friday of June long weekend i.e. 9 June
Start date - Friday 31 March (come & try trial game)
Start time - From 5 pm onwards depending on age group
Games - 30 to 40 minute games depending on age group
Location - Stuart Park, Port Macquarie (games are always at the same location being Stuart Park – no travel to other locations)
Facilities - BBQ food and drinks available from 5:30 pm
Season - ends late August with a finals night for all teams

Training
Each Wednesday excluding school holidays
Start date - Wednesday 22 March 2017
Duration - 5 to 6 pm – a single one hour session per week
Location - Blackbutts Oval, Wauchope
No training during school holidays or week of June long weekend

CLUB RULE NO. 1 - HAVE FUN & LEARN SKILLS BY PLAYING RUGBY
CLUB RULE NO. 2 - ALL PLAYERS TO GET A FAIR RUN EACH GAME REGARDLESS OF EXPERIENCE, ABILITY, SIGNIFICANCE OF THE GAME, etc. PROVIDED REGO IS FULLY PAID & PLAYER HAS ATTENDED TRAINING

WAUCHOPE THUNDER HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE OF DRUG USE
JUNIOR GAMES & TRAINING ARE ALCOHOL & SMOKE FREE