Welcome Kindergarten 2017
Dear Parents and Carers

We have been so proud of the way in which the children have returned to school and their learning. It has also been lovely to see the new friendships develop with the new class groupings.

Congratulations to Logan McAnally, Flynn Curtis, Luke Hancock and Summer Blackney for winning the first week of the PBS icy poles. We were amazed with how many children received raffle tickets into the draw.

Just so there is no confusion, please note we are currently in Week 3, with next week being Week 4 of Term One. This relates to when the staff returned from holidays.

WELCOME KINDERGARTEN: This week we welcomed our new Kindergarten children to the school. It has been wonderful to see how excited they have been and even with the hot weather, they have coped so well. A huge thank you to their Year 6 buddies for helping them settle in so well. A special welcome to the many new families that joined the St Agnes' community for the first time.

Thank you to Ivan Sajko (Port News) for providing the school with photos that were taken on this special day.

PARENT/TEACHER MEET AND GREET: As outlined in the letter sent home on Wednesday this week, we will be introducing a 5 minute Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet. This will be in lieu of the Grade Parent Information Sessions normally held during Term One. This short meeting time will give you an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and tell them some important information that you would like them to know. The teachers are looking forward to this more personal approach to your child's education.

The Parent/Teacher Meet and Greets will be conducted next Tuesday 14 February from 3:30pm - 6:00pm. These times slots will need to be booked online using our normal school interviews booking system, using the code cgw8c. Parent Information Booklets will be sent home in the week following these meet and greets.

BEGINNING YEAR MASS: Due to other Parish commitments, we have needed to change the date and time of our Beginning School Mass. This will now be held on Tuesday 28 February at 11:45am in the School Hall. We look forward to seeing you all there.

VERIFICATION FORMS: In the next week or so all students will receive a student verification form. It is very important that the school is notified of any changes to student information. This includes changes to parent contact details, address, emergency contacts and most importantly medical information. Thank you in anticipation of your attention to this process.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: We are calling for expressions of interest in becoming trained as a casual replacement in the Canteen when Bec is ever on leave. If you have had previous experience as a volunteer in our Canteen and are interested in being added to our casual pool, please send a one page Expression of Interest cover letter to me by 3:00pm Friday 24 February 2017.

CLASS PARENT NETWORK: At St Agnes' Primary School, we have various structures set up to support the relationship between families and school. One of these important structures is the Class Parent Network. The main purpose of this network is to bring parents into shared co-responsibility with our school. Parents are chosen to work in support of the staff and a particular class. As each class is assigned an individual Class Parent, they together form the Class Parent Network. This group is officially recognised by the school and is assigned an important role in building school community. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

KISS AND DROP ZONE: Just a reminder that the “Kiss and Drop” zone in the morning is only for children who can enter the school grounds independently. If your child is unable to enter the school independently, please park out the front of the school and accompany your child into the school.

CAR PARK PICK UP: Thank you to all our parents/carers who continue to follow our afternoon car park pick-up procedures. Just a few reminders to make sure the pick-up system continues to flow smoothly and safely:

- Left turn only, both in and out of the car park;
- Please do not queue in Boronia Street of an afternoon. If the car line is going out of the car park, please progress around the block; and
Please be aware that queuing in the Boronia St area is considered illegal double parking and there were numerous occasions last year where parents were issued with fines. Car Park pick will be available to new Kinder families in the coming weeks. The "Kinder Connections" newsletter will advise when this service becomes available.

**PBS NEWS**

This week we have launched Positive Behaviour Support at St Agnes' Primary. All students watched a short video introducing PBS and the teachers have been introducing and teaching the Expected Behaviours Matrix with every grade. We have so many exciting initiatives to recognise positive behaviour beginning as a part of PBS. Each week the students can earn raffle tickets in the weekly raffle to be drawn at Friday morning assembly. The raffle ticket also earns the students a point for their house in the house cup. At the end of term, the winning house with the most points will earn a fun afternoon with Mr Galvin and Mrs Yarnold. The children have been very enthusiastic about following these expectations and are working hard to earn a raffle ticket in the weekly draw and the House Cup. We hope you have seen lots of little hands with stamps on them at the end of the day, that is a sign that your child has been recognised for being Respectful, Responsible, Resilient or Resolute. We look forward to introducing Positive Behaviour Support to you further as the weeks continue.

“Centered in Christ and with love for one another, St Agnes’ Learners are Respectful, Responsible, Resilient and Resolute”

**SPORT NEWS - CLAIRE MICHELL**

ZONE SWIMMING TRIALS: A reminder these swimming trials are this coming Monday 13 February at Wauchope Pool (Cameron Street) from 9:00am. Students will be travelling from school via bus, which will leave at 8:30am sharp. The children selected at these trials will represent St Agnes’ at the Zone Carnival on 21 February in Macksville. If successful, the Diocesan trials will be held at Lismore on 3 March. Nominations for this event closed on yesterday.

AFL TRIALS: Lismore Diocesan AFL trials will be held at Grafton on Friday 24 February for Stage 3 (Years 5/6 students, both boys and girls). Registration needs to be completed online by Tuesday 14 February. Forms are available from the front office and Ms Michell. Parents of participating children will need to organise their own transportation.

ZONE WINTER SPORT TRIALS: This week students were selected in the sports of soccer (both boys and girls), hockey, netball, rugby league and rugby union to go to the upcoming Zone Winter Sport Trials at Regional High School. These trials are on Monday 20 February. The bus will leave for this day at 8:40am sharp. Students are reminded to bring any necessary equipment. Permission notes must be returned by Monday 13 February, otherwise your child’s place may be given to someone else. Thank you to the following teachers who assisted with school selections: Eloise Toombs, Kate de Brassec, Lucy Jackson, Leanne Hunter, Ka’ren Darrington, Craig Brazel, Jenny Mercer and Elise Gardiner.

Congratulations to the following students and we wish them luck as they compete for individual selection against other students in the Zone (Please note Boys Soccer was not determined at time of print):

**Girls Soccer:** Joyce Awad, Kiara Dalton, Grace Fava, Hailee Galleglan, Jules Irwin, Alannah Logan-Pye, Imijin Lynn, Indiana Mayes and Aaliyah Sadler

**Netball:** Tyla Dal Broi, Abbey Dingle, Tallara Duck, Lacey Grainger, Emily Prince, Tahlia Reed, Fleur Sherlock and Trelise Kirkby

**Boys & Girls Hockey:** Amy Hatherly, Sophia Hemsley, Chelsea Lewis, Isabella Magnus, Wilson Minogue, Lauren Nichols, Eliza Ruhl and Emersyn Smith

**Rugby League:** Samuel Atkins, Shaun Baillon, Liam Cameron, Billy Cutcliffe, Luke Gilmour, Patrick Lawlor, Nixon McGoldrick, Bailey Pawlak, Cameron Porteous, Dereje Thompson, Jack Tierney and Tyson Walsh

**Rugby Union:** Charlie Cassar, Jack Edwards, Samuel Fox, Harison Gregory, Vaughan Munro and Chester Wade,

CONGRATULATIONS: Cooper Burns competed in the Speedo Sprint heats in Taree over the weekend and qualified to represent Swimming North Coast at the Speedo Sprints Final at Homebush Bay on the 12 March 2017. His sister, Kianna also competed in her very first event and placed first. Well done.

Got a sporting achievement? We'd love to hear about it! Email cmichell@lism.catholic.edu.au.

**GENERAL NOTICES**

CLASSPACK INVOICES: Invoices for Classpacks outstanding have either been emailed or sent home with your child today. Please note full payment is due by Friday of Week 8 (17 March 2017). Part payment are acceptable.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB: SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB: Book club brochures have gone home this week. If you wish to place an order, these need to be returned to school by Wednesday 15 February 2017.

- All orders should be placed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with child’s name, class and "Book Club".

- You may pay by credit card; however this needs to be arranged direct with Scholastic, as per information on order forms. The completed slip is then included with your order.

- All orders are processed on the closing date and returned to individual children as soon as they are delivered to school – this is usually about 1 week after the closing date.

- Please ensure correct money is placed in each envelope. It would be appreciated if you didn’t pay with small denominations (eg. $10 book purchased with 5¢ coins).

- If you are purchasing books to be given as gifts, the order form should be dropped into the office, or a note written inside with the order form, and the books can then be collected from

• No queuing across the pedestrian crossing.
the office. Please ensure this is clearly marked on order form.

SHINE: This after school drama program resumes for its 10th year in St Agnes’ Primary Schools’ hall. Classes occur after school on Wednesdays and conclude at 4:15pm. Students are to remain under the shelter until Ms Michell picks them up to take them to the hall. The drama program offers students opportunities to explore their own creative expression through dramatic play, improvisation, stagecraft, poetry and scriptwork within an inclusive environment. Let your child ‘shine’ and improve their confidence. Application forms are available from the office. Classes for Term 1 start Wednesday 15 February and conclude on 5 April. Students must be financial in order to participate. Classes are $8 and open to students Years 1 to 6.

SOUL SURFING - way more than just a surf school. It’s a way of life! Welcoming back our beloved customers and inviting new to join the ride. Soul Surfing offer -
* After School Surf and Earth (Before school for the more advanced) - school collection, healthy afternoon tea and surf and play sessions.
* Kids Yoga classes. Thursdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm

PLAY TENNIS: Boys and girls are invited to play on Wednesdays from 3:35-5:00pm or Saturdays from 10:30am-12:00. Supervised singles and double matches - Hot Shots. Six week comp only $40 or $7 weekly. Westport Tennis Club, Woods Street (opposite Aldi). Phone Mark on 0412 834 336 for more details.

CANTEEN NEWS
BEC RISSEL
MON TUES WED THURS FRI
LISA VON HARTITZSCH KYLEE VATALIDIS ANNE-MARIE MCWHIRTER / CORAL CLARKE KATHRYN ARCHER / RUBY KURIAN

Thank you to all those parents or grandparents who have volunteered to help for the first time this year, and to those returning from past years. I am looking forward to catching up with you all when you are rostered on.

CALENDAR: WEEK 4, TERM 1 2017

SUNDAY FEB 12 * 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
MONDAY FEB 13 * No School Prayer
* Zone Swimming Trials - Wauchope
* Drawn to Art
TUESDAY FEB 14 *
* Sports Uniform - Students in K, 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6
* School Prayer - SRC and Student Leaders Induction - 9:00am - all welcome
* Parent Teacher "Meet and Greet" - Year 1 - 6 - 3:30pm - 6:00pm
* Drawn to Art
WEDNESDAY FEB 15 *
* Sports Uniform - Students in Year 2
* Shine
THURSDAY FEB 16 *
* Sports Uniform - Students in K, 1, 4 and 5
8.00am - Band
* Staff meeting - 8:20am - Office closed until 8:55am
FRIDAY FEB 17 *
* Sports Uniform - Students in 2, 3 and 6
* Staff Prayer - 8:20am - Office Closed until 8:40am

ADVANCE DATES
FEB 20 * Winter Sports Trials - St Joseph’s Regional College
* P & F Meeting - 5:45pm - Staffroom
* Penance Registration at St Agnes’ Church, Hay Street
FEB 21 * Beginning School Mass - 10:00am - under the shelter - refer below
* Zone Swimming Carnival - Macksville
FEB 26 * St Agnes’ School hosting Parish Mass - 5:00pm
FEB 28 * Beginning School Mass - 11:45am - all welcome - Hall
start the year as one body together

WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2017, 5.15PM
St Agnes’ Parish
BEGINNING YEAR MASS

St Agnes’ Catholic Church
Hay St, Port Macquarie

Followed by Supper
www.stagnesparish.org.au
WEEKEND & HOLIDAY FUN FOR KIDS

Bring your kids and come along to one of our Glasshouse Sprouts activities.
Book early to avoid disappointment.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

2017 DATES
11AM TO 12PM

Wednesday 11 January
Saturday 14 January
Wednesday 18 January
Wednesday 25 January
Saturday 11 February
Saturday 11 March
Saturday 8 April
Wednesday 12 April
Wednesday 19 April
Saturday 13 May
Saturday 10 June
Wednesday 5 July
Saturday 8 July
Wednesday 12 July
Saturday 12 August
Saturday 9 September
Wednesday 27 September
Wednesday 4 October
Saturday 14 October
Saturday 11 November
Saturday 9 December
Port City Hockey

2017 Registration Day

Junior Hockey U/7's to U/16's, Women's and Men's Hockey
Port Macquarie Hockey Field (Ocean Drive)

When:
Tuesday 14th, 21st, 28th February
Tuesday 7th, 14th March

Juniors: 5 - 6pm
Seniors: 6 - 7pm (training begins)

(Fee to be paid on the day, via credit card or visa debit card) No cash

Contact: 0427934746 info@portcityhockey.com
www.portcityhockey.com
www.facebook.com

Facebook
Port Macquarie Sharks Junior Rugby League is a family friendly club and believes in making it fun for kids of ALL abilities. Registration is now open!

Come along to our 2017 meet and greet registration day and see what we are all about or register online!

14th January 2017 - Stuarts park
28th January 2017 - McDonalds Settlement City
11th February 2017 - Stuarts park
25th February 2017 - McDonalds Settlement City

10AM UNTIL 2PM

Registration Fees
$100 First child - $85 Second child - $75 Third child
And includes:
Registration, Insurance, photo and presentation trophy,
Shorts, Socks and a Club hoodie. (new 2017 club design!)

PARENTS ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO BE INVOLVED

Players Register Online Here!
For more info check our website out below
http://websites.sportstg.com/club_info.cgi?c=1-2181-110019-0-0&sID=345952

or check us out of facebook (Port Macquarie Sharks Junior Rugby League)

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Music Theory

Private Lessons
Singing - Acting - Keyboard
Guitar - Auditions

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