Dear Parents/Guardians,

All National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) reports for students in Years 3, 5 and 7 were sent home during the final week of term 3. After further investigation of results, I am overwhelmed by the terrific improvement our students have attained. Congratulations to all students in Years 3, 5 and 7. In summary, our Years 3, 5 and 7 students have achieved well above QLD state averages and are also above national average levels of achievement. Parents are encouraged to celebrate their child’s achievements.

Term four is shaping up as yet another very busy term for the St John’s School community. At this stage we are preparing for the following events:

- Intensive Swimming Program & Carnival
- Presentation Evening
- SMCSA Kanga Cricket Carnival
- Years 4-7 Tinaroo Camp
- Year 7 Graduation
- Music Assembly

Please consider supporting our very busy P & F by attending next week’s meeting on Wednesday at 1.00pm. Many hands lighten the load.

Staff will participate in a Senior First Aid/CPR course next Tuesday. This is a worthwhile exercise which consolidates our ability to care for your children’s needs, particularly during our swimming program.

Technology @ St John’s

Whilst our teachers have been busy increasing their ICT proficiency, thanks to the Australian Government Quality Teacher Program (AGQTP), students have been introduced to many new interactive learning tools which include using apps on our iPads. Digital literacy skills are essential for our students to embrace and have enhanced educational outcomes in all classrooms at St John’s. In addition, they have proved invaluable for the complex transition our senior students make to secondary education.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Maley
M Ed (ICT), B Ed, Dip T
Principal

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**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

1210/12  C Scopelliti & K Anderson

P & F Association meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1.00pm.

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“You can do anything, but not everything!”

David Allen

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**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**
The students in the Year 6/7 classroom have hit the ground running with the introduction of new topics across the Learning Areas.

In Religion, students are looking at Spirituality in the Christian Tradition. They recently completed an activity which required them to brainstorm and list all of the words that they associate with or are derivatives of spirituality. Some of these words were: spirit, spiritual, soul, spirited, the Holy Spirit, school spirit, spiritualism and spiritualist. Students then went into small learning teams and considered the definition of spirituality provided below.

Spirituality is about a person’s deeply held beliefs and values about God and life and how they put them into action each day.

Students then identified common themes and words using the Think-Pair Share Strategy.

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Students discussed their findings with the class and created a class definition of the word ‘Spirituality’.

Spirituality is about what a person truly values the most.

This lesson was an insightful and in-depth experience for the students.

Sarah Payne, Year 6/7 Teacher

Term 4 Sport

A reminder that this term is gearing up to be another eventful, fun-filled term with students having the opportunity to participate in a variety of sporting activities. The SMCSA Kanga Cricket Carnival for Years 4 - 7 (and possibly a few Year 3 students) will be held at the Silkwood Soccer Grounds on Friday 16th November. There will be an intensive swimming program in Weeks 6 and 7 followed by the swimming carnival on Friday 23rd November.

Pupil Free Day

A reminder that there is a pupil free day set for Monday 22nd October.

P & F Agenda

The agenda for next Wednesday's P & F meeting to be held at 1.00pm (note new time) is as follows:
- Swimming Carnival
- Year 4 - 7 Camp
- End of year presentation night
- Year 7 graduation
- Term 4 social night
- School renewal
- P & F end of year dinner date

We hope to see as many parents as possible attend to share their thoughts on agenda items.

Music program

Term 4 music fees will be issued shortly. These fees must be paid by the due date as the money is then forwarded to Good Counsel College to pay the music teacher.

Year 4 - 7 Camp

Years 4–7 will be attending camp at Barrabadeen on the shores of Lake Tinaroo from Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th of November, a total of 3 days / 2 nights. The following activities have been arranged:
- Visiting Mamu Canopy Walk
- Canoeing and fishing on the shores of Tinaroo
- Visiting Kuranda Zoo at Mareeba
- Visiting the Beck War Museum – Aviation and Military Collection
- Visiting Herberton Historic Village
- Visiting Lake Eacham
- Visiting Mungalli Falls Dairy

Permission notes will be sent home shortly. The cost of the camp will be a $120 per student. All money will be required by Thursday 1st November.

Newsletter Inserts:

- Standing up for Catholic Schools
- Dr Arne Rubinstein’s presentation next week - $500 gift voucher giveaway.

Welcome back to Kindy. We are looking forward to a busy 9 weeks this term. We now have 20 children enrolled at the Kindy. Welcome to Lillie and Keira who started this week and a big welcome back to Kiki and Ellie. Thank you to the many families of the School and Kindy who attended the Art Exhibition last term. Showcasing the creative talents of the children was an exciting time for staff and children.

Mrs Robyn Parisi, Teacher/Director
October - Rosary Month
October is a special month dedicated to Mary and to the recitation of the Rosary. The Rosary is a special prayer that helps us to see our human lives in the light of Christ. It is a prayer that can be prayed at any time, in any place, and is a wonderful family prayer. When praying the rosary, we refer to the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries.

Mini Vinnies Reminder
Our Free Dress Day/Zumba session at the end of last term was lots of fun and a great workout for all. Mr Maley’s moves were very impressive and it was so good to see many parents participating! Thank you to Helen for running the session and for all donations received on the day.

Our knitting/crocheting squares are coming together beautifully and next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, we require all finished or unfinished squares, knitting needles and spare wool to be returned to Mrs Williamson’s room. Any unfinished squares will be completed at school. The students are now working on a design to arrange all the squares together. Then we can sew all the squares together and finish our blanket. It is exciting to see all the fruits of our labour coming together and parents/carers will be very welcome to come in and see our finished project. There will be more details available in the coming weeks on the plans for donating our blanket.

Sale of frozen cups will commence on Fridays, starting in week 2. This term we intend to include juice frozen cups. More details in next week’s newsletter.

Mrs DeBrincat, Mini Vinnies Team

Swimming Classes
Starting up again at Pelican Waterhole, Kurrimine Beach. Anyone interested in learn to swim, stroke correction or swimfit classes, phone Alex on 0429571363 pelicanwaterhole@bigpond.com

October
2nd - Saskia
8th - Ellie, Kikki
10th - Arvind

Students of the Week
Social Emotional Learning Awards

Persistence
Dimi - Persisting with difficult maths tasks. Well done!

Persistence
Nicholas T - Making a big effort to complete all tasks.

Confidence
Lee - Confidently making changes to accurately edit.

Emotional Resilience
Zane - Working tough to complete challenging maths concepts. Well done!

Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards

Quality Producer
Deja - Making fantastic improvement with your drawing and colouring in.

Quality Producer
Amelia - Accurately writing very descriptive settings!

Effective Communicator
Jack - Effectively communicating important factors when creating a closed electrical circuit.

Reading Awards

50 nights - Lillie, Molly
100 nights - T.J.
125 nights - Gina, Olympia, Billy
175 nights - Alex, Lauren
200 nights - Leanne, Jennifer, Deja
225 nights - Mitchell, Candice, Christian, Athena
250 nights - Jade, Skye, Manreet, Jack, Bethany

You’re Invited!
Girls Night In
Pretty and Pink Afternoon Tea
Paper Craft Creating
To take money for Pink Ribbon’s right against Breast Cancer
Kurrajong Community Progress Hall
Murduring Point Road
Kurrajong Beach
Date: Saturday 20th October
Time: 1 - 4pm
Includes: Tea and cake, making products & observation
Cost: $25
Bank: ANZ
Account: 040552074
Contract Robyn Tarfalsky: 405652074

Raising money for Breast Cancer