Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the start of the 2013 school year and the continuation of quality Catholic Education at Silkwood. St John’s teachers and school officers have worked tirelessly during the past few weeks to prepare the school and teaching programs that will both challenge and stimulate your children’s learning.

St. John’s would like to extend a warm welcome to the Harlow, Ritchie, Tokorangi, Trevor and Cirstea families. We also welcome Mr Stuart Russell in the Year 6/7 classroom, Miss Priscilla Muriata as Indigenous Liaison Officer and Mrs Helen Andrews to the Learning support position. These new staff members are very highly regarded! We pray your time with us will be rewarding and hope you will all enjoy striving to achieve our school motto of “Always Reaching For New Heights”.

Our Prep students will be introduced to the school community at assembly on Friday, and from all accounts, have made the transition to primary school education without much fuss thanks to the wonderful caring atmosphere created by Miss Harisson, Mrs Strano and Mrs De Brincat.

Teachers will hold Parent Information sessions next week to promote an effective home and school partnership. Parents are encouraged to attend these informative sessions which will outline everything from classroom programs to homework requirements. We are truly blessed to have such an experienced and dedicated staff to enhance your children’s learning at St John’s.

The Year Seven students will present their leadership speeches at assembly tomorrow morning in the school library at 8:50am. Staff and students will have the opportunity to vote for their chosen School Captain, School Vice Captain and Sports House Captains following the speeches. Parents are welcome to attend and support their children. The 2013 school leaders will be presented with their P & F sponsored shirts and their respective badges at the beginning of the school year Mass at 9.30am on Wednesday 6th February.

Yours sincerely,

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

Term 1 Week 1 – 31st January, 2013

D A T E S  T O  R E M E M B E R

1st February
- Music tuition

2nd February
- Liturgy at Silkwood 6.00pm

4th February
- Playgroup at Silkwood Kindy 9:00 - 11:00am
- Prep/Year 1 parent teacher mtg 3.05pm

5th February
- Year 2/3 parent teacher mtg 3.05pm

6th February
- Beginning school year Mass 9.30am
- Year 4/5 parent teacher mtg 3.05pm

7th February
- Kindy parent teacher mtg 8.45pm
- Year 6/7 parent teacher mtg 3.05pm

9th February
- Liturgy at Silkwood 6.00pm

12th February
- Shrove Tuesday
- P & F AGM 3.00pm

13th February
- Ash Wednesday liturgy at 9.00am

“Be the best version of you!”
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“Always Reaching For New Heights”
Change of Personal Details
At the commencement of each year, parents are reminded to update their personal details with any changes of address, telephone numbers or emergency contact numbers. It is vital that this information is kept up-to-date in the event of an emergency at school. Children will not be released to any adult unless they have been marked on your enrolment form as a contact name, so please ensure these names remain current. If you have amendments complete the attached form and return by next Tuesday, 5th February.

Opening School Mass
Next Wednesday (6th February) St. John’s will celebrate Mass at 9:30am in the Silkwood Church to mark the beginning of the new school year and commission our new school leaders. Families and community members of the School and Kindy are invited to attend.

Electronic Roll Marking
This year, teachers will record student attendance electronically at two times during the school day, 9.00am and 1.00pm. This highlights the importance of parents contacting the school to register absences and following up with a note explaining the reason for the absence.

LOTE
Due to a change in staffing circumstances and to establish continuity in the curriculum between St John’s and Good Counsel College, Japanese will now replace the Italian language. Mrs Payne has tertiary training in Japanese and will teach the LOTE program during 2013.

St Vincent De Paul Collection
St John’s School is currently collecting unused stationery items and reading books/materials from family households so these can be sent to less privileged children. The collection will run most of this term. Donations of these items can be given to the classroom teacher or left at the school office.

Parent Information Sessions
Information sessions for the 2013 school year have been set for next week. This is an opportunity for new and current parents to meet their children’s teachers and for teachers to disperse information that will help set the standards and expectations (including homework) for the year ahead.

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Tuckshop
Tuckshop day for 2013 will be Wednesdays with the first tuckshop day commencing next Wednesday 6th February. Orders to be written on a brown paper bag, with your child’s name and order written on the outside, along with the correct money inside the bag. Orders to be handed into the message bag by Wednesday morning.

If you are able to lend a hand on tuckshop days (from approx. 8.30am to 11.30am), please phone the school office or Angelique Scarpignato on 4068 5412 or mobile phone 0417 707 327, if you can volunteer, so a term roster can be drafted.

There also remains from last year an assortment of dishes that have not yet been collected. If you are missing a favourite dish from home please come and see if you have left it at the tuckshop.

Angelique is also requesting the donation of farm fresh eggs to be used at the tuckshop. If you have these and can donate some on tuckshop days, that would be greatly appreciated.

End of school day procedures
A reminder that children being collected by their parents at the end of the school day must be marked off the roll in front of the administration office before they are allowed to proceed to their cars.

Kindy Corner
Welcome to the many new and returning children and families at the Kindy in 2013. We hope you had a great holiday and look forward to new experiences this year at Kindy. We also had a new item to the playground over the holidays with the addition of a colourful play boat.

Robyn & Denise.

Where: Harold Street, Silkwood
Days of operation: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Session times: 8:30am until 3:00pm
Staff: Director/teacher: Robyn Parisi
       Assistant teacher: Denise Greco
Cost: $24 per day (6.5 hours)
What children need to bring: Back pack, piece of fruit, lunch, water bottle, cup with handle, hat, box of tissues, library bag, spare clothes, bedding.
Contact: Kindergarten: (Robyn /Denise)
           Phone office: 4065 2193 (Vera)
           Email: silkelck@cns.catholic.edu.au

Sharing the caring with Faith & Vision
Parking and Collection of Children

To ensure pedestrian safety, visitors to the school are requested to park nose to curb as marked in the school car park. At the end of the school day students travelling home by car must be marked off the roll in front of the administration office by the car duty teacher BEFORE they are allowed to proceed to their cars. Parents and students should travel on the walkway on the school playground to gain safe access to the car park. All other driveways should be left clear for emergency entry or exit.

Please remember:

♦ Parents/Guardians should use the walkway above the retaining wall and behind the fence as a walkway to and from the undercover veranda when picking up children. This can be accessed via the ramp near the administration building or via the clearway.

♦ Parents/Guardians are to park and exit their vehicle and escort their children back to their vehicle via the safety zone in front of the car parks.

♦ Everyone is requested to leave the drive through area in front of the Three Saints office area clear.

♦ The first bay closest to the school on the new skillion off the church is to be left vacant at all times.

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When: Every Monday (school weeks only)

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