Dear Parents/Guardians,

Sincere condolences to the Dodds’ family on the passing of Shaun’s father and Danaya and Joshua’s grandfather, Rodney Dodds. Also, belated condolences to Mrs Daley’s family on the loss of Mrs Daley’s father, Edgar Critchell during the school holidays. Our prayers and thoughts are with these families during this difficult time.

On Tuesday we held the 2013 Parents and Friends AGM. I was pleased with the terrific attendance. Congratulations to the following parents who have committed themselves to executive positions:

President— Mrs Chrissie Babsek
Vice President— Mrs Kristy Anderson
Treasurer— Mrs Kylie Azzopardi
Secretary— Mrs Debbie Daly
Diocesan Delegate— Mrs Kirsten Brooks
Uniform Coordinator— Mrs Chrissie Babsek
Tuckshop Convenor— Ms Angelique Scarpignato

Thank you to the families that have already taken their turn at assisting Angelique in the tuckshop. I ask all parents to give serious consideration to listing your name on the tuckshop roster.

Yesterday, students enjoyed a skills and information session with the National Rugby League Development team (Tye Williams, Rob and Gavin). The information session for the students focused on anti-bullying and the importance of eating healthy food. Also, the importance of school was discussed with the aim of encouraging students to achieve their best, the common stereotype that sports stars do not need or like school.

Congratulations to Dean and Jessica Sinton as they make preparations for the birth of their second child later this year.

Please note: Child complimentary tickets to the NQ Toyota Cowboys versus St George Illawarra Dragons game, will be given away to students at assembly tomorrow morning. I suggest that you encourage your children to read or listen to the content in the newsletter!

Yours sincerely,

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

Happy St. Valentine’s Day!”

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

DATES TO REMEMBER
15th February
♦ School councillor at St John’s
16th February
♦ Mass at Silkwood 6.00pm
18th February
♦ Playgroup at Silkwood Kindy 9:00 -11:00am
19th February
♦ No 4 Branch/Walter Lever Estate Road Bus meeting 7.00pm at St. John’s School
23rd February
♦ Liturgy at Silkwood 6.00pm
1st - 2nd March
♦ TREWH Conference
22nd March
♦ SMCSA Soccer/Netball Carnival
29th March
♦ Good Friday

Term Dates 2013
Term 1 - 29th Jan - 28th Mar
Term 2 - 15th Apr - 21st June
Term 3 - 9th July - 20th Sept
Term 4 - 8th Oct - 6th Dec

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
21/2/13 A Scarpignato & J Harvey
**Curriculum in Year 2/3**

**History**

So far this term the students in Year 2/3 have got off to a flying start on our History units. Year 2 have been looking at lots of information about the local area to see how Silkwood has changed by comparing what they can find out about the past compared to what we can see now. The students were very interested to learn that there used to be a lolly shop, bakery and café in Silkwood and were even heard to comment that they wish they could go back in time!

Year 3 have been finding out about what the terms ‘indigenous’ and ‘aboriginal’ mean and have found out about what the design and colours on the Torres Strait Island and Aboriginal flags symbolise. They have looked at some information about what life was like for indigenous people long ago and have composed many questions to ask of Miss Priscilla, our new Indigenous Liaison Officer.

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**Debbie Daly, Class Teacher**

**Lent**

Lent is a time where we focus on our hearts which are converted from selfishness to love, and which is formed in our ability to give. Lent is about renewal of ourselves personally, and also about what we can renew in our world.

**Debbie Daly, Class Teacher**

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**From the President**

Hello and welcome to the Parents and Friends of St. John’s School. As you are aware, our annual AGM was held on Tuesday. May I take this opportunity to thank the previous committee members for their wonderful contribution over the past 12 months. I would also like to welcome all new and existing members to their relevant tasks. It is through the dedication and contribution of all parents, both past and present, that has made this school the success it is today, and I congratulate you all. I look forward to your continued support and feel truly blessed knowing I have your assistance with my new challenges throughout 2013. If anyone has any questions or suggestions, you are welcome to give me a call on 40656 251 or 0439 656 250. Sincere blessings to you all.

Chrisse Babsek, P & F President

**Uniforms**

The school year has certainly started with a ‘Wow Factor’ with the new fabric sports shirts. The students have certainly welcomed the change, with the recent weather conditions we have experienced. I have completely sold out in most sizes and have more stock on order. I will notify you all when they arrive. You will also see 100% UV protection sunglasses on our uniform list shortly. These are NOT COMPULSORY for purchase, but will be on offer to those interested. Thank you for your patience with getting fitted for uniforms over the past few weeks. I hope all the children are comfortable and happy learners. That’s all for now from the Uniform Boutique!

Chrisse Babsek, Uniforms

**School Fees**

School fees and kindy fees have been issued this week. Families have the option to pay their fees in weekly, fortnightly, monthly direct debit payments. If you would prefer this method of payment, please see Vera to complete the relevant paperwork.

**Shoe Boxes of Love to Bundaberg**

I am sure that the families from Bundaberg East State School will be amazed by the generosity of our families! Thank you Tracey Patterson & K'Bch Holiday park for organising this venture.

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**Kindy Corner**

Kindy provides an environment where children learn to become part of a group outside of the family. They share in each other’s experiences, play and often complete activities together. We are working with the children to develop the concept of ‘our Kindy family’. A photo of each child has been displayed on ‘Our Kindy Tree’. The children will also be completing self-portraits.

**Our first Parent Committee Meeting for the year will be on Friday 22nd February at 8.45am.**

At this meeting nominations will be called for the positions of chair/secretary, treasurer/fundraising, grants officer and maintenance person.

**Health Care Card holders for Kindy families**

The Queensland Government is committed to ensuring every child has the opportunity to enjoy the life long benefits that kindergarten programs provide. **Health Card holders can access Kindergartens for a considerably reduced cost (if any) by presenting this card to the office. The subsidy is provided to the service to reduce the out-of-pocket expenses payable by eligible parents.**

Robyn & Denise.
Social Emotional Learning Awards

Confidence
Kyle - Confidently working by yourself during difficult maths tasks. Great work!

Confidence
Hank - Speaking with confidence about your show and tell.

Confidence
Nikita - Independently writing with accuracy.

Organisation
Bradley - Always being organised and ready to go for each lesson.

Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards

Effective Communicator
Connor - Sharing your amazing knowledge of animals with the class.

Active Investigator
Lyanna - Thinking of great questions to ask during history lessons.

Quality Producer
Evan - Choosing great books to read about our topics in History & Science.

Leader & Collaborator
Zane - Always displaying effective leadership qualities when working with classmates.

15th - Nikita

Pancake Tuesday
Thank you to Mrs Scarpignato and Mrs Hogan who made lots and lots of pancakes on Tuesday. Mini Vinnies collected $66.05.

Gluten Free Items at the Tuckshop
A few gluten free items have been added to this term’s menu. They are:
- Pasta with Bolognese Sauce $4.00
- Bacon & Egg toasted sandwich $3.00

Orders for Wednesday tuckshop can be sent into school from Monday.

Sacramental Program 2013
The Catholic Parish Tully - Silkwood is calling for expressions of interest from families who would like their children to proceed to the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist this year. If your child is nine years old or older and you believe they are ready to be considered for the sacraments, please register your details. A form will be sent home today with your children or alternatively register with the parish office on 40681143 by Wednesday 27th February.

Silkwood Junior Soccer Sign On
Sign On: Wednesday 20th February 5-6pm
Light training: Wednesday 27th February 5-6pm
Training: Wednesday 6th March 5-6pm
First game: Saturday 9th March
All new players must bring their birth certificate.
For more information contact Nicole Hogan.

Our Prep class - missing Tavake & Jessica
Thank you to Mrs Maley for painting our Prep/One Room!

Mrs Chrissie Babsek is surrounded by our Shoe boxes of Love going to Bundaberg East State School.

NRL team visits St. John’s School

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