Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

Parents are reminded that Monday 6th May (following the Feast of the Three Saints) is a PUPIL FREE DAY. Teachers, ancillary staff and parents will be reinstating classrooms following the Feast of the Three Saints which will be held on Sunday 5th May. All parents and friends are encouraged to attend and enjoy this wonderful local festival on Sunday.

St John’s ANZAC Day Ceremony will be held on Wednesday 24th April in the school library commencing at 9.00am. Relatives and friends are welcome to join us as we remember the sacrifice of our fellow Australians in past and present conflicts. All families are encouraged to participate in the Kurrimine Beach ANZAC Day march on Thursday 25th April. The march will depart from the King Reef Resort at 9:40am and culminate with a ceremony at the Kurrimine Beach Cenotaph at 10:00am. Our attendance at this community event has been substantial during recent years. Please make an effort to attend if possible.

Students are requested to wear their normal pin stripe school uniform and school hat.

St John’s Parents and Friends will cater for the families that attend the march with a BBQ and soft drinks at the King Reef Resort afterwards. Beach cricket and some other novelties will also be on offer for the young and young at heart.

I have received notification from Bishop James Foley that Father Karel will sadly be transferred to the St Augustine’s Parish at Mossman. I sincerely thank Father Karel for his support of St John’s during some very trying circumstances post Yasi. Our Parish has planned to have a shared meal following mass this Saturday evening to farewell Father Karel. Please note that Father Karel’s last mass in the Silkwood Parish will be held on the Saturday evening of the Three Saints weekend. A renaming ceremony for the former Presbytery/convent at Silkwood will take place following this mass. Father Tony Lumukso OSA, presently assisting in Innisfail, will take on the care of the Silkwood/Tully parishes.

Yours sincerely,

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

“Believe in yourself. Have faith in your abilities. Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers you cannot be successful or happy!” N V Peale
Literacy at St. John’s

The role of Mrs Parisi as Literacy Enhancement Teacher at St. John’s

Each Monday, I work alongside classroom teachers as the Literacy Enhancement teacher. The children benefit from the support of an extra teacher working in the classroom for one hour each week during reading rotations. Working in small groups, the main teaching focus has been on explicit teaching of spelling works, sight word and reading strategies. The THRASS program, the sight word booklets, bingo/card games, dictionaries and graded reading schemes are the main resources utilised in these focused learning sessions. In addition to these sessions, I work with the 2/3 class on a Monday afternoon teaching the Social-Emotional Program. The whole school focus this term is firstly on Organisation and then Persistence later in the term. The 2/3 class also share activity sessions with their buddy class year 6/7 every three weeks.

Mrs Robyn Parisi

Congratulations

The executive of the Diocesan Parents and Friends Council successfully nominated Kirsten Brooks to receive life membership of the Diocesan Parents and Friends Council. In other words Kirsten has been acknowledged for her contribution to Catholic Education in the Cairns Diocese. We congratulate Kirsten on this very highly regarded commendation which affirms her commitment to all things involving parents and friends of Catholic Education over an enduring period of time.

Caritas

Thank you to students and parents who have raised $195.20 towards the missions. Please return any Caritas money you may have forgotten to send in last term. This money will go towards supporting community development and emergency relief programs in partnership with marginalised communities around the world.

ANZAC Day Ceremonies

St John’s will host a special ANZAC Ceremony at school next Wednesday (24th April), commencing at 9:00am to commemorate the sacrifice that our ancestors made during the First World War. Bob Davis, from the Innisfail RSL, will also be in attendance. Parents, community members and Kindy families are welcome to join us. Wreaths are welcome to be laid. Lest We Forget

Term 2 Sport

This term all students will be participating in our Interhouse Cross Country Carnival set down for Friday, 10th May. Selected students will then be participating in the SMCSA Cross Country Carnival scheduled for Friday 17th May.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back! This community program enables our school (and Kindy this year), to earn educational resources simply through the school community shopping at Woolworths. From Monday 8th April, when you shop at Woolworths, collect points from the checkout operator and place them on point sheets. There’ll be one point for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, place the point sheets in the collection box, either at the school or at your local Woolworths.

Brass Bedlam Performance

All students will travel to St Rita’s, South Johnstone for a Brass Bedlam performance on Wednesday 1st May. Brass Bedlam is a renown hilarious romp through time and space, tracing the history of brass instruments and exploring music from around the world. The cost of the performance will be paid for by RREAP, however parents will be required to pay for transportation at $4.00 per student. Permission notes will be sent home shortly.

School Uniform—shoes

Parents are reminded that enclosed laced up or velcro shoes e.g. joggers, school shoes must be around the world. The cost of the performance will be paid for by RREAP, however parents will be required to pay for transportation at $4.00 per student. Permission notes will be sent home shortly.

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Milk Program

Health Care Card holders for Kindy families

Welcome back to all families for the start of Term 2. The Kindergarten will be selling Tiramisu desserts at the Three Saints Festival through the St. John’s School stall. As profits from the sale of the Tiramisu will be expended within the Kindergarten to benefit all students, assistance is required from all families in the form of donations of ingredients and/or assistance on Thursday 2nd May and Sunday 5th May.

Tomorrow, Denise and myself will be attending a funeral of a close friend. However, the Kindy will be operating as usual. Mrs Irene Goodrich, Manager of Cairns Catholic Early Learning and Care Cairns, and another Early Childhood Assistant will be travelling down from Cairns to work with the children. We are blessed to have their support and are certain the children will enjoy their day.

Cheers Robyn and Denise

The Queensland Government is committed to ensuring every child has the opportunity to enjoy the lifelong 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.
Bullying myth:
It was just a bit of fun.
No harm done.
Can't take a joke!
Boys will be boys!
These are all representations of a similar theme, that it is okay to bully, that it is part of life, and that it is natural for boys to act 'tough'.
These are all misrepresentations of the truth.

Bullying is not fun, it is not harmless, and it is not acceptable.

Bullying affects learning outcomes, physical and emotional wellbeing and increases the risk of mental health problems.
Keith Sullivan, 2000

ICE CREAM CONTAINERS
The P & F requires ice cream containers and their lids to store spaghetti sauce for the Three Saints festival.
These can be dropped in at the school office. The festival is only a couple of weeks away. Please consider lending a hand at this major school fundraiser. Kindy parents are also required to help out on their fundraising sweet production.

Partnerships achieve
When parents and schools work together they make a difference. Children whose parents are involved in their education do better and stay at school longer. The research shows that the most accurate predictor of achievement in school is the extent in which the family are involved in their children’s learning at home and at school.

Studies show that parents who encourage their children in a range of ways at home, but are rarely seen at school still show
♦ Improved achievements
♦ Improved behaviour
♦ Reduced absenteeism
♦ Increased confidence among parents in their children’s schooling.
♦ Positive self image
♦ A sense of purpose and
♦ Resilience.

Studies have also shown the earlier parents get involved the more powerful the effects.

Remember building relationships and partnerships between parents and schools takes time and commitment.

For more information visit: www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/role-families or contact
Kathleen Dryden, Primary School Health Promotion nurse.
Healthier Great Green Way Ph 40619177

3rd - Kyle, Emma
4th - Aiden
5th - Adam
9th - Jordan
18th - Amy
20th - Locklan
21st - Lucian

April

Student of the Week

Social Emotional Learning Awards
Organisation
Tegan - Always being organised for the day and for each lesson.
Confidence
Billy & Adam N - Reading with confidence in guided reading groups.
Organisation
Lauren - Being prepared and showing pride in your work.
Persistence
Amelia - Always putting in a determined effort and making a positive start to the term.
Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards
Effective Communicator
Kelsey - Being a confident speaker in front of the class during show and tell.
Quality Producer
Jared - Making an effort to use neat handwriting.
Quality Producer
Bethany - Working with focus to produce quality writing.
Effective Communicator
Jack - Displaying excellent leadership and communication skills.
Reading Awards
25 nights - Braith
50 nights - Deja, Dylan, Locklan, Lachlan E, Tegan, Nicholas T, Dimi, Pavel, Kent, Alex, Darcy, Gina, Jemma, Molly, Amy, Lauren, Chad, Nicholas F, Evan, Bethany.
75 nights - Deja, Molly, Bethany, TJ, Jordan

Silkwood Junior Soccer - Draw 20th April
U6 - 2.30pm
U8 - 2.00pm
U10 - 1.15pm
U13/14/15 - 1.00pm
Ph 40652244 after 9.30am on Sat to check for cancellation.

Kurrimine Kuppa will be held on Friday, 26th April, at the Progress Hall, Kurrimine Beach, from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
Come and enjoy indoor bowls, jokes, stories and a lovely morning tea.
A gold coin donation would be appreciated.