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Kindy to
Year 6

Term 1 23rd March - 3rd April, 2015

**"You must be the change
you wish to see in the world!"** *Gandhi.*

DATES TO REMEMBER

27th March

- ◆ St John's Interhouse Cross Country

29th March

- ◆ Palm Sunday
- ◆ Clean up Australia

1st April

- ◆ Easter Liturgy 9.00am
- ◆ Judging of Mini Vinnies Colouring-in competition
- ◆ P & F mtg 1.30pm

2nd April

- ◆ Holy Thursday
- ◆ Easter Bonnet Parade at assembly (School & Kindy combined)

3rd April

- ◆ Good Friday

20th April

- ◆ Commence Term 2

24th April

- ◆ ANZAC Day Ceremony at St John's 10.00am

25th April

- ◆ ANZAC Day
- ◆ Kindy sausage sizzle at King Reef following the ANZAC parade

1st May

- ◆ SMCSA Cross Country

**Wishing all families a
Holy Easter and safe
holidays**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff & Students,

HARMONY DAY

I wish to thank our students and families for supporting our Harmony Day event. Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Harmony Day provides an opportunity for students to learn that, not only do they share common ground with people from other cultures, but also that our differences make our community a special place to live, learn and grow. St John's has students from a variety of cultural backgrounds who respect each other and live and work in a harmonious environment.

3 SAINTS

On May 3rd the annual 3 Saints Festival will take place at St John's. Most of our families will be familiar with this significant event. The St John's P & F will once again run the BBQ stall and as per usual will require the support of parent community. I encourage all families to support this wonderful event and where possible offer their assistance to the P & F. More information about this event will follow soon.

KIDS AND CARS

I must share a major concern I have about children being left in cars whilst parents/carers collect children from school/kindy. I believe strongly that it is never acceptable to leave children unsupervised in a parked car, especially if the car is running. It is also against the law to leave a child under 12 years of age in a parked car. I ask all families to review their school pick up practices to ensure the safety of all.

I would like to remind all families to watch their speed when entering the school carpark. Please ensure you travel at less than 10km/hr when entering the carpark. The recommended speed for travel on school grounds is equal to walking speed. As you know, we occasionally have a very congested car park and safety is of utmost importance. Please check your speed when entering the school grounds. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

ST JOHN'S CULTURE

After a recent enrolment interview with a new family I began to ponder about the culture of St John's and what we offer to new and existing families. I started to consider the notion of Catholic Identity. It is important for people to realise that we are not a private school, we are a Catholic school. Something I ask all families to commit to at enrolment is to embrace our Catholic Identity and understand the Catholic ethos.

This Way 

Always Reaching for New Heights



Most parents believe that Catholic Identity is linked to things like: values, morals, discipline and a high standard of education. These are all things I hope to see at St John's, however, I believe that we exhibit so much more. St John's is an inclusive community of people who are accepting and forgiving. We promote forgiveness and reconciliation. We encourage positivity and resilience. Our motto depicts that we are continually striving to reach new heights. This involves the social, emotional, psychological and cognitive development of our children. Overall, I believe that St John's is a caring, co-operative, safe, stimulating and nurturing environment for our families. I hope all families share this belief and continue to support our staff to continue to provide our children with a quality and fulfilling education.

EASTER

As our Lenten journey towards Easter continues, our children are very much focused upon the true meaning of the Easter Story. Next week we enter into Holy Week which will focus on Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and his eventual death and resurrection. Mrs Wells has prepared a beautifully liturgy for Wednesday and would like to invite the whole school community to share this special event with us.

I hope and pray that all those associated with St John's have a happy and wonderful Easter break and that our families have the opportunity to spend quality time together. Stay safe and I hope to see you all at the start of Term 2.

Yours sincerely,
Scott Whitters
 Acting Principal

St John's Interhouse Cross Country

Tomorrow, **Friday 27th March**, St John's will be holding their Interhouse Cross Country at the Silkwood Soccer Club.



The first race will begin at 9am with the 5 year olds and the program will work its way up the age groups finishing with the 12 year olds. Presentations will commence at the completion of the carnival at the fields.

We would like all students to be dropped off with their school bags at the Soccer Club by 8.35am on Friday and NOT to school. Buses will also be dropping students to the fields.

A teacher will be supervising at the Soccer fields from 8.00am for early drop offs. Following the completion of the carnival, students will walk back to school.

A reminder that students will be required to bring their backpacks to the fields containing their water bottle, hat, lunch (that does not require refrigeration) and a set of spare clothes in case of wet weather. Sunscreen should be applied before leaving home.

Go MacKillop

Go Francis

What's happening in Year 5/6

What a wonderful start we have had to a year filled with curriculum descriptions that will no doubt enhance the development of an inquiring mind. The Year 5/6 classroom is a hive of activity with the students as busy as bees learning to enhance their creative writing with spoken word and similes! Our emphasis on Literacy, specifically reading and spelling, is proving very beneficial with positive student outcomes. Subsequently, all areas of the curriculum are enjoyed because of greater understanding. The students are to be commended for taking ownership of their learning, their continued focus and their desire to achieve.

We have just finished a day of technology where the sustainable use of fibre was our focus. The task of weaving our own hat was thoroughly enjoyed even though at times our patience and persistence were tested. We now know how to be forever sunsafe! Many thanks to Lisa Barba for sharing her skill with us. *Mrs Jenny Williamson, Class Teacher*



Mini Vinnies News

Easter is just around the corner and now is the time to think about making Easter hats for our Mini Vinnies Easter Bonnet Parade. On Thursday 2nd April 2015 (last day for Term 1) students are invited to wear sun safe free dress and make an Easter Bonnet which will be paraded at Assembly. Prizes will be given for the best creations in each grade. Our "Guess the Easter Egg Jar" is being filled and guesses can be made from next Monday 30th April at first lunch break for 50c a guess. The lucky winner will be announced at Assembly. Our Kindy friends will be joining us in the fun as well.

This week we have distributed an Easter colouring competition for the students to complete. All entries need to be returned to their teachers by Wednesday 1st April for judging. Winners for the best colouring work will also be announced at Assembly. All funds raised will be donated to Caritas. Hope you can join us! *Mrs DeBrincat (Team Coordinator)*

St. John's Community Playgroup

WHERE: St. John's Community Playgroup, Harold Street Silkwood (in the Kindy building).

WHEN: Every School Monday (school days)

TIME: 9am-11am

Come and join the fun and share your experiences. Bring a hat, water bottle and morning tea for your child/ren.

St John's School Holy Week Liturgy

Our school community warmly welcomes all family and friends to join with us in celebrating our Holy Week Liturgy at 9am, Wednesday 1st April, 2015. The liturgy will commence in the school undercover area.

God we cry to you; When we see you in a stranger and look the other way, forgive us and encourage us to reach out in friendship and hospitality.

When we hear your voice in another language forgive us when we turn away, move our hearts and minds that we might listen with respect and care.

When you are without a home uprooted by racism & violence forgive us when our ears are closed, open our arms wide with mercy and compassion. We pray this through Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever. Amen

HOLY THURSDAY, 2 APRIL

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm Tully
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm Silkwood

GOOD FRIDAY, 3 APRIL

Stations of the Cross, 10am Tully
Stations of the Cross, 10am Mission Beach
Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3pm Tully
Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3pm Silkwood
Liturgy of the Word, 3pm Mission Beach
Liturgy of the Word, 3pm Cardwell

EASTER SATURDAY VIGIL, 4 APRIL

Liturgy of the Light and Mass, 6pm Silkwood
Liturgy of the Light and Mass, 7pm Tully

EASTER SUNDAY 5 APRIL

Mass, 7am Mission Beach
Mass, 9.30am Cardwell



March

25th - Ryan
27th - Kade & Talia
30th - Tegan



April 3rd - Kyle

To all parents & friends,
I would like to invite you to attend our P & F meeting to be held on **Wednesday, 1st April at 1.30pm** in the meeting room (in the library).



Below is the agenda so far. If you have any other agenda items you would like to raise, please contact me on 0417 707 327, and consider attending the meeting and having your thoughts heard.

We welcome and value all input. Hope to see you there.

Angelique Scarpignato, P & F President.
AGENDA

- 3 Saints
- Annual School Plan
- P & F contribution to school
- Direction of the P&F for 2015
 - What do we want to achieve?
 - How do we achieve it?
- Banking locally

Request

The P & F are requesting 4 or 5 litre ice-cream containers (empty) to store spaghetti sauce, as well as the loan of three gas bottles for the Three Saints Festival. These can be left at the office.

Kindy Corner

This term the Kindy children have been working on an 'All About Me' book. This book is near to completion and we plan for each child to take home their book next week. This has been an ongoing project and we are proud of the children's efforts. We have started on Easter activities this week with butterfly prints and collage on an Easter egg shape. We are also helping the children to make Easter bonnets for the Easter bonnet parade at assembly next Thursday. The Kindy Easter Raffle will also be drawn next Thursday at assembly. Thank you to Kerrie and Maria for organising the prize and the raffle.

Last Friday afternoon we took the children over to the school for Harmony Day. The children worked in three different groups and happily joined in with the planned activities. The mosaics they made with their buddies will be on display in the school library. They also made a people chain and decorated their hand prints with symbols.

Today we planted our first batch of lettuce seeds in the garden. We kept the seeds from last year and dried them out in the shed to replant this year. We are hoping to see some seedlings growing in the near future. The Kindy will be hosting the Sausage Sizzle and Bake Stall at the King Reef on ANZAC Day from 10.30am. Please save this date and join in this community event by walking in the parade at Kurrimine Beach and helping with this fundraiser.

Wishing all families a Holy Easter and happy, safe holidays. Term 2 will commence Tuesday 21st April.

Regards, Robyn & Denise



Harmony Day



Clean up Australia

The Kurrimine Fishing Club along with Silkwood State School and St. John's Catholic School will be participating in a community Clean-Up Australia event on **Sunday 29th March**. Sign up will take place at 8.00am at Taifalos Park, Kurrimine Beach for an 8.30am start. A sausage sizzle for lunch will follow the clean up morning. We hope to see many families join in this community event and help to make a difference to our local community.



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