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Term 1 9th - 20th March, 2015

**"Change your thoughts and you change your world!"** *Norman Vincent Peale.*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### 13th March

- ◆ School/Kindy assembly
- ◆ Bookclub due today

### 17th March

- ◆ St Patrick's Day Free Dress

### 18th March

- ◆ Proposed rescheduling of SMCSA Soccer/ Netball Carnival

### 20th March

- ◆ Harmony Day Free Dress Day with a gold coin donation to Caritas
- ◆ Kindy Parent Mtg 8.45am

### 27th March

- ◆ St John's Cross Country

### 29th March

- ◆ Palm Sunday
- ◆ Clean up Australia at Taifalos Park, KBch

### 2nd April

- ◆ Holy Thursday

### 3rd April

- ◆ Good Friday

### 20th April

- ◆ Commence Term 2

## TUCKSHOP ROSTER

19/03/15	R Grewal
26/3/15	M Giarraffa

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff & Students,

I am very pleased with the progress our children are making as we approach Week 8 and head towards the end of Term 1. Earlier this year our staff undertook professional development in the area of Visible Learning. Visible Learning is about creating an enhanced role for teachers as they become evaluators of their own teaching. According to the founder of Visible Learning, John Hattie, Visible Learning and Teaching occurs when teachers see learning through the eyes of students and help them become their own teachers. Our inspired and passionate teachers are working together as part of a great team to improve their own professional performance so that they have a significant impact on student learning. Our Staff is aware that providing children with great feedback about their learning ensures the students are able to see which areas of a task requires improvement and how to go about amending their work.

### Parents & Friends Association:

#### Congratulations to our P & F Executive Officers for 2015:

President – Angelique Scarpignato

Vice President – Alex Glasson

Secretary - Kristy Anderson

Treasurer – Michelle Giarraffa

Uniform Officer: Kristy Anderson

Grants Officer: Tracey Patterson

Fundraising Officer: Vacant

I am sincerely grateful to these people for taking on these executive roles. I look forward to working alongside them, and all families and friends of the school community in ensuring that our children are the recipients of the best Catholic Education we are able to possibly give them. I realise that it is not always easy to find time in the busyness of our lives but our children certainly deserve, and will benefit from, whatever time and support we are able to give. I wish to, once again, thank the outgoing committee for their commitment and support they provided throughout 2014. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. I trust you will offer support where possible to our newly elected executive team.

### Parent/Teacher Conversations

Parent Teacher Conversations will take place in Week 9 of this term. These conversations offer parents an opportunity to touch base with their respective classroom teacher/s and discuss the progress made throughout the term. It is important to remember that these conversations are designed to be brief. They provide an opportunity to celebrate success, share concerns in a positive way as well as looking at ways to assist students to improve. More details about these meetings will be sent home next week.

*Always Reaching for New Heights*

**This Way** 



The focus of these conversations will be around Literacy, Numeracy, Behaviour and Attitude. I must make it clear that parents who have concerns over their child's progress should not wait until the Parent/Teacher conversations roll around. Remember that these meetings are a brief touch base. If you have concerns or want to explore a particular curriculum or behaviour issue, then it is important to make a separate time to see the class teacher and thoroughly discuss the issue. All staff welcome the opportunity to meet with parents throughout the year and not just at Parent/Teacher Conversations.

### NEW SMOKING LEGISLATION

New laws have been passed in Queensland banning the use of smoking products, including tobacco and electronic cigarettes, in all areas at state and non-state schools in Queensland, and for five metres beyond the boundary of school land. These laws offer further protection to the Queensland public—and, in particular, children and young adults from exposure to harmful environmental tobacco smoke. These new laws apply at all times, during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays.

### P & F Federation

The Parents and Friends Federation is the state wide parent organisation officially recognised by the Catholic Church and Catholic Education authorities for the 294 Catholic schools in Queensland. It represents the parents and carers of 140,000 children in Parish, Diocesan and Religious Institute schools in the state. St John's P & F is affiliated with the state wide body. Any parents seeking more information about the P & F Federation can access it via the following website <http://www.pandf.org.au/>. The site contains a wealth of information relating to issues faced by the parents of students in Catholic schools.

### Recall Of Frozen Berries

As you may be aware in recent media reports, Patties Foods Ltd has undertaken a recall of Nanna's Mixed Berries, Creative Gourmet Mixed Berries and Creative Gourmet Raspberries from Coles, Woolworths, IGA and other independent supermarkets nationally due to potential microbiological (Hepatitis A) contamination. A number of confirmed cases have been reported around Australia, including one in Cairns to date.

At St John's, frozen berry products are **NOT** used in our tuckshop.

Hepatitis A can be a serious condition if untreated and anyone who is concerned or has developed symptoms should contact their GP or 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84).

Yours sincerely,

*Scott Whitters*

Acting Principal

### SMCSA Soccer/Netball Carnival

The SMCSA Soccer/Netball Carnival has been postponed to next Wednesday 18th March. We hope this day is fine and sunny.

## *World Read Aloud Day*

Last week in the library we celebrated World Read Aloud Day. World Read Aloud Day motivates children, teens, and adults worldwide to celebrate and promote the power of words and creates a community of readers taking action to show the world that the right to literacy belongs to all people. This day is used to promote unity to show the world's children that we support their futures: that they have the right to read, to write, and to share their stories. which aims to promote the importance of reading across the world. The Kindy class came to the library to read with their new buddies from Year 5/6. They all read the World Read Aloud story "New Day, New Friends". The Kindy students also took their own book with them and read with their new buddy.



### Headlice

There have been a few cases of headlice reported. Please check your child/ren's hair for headlice and treat accordingly. Treatment must be administered weekly until all eggs have been destroyed.

### Celebrations

We are having an exciting week next week, celebrating **St Patrick's Day on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March and then Harmony Day on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March**. Students will be participating in a variety of activities during class and as a whole school during the week.

⇒ **Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March St Patrick's Day**

Students and staff are encouraged to wear something "GREEN" to school. This will be a free dress day.

⇒ **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March Harmony Day**

Students and staff are encouraged to wear something "ORANGE" to school. There will be a **GOLD COIN collection** for Project Compassion, a **Mini Vinnie's imitative**.

On both days students must wear a sun smart shirt. (Shirt or dress with capped sleeves...no singlets) and sandals. School hat for outdoor play.

## From Our School Counsellor.....

### Once upon a time....

Dear Parents,

I want to explore the notion of fairy tales....Snow White, Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella, Peter Pan, Rupunzel, Pinocchio, Aladdin...the list goes on. Fairy tales play an importance role in children's lives as they start off in the world. We often read them fairy tales and then as they grow they can watch the stylised version as a movie.

Fairy tales have a few things in common. They all have a good person, a villain, a drama and a happy ending. This can sometimes give children a false perception that everything has a happy ending. I often see children who are "chasing the dream of perfection". We need to remind children that these are stories and are not real, they are created for light hearted fun and entertainment and we should treat them as such.

Remind children that the real world is what they make of it. It will have good times and bad/sad times, but it is each person's responsibility to keep the dream alive of pursuing their own happy ending. This is done by learning how to accept that some things are just what they are and no matter how hard we wish, it will not change.

We are responsible for creating and maintaining our own perceptions of happiness.

Yours in Counselling, *Carmel*

# March

# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

2nd - Ellie

8th - Dakota

14th - Jemma



## Students of the Week

**Social Emotional Learning Awards**  
**Confidence**

**Skye** - Doing a sensational job of sequencing and retelling the events of the "The Very Hungry Caterpillar".

**Persistence**

**Jackiah** - Working very hard at writing an extended story this week. Well done.

**Getting Along**

**Dimi** - Being a positive role model in and outside of the classroom.

**Persistence**

**Lyanna** - Working tough to develop a love for reading and seeing the benefits. Congratulations.

**Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards**  
**Community Contributor**

**Rose** - Helping other children at playtime.

**Designer & Creator**

**Hannah** - Thinking very creatively during writing lessons.

The Kindy children have been 'working tough' preparing the vegetable gardens for planting. They put on their gloves and pulled out the weeds, then covered the garden with hay. Many thanks to the Zammit family for donating a bale of hay to the Kindy.

The children visited the library for World Read Aloud Day last Thursday. This day is held each year on the first Wednesday of March. Mrs Edwards the teacher/librarian read the focus storybook *New Day, New Friends* by C. Alexander London. The Kindy children were then paired up with buddies from the Year 5/6 class as they reread the story and coloured in the storybook together.

The pies ordered in the **Pie Drive** will be arriving on **Monday 16th March** and will be **available for collection from the Tuckshop Monday afternoon**. This has been an extremely

successful fundraiser. Thank you to Kerrie for her organisation and to the many families for your support.

Please continue to sell raffle tickets in the Kindy Easter Raffle. Additional tickets are available at the Kindy.

This Friday is the Combined School/Kindy Assembly. Kindy parents are invited to attend in the Parish Hall.

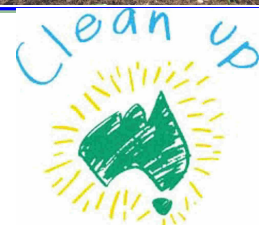
Regards, *Robyn & Denise*

## Kindy Corner



### 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 ups 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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