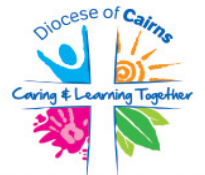




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Kindy to  
Year 6

Term 1 Week 27th Jan - 30th Jan, 2015

**"Do things that feed your soul,  
not your ego and you will be happy!"** Anon.

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### 30th January

- ◆ Leadership speeches at assembly 9.00am
- ◆ Uniform shop open 8.00am - 8.40am

### 2nd February

- ◆ **Playgroup recommences at St John's. 9.00 - 11.00am at the Kindy building**
- ◆ Prep Parent/Teacher mtg 3.05pm

### 3rd February

- ◆ Year 1/2 Parent/Teacher mtg 3.05pm

### 4th February

- ◆ Year 5/6 Parent/Teacher mtg 3.05pm

### 5th February

- ◆ Year 3/4 Parent/Teacher mtg 3.05pm
- ◆ Census Day

### 6th February

- ◆ Meet n Greet following School Mass

### 10th February

- ◆ P & F AGM mtg 3.00pm in Meeting room

### 12th February

- ◆ Opening School Mass 9.00am

Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff & Students,

**Welcome to the start of the 2015 school year** and the continuation of quality Catholic Education at St. John's School. St. John's staff has worked tirelessly during the past few weeks to prepare the school and teaching programs that will both challenge, engage and stimulate your children's learning. We pray this year will be fruitful and rewarding and that all students strive to achieve our school motto of "Always Reaching For New Heights".

**Teachers will hold Parent Information sessions next week** to promote an effective home and school partnership. Refer to times inside this newsletter.

The **Year Six students will present their School Captain speeches to our community this Friday morning at assembly in the Parish Hall at 8.50am.** Staff and students will have the opportunity to vote for their favoured School Captain and Vice Captain following the speeches. Parents are welcome to attend and support their children. I extend an open invitation to all parents and friends to attend the St John's P & F sponsored MEET and GREET morning tea in the Parish Hall next Friday 6th February following assembly.

The **2015 P&F AGM will be held on Tuesday, 10th February at 3:00pm.** I encourage as many families as possible to attend this meeting and where possible, commit themselves to working together with the school to ensure the future success of our students, school and community. This organisation is instrumental in supporting our classroom curriculum and extra curricula pedagogy.

The 2015 school leaders will be presented with their P & F sponsored shirts and their respective badges at the **beginning of the school year Mass at 9.00am on Thursday, 12th February.**

As the Acting Principal for Term One, I am very excited by my role and look forward to meeting you and working with you towards providing a quality Catholic Education for your children. **Please drop in to say hello and share your story.**

Yours sincerely,  
*Scott Winters*  
Acting Principal

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**St John's School has a new  
 mobile number 0418 888 672**  
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# Important Message...

As we commence this new school year, I remind all families of a number of key aspects which need your support and will assist our school to run smoothly and with integrity.

As a school community, we anticipate the **full support and commitment of all parents and students**. We expect that **parents will be active partners in the journey of educating their children** at St John's.

Throughout the year, it is **imperative that strong communication links are maintained between your child's teacher** and that issues are discussed in an open and professional manner.

Communication between the school and families is of the utmost importance. I **encourage all families to read the weekly newsletter and any correspondence sent home** by teachers or admin staff.

Can I also **encourage parents to discuss any concerns or issues related to St John's with staff in an appropriate manner** rather than get involved with rumour and gossip. I have an **open door policy** and will always make time to discuss any urgent concerns.

When **visiting St John's please ensure you enter via the main office and access the sign in book**. We have an obligation to fulfil our duty of care to everyone on the school grounds.

When students are absent, it is a **requirement that families contact the school to communicate this via phone or email**. Please send emails to: [secretary.silkwood@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:secretary.silkwood@cns.catholic.edu.au) 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 St John's to register absences before the school day**.

If we do not have **current medical details for you child**, can I ask that you update them by contacting Vera in the first few days of school. **If your child requires medication to be taken during school hours, you will be required to complete a 'Medication Form'** which is available from our main office. All medication is to be delivered to the school office by a parent or guardian in an original pharmacy labelled container, with only the **correct quantity of medication sent to school each day**. This will ensure there is no leaving of medication at school. Children cannot be responsible for the delivery of prescribed medication to the school.

Pick up of students at the end of the day is in front of the Administration office. **Please ensure you have your child marked off the roll when you collect them from this area**.

I **thank you for your continued co-operation** with these requests and look forward to the year ahead. It is our sincerest hope that all students will regard the opportunities that lie ahead for learning and growth as a privilege rather than an obligation. We hope that all students **embrace the new year with enthusiasm** and determination to succeed in all they do. May we all strive to reach new heights.

God Bless, Scott Whitters

Dear Lord,

We thank you for the opportunity to begin this new school year, and ask that you bless the students, staff and families that make our school a great place.

We pray that you will guide us in all ways, so that we will seek your will in everything we do.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

I would like to welcome Mr Scott Whitters to the St John's School Community. Teachers and ancillary staff have worked closely with Scott during the last two weeks and are looking forward to an exciting first term **with** Scott's leadership. I encourage all Parents and Parishoners to make themselves known to Scott in the next few weeks and warmly welcome him to our community. *Mrs. Lucy Wells APRE*



## Fr Dante Orsi

I wish to inform you of the death of Fr. Dante Orsi CS. on Sunday evening, 11 January 2015. He was 98 years of age. Fr. Dante was one of the four pioneers who opened the Scalabrinian Mission for Italian Migrants in Australia in November 1952. He and Fr. Ignacio Militello were assigned to the Parish of Silkwood by Bishop Thomas V. Cahill. Fr. Dante Orsi was Parish Priest in Silkwood till October 1958, and also Superior of the newly arrived missionaries. We ask for prayers for the repose of his soul.



### Emailing of School Newsletter

This year, we have decided to email our school newsletter to all parents who have an email address. The small percentage of parents who do not have an email address will receive a printed copy. In this day and age it is important for everyone to do their bit in helping our environment. A paper version will be issued upon request.

### Opening School Mass

On **Thursday 12th February, St. John's will celebrate** Mass at 9:00am 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. Following Mass we will have a meet and greet in the school hall which has now been air-conditioned and refurbished thanks to a successful Gaming Machine grant last year.

### Music Lessons

Our music tuition program will continue at St. John's in 2015. For new parents, St. John's has an extra curricular instrumental program for children who wish to take part. To register your child's interest, complete the letter that has been sent home today.

### Parent Information Sessions

Information sessions for the 2015 school year have been set for next week. This is an opportunity for new and current parents to meet their child/ren's teachers and for teachers to disperse information that will **help set the standards and expectations for the year ahead.**

<b>Prep</b>	<b>Monday 02/02/14 - 3:05pm sharp</b>
<b>Year 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>Tuesday 03/02/14 - 3:05pm sharp</b>
<b>Year 5 &amp; 6</b>	<b>Wednesday 04/02/14 - 3:05pm sharp</b>
<b>Year 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>Thursday 05/02/14 - 3:05pm sharp</b>

### Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is operated by Parents and Friends and will be **open tomorrow and next Friday from 8:00am to 8:40am for any uniform requirements.** For new parents, the uniform shop is located opposite the Prep classroom.

### Library

Our school library houses a wide selection of resources, both fiction and non-fiction that may be borrowed by parents and students. Students may borrow 1 to 3 books per week, depending on their ability and requirements. **Library books must travel home and back to school in a library bag.** Parents, please remember that when library books arrive home, they are the responsibility of the student. Any damages to these books will be incurred at the parents' expense. If parents would like to borrow resources from our school library, please see Vera.

# Kindy Corner

We had an exciting day 1 at Kindy on Tuesday, welcoming old and new faces for 2015. Laylah, Lily, Aishman, Sunny and Charlie were happy to be back and eager to start to make friends with Ellie, Dakota, Sam and Noah. After a few tears (Mums & Dads as well) we settled into the day. Max joined the group today and now all children enrolled at Kindy have started.

Our first Parent Committee meeting and cuppa will be held on Friday 13th March at 8.45am. Parents are encouraged to attend to find out more about the Kindy and possibly take on a role in the Committee. We are looking forward to learning more about the children and sharing in their learning journey at Kindy.



*Regards  
Robyn &  
Denise*

### Term 1 Physical Education

Mr. Stuart Russell will be our Physical Education teacher for 2015. On Thursdays he will be taking Prep, Year 1/2 and Year 5/6 for their PE lessons. The Year 3/4 will continue with PE lessons on Wednesdays. Parents are encouraged to have their children wear their sports uniform on these allocated days. They may wear either their sports uniform or their day uniform on Fridays.

### Student Counsellor

This year Ms. Carmel Parisi will visit St. John's School every Thursday to help with student counselling needs. If parents would like to access this service for their children, please see Vera to complete a permission form.

### Library News Term 1 Literacy

This term will see the return of Mrs. Chris Edwards to St. John's every Thursday to work with the students on literacy and research skills. Chris is the District Teacher Librarian for the southern cluster of schools in the Cairns Diocese.

# January

2nd - Rylee  
12th - Ella  
14th - Alex  
23rd - Evina

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