Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

Congratulations to all students for participating in the 2014 St John’s Cross Country Carnival yesterday at the Silkwood Soccer grounds. Twenty students from St John’s will have the opportunity to compete in the 2014 SMCSA Cross Country Carnival due to be held early next term. I would like to extend a special thanks to MSF Sugar and Silkwood Soccer Club for permitting St John’s to access their headlands and facilities. In addition, the carnival would not have been a success without a commitment from parents to facilitate the supervision of students around the course.

The first P & F social for the year was a huge success thanks to the many families that attended! The Volleyball was of a high standard with some very professional skills on display by students and parents. A hardy crew of dads manned the BBQ which required ongoing sustenance to offset the heat emanating from the steaks and sausages. Thanks again to the P & F for coordinating the first official event of the year.

From time to time I am reminded of the enduring success of our small rural school both academically and socially. Significantly, the single most important element of a transformed leadership culture is teamwork. This is the universal key that unlocks the door to establish honest and open dialogue between parents, staff and students. Empowerment will naturally emerge from each individual to authentically engage the whole community working in unison. I encourage everyone to take the initiative and make a difference.

St. John’s ANZAC Day Ceremony will be held at school on Thursday 24th April commencing at 10:15am. All families are encouraged to participate in the ANZAC Day march on Friday 25th April. The march will depart from King Reef Resort at 9.45am, travelling along Jacobs road to the Cenotaph. Please make an effort to attend if possible.

The St John’s staff wish our parents, friends and students a happy, holy and safe Easter holiday. I hope that families take the opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of Easter and spend some quality time together with their family and friends. School and Kindy will recommence on Tuesday 22nd April.

Yours sincerely,

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

“In the eyes of a child you will see.... the world as it should be!” Unknown

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
What’s Happening in Year 4/5

Year 4 & 5 have been working diligently during this term. We were very impressed with feedback from parents during 3 Way Conferences. We are delighted to hear how much our students are enjoying their days at school. Narrative writing and spelling have been a major focus this term. Students have certainly improved the quality of their writing since the start of the term and are producing great writing pieces.

We have been busy preparing for our Easter Liturgy. Students were keen to display our Stations of the Cross. During religion we have been discussing what it is to be “Just” and have produced information posters about environmental groups that promote justice for the environment. We have enjoyed researching and uncovering the important roles these organisations play in promoting justice for our environment.

Overall, it has been a wonderful start to the year. We have learnt great things and had lots of laughs and fun along the way. We take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday break. As we prepare to enter Holy week and Easter we remind you to take the time to reflect with your family on the importance of Jesus’ death and resurrection and what this means for us in our lives today.  

Mrs Lucy Wells

Thanks

A sincere thanks to the Brooks family for their recent donation of books and toys. We have decided to make up a “Love Box” to the Canty Family from Mission Beach who recently suffered much loss following a house fire.

Congratulations to all competitors who competed in our Interhouse Cross Country yesterday. Mackillop won the war cry, however Francis house finished first on points. Results of age champions are as follows:

- 5 Yr Girls: Talia Runner Up: Rylee
- 5 Yr Boys: Kade
- 6 Yr Girls: Evina Runner Up: Rose
- 6 Yr Boys: Cody Runner Up: Sanraj
- 7 Yr Girls: Saskia Runner Up: Hannah
- 7 Yr Boys: Connor Runner Up: Lachlan
- 8 Yr Girls: Wavey
- 8 Yr Boys: Adam N Runner Up: Adam A
- 9 Yr Girls: Dimi Runner Up: Lyanna
- 9 Yr Boys: Simon Runner Up: Billy
- 10 Yr Girls: Leanne Runner Up: Gina
- 10 Yr Boys: Kent Runner Up: Jye
- 11 Yr Girls: Nikita Runner Up: Olympia
- 11 Yr Boys: Nicholas F Runner Up: Evan
- 12 Yr Girls: Jennifer
- 12 Yr Boys: Chad Runner Up: Jacob
- 13 Yr Girls: Amelia
- 13 Yr Boys: James

Caritas Boxes

A reminder for all students to return your Caritas donation boxes to school so money can be forwarded to Caritas. Thank you to those who have already returned their Caritas donations.

Combined Assembly & Easter Bonnet Parade

Tomorrow will be the last day of the school term, and there are plenty of activities organized to end the term. Students have been invited to wear free dress (sun safe clothes only) and bring along their Easter Bonnets which will be paraded at our combined Kindy/School assembly. Prizes for the best creations will be given. The “Guess the Easter Egg Jar” is closed, and lucky winner will be announced tomorrow at Assembly with all proceeds being donated to Caritas. Following second lunch break, students and kindy children will be participating in novelty races to finish off the term. We are looking for donations of old used stockings for our 3 legged races! Hope you can join us!

Long Service Leave

Vera Sendra, our school secretary, will be on leave in the first week of term 2. Mrs Ann Dal Zilio will be replacing her for the week.

Thank you to all for the great turn out at our first P & F Social of the year! It was a great opportunity to meet new parents and catch up with old friends. I was again reminded of the generosity of spirit at St John’s School when I saw the table full of home-made healthy salads and delicious desserts (probably too much of the latter!)

An interesting comment was made to me on the night “What will our school community look like in 10, 20 years time?” I’m hoping, that by the P & F setting the example of being connected to our community, our children will learn from example and in turn will be inclusive, enthusiastic, caring leaders of their community.

Feeling that you belong is an important human need. Having friends, community connections and activities you enjoy, as well as making a contribution to your own or to others’ wellbeing – all help make life worthwhile.

A special thank you to all the staff for making the effort to attend, it is above & beyond their normal work commitments and valued by the P & F.

We are looking forward to catching up with families at our next P & F Social – The 3 Saints BBQ/ Fundraiser on the 3rd, 4th or 5th May. If you haven’t returned your forms please do so – we’d love to see you there! Many Thanks.

Julie Elliott, P & F President
Holy Week Worship Schedule

Holy Thursday - 17th April
- Lord’s Supper Mass, Tully 7.00pm
- Lord’s Supper Mass, Silkwood 7.00pm

Good Friday - 18th April
- Stations of the Cross, Tully 10.00am
- Lord’s Passion, Tully 3.00pm
- Lord’s Passion, Silkwood 3.00pm
- Liturgy of the Word, Mission Beach 3.00pm
- Liturgy of the Word, Cardwell 3.00pm

Easter Saturday Vigil - 19th April
- Liturgy of the Light & Mass, Silkwood 6.00pm
- Liturgy of the Light & Mass, Tully 6.00pm

Easter Sunday - 20th April
- Mass, Mission Beach 7.00am
- Mass, Cardwell 9.30am

St John’s Playgroup Easter Activities

Social Emotional Learning Awards

Persistence
Saskia - Always working to the best of your ability in everything you do. Keep up the great work!

Confidence
Adam A - Having confidence in writing great stories in class.

Organisation
Arvind - Being prepared and ready for learning.

Getting Along
Evan - Always setting an excellent example of how to work well in group learning.

Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards
Designer & Creator
Connor - Independently designing and creating an ideal bug catcher.

Quality Producer
Wavey - Always having a neat handwriting style.

Designer & Creator
Jemma - Producing an excellent sun safety bookmark.

Community Contributor
Lachlan H - Always being an excellent school leader by being a fine role model for younger students.

Reading Awards will only be presented at assembly for 50, 100, 150, 200 etc.

25 nights - Liam, Lyanna, Arvind, Jared, Kent, Amy, Lucian, Nicholas T

50 nights - Lachlan E, Leanne, Gina, Lauren, Alex

Infantastic Photography
Taking bookings for $50 outdoor shoots now. Includes a minimum of 20 edited pics on disc.

Danielle McTaggart Ph: 0429 707 757

Silkwood Junior Soccer Draw
5th April 2014
U6 - 3.15pm (Tigers Yellow) - U 8 - 1pm (Tully)
U9 - 1.15pm (Tigers 1) - U10 - 1.15pm (Tully)
U11 - 1.15pm (Tigers 2) - U13/14/15 - 1pm (Tully)

Bishops Silkwood Butchery
Phone: 4065 2211
- Crumbed Lamb Cutlets $2.00 each
- Honey Mini Chicken Roasts $3.00 each
- BBQ Sausages $5.99/Kg

Happy Easter to all Customers
Open until 5.30pm