Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

Next Tuesday and Wednesday at 8:45am students will be presenting the events of Holy Week at a special whole school celebration in the school library. Prep/One will share the story of Palm Sunday and of Holy Thursday on Tuesday morning. Years 2/3 will re-enact the events that lead to Jesus being arrested in the garden of Gethsemane. On Wednesday morning, Years 4-7 will present Jesus being crucified on the cross and Easter day. On Thursday at 9.00am, students from St John’s and the Kindergarten will host an Easter Bonnet Parade. Please join us!

The Feast of the Three Saints is only a few weeks away. This Feast has long been the major fundraiser for our school. With many parents suggesting ways we can make our school environment, classrooms, buildings and grounds better, there is no greater opportunity to secure money for these projects than assisting at the 3 Saints Feast on Sunday 5th May. I encourage all parents to consider making themselves available for this significant fundraiser which generates the bulk of our Parents and Friends income for the year! This is the one weekend of the year when parents are urged to support St John’s. Parents that are unavailable to assist on the day are asked to consider lending a hand prior to or after reinstating classrooms.

An ANZAC Day Ceremony will be held on Wednesday 24th April in the school library commencing at 9.00am. Parents 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 9:45am and culminate with a ceremony and wreath laying at the Kurrimine Beach Cenotaph at 10:00am. Don’t forget the dawn service at 6am. 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.

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.

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

Term 1 Week 8 – 21st March, 2013

Date
Event

22nd March
• SMCSA Soccer/Netball Carnival

• No music today
• Kindy parent mtg
8.45am

23rd March
• Liturgy at Silkwood
6.00pm (Palm Sunday)

25th March
• Playgroup at Kindy
9.00am - 11.00am
• THRASS workshop
3.05pm

26th March
• Double music lessons
• 8.45am P/1 & 2/3 Holy Week presentation
• Sacramental program
mtg 7.00pm Silkwood

27th March
• 8.45am Yr 4-7 Holy Week presentation

28th March
• Easter Bonnet/Mask Parade 9.00am. Free Dress (sun safe clothing)
• P&F mtg 9.45am
Mini Vinnies News

Our Team is very busy preparing for our big last day of this term. On Thursday 29th March the day will commence with a free dress day (sun safe clothing and a gold coin donation). Proceeds will be donated to Project Compassion. All students, including the Kindy children and staff, are invited to wear their Easter Bonnets or masks which will be paraded at our school parade commencing at 9.00am. There will be prizes for the best creations!

During the day the Mini Vinnies team will have a "Guess the number of Easter Eggs in the Jar". For students and staff who have made a gold coin donation, the guess will be free. Otherwise there will be a 10 cent fee. Frozen cups will be on sale at second lunch break.

Our Easter raffle tickets are selling well and all tickets sold or unsold will need to be returned to the school office no later than Wednesday 28th to be drawn at parade. A special thank you goes out to the Babsek, Anderson and Frumento families for donating our beautiful Easter prizes and organizing our raffle. Also a special thank you to Mrs Vera Sendra for all her wonderful support behind the scene.

Mrs DeBrincat, Coordinator, Mini Vinnies Team

Kindy Corner

On Tuesday, the Kindy had a visit from Irene Goodrich, consultant from Cairns Catholic Early Learning and Care. Irene worked with the staff on programming and curriculum. She also took group time with the children using her Tibetan bowl as a musical tool. We all enjoyed her visit.

The next Parent Committee Meeting tomorrow, Friday 22nd March, at 8.45am at the Kindy. On the last day of this term Thursday 28th March, all Kindy families are invited to attend the Easter Bonnet and Mask Parade at St. John’s School commencing at 9.00am. Following the Easter raffle draw, parents and children will return back for an Easter morning tea and activities at the Kindy. All are very welcome to join in the morning session.

Cheers    Robyn and Denise
What's Happening in Curriculum at St John’s School?

This term, students at St John’s have started learning History as a subject area distinct from SOSE. In the Australian Curriculum, history has been developed to set teachers and students clear goals for the teaching and learning of specific historical content and historical skills. The History Curriculum has been written in such a way that it will spark students’ imagination and curiosity about the past.

As well as learning factual information about the history of Australia, the curriculum also takes a world history approach in order to equip students for the world in which they live. They will also develop a clear understanding of the past and present experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. This knowledge is essential for informed and active participation in Australia’s diverse society.

So what has been happening in our classrooms?

Prep have been finding out about how photographs can help tell stories from the past – focusing on photos from their own childhood.

Year 1 students have been examining how family life has changed over time. The Year 2 class is finding out about changes that have occurred in Silkwood over the past 100 years whilst Year 3 students have been researching the language groups of local Aboriginal people and how they would have lived before settlement.

Year 4 students are further investigating ways Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are connected to Country and Place and the implication that changes have made to their daily lives.

Year 5 students have begun to learn about the reasons for the establishment of the British Colonies in Australia after 1800 and how Queensland was established.

Year 6 students have been answering questions relating to Australia as a Federation and how this changed society, whilst Year 7 have gone right back in time to bring the Ancient world to life focusing on Ancient Greece!

Mrs Debbie Daly, Curriculum Support Teacher

Project Compassion helps fight poverty and injustice around the world.

Pray for those who are experiencing injustice as they search for safety and freedom from violence or oppression.

Jesus said: “Whatever you do to the least of my brethren, you do it to me.”

Therefore, doing it to him, we are praying the work; for in doing it with him, doing it for him, doing it to him we are loving him; and in loving him we come more and more into that oneness with him and we allow him to live his life in us. (Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

EASTER SERVICE TIMES

Holy Thursday - 28th March
7.00pm – Tully – Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday - 29th March
10.00am – Tully – Stations of the Cross
10.00am – Mission Beach – Stations of the Cross
10.00am – El Arish – Stations of the Cross
3.00pm – Tully – The Passion of the Lord
3.00pm – Silkwood – The Passion of the Lord
3.00pm – Mission Beach – The Passion of the Lord
3.00pm – Cardwell – The Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday - 30th March
8.00pm – Tully - The Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - 31st March
7.00am – Mission Bch - Sunday of the Resurrection
9.00am – Silkwood - Sunday of the Resurrection
5.00pm – Cardwell - Sunday of the Resurrection

Silkwood Junior Soccer - Draw 23rd March
U6 - 2.30pm
U7 - 3.00pm
U8 - 1.00pm & 3.00pm
U9 - 1.50pm & 3.30
U10 - 2.05pm
U11 - 2.30pm
U13/14/15 - 1.00pm
Ph 40652244 after 9.30am on Sat to check for cancellation.

Kurrimine Beach Family Day

Where: Kurrimine Beach Taifalos Park), near the stinger net
When: Saturday the 23rd of March, from 10am – 1pm

Come and enjoy Kurrimine with us, Sand Castle and Scavenger hunt comps for kids, free BBQ and face painting. Plus lots of other fun activities. For more information please contact the Tully Support Centre on 40681 004.

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