Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

Parents should be aware that students arriving after 8:40am are recorded as absent!

The Holy Week presentations provided our community with a detailed re-enactment of the significant events that took place in Jesus' time. Many students were involved with the presentations, dressing in era costume and performing. I acknowledge parents and students for appreciating the special nature of the presentations. Also, I extend thanks to our very dedicated staff who have again worked beyond my expectations to prepare the students for Holy week!

Years 4-7 students performed with merit at the Silkwood/Mena Creek Soccer and Netball Carnivals held last Friday in typical wet season weather conditions. Both carnivals were focused on participation rather than competition in an attempt to increase student enjoyment levels. From all reports, the sportsmanship displayed by our students was second to none. Congratulations to Emma Brooks who was selected to represent the SMCSA district in Netball at the Peninsula trials which were held in Innisfail recently.

St John’s Parents and Friends have been extremely busy preparing for the Feast of the Three Saints festival which is just a few weeks away. At this stage more helpers are required to assist with catering. Please consider volunteering for this significant event and let the school office know if you are available to help. Remember there a few jobs that need to be completed before and after the weekend.

The St John’s staff wish our parents, friends and students a happy 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. Easter has become increasingly commercialised by the corporate dollar and it’s easy to lose sight of the “gift of life” for chocolate and eggs. Please remember to wear your seat belts and think safety if travelling on the road during this busy time. School will recommence on Monday 15th April.

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

“Change your thoughts and you change your world!”
N V Peale

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Term 1 Week 9 – 28th March, 2013

DATES TO REMEMBER

28th March
♦ Lord’s Supper Mass
  7.00pm Tully

29th March - Good Friday
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

30th March - Easter Saturday
8.00pm – Tully - Easter Vigil
31st March - Easter Sunday
7.00am – Mission Bch - Sunday of the Resurrection
9.00am – Silkwood - Sunday of the Resurrection
5.00pm – Cardwell - Sunday of the Resurrection

15th April
♦ Term 2 commences
♦ School Auditors here
♦ Playgroup at Kindy
9.00am - 11.00am

16th April
♦ Kindy resumes Term 2

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
17/4/13 A Scarpignato & J Harvey

Always Reaching for New Heights
We wish to sincerely thank Mr Maley, staff, students/Kindergarten children, parents and friends of St. John's School for their involvement with our Easter Bonnet Parade for 2013. Thank you to everyone who took the time to dress up and complete the colouring activity. We also thank the Easter Bunny for his surprise visit and all the goodies he brought us. Many thanks go to the families of our school and community who supported our Easter Raffle. The winners of our Easter Egg Raffle were: 1st prize Dimitri Taifalos and 2nd prize Russell Scopelliti. The lucky winner of our "Guess the Easter Egg Jar" was Bryce Maley. Congratulations to all the winners. The success of the day was awesome and very rewarding. Happy Easter to all. Vicki DeBrincat Co-ordinator

P & F Meeting
The first P & F meeting for Term 2 is set down for Monday 15th April at 3.00pm (first day back of term 2). All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Feast of the Three Saints
Preparations continue for the Feast of the Three Saints (Sunday 5th May). A note was sent home requesting parents to support this fundraiser by allocating times that they will be able to lend a hand. This event is the major fundraiser for St. John’s so all parents and friends are encouraged to assist in preparing and feeding the many thousand visitors that come to the school for this feast. It is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our school and raise funds to improve our school environment, classrooms, buildings and grounds.

Tuckshop
Students are encouraged to bring their tuckshop orders to school at the beginning of each week. That way they can be at the tuckshop prior to

Kindy Corner
As Term 1 draws to a close we would like to wish you all a safe and happy Easter. Thank you to the parents who helped with working bee jobs and for running a successful sausage sizzle. Farewell to Madeline and her family as they move away from our area, we wish you all the best. The children looked fabulous in their Easter bonnet creations today and we enjoyed spending the morning with family and school friends. Enjoy your holidays. Kindy will resume on Tuesday 16th April.

Cheers
Robyn and Denise
Enrolments - Good Counsel College

The formal enrolment process for Year 8 2014 for Catholic schools begins in Term 2. Thank you to the 40 or so parents who have already applied for positions. Enrolment application forms are available from the College for parents/carers to collect; alternately please contact the College on 4063 5300 for a package to be posted. Information sessions will be advertised and held during this time. The enrolment process is open for 8 weeks to Catholic schools before being formally opened to other schools in the district.

Enrolment for 2015. We have taken quite a number of enquiries for positions for Year 7 and 8. The College will as normal, open enrolment to all children in Catholic feeder schools early in Term 2 of 2014 before opening enrolments to other schools in the district. Please contact Enrolments on 4063 5300 if you have any queries.

CASSOWARY COAST LITTLE ATHLETICS

Sign on night only - Friday 5th April, 5.00 – 6.30pm
Castor Park, Mounliyan, $100 per athlete
(New members need birth Cert.)
Ages 5 years – 16 years
One parent must help out each week
1st club night 12/4/13 – 5.45pm
More Info – Leonie 0447123062