Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

Unfortunately our School Cross Country Carnival, scheduled to be held at the Silkwood Soccer Grounds tomorrow, has been postponed to next Wednesday 2nd April at 9:30am.

I am grateful to the few parents that have committed to helping with the supervision of students around the course.

In the case of wet weather, students are requested to bring a spare set of clothes and shoes, either to run in (instead of their uniform), or a spare uniform to change into following the carnival.

St John’s Parents and Friends have been extremely busy preparing for the Feast of the Three Saints which will be held on the school grounds at the end of the second week of term 2. At this stage we have numerous helpers that will share the workload to cater for the many visitors to this year’s feast.

For parents who would like to lend a hand but have children to look after, Miss Caitlin O’Meara and Mrs Renate Habermann have kindly offered to supervise children aged 3½ to 12 years old while parents work between 11:00am - 2:00pm and 4:30pm - 7:00pm.

Children are required to stay for the duration of the session unless parents pick up their children earlier. This care is only available to primary school/kindy students.

A handful of parents attended yesterday’s Parent Spelling session presented by Carly Steele from Catholic Education Services at Cairns. Carly is an Education Officer who is extremely well qualified in Literacy. Carly is currently working with St John’s to create an Agreed Practice for Spelling. Parents appreciated the opportunity to gain a foundation in spelling rules and concepts.

Currently, I have embarked on a mission to complete a second Masters of Education (Educational Leadership). Whilst the degree will require a few years of study, St John’s will benefit from my research into current understandings of the “nature” of leadership in general and specifically in educational organisations. Critical scrutiny of leadership and organisational theories should consequently transform St John’s organisational culture to reflect current educational standards.

Yours sincerely,

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

“Never deprive someone of hope; it might be all they have!” Unknown

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
What's Happening in Year 6/7

The Year 6/7 students are energetically working towards the end of the first term for 2014. The school leaders have been particularly excited preparing for the school cross country and also the Mini Vinnie's Easter parade and activities on the last day of term next week.

In the classroom, the major focuses have been on our spelling and writing narratives in English, and in Maths problem solving and fractions.

The Year 7 class is working extremely hard on NAPLAN style questions in both English and Maths in preparation for next term’s testing. Assessment tasks are being completed in all learning areas with our major pieces being a geography liveability assessment for the Year 7’s and the Year 6’s researching an Asian country and highlighting how it interacts with Australia and other countries in Asia.

The Easter activities next week will incorporate the students presenting two Stations of the Cross on canvas. As a class, we researched, planned and are now constructing our ideas on the canvas. The students have almost completed these, using their creative and artistic abilities, and are excited about presenting these off next week. 

Mr Stuart Russell

P & F Social Volley Ball Match
When: Friday 28 March 6.30pm
Where: St John’s School
$1 Sausage on bread / $3 Steak Sandwich. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.
RSVP to the school office (40652193) for catering.

Mini Vinnies News
On Friday 4th April 2014(last day of Term 1), students are invited to wear free dress (sun safe and no gold coin donation required) and make an Easter Bonnet which will be paraded at Assembly. Prizes will be presented for the best creations in each grade. Once again we will be having a “Guess the Easter Egg Jar”. Guesses will be accepted for 50cents a go at first lunch break during Week 10 commencing on Monday 31st March 2014 and the winner announced at Assembly. Our Kindy friends will be joining us. Following second lunch break we will be having novelty races to finish off the term. All funds raised will be donated to Caritas. Hope you can join us!

Mrs DeBrincat (Team Coordinator)

Request
The P & F are requesting 4 or 5 litre ice-cream containers (empty) to store spaghetti sauce for the Three Saints Festival. These can be left at the office.

Water is Life…………
What does water mean to the communities we work with?
Caritas Australia has been working with rural communities in Malawi and Tanzania to help them achieve their community goals and aspirations. Ensuring there is access to clean and safe water has been a big part of this.
Training and health promotion activities have also brought about an increased awareness of sanitation and hygiene in the communities.


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Kindy Corner

The Kindy children have been working on Easter activities and preparing for the Easter Bonnet parade and Combined Assembly. The children will be singing two songs with the Prep/Year 1 students. The assembly will be held at the school on the last day of Term 1, Friday 4th April at 9.00am. The children will also be joining in the fun activities planned by the Mini Vinnies’ team during Friday afternoon. The Kindy will then be on two weeks holidays until Tuesday 22nd April. The focus colour for the first two weeks of Term 2 will be green.

The Kindy Parent Committee has been approached to host the Sausage Sizzle after the ANZAC Day march at Kurrimine Beach. As this is the first Friday after the holidays, planning has commenced. Assistance will be required on the day to cook, sell sausages and drinks at the stall at the King Reef Resort. Parents who are able to help are asked to contact either of the Fundraising co-ordinators, Teleisha and Lisa or the Kindy staff.

Regards, Robyn & Denise
St. John’s Community Playgroup
WELCOMES YOU TO THE EASTER BREAK UP PARTY!

WHERE: St. John’s Community Playgroup,
Harold Street Silkwood.
WHEN: Monday 31st March, 2014
TIME: 9am-12pm

Please bring a hat, water bottle and morning tea for your child/ren. If you wish bring a small plate to share. Come along and join in our fun.

Easter activities:
- Chocolate Easter hunt
- Pin the tail on the Easter Bunny

And for the parents/guardians, how many eggs in the jars! Last week the playgroup children started on their Easter Bunnies and little chickens. We will finish these activities in the last two weeks of Term 1. Our playgroup wall is coming along very nicely, thanks to the parents and children. Regards Teleisha

INFANTASTIC PHOTOGRAPHY............
Local mum of 3, I started doing photography to try to make it affordable after being charged hundreds of dollars for photos of my eldest daughter. We have just moved to the Silkwood/Kurrimine Beach area and I am taking bookings for $50 outdoor shoots now. Includes a minimum of 20 edited pics on disc. Danielle McTaggart Ph: 0429707757

Pelican Waterhole Swimming Pool & Gym
School Holidays Swim & Fitness Camp
7-10 April 2014 14-17 April 2014
$30 per day or $100 for the (4day) course
10am-2pm Monday to Thursday

This day camp will include group Learn To Swim and Stroke Correction for all four competitive strokes, fitness swimming sessions, introduction to gym and cross-fit training, (including circuit training, boxing, yoga and pilates), nutrition and goal setting, as well as obstacle courses, water games and play activities!

The camp suits all swim levels; beginner to competitive. Athletes will enjoy & benefit from this camp!

PWH Swim Camps are run by
Alex Glasson level 2 Ascta Swim Coach, Austswim LTS teacher, Fitness Australia Group Fitness Trainer, Blue Card Holder
Jonah Glasson Swim Australia LTS teacher
Qld Yth Performance Squad & Nat. Age Group swimmer

For more information or to book
phone Alex on 0428571363
or email pelicanwaterhole851@gmail.com
please note; bookings essential as spaces are limited
Pelican Waterhole
851 Murdering Point Road, Kurrimine Beach.

Black Duck Wisdom
by Maggie Dent

Things don’t always work out the way we plan them……
And in the midst of the confusion we wonder how things could ever be right again.
But things have a way of working out and sometimes they work out better than we ever dreamed they could……

Remember never give up!
(This is the final Black Duck Wisdom)

Silkwood Junior Soccer Draw
29th March 2014
U6 - 2.30pm (Tigers White), U8 - 2pm (Tigers 2)
U9 - 2.20pm (Tigers 2) U10 - 1.15pm (Tigers 1)
U11 - 1.15pm (tigers 1) U13/14/15 - 1pm (Boogan)

Bishops Silkwood Butchery
Phone: 4065 2211

- 5 Kg mince $29.95/kg ($5.99/kg)
- Mild lamb curry $9.90/kg
- Pork & Pineapple kebabs $2.00 each
- 2kg rump $29.00 Open until 5.30pm