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School Bulletin

Term 2 Week 1

13th April, 2016

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you have all enjoyed the Easter break with your families and friends. I am very pleased to be continuing the contract as Acting Principal at St John's until the remainder of the year. As we usually have fortnightly newsletters, this is a brief notice to inform you of a few important events.

Feast of the Three Saints

Our annual 3 Saints Feast will be held on Sunday, 1st May. The history of the Three Saints, St Alfio, St Filadelfo and St Cerino in Silkwood began in 1950, when they were brought from Italy to Silkwood by Rosario Tornabene. The festival is held every year. The feast brings the community together from all across the country.

For more information please go to the following website;

<http://www.feastofthreesaints.com.au/history.html>

I would strongly urge everyone to nominate to assist our P & F with the BBQ stall at the 3 Saints Festival. This event is one of the most important on the school calendar. Money raised goes towards supporting the school community. Parents are reminded that the tuckshop area is a work area and that students are not permitted in this area at any time. This is a workplace, health and safety regulation. Appropriate shoes and clothing should be considered by parents assisting with catering. Please find attached letter of support. If you could return as soon as possible it will assist in the efficient organisation of the day. Please remember that all money raised goes to assisting with your student's education.

Parents & Friends

It is my pleasure to welcome our new P & F for 2016. Congratulations to Tony Corby our new president and the new committee. I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful work done by the P & F Committee of 2015 and hope that we can continue to build on the foundations you have worked tirelessly to create for our students. I look forward to working in partnership with the P & F to ensure our common goal is to the benefit of our students in the school. Please come along to our **next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 20th April at 3.00 pm.**

Interschool Cross Country

Our Interschool Cross country will be held next **Wednesday on the 20th April** on our school oval. Best wishes to our students who are competing. Please come along and join us if you have time.

ANZAC Ceremony

Next **Friday, 22nd April**, we will hold an ANZAC presentation at 9.00am in the parish hall. Please come along and join us if you can.

Positive School Environment

We are a Catholic school community. Building a positive school environment is everybody's responsibility - students, staff, parents and community. In partnership, we need to be sharing the same vision and goals for our students. We need to set the example in the way we speak and act towards each other. Communication is always the best way to resolve issues. We need to show respect for everyone - other students, staff and parents. I welcome the opportunity to meet with parents/carers to discuss any issue of educational concern.

God's Blessings,
Jo Martorella. Acting Principal





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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of St Johns,

I would like to congratulate and introduce the new St John's Parents and Friends Committee for 2016:

President - Tony Corby

Vice President - Angelique Scarpignato

Treasurer - Michelle Giarraffa

Secretary (Shared Role) - Tracey Patterson

Secretary (Shared Role)- Nathan Thompson

Uniform Coordinator – Kristy Anderson

Tuckshop Coordinator – Michelle Giarraffa

For those that are unfamiliar with me, I am the father of three children at St John's (Tegan , Kade and Talia), the husband of the new Director/Teacher at St John's kindergarten and a local to Kurrimine Beach since the year 2000. From November 2005, my career took a different course and I took up a role with Disability Services as the Team Leader of a Rural and Remote program that assists individuals and families with a disability, to maintain their independence within their community.

Volunteers are the cornerstone of a successful school and as such, on behalf of the new committee, I would like to extend my appreciation and acknowledgement of the successes that the 2015 committee achieved. I also want to thank those from last year's committee who have backed up again for another year. Thank you all.

The highest priority for the P and F is currently ensuring that the "Three Saints" festival is successful. This event provides a wonderful opportunity for the P and F to fundraise for the school. Last year, our participation at this event raised in **excess of \$6000** which was used to improve your children's education and learning. For us to achieve similar success, we need your support. For those that can, please put your hand up to assist where possible as many hands are needed, and if we all share the load even in the slightest way, the individual load is far more manageable.

Kind Regards,

Tony Corby

St John's P & F President