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**Wednesday, 19th April 2017**

Dear Parent/ Carers,

Welcome back to all of our students and families. We hope you have enjoyed a wonderful Easter break and are looking forward to the beginning of our learning journey together in Term 2. The new Principal of St John's has been advised to the school community beginning in Term 3. **Congratulations to Mrs Peta Bryan!** I wish Peta the very best for her future years at St John's. I look forward to finishing my time here at St John's until the end of Term 2 and continuing to work with students, staff and the school community to ensure the best outcomes for all of our students.

### **CHRIST HAS RISEN - POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR EASTER**

We begin this term celebrating Christ's resurrection. We understand that peace is the gift of the risen Lord to the disciples. Jesus assures the disciples that he is not a ghost so he allows them to touch his hands and feet to prove he is alive. He reminds them that his passion, death and resurrection are the fulfilment of what has been written in the law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms. Pope Francis reminds us that Jesus, who was crucified, is risen! This event is the basis of our faith and our hope. If Christ were not raised, Christianity would lose its very meaning; the whole mission of the Church would lose its impulse, for this is the point from which it first set out and continues to set out ever anew. The message which Christians bring to the world is this: Jesus, love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death. He said having faith on Easter gives sense in the middle of "so many calamities: the sense of looking beyond, the sense of saying, look, there isn't a wall, there's a horizon, there's life, there's joy."

### **WELCOME TO NEW FAMILIES**

**Welcome** to our new student Mackenzie in Year 4 who has joined us at St John's this week. Mackenzie attended the kindergarten in past years. Welcome also, to Katrina, Peter and family. We trust you will enjoy being part of the St John's school community.

### **SILKWOOD MENA CREEK SPORT ASSOCIATION CROSS COUNTRY**

This **Friday, 21<sup>ST</sup> April** St John's will host the Silkwood Mena Creek Cross Country Carnival for selected 9 - 12 year old students. The day will **commence at 9.30am**. Any assistance on the day will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mr Stuart Russell through the office.

### **ANZAC PARADE KURRIMINE BEACH**

On **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April**, we invite all students and families to **meet us at the King Reef Hotel at 9.15am**. Students and parents will march along Jacobs Rd to the Kurrimine Beach Cenotaph for the ANZAC Day ceremony. We ask that students walk in their school day uniform and remember to wear their school hat. Students should also wear sunscreen and bring along a water bottle. Students will walk in their class groups and parents will walk behind the students. Our school Captains Pavel and Hayley will present a poem at the ceremony.

Also, please come along to our **school ANZAC Day liturgy** in the hall on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am**. Our guest speaker will be Mr Bob Davis, who is a delegate of the RSL Sub branch in Innisfail.

### **STAFF**

It is with great sadness that we **farewell our School Counsellor Mrs Carmel Parisi**. Carmel joined us back at St John's after a short break. Due to reorganisation of support from Cairns Catholic Education Services Carmel will now be working at other Catholic schools in the southern deanery. We thank Carmel for the great work she has done last term with students and families of St John's.

### **NAPLAN ONLINE**

The Queensland Government has decided not to participate in NAPLAN online this year. Catholic Education has also decided not to participate. All Year 3 and Year 5 students will now participate in NAPLAN testing in paper form on these dates.

## P/F MEETING – 3 SAINTS FESTIVAL

Tonight, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, at 6.30pm the P/F invites all parents to come along to a meeting to discuss the fundraising activities for this year's **Three Saints Festival being held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May** on school grounds. We are very fortunate to have a great relationship with the Three Saints Committee, that allows us to fundraise and use the funds to benefit our school. When you enrol your child into the school, we ask that you make every attempt to provide assistance in the best way that you can. We invite all parents/carers to come along to our meeting to share your ideas and to nominate some hours of support. All support for this event will be greatly appreciated.

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS / HAIR / LICE

It is important that our students are dressed according to our official school uniform. A number of students have arrived back this term wearing the incorrect footwear. Shoes must be completely black. Please be reminded that students are not to come to school with the latest hair trends including tracks. The issue of lice continues to be a problem at the school. We ask all parents to take all precautions and administer lice treatment when needed. Many parents are finding that they are taking responsibility for this issue, however, their children are still coming home with lice. Please discuss with your children they should not be sharing their school hats.

## PRAYER FOR THE START OF THE TERM

*God, our Father,*

*We ask that Your Spirit be a constant influence in the lives of all who make up our school community this year.*

*Help our students to be discerning, so that the outcomes of their choices will be in accord with Christian values. Amen.*

Peace and Best Wishes,

Jo Martorella, Acting Principal

"Let there be peace. Let it begin with me." Luke 1: 68-69

### TERM 2 DATES

<b>19th April</b>	P & F 3 Saints meeting 6.30pm in the school library
<b>21st April</b>	SMCSA Cross Country
<b>26th April</b>	Wonders of Living
<b>28th April</b>	Innisfail Cross Country
<b>7th May</b>	Three Saints Festival
<b>8th May</b>	Pupil Free Day
<b>9th May - 11th May</b>	NAPLAN
<b>29th May</b>	Fun with Maths
<b>22nd June</b>	School Photos
<b>23rd June</b>	End of Term 2      P & F Pie Drive

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