Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

The staff and students at St John’s have managed a busy term which culminated in the publishing of semester one reports on Tuesday. Parents are reminded to contact the school to organise a mutually convenient time for a parent/teacher interview if they feel the need to discuss their child’s report.

The next formal feedback will take place in term three with 3-way conferencing and portfolios.

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“Learn from the mistakes of others. You can never live long enough to make them all yourself!” Groucho Marx

D T A S S T O  R E M E M B E R

27th June
◆ Hot Dog Day
◆ Combined Kindy/school assembly
◆ Last day of term

11th July
◆ Innisfail Show

14th July
◆ Term 3 commences

14th July - 4th August
◆ L.S.L. Mrs Parisi

14th July - 25th July
◆ JCU student on prac

15th July - 17th July
◆ Vera at SIS training Cairns

16th July
◆ Smiling Minds workshop 8.45am library

21st July - 25th July
◆ 2nd JCU student on prac

21st July - 1st August
◆ SIS Implementation

1st August
◆ Jeans for Genes day

6th - 7th August
◆ SMCSA Athletics

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TUCKSHOP ROSTER

17/07/14 P Bromilow & L Barba

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Term 2 Week 10 – 26th June, 2014

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Principal's Message

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The Kindy children enjoyed a fun-filled morning in Tully at the ‘Read to Me’ Day. They listened to story books in two rotations at the Council Chambers and the Library. They also performed some circus tricks and joined in a sausage sizzle and outside play with the Tully Kindy children. Thank you to the Tully Kindergarten community for their hospitality and to the many Kindy parents who assisted with supervision.

I, (Robyn), will be on Long Service Leave for the first three weeks of Term 3. Mrs Greco and Mrs Andersen will capably facilitate the Kindy program in my absence. The program next term will highlight the natural environment and the focus number for the first two weeks will be 5.

The Kindergarten and school will have a display at the Innisfail Show during the holidays. If you attend, please visit the display in the pavilions and show the children their work. We are sure they will recognise their display.

Tomorrow is the Combined Assembly and the Kindy will also be hosting the Hot Dog Day. The children love to see their family and friends at Assembly, and if you can help with the tuckshop, just let Teleisha or one of us know. Have an enjoyable holiday with your families and thanks for the many ways we have been shown support this term.

Regards Robyn & Denise
Social Emotional Learning Awards

Confidence

Saskia - Presenting a wonderful news item about Italy. Great job!

Jackiah - Settling into Prep/One with such confidence.

Year 2 class - Being such a lovely group of friends and practising social tricks for 'getting along' together. It is lovely to work with you all.
   Claire Hayley

Getting Along

Hank - Being a terrific class member. We will all miss you.

Jemma - Designing, building and racing a well-built, self-propelled car.

Bethany - Always being a positive influence to fellow classmates.

Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards

Leader & Collaborator

Cody - Showing leadership in the Prep/1 classroom.

Leader & Collaborator

Darcy - Always being a well-mannered, considerate and enthusiastic student, both academically and sporting.

Active Investigator

Lachlan - A great effort keeping the world cup soccer leader board up to date.

Reading Awards will only be presented at assembly for 50, 100, 150, 200 etc.

75 nights - Eva

100 nights - Arvind, Jye, Nichalos T, Gina, Amelia

125 nights - Bethany

150 nights - Lauren, Leanne

Happy and Safe School Holidays

Students of the Week

Free to be Me’
Self Awareness and Self Esteem Building Program for Children

‘Free to be Me’ is an 8 week program for children aged 3 - 12 years. The program is offered in one hour sessions and is free of charge. Programs are offered at the CSCI and through local schools upon request. The ‘Free to Be Me’ Program is facilitated by staff at the Community Support Centre Innilfast and will increase your child’s skills in relation to the following themes:

Your Feelings and You
Discovering and Building your Strengths
Positive Thinking
Beating Shyness
Making Friends
Bullying & Keeping Yourself Safe

Free To Be Me Program
July 24 - September 11 at CSCI (8 sessions)
Weekly - Thursday afterschool Sessions
3:15pm - 4:30pm

The sessions are facilitated in small groups of children in a comfortable, friendly setting with CSCI Facilitators. A party and certificates of attendance will be provided during the last week of the program. The Free To Be Me Program is a free service for children in our community.

For more information or to register your child - please contact Sherrie or Natasha: PH: 4043 8400 or email: sherrie@csci.org.au
Community Support Centre Innilfast (CSCI)
13 – 17 Donald Street - Buddina

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