Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

Parents are advised that Harold Street will be resealed next Wednesday 1st May. We anticipate major disruption to traffic which will be complicated by the set up for the Feast of the Three Saints.

Our annual Cross Country Carnival has been scheduled for Friday 10th May at the Silkwood Soccer grounds. Parent helpers will be required on the day to fill check point positions around the Maryborough Sugar cane field. If you are able to assist in any way, please register your interest with the school office. Vehicles that are equipped with UHF radios would enhance the students’ safety around the course. For parents that are interested in preparing their children for this carnival, students will compete over the following distances:

- 5 & 6 yr olds—700m
- 7 & 8 yr olds—1000m
- 9 & 10 yr olds—2000m
- 11—13 yr olds—3000m

All families are encouraged to participate in the Kurrimine Beach ANZAC Day march on Thursday 25th April. The march will depart from the King Reef Resort at 9:40am and culminate with a ceremony at the Kurrimine Beach Cenotaph at 10:00am. Our attendance at this community event has been substantial during recent years. Please make an effort to attend if possible. Students are requested to wear their normal pin stripe school uniform and school hat.

St John’s Parents and Friends will cater for the families that attend the Kurrimine Beach march with a BBQ and soft drinks at the King Reef Resort afterwards. Beach cricket and some other novelties will also be on offer for the young and young at heart.

St John’s teachers will attend the Curriculum Conference this Saturday at Shangri-La, the Marina, Cairns. The conference is titled “Artsmarts”. Our teachers have the option of attending a variety of workshops focused on: digital learning, Australian Curriculum and effective implementation of the Arts syllabus which is due to take effect in 2014 with Geography. Thanks to the P & F for kindly supporting our teachers.

Yours sincerely,

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

“IT is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light!”
Aristotle Onannis

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TUCKSHOP ROSTER

01/5/13
A Scarpignato & N Nielsen
The front yard at the Kindy has received some attention in the last few weeks as part of the landscaping project. Thank you to Jenny and Adam Harvey for their work on the garden area and to George and Andrea Downard for removal of the tree. Shade sails will be ordered now for the entrance area and the planting of more suitable plants.

Thank you to the families who have offered to help with the Tiramisu dessert for the Feast of the Three Saints next Sunday. The roster needs to be finalised by this Friday so please add your names to the roster at the sign in area.

Thank you to Irene and Terry from Cairns Catholic Early Learning and Care for working with the children last Friday. We appreciate the generosity shown towards the staff at the Kindy by families and colleagues.

Cheers, Robyn and Denise
Sacramental Program at St. John’s
The 2013 Sacramental Program has commenced at St John’s with a focus on Confirmation and Communion. We have 7 students at St John’s who are currently undertaking this program on a Tuesday afternoon. Confirmation and Communion (two of the seven sacraments) are powerful ways God reaches out to connect with his people here and now. The Sacraments of the Church are visible signs that God’s presence is real and is among us. They are signs that God loves us.

In Confirmation, we recommit to our baptismal vows (made on our behalf by our parents and godparents) and we receive the permanent gift (“seal”) of the Holy Spirit. We are empowered as adult members of the Church to live the Christian life with conviction.

At our first Communion we unite with Jesus. When we eat his body and drink his blood, we become one flesh with him. That’s why it is called ‘communion’; we become one body and one spirit with Jesus.

So far these chosen students have been reflecting on the following themes:

♦ Jesus is baptised
♦ Baptism- the journey begins and
♦ The Church- a community of disciples.

This week the students will continue on their journey of preparation for confirmation with parents through family reflections and prayer time.

May this program be a catalyst in assisting your family to continue their journey with Jesus and know that God is always trying to communicate with us through a variety of means. Mrs Sarah Payne, Acting APRE

Why?
Why are they selling poppies Mother?
Selling poppies in town today?
The poppies, child, are flowers of love.
For the men that marched away.

But why have they chosen a poppy Mother?
Why not a beautiful rose?
Because, my child, men fought and died in the fields where poppies grow.

But why are the poppies so red Mother?
Why are the poppies so red?
Red is the colour of blood, my child.
The blood our soldiers shed.

The heart of the poppy is back Mother
Why does it have to be black?
Black, my child is a symbol of grief;
For the men who never came back.

By why Mother dear, are you crying so?
Your tears are like winter rain.
My tears are for you, my child
For the world is forgetting again.

LEST WE FORGET: DARE WE FORGET