Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

Parents are reminded that next Monday, 5th May is a PUPIL FREE DAY.

Teachers and ancillary staff have been busy preparing the school for the Feast of the Three Saints which will be held this Sunday, 4th May. I appreciate the significant number of parents that have volunteered their time to work on the St John’s food stall. All parents and friends are encouraged to attend the Feast and enjoy the wonderful food, music and culture on offer.

Parents are asked to remind children that the tucks hop area will be considered a work area with hot oil, gas burners and BBQs. No children will be permitted to enter this area due to workplace health and safety regulations. Appropriate shoes and clothing should be considered by parents assisting with catering.

Thank you to the many School & Kindy families that attended the Kurrimine Beach ANZAC Day Ceremony. I am overwhelmed by the many members of the public who mentioned how wonderful it was to have the majority of our students present. Our students were respectful of the true meaning of ANZAC day! Not only is it a fitting tribute and expression of thanks to those who sacrificed so much, it is one of the most touching, poignant community events our students could experience. This is an acknowledgement of school and parents working together to educate children on the importance of ANZAC day. I would also like to acknowledge the King Reef Resort for their contributions towards the Kurrimine Beach ANZAC Day Ceremony and the Kindergarten’s very successful fundraising sausage sizzle.

Mr Paul Cazzulino (AED SDO) from Cairns Catholic Education Services visited St John’s towards the end of last term for his quarterly visit. Discussion ensued regarding the status of maintaining four separate cohorts in 2015 after Year 7 moves into secondary. Mr Cazzulino has given, in principle, approval for St John’s to have the following structure next year:
- Prep
- Years 1/2
- Years 3/4
- Years 5/6

Yours sincerely,
Andrew Maley
Principal, M Ed (ICT), B Ed, Dip T
Condolences
Our condolences to Con, Christine & Nicholas Frumento on the passing of their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother.

SMCSA Cross Country
The SMCSA Cross Country will be held at the Silkwood Soccer grounds tomorrow commencing at 9:30am. Students will be walking to and from this event. A few parents with UHF radios to assist with the supervision of competitors at checkpoints around the course would be appreciated. Parents are advised that a change of school clothes may be necessary. Please ring the office if you can assist.

Caritas
Our new total for Caritas missions is $300.50. This very generous amount will help tremendously towards emergency relief programs around the world. If there are families with Caritas boxes at home, please return to school.

Three Saints Festival
St John’s Parents & Friends have been extremely busy preparing for this weekend’s festival. At this stage, we have numerous helpers that will share the workload. Please contact the office if you can lend a hand for a few hours and have not yet been allocated a timeslot. You can purchase your P & F Supporter shirt to wear on Sunday from the uniform shop on Friday morning. Prices are - Ladies $28, Men $34.

A reminder that no children will be permitted to enter the tuckshop area due to workplace health and safety concerns. Please discuss the danger of children entering this work area with your family.

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 10:30 - 1:30pm & 4:30pm - 7:00pm.

TERM 2 MUSIC LESSONS
Music lessons commenced last week for those students who are on the music roll. This term there will be 9 weeks of music lessons. Cameron will be unable to attend St. John’s tomorrow. Lessons are $13.00 per lesson with a total of $117.00 per student for the term. Invoices were sent home yesterday. Payment would be appreciated by next Friday 9th May. Any new students are welcome to start this term. If your child is absent for a lesson, Cameron will always catch this lesson up sometime during the term.

Book club
Our first bookclub for term 2 will be sent home tomorrow. Orders must be returned by next Thursday 8th May.

What’s Happening in Prep/One
Prep/ Year One have had a great start to term two, with all students excited about the busy term ahead. This term in English we are travelling around the world in 8 weeks! Students will be exposed to a variety of fiction and nonfiction texts, based on 8 different countries. Year One students will then write an information report of their chosen country, whilst Prep students will be writing a sentence about their family.

In Maths, students are identifying 3D shapes and their distinctive properties, whilst also concentrating on simple addition and subtraction.

In Geography this term, the students are identifying places and describing their significant features. Students will investigate the difference between natural, managed and constructed environmental features. Science for the Prep students is focusing on the properties of materials and objects using their five senses. Year One’s will be exploring change through the context of food including spaghetti, chocolate and popcorn. Students will learn how heating or cooling a food can change its properties, and whether those changes can be reversed or not. Technology this term will incorporate students experimenting with trial and error to design objects, based on their knowledge about materials. Miss Caitlin O’Meara
Kindy Corner

Thank you to the parents who helped in any way with the ANZAC day sausage sizzle at Kurrimine Beach. We were thrilled to see the number of children who attended and marched in the parade.

The Kindy is currently selling tickets in a Mother’s Day raffle, thank you to Mrs Debbie Daly for donating the raffle prize of a Mary Kay Satin Hands Pamper Set valued at $69.00. Tickets are selling for $1.00 and are available from the Kindy and school office.

The focus number for Weeks 3 & 4 is ‘one’.

Regards Robyn & Denise

Feast of the Three Saints

Sunday 4th May


12:00noon - Entertainment (Domenico and his musicians will be entertaining everyone on Sunday)

2.00pm - Saints on Vara. Solemn procession through Silkwood accompanied by band.

3.00pm - Mass followed by Blessing & Veneration of the Relics of the Three Saints

4.30pm till late - Entertainment - rides & amusements

7.00pm - Dynamic fireworks display

Australia’s largest religious & cultural festival

Barbecue, pasta, chips, Italian sausages, ravioli, arancini, chestnuts, granita, gelati, Italian biscuits, sweets.

Come and enjoy a sensational day of good food, music and entertainment.

GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE

ENROLMENT YEAR 7 & 8, 2015

Enrolments have opened for those parents wishing to place their children in Year 7 and/or Year 8 at Good Counsel College in 2015.

Applications for enrolment may be obtained from the College Office at 66 Owen Street, Innisfail or by phoning 07 4063 5300.

The first round of offers will be made to applicants who have returned their completed application forms and who have attended an enrolment interview by Friday 29 August 2014.

Silkwood Junior Soccer Draw

3rd May, 2014

U6 - 2.30pm        U8 - 3pm
U9 - 2.20pm        U10 - 1.15pm
U11/12 - 2.40pm    U13/14/15 - 1 pm