Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

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. 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 St John’s fundraising BBQ. Our students were respectful of the true meaning of ANZAC day!

Yours sincerely,

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

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart!”

Helen Keller

Term 2 Week 3 – 2nd May, 2013

DATES TO REMEMBER

4th May
♦ Mass & renaming ceremony S’wd 5.45pm
5th May
♦ Three Saints Festival
6th May
♦ Pupil Free Day
♦ School Fees due
7th May
♦ Book club due
10th May
♦ Interhouse Cross Country Carnival
12th May
♦ Mothers’ Day
14th - 16th May
♦ NAPLAN Testing Years 3,5,7
17th May
♦ SMCSA Cross Country Carnival
27th May - 31st May
♦ Scholastic Book Fair
29th May
♦ Young Performers
11th June
♦ School & Kindy photos

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
08/5/13 A Scarpignato & N Hogan

Always reaching for new heights
Three Saints Festival

St John’s Parents and Friends have been extremely busy preparing for this weekend’s festival. At this stage we have numerous helpers that will share the workload to cater for the many visitors to this year’s feast.

Parents are asked to remind children that the tuckshop 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 concerns. Appropriate shoes and clothing should be considered by parents assisting with catering. 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, Mrs Kylie Azzopardi 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.

NOTE: All raffle tickets to be returned to school tomorrow, sold or unsold.

Pupil Free Day

Parents are reminded that Monday 6th May is a PUPIL FREE DAY. Teachers and ancillary staff will be reinstating the school following the Feast of the Three Saints which will be held this Sunday, 5th May. All parents and friends are encouraged to attend the Feast and enjoy the wonderful food, music and culture on offer.

School Fees

Term 2 school and music fees have been issued. Due date for payment of term 2 fees is Monday 6th May. Kindy fees are due by 10th May.

Kindy Corner

Today the parents have been making Tiramisu to sell at the Feast of the Three Saints festival on Sunday. Thank you to Alfina and Lisa for their work today and to the other parents for donations. The tiramisu was delicious last year so make sure you taste the dessert at this year’s Feast! If parents are able to help on Sunday with selling these desserts, please add your name to the roster at the sign-in area. We have been discussing different types of celebrations with the children and sharing ideas on what makes these shared occasions special. The next Parent Committee Meeting will be on Friday 10th May at 8.45am. All parents are welcome to attend. At this meeting we will be discussing Under 8’s Week activities, shelving for the storeroom and fundraising ideas. Cheers, Robyn & Denise

What’s Happening in Prep/One

There is a busy term planned for Prep/1! In English we have started a new rotation program called “The Daily 5” where students will choose from 5 set English activities rather than being told which activity to complete. This gives students a bit more flexibility and independence while giving myself and School Officers a chance to work more closely with students. Once we have the new program up and running, students will complete “The Daily 5” four times a week in 2 hour blocks. In Maths, this term, students will be learning about 3D shapes and their properties, addition and subtraction. The Preps will be looking at “What’s it made of?” in Science and Year 1 class will be conducting some delicious experiments learning about food properties and how they change with heating or cooling. In History, Preps will continue to explore their family relationships and Year 1s will investigate toys and how they have changed over time. Our Art focus for this term is on Music and we will be learning the concepts of beat, rhythm, pitch and ostinato while we sing songs, listen to music and play with instruments. In Health we are looking at the dangers of the sun, and how to be sun safe during PE lessons, as we prepare for Cross Country and the Athletics Carnival.

St John’s Interhouse Cross Country Carnival

Our annual Cross Country Carnival has been scheduled for next 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
**Student of the Week**

**Social Emotional Learning Awards**

- **Adam A** - Persisting during maths lessons & having an "I can do it" attitude.
- **Leanne** - Answering questions quickly and accurately in mathematics.
- **Evan** - Making a determined effort to improve his NAPLAN writing.
- **Amelia, Emma, Jennifer** - An excellent fraction twister board game.

**Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards**

- **Connor** - Being a confident and helpful participant in our religion lesson.
- **Nicholaus** - Reading clearly and confidently in class.
- **Darcy** - Providing a wonderful range of materials for your science group.
- **Bradley** - Excellent written work this week.

**Reading Awards**

- **25 nights** - Tavake, Amelia
- **50 nights** - Hannah, Olympia, Jye, Lachlan H, Paul
- **75 nights** - Tegan, Nikita, James, Paul, Emma, Jennifer, Christian, Zane, Jack

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is due to begin shortly and St John’s School has registered all students to participate in this challenge again this year.

The reading period begins on **14th of May** and finishes on **6th of September 2013**.

**Prep to Year 4**

Students in Prep to Year 4 need to read or experience 20. You can do things like listen and read along with a book, or get someone to read to you. You can also share reading with your parents, teachers, siblings, or classmates.

**Year 5 to Year 7**

If you are in Year 5, Year 6 or Year 7, you must read 15 books. The requirement for Year 5 through to Year 7 students to read 15 books rather than 20 books acknowledges that older students are likely to select longer, more complex books and because of this, it may take longer to read.

Students, please remember to choose books appropriate to your reading ability and that a chapter does not equal a whole book! You do not have to read only chapter books – you may like to read information books as well and we have a wonderful selection of interesting books in our school library.

Most importantly, this is supposed to be a challenge, so this reading must be in addition to your normal homework reading not instead of it!

**Mini Vinnies News**

A reminder that tomorrow at assembly, we will be having a guest speaker Diana O’Brien coming to tell us all about sending blankets to Mongolia. We plan to start knitting in Week 5. If anyone has any spare 8ply wool or knitting needles that they would like to donate to our Mini Vinnies team, we would be very grateful. We are still collecting any unused stationery items eg. Note/scrap books, pencils, rulers, etc to send on to needy children. Please leave donations at school office.

**Feast of the Three Saints**

**Sunday 5th May**

- **10:00am** - Italian Mass Unveiling of the Saints. Eulogy of the Three Saints. Hymns by St. Alfio Choir.
- **12:00noon** - Entertainment
- **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

**FREE Well Women’s Clinics**

Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women’s Health Nurse. M/Bch Com Hlth Tues 14th May Ph 4068 9722

**Tully Hospital**

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Wed 15th May Ph 4068 4144

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