Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

The Feast of the Three Saints provided a wonderful opportunity for families and friends to enjoy some entertainment and excellent fireworks. I congratulate Alf Strano and the entire Three Saints committee for the outstanding festival! The staff, parents and students are also to be commended for their patience in the redesign phase of our school for the Feast. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many parents and staff who spent numerous hours preparing, cooking, organising and cleaning during the weekend. Although there was a massive amount of work achieved by the workers, there was also time for socialising. Mrs Maley and I were fortunate to attend the formal Three Saints lunch. Speeches were presented by important members of the community including; the new Three Saints President Alf Strano, Member for Hinchinbrook Andrew Cripps, Father Kumaradhas and others. Notably, the speeches contained reference to the wonderful spirit that exists in the St John’s community. We can all be proud of the significant achievements gained through our enhanced cooperation as one large community!

Years 3, 5 and 7 students have been busy preparing for the NAPLAN testing to take place at school next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Parents are reminded to maintain routine during this examination time and support their children’s concentration levels by providing a healthy breakfast, morning tea and lunch. Please discuss these examinations with your children to provide them with the opportunity to debrief and release any associated anxiety.

1. Tuesday 13th May — Language Conventions and Writing tests
2. Wednesday 14th May — Reading
3. Thursday 15th May — Numeracy
4. Friday 16th May — “Catch-up” tests for students absent on scheduled test dates.

Our SMCSA cross country runners competed to the best of their ability last Friday in glorious conditions. I extend a special thankyou to our staff and parents who contributed to the convening of the carnival. These events cannot take place without collaboration between the school and parents.

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

“When we seek to discover the best in others, we somehow bring out the best in ourselves!” William Arthur Ward

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

DATES TO REMEMBER

9th May
- Music fees due
11th May
- Mothers’ Day
12th May
- Playgroup 9am - 11am
13th - 16th May
- NAPLAN Testing Years 3,5,7
13th May
- P & F mtg 1.00pm
15th May
- Student Counsellor
18th May
- Mass at El Arish 11am
22nd May
- Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea 10.45am at school. $5 donation
26th - 30th May
- Book Fair
9th June
- Queen’s Birthday holiday
24th June
- Read to Me Day in Tully

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

15/05/14 P Bromilow & J Elliott
Thank you to all P & F who contributed to the success of the 3 Saints weekend. The planning, time and energy required to work together as part of a team is much appreciated. The generous passing on of knowledge acquired over years of 3 Saints Feasts is invaluable. Thanks to our wonderful staff for the many hours over and above their normal work commitments. Over the weekend I saw lots of “RAOK”! i.e. Regular Acts Of Kindness, which may have seemed to go unnoticed, but which make a difference. Lastly, thank you to our valued suppliers for their continued support.

Mrs Julie Elliott, President

Raffle Results
1st Prize - “Pam” $100 Stratchits & Topiary Tree (kindly donated by G & A Taifalos)
2nd Prize - Mrs Tina Patane - Meat Tray (kindly donated by Silkwood Butchery)
3rd Prize - Joe Evert - $15 Stratchits. Thank you to all the tickets sellers and buyers. Your support was outstanding.

P & F Meeting
The next P & F meeting will be held next Tuesday 13th May at 1.00pm. All parents are welcome.

School/Dental Van Forms
These have been sent home and are to be completed by parents and returned to the school office. This year the Dental Van will be located at Silkwood State School. Appointments can be made by calling the van on 0407 624 563.

SMCSA Cross Country
Congratulations to the following students in the photo who competed with merit last Friday’s Cross Country. These students have the opportunity to compete in the Peninsula Cross Country to be held later in the month. (Missing in the photo is Jacob B. who was also selected.)

Mr Stuart Russell

School/Kindy/Music Fees
This term’s fees have been issued. Due dates are:
Music fees due Friday 9th May.
School Fees due Tuesday 20th May.
Kindy Fees due Friday 23rd May.
If you wish to discuss any concerns regarding these fees, please feel free to contact the school office to make an appointment with Mr Maley.

Kindy Corner
We would like to wish all the mums a very happy Mother’s Day for Sunday.

The Kindy Mother’s Day raffle will be drawn tomorrow at 9.00am at the Kindy. Parents are welcome to stay for a cuppa and see who the lucky winner is.
The next Parent Committee Meeting is on next Friday 16th May at 8.45am. Kindy Fees have been issued. Due date for full term fees is Friday 23rd May. The focus number for next week is “one” Please encourage your child to bring in one item or an item with “1” on it.

Regards Robyn & Denise
6th - Eva
7th - Adam N
11th - Matthew

Social Emotional Learning Awards

**Persistence**

Rose - For consistently trying your best with writing and recognising your letters and sounds. Excellent work!

Deja - Reading every day of the week including weekends!

Owen - Making a genuine attempt to be more organised with your schoolwork.

Liam - Demonstrating an easy going personality that finds it easy to get along with others!

**Emotional Resilience**

Nicholas F - Always displaying a determined effort when work gets tough!

**Organisation**

**Getting Along**

Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards

**Quality Producer**

Lachlan E - A superb effort on your information report about Italy! Keep up the great work!

**Designer & Creator**

TJ - Producing a fantastic map design.

**Leader & Collaborator**

Evan - Setting the standard in behaviour & staying on task in class.

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

- **50 nights** - Callum, Arron, Saskia, Kade, Talia, Rylee, Jayden, Amelie, Eva, Connor, Wavey, Tegan, Adam N, Pavel, Kyle, Hank, Adam A, TJ.
- **75 nights** - Deja
- **100 nights** - Deja

**A Mother's Love**

There are times when only a Mother's love can understand our tears, can soothe our disappointments and calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a Mother's love can share the joy we feel when something we've dreamed about quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a Mother's faith can help us on life's way, and inspire in us the confidence we need from day to day.

For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith, and a Mother's steadfast love were fashioned by the angels and sent from God above.

Author Unknown

Happy Mothers' Day

For Sale: Treated Pine Posts (Coppers Logs) of various sizes.
Phone Alf: 40656 214 or Mobile:0407 597 179

“Family Fun and Fitness” at Cassowary Coast Little Athletics
We have just started our 2014 Season and you still have time to sign on!
When - Friday nights starting at 5.45pm
Where - Castor Park, Mourilyan
Ages 5-16 yrs, (Birth Cert. - New athletes)
More info - Leonie 0447123062

On Friday 30th May, Kurrimine Kuppa is combining with the Kurrimine Beach Progress Association to take part in the **Biggest Morning Tea in aid of the Cancer Council**.

Come and enjoy an entertaining morning from 10.00am to 11.30 am at the Kurrimine Beach Progress Hall, Murdering Point Road, Kurrimine Beach, for an entry fee of $5.00 which includes a delicious morning tea and a chance to win the lucky door prize.

There will also be raffles. All proceeds from the morning will go to the Cancer Council.