Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

The whole school will participate in the 2013 Innisfail Young Performers Competition at Innisfail on the 29th May. Students and staff will travel to Innisfail by bus at no cost to parents. Parents are reminded to complete the permission note that was sent home on Tuesday and return it to school ASAP. Good luck to individual competitors.

Wednesday tuckshop orders will be distributed when the children return at second lunch. Students will be required to bring morning tea with them.

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Tuesday’s RREAP parent professional development was well received by parents. Sr constable Megan Denning addressed parents on cyber-crime, whilst Christine Masters from Catholic Education provided an informative session on Digital Citizenship, Australian Curriculum, Educational Apps and other useful resources.

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

“In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure!”

Bill Crosby

Term 2 Week 6 – 23rd May, 2013

DATES TO REMEMBER

22nd - 24th May
- Qld ATSI Conference Cairns

24th May
- Peninsula Cross Country

24th May - 31st May
- Scholastic Book Fair

26th May
- Peninsula Soccer

29th May
- Young Performers

1st June
- Mass at Silkwood 6pm (50th Anniversary of priest hood Fr Bonnar)
- shared supper

3rd June
- Playgroup at Kindy 9.00am - 11.00am

4th June
- Bookclub due

7th June
- Sausage Sizzle

10th June
- Public Holiday

11th June
- School & Kindy photos

21st June

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

29/5/13
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May is National Family Reading Month and our school is hosting a Scholastic All Star Book Fair to celebrate. Scholastic Book Fairs are committed to helping your school inspire a lifelong love of reading in all children. St John’s School is taking part in a National Family Reading Month competition designed to get more kids reading with their families in May.

Each student has been registered to read 15 minutes each day with a family member. Last year over 500 schools participated and 8000 children pledged to “Read More in May!” It’s fun and easy to participate.

Students have the chance to WIN 1 of 25 BOOK PACKS VALUED AT $250 each, PLUS the winning students’ schools will each receive $1000 in Scholastic Rewards! There will be 25 winners from 25 different schools. The total prize pool is valued at $31,250.

Also, if Book Fair sales exceed $1000, St John’s school will also be entitled to receive the 2013 CBCA Award-winning titles for free! So come and visit our book fair. Book Fair commences tomorrow, Friday 24th May to next Friday 31st May.

This week the children from Kindy to Year 3 participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime. The students watched an e-version of the story ‘The Wrong Book’ and read the storybook aloud. They also completed activities based on the book characters and discussed themes in the book.

Mary Help of Christians

Tomorrow, 24th May marks the Feast Day of Mary Help of Christians, one of the many titles of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Even though Mary is the help of all Christians, she is the patron of Australia and the one to whom we turn to for help and protection of our nation.

Bookclub

The next issue of bookclub has been sent home. Tuesday 5th June is the due date for final orders.

School Uniforms

Stocks of school jackets have arrived. If you require school uniforms for your child/ren please phone Chrisissie on 40656 251. Also, a reminder that bangles, drop earrings or nail polish etc are not permitted to be worn at school.

Mini Vinnies News

This week students are busy knitting and putting the blankets together. The squares we are knitting are 20cm x 20cm and are in many colours. We would welcome any donations of squares for our project. We have needles and wool available at school for any interested knitters. Our group meets during first lunch break (10.45am) on Tuesdays and second lunch break (1.15pm) on Wednesdays in the Yr4/5 classroom.

Don’t forget Mini Vinnies is 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.

Mrs DeBrincat, Coordinator

Young Performers Competition

Next Wednesday students from St. John’s will be participating in the Young Performers Choral Speaking competition. Prep to Year 3 will be performing at approximately 9.50am whilst Year 4 to 7 will be performing at approximately 10.50am.

STUDENTS ARE TO WEAR THEIR PIN STRIPPED UNIFORM ON WEDNESDAY.

Parents are always welcome to attend and watch their children, however they will be required to pay at the door. All permission notes must be returned by tomorrow. Good luck St John’s School!

Best of luck to the individual performers who will be competing in the competition this coming week.
On Tuesday the Kindergarten hosted Under 8’s morning with students from Prep to Year 3 joining in the multicultural activities. The highlight of the morning was the didgeridoo playing and Dreamtime stories retold by Gerald Appo. Parents, students, grandparents and staff enjoyed the variety of food and traditional activities provided.

22nd - Bethany
26th - Mitchell

### Social Emotional Learning Awards

**Confidence**
Dylan - Having the confidence to speak in our Pentecost Liturgy.
Adam N - A sustained effort at running in P.E.
Gina - Excellent reading at our Pentecost Liturgy.
James - An excellent effort you have made to learn the Choral Verse poems.

**Persistence**

### Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards

**Active Investigator**
Kyle - Being an active investigator in science during our chocolate experiment.

**Designer & Creator**
Lyanna & Arvind - Creative thinking when making 3D nets in mathematics.

**Community Contributor**
Jordan - Willingly participating in our Pentecost Liturgy.

**Designer & Contributor**
Christian - Super effort in creative writing tasks.

### Reading Awards

- **50 nights** - Lyanna, Danaya
- **75 nights** - Darcy, Kent, Chad, Gina, Nicholas F, Alex, Jemma, Lachlan E
- **100 nights** - Evan, Bethany, Nikita, Lauren, Deja

### Silkwood Junior Soccer - Draw 25th May

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Ph 40652244 after 9.30am on Sat to check for cancellation.