Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

This week we welcome the Tuttle family to St. John’s. Jakiah is in Year 1 and has settled in well. Please make Jakiah and his family feel at home.

The whole school participated in the 2014 Innisfail Young Performers Competition at Innisfail yesterday. Many students also competed as individual competitors and achieved outstanding results in a multitude of genres. Both our Prep to Year 3 and Years four to seven students achieved two highly commended in their respective divisions. I was delighted with the commitment of our students and acknowledge their very professional performances.

I note with interest that teachers attending the Positive Schools’ Mental Health and Wellbeing Conference were told the emphasis on self-esteem in education and parenting has failed our children. Rather than creating happy, confident kids, the self esteem movement has contributed to what behavioural psychiatrist Dr David Sack calls “a generation of self-obsessed, irresponsible and unmotivated kids”. Significantly, this does not apply to all children, however, the knowledge is integral to understanding exhibited behaviours from time to time. Steve Baskin, writing in ‘Psychology Today’, suggests, “self esteem is not something conferred, it is earned through taking risks, expanding their sense of their own capability and developing skills”.

It has been brought to my attention that the Reconciliation garden is in dire need of a green thumb or two. A cursory inspection reveals that grass has taken over! If one or two families were willing to adopt this garden, the area could be easily returned to its former state. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

Next Thursday, 5th June, Prep/Year 1 and Years 4/5 have organised a whole school mass to take place at 9:00am. All parents, friends and parishioners are welcome to attend.

The mighty NSW Blues have trounced the cane toads in spectacular fashion during game 1 of the State of Origin series. Whilst it has been a long time between celebrations for any hardened NSW supporter, Mr Russell, Mr Larkin (Warren) and I have raised the NSW flag at St John’s.

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

“Try to be like the turtle - at ease in your own shell!” Bill Copeland

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

DATEN TO REMEMBER

30th May
♦ No Music
1st June
♦ Ascension of our Lord
2nd June
♦ Playgroup at Kindy building 9am - 11am
3rd June
♦ Music today
5th June
♦ P/1 & 4/5 class mass 9.00am
6th June
♦ Uniform shop open
8am - 8.30am
♦ Music today
9th June
♦ Queen’s Birthday holiday
10th June
♦ P & F Mtg 1pm
14th June
♦ School/Parish Mass 6pm
20th June
♦ Interhouse Athletics carnival
24th June
♦ Read to Me Day in Tully

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

05/06/14 P Bromilow & A Scarpignato

Term 2 Week 6 – 29th May, 2014
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The focus number for the next two weeks is three. Please encourage your children to bring in either three items for Show and Tell or an item showing the numeral “3”.

Regards Robyn & Denise

Young Performers

Congratulations to all students who competed in the Young Performers competition either as a class, group or individual performance. Results:

- Year 3 & Under Set Poem - VHC
- Year 3 & Under Own Choice - HC
- Year 7 & Under Set Poem - VHC
- Year 7 & Under Own Choice - VHC

Character Portrayal (Gina/Lauran/Nikita) for St. John’s School - 1st

Ella N – 1st Set Poem, HC Poem in Costume
Dylan T – 2nd Own Choice, 3rd Set Poem
Lachlan E – 3rd Set Poem HC Poem in Costume
Deja A – VHC Set Poem, HC Own Choice
Adam N – 2nd Own Choice, 3rd Set Poem
TJ – 3rd Own Choice, 3rd Set Poem
Gina A – 3rd Set Poem, VHC Bible Reading, HC Own Choice,

- Lauren E – 2nd Own Choice, 2nd Bible Reading, 3rd Set Poem
- Alex T – 3rd Dual Dialogue, VHC Bible Reading, VHC Impromptu Reading, VHC One minute please, HC Own Choice, HC Set Poem
- Nikita S – 3rd Set Poem, HC Bible Reading

Kent N – Special Speech & Drama Award for Individual Primary Speech & Drama,
1st Own Choice, 1st Set Poem, 3rd Single Portrayal, 3rd 1minute please, 3rd Dual Dialogue, VHC Bible Reading

“Read To Me Day” in Tully

Read to Me Day is on Tuesday June 24, 2014 and starts at 9:00am. This year's theme is circus and all children are encouraged to start working on their costumes for the dress-up day. Tully's annual Read to Me Day may burst its bindings this year with kindergarten students to join the circus-themed event. A bus has been hired to take our Kindy and Prep, Year 1, Year 2 & 3 students along with school staff members. Parents are invited to come along and enjoy the day. Shops become reading stations with business owners and older students reading to the children. Staff dress up and usually go to great lengths to decorate their stores for the themed event. Last year more than 800 students from 14 schools from Mourilyan to Cardwell were involved and this year approx. 100 kindy children will join the circus which takes over the main street.

Mrs Debbie Daly.

Come & browse.
Ends tomorrow.

If you haven’t had a chance to visit our bookfair, there is still time! There is a wonderful selection of novels, picture books and reference books available to purchase. St John’s converts the commission from the book fair into books for the library - so the more sales, means the more books purchased for the library!

Kindy Corner

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What’s Happening in Year 2/3

Our relationships and experiences are vastly different in our time and place to that of the setting of the Gospel stories (first century Mediterranean). Contemporary readers of Scripture need to understand and interpret what they read considering the cultural world of the text.

In Catholic Education we begin this process with children with the R.E. module entitled, Scripture: Making Meaning. The contextual knowledge young children can comprehend is limited to their own life experiences. With some simple learning activities, students begin to develop their personal meaning of a Scriptural text.

The Year 2/3 students have been looking at Old Testament stories to see what messages they can take from them. Last week they listened to the story of Joseph and his brothers and learnt how Joseph’s brothers betrayed Joseph, selling him into slavery. Later in the story, the students had a chance to try and predict whether Joseph would forgive his brothers and fortunately the class agreed forgiving was the right thing to do!

Mrs Debbie Daly.
Our Morning Thank You
Jesus we thank you for this day and ask you to take care of us as we venture through this week.

We thank you for the year so far, and all the great blessings that have been given to us at St. John’s.

We thank you for the gifts of our staff and volunteers and their continual dedication in providing up to date educational facilities and support in a friendly and caring manner.

We thank you and pray for our students that they continue to learn and grow to achieve great things in their lives.

We thank you for the family and friends of St. John’s, and their outstanding contributions in supporting the many functions, classroom and sporting activities for the staff and students.

We have all been challenged in some way this year, and through these experiences may we draw strength, courage and understanding.

We have also shared some special moments in our lives and for these we are truly thankful.

May we continue to carry out your work with love and understanding of your plan for each one of us in 2014.  Staff member.

Ascension Day
The Ascension of our Lord will be celebrated this weekend on Sunday 1st June in most Catholic churches. This day celebrates the day that Jesus, in the presence of his apostles, ascended bodily into heaven. Ascension Day is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, the 40th day of Easter.

Maryborough Sugar Factory Limited
TULLY SUGAR

The 2014 crushing season is planned to commence in this district on Wednesday 4th June (weather permitting). Prior to this date locomotives will be delivering empty cane bins across the cane railway network.

During this time there will be an increasing presence of trains on the cane rail network and families are reminded to be more alert when approaching railway crossings. Parents are also reminded to talk to their children about the dangers of playing near or around tramway lines.

Silkwood Junior Soccer Draw
31st May, 2014
U6 - 2.30pm  U 8 - 2.00pm
U9 - 3.00pm  U10 - 2.00pm
U11/12 - 3.00pm  U14/15 - 3.00pm

Bishops Silkwood Butchery  Phone: 4065 2211
♦ Lamb Honey Mint Rosemary Sausages $6.99kg
♦ 2kg of lean mince $10.00
♦ Fresh corned silverside $6.99/kg
Open until 5.30pm

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Confidence
Prep/One Class - For showing confidence in presenting Choric Speaking poems. Well done.
Getting Along
Tegan - Working well during group time and being helpful.
Confidence
Leanne - Showing both leadership and management in the classroom.
Persistence
Ryan - A very determined attitude displayed in maths this week.

Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards
Community Contributor
Billy - Taking more responsibility in class and being willing to help others.
Kent - Excellent achievement at District Young Performers.
Community Contributor
Jordan - A great effort this week following rules and putting in your best effort.

READING AWARDS will only be presented at assembly for 50, 100, 150, 200 etc.

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