Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

Our school **Interhouse Athletics Carnival** will be held **at St John's next Tuesday 17th June**. St. John's Kindergarten students will join us for a Mini Olympics. Students will participate in age events which include; Sprints 3-7 yr olds 60m, 8-9 yr olds 80m, 10-12 yr olds 100m, 200m, 800m, High Jump, Shot Put, Long Jump. Parental assistance is required to facilitate the field events and time keep track events. Please phone the office if you are able to help at the carnival.

St John’s School will facilitate the first **Parish/School Mass for the year this Saturday evening at 6pm**. The special celebration will focus on the Holy Trinity. Students in Year 2/3 and Year 6/7 will facilitate the Mass with Father Kumaradhas. All parents and friends are encouraged to attend.

Mr Luke Reed, Acting Principal at Good Counsel College, Innisfail, presented an informative overview of the double cohort transition due to take place in 2015. The P & F meeting provided the forum for Mr Reed to address interested parents about the significant adjustments that will accommodate the complexities of the dual cohort transition at Good Counsel College.

Kindergarten and Prep to Year 3 students have the opportunity to participate in the **Read to Me Day at Tully** on Tuesday, 24th June. In previous years, our students have attended the reading days which have been very successful. Our students will rotate through 4 reading stations which will be located along Butler and Bryant Streets. Significantly, every school student attending, from Silwood to Cardwell, is invited to dress up in **Circus theme costumes** and participate in the reading spectacular: 31 student groups in all…620 kids in fancy dress! Following participation in 4 reading stations, we will converge at the Giant Gum Boot for songs and sausages … free of charge! At this stage, buses are expected to arrive 10.15am for a 10.30am start. A permission note will be sent home early next week.

Yours sincerely,

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

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**God will not look you over for medals, degrees or diplomas but for scars!”** Elbert Hubbard
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Kindy Corner

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School/Parish Mass

This Saturday night at 6pm at Silkwood Year 2/3 & Year 6/7 will be hosting their school Mass. Please come and show your support. The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity will be celebrated on Saturday night. The Trinity is a mystery. Essentially the Trinity is the belief that God is one in essence but distinct in “individual reality”. We believe that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are somehow distinct from each other, yet completely united in one God.

Information Update

An information update package was sent home last week seeking assistance from all families to make adjustments to personal information stored at school. If you still have these documents at home, please amend and return asap via your child’s classroom teacher. It is vital that this information is kept up-to-date in the event of an emergency at school and in preparation for data migration to the new SIS system.

Headlice

Please check your child/ren’s hair for headlice and treat accordingly. Treatment must be administered weekly until all eggs have been destroyed.

Position vacant - uniform coordinator

The position of uniform coordinator will become vacant in Term 3. If you can spare an hour every few weeks and would like to lend a hand, please enquire at the school office.

A message from School Dental:

The school dental van will be operating over the school holidays from the Silkwood State School. To make an appointment please call 0407624563 or 40160518.

What’s Happening in Year 2/3

This term we have been reading books written and illustrated by Jeannie Baker. The class has really enjoyed these books and at last week’s parade they were very proud to read their writing and show their artwork done in the style of Jeannie Baker.

We are now moving on to look at another author/illustrator called Graeme Base. This author has a very different style of writing and illustrating, but both authors are very interested in promoting caring for the environment and the sustainability of plants and animals for the benefit of future generations.

In order to link English with ICT, the students are now beginning to make digital stories using their artwork and an iPad App called Book Creator. This week they are also going online to visit the ABC website Splash on Thursday afternoon. Grahame Base will be answering questions live about his books and will show children how to do simple illustrations. It’s amazing the experiences children can have learning about literature with today’s technology!
### Social Emotional Learning Awards

**Getting Along**

- **Jayden** - Working fantastically with your group in science.
- **Jared** - Being cheerful and cooperative everyday.

**Persistence**

- **Nicholas T** - Putting in the effort to catch up on work missed out on while home sick.

**Organisation**

- **Amy** - Always working tough and being organised for assessment.

**Getting Along**

- **Callan** - Excellent leadership displayed completing jobs around the school.

### Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards

**Quality & Producer**

- **Eva** - Designing and creating a fabulous waterproof ornament.

**Leader & Collaborator**

- **Adam A** - Being a good role model in group work.

**Designer & Creator**

- **Zane** - Some very creative ideas included in your debate planning.

### Reading Awards

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

- **50 nights** - Lyanna
- **75 nights** - Evina, Rylee, Amelie, Jayden, Pavel, Simon, Adam N, Kyle
- **100 nights** - Callam, Dimi

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### Revised Code of Conduct for Parents of School Students Traveling on Buses

Dept. of Transport and Main Roads is holding an information session about the Revised Code of Conduct for Students Travelling on Buses (the Code). This revised Code becomes effective from 14th July, 2014.

The session will outline the roles, rights and responsibilities of students, parent/carers, bus driver, bus operators, conveyance committees, school principals and the Dept. of Transport & Main Roads in contributing to safe and enjoyable travel.

Your nearest session will be held at:

**Venue:** Tully Leagues Club, Conference Room, 65 Bryant St, Tully.

**Date:** 9th July, 2014

**Time:** 10.30am - 12.30pm

RSVP by 16th June, 2014 to Debbie Lesina at the Cairns passenger Transport Services office on 4045 7085 or ptcairns@tmr.qld.gov.au

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### Smiling Minds

On Wednesday 16th July, (1st Week of Term 3) at 8.45am, Mrs Wells will be running a Parent workshop on the Smiling Minds App.

- Smiling mind is a preemptive mental health and wellbeing program.
- The core objective is to teach young people a life skill.
- The aim is to raise awareness of the importance of emotional health and wellbeing by providing a proactive, resource-based program on Mindfulness Meditation.

It’s an easy to use application that can be installed on a smart phone or IPAD and great for kids and parents alike. If you are interested in finding out more, please write your name below and return to the school office.

**Name:** I am interested in finding out more about “Smiling Minds”. I will be attending the workshop on Wednesday the 16th July.

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### Interhouse Athletics Carnival Timetable - Tuesday 17th June

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