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Kindy to
Year 7

Term 2 Week 9 – 13th June, 2013

"If you accept the expectation of others, especially negative ones, then you never will change the outcome!" M. Jordan

DATES TO REMEMBER

14th June

- ◆ Combined Kindy/
School Assembly

15th June

- ◆ Mass at Silkwood 6pm

17th June

- ◆ Playgroup at St John's
Kindy 9.00 - 11.00am

18th June

- ◆ Read to Me Day -Tully
- ◆ Report cards home
- ◆ Tynan Mackenzie
financial planner info
session 3.30pm

19th June

- ◆ Confirmation 7.00pm
Silkwood

21st June

- ◆ P & F Disco/Social
night
- ◆ Free Dress Day
- ◆ Term 2 ends

8th July

- ◆ Term 3 commences

8th - 12th July

- ◆ NADIOC Week

9th July

- ◆ Pupil Free day Kindy
only

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

20/6/13

A Scarpignato &
Kylie Dodds

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

Semester one **student reports** will be sent home **next Tuesday**. **Student reports provide parents with constructive feedback** on their child's progress in Learning Areas. Parents that are interested in discussing their children's progress are requested to contact the school to arrange a mutually convenient meeting time.

On Thursday 11th July (Term 3 Week 1) St John's is offering **parents another opportunity for professional development** to enhance parents' skills and strategies to support their child's learning at home. Lauren Mayfield, **Speech Language Pathologist** from CES and Helen Andrews, **Learning Support Teacher** at St John's, will present an in-service for parents covering a variety of topics on oral language and literacy development in our school library at 1.45pm. The session will be targeting early literacy skills, which is **most suitable for parents with children in Prep to Year 3**. This session will be very practical, offering strategies on how to help their children at home.

Students from Prep to Year 5 have access to **ABC Reading Eggs 24/7** via the website; <http://readingeggs.com.au/>. Teachers regularly incorporate activities from Reading Eggs to **develop and affirm literacy skills** during guided reading rotations. ABC Reading Eggs makes learning to read interesting and **engaging for kids, with great online reading games and activities**. Students love the games, songs, golden eggs and other rewards which, along with feeling proud of their reading, really motivate children to keep exploring and learning. St John's pays a significant annual subscription, consequently **parents are encouraged to login** with your children to familiarise yourself with the online learning opportunities.

Prep to Year 3 students have the opportunity to participate in the Read to Me Day at Tully next Tuesday. Last year our students attended the inaugural reading day which was a great success. Don't forget the **Reading Bugs theme costumes**.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Maley

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

Always Reaching for New Heights



What's Happening in Year 2/3

This term the Year 2/3 students have been busy publishers! They have made books and posters in several learning areas.

In English the class has made up stories for characters found in books written by children's author, Lynley Dodds and have turned these stories into books. They are now busy making puppets and backgrounds to go with their stories. They have made books about the Holy Spirit in R.E., and also about the Feeding of the Five Thousand to show the different layers of meaning found in Scripture.

In Mathematics the Year 3 students have made posters about fractions. They have also made posters showing all the countries found in Asia. The Year 2 class has made books exploring where they live. In Japanese and Health & Physical Education students are also busy developing posters to show their knowledge gained this term.

In Technology students have been using several apps on the iPads to create digital stories which they are enjoying showing to the rest of the class on the interactive whiteboard. Apps proving popular with the class are Book Creator, Puppet Pals, Sonic Pics and Comic Book. *Mrs D Daly.*



Photos of Year 3 SOSE posters

Confirmation at St John's

Next Wednesday night, 19th June at 7pm at St John's Church, candidates will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation involves candidates recommitting to their baptismal vows, and by doing so, receiving the permanent gift (seal) of the Holy Spirit.

In essence, when students celebrate Confirmation, they are saying "yes" to their Baptism. At baptism, their parents and godparents made a promise on their behalf, and now, during the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, the child will recommit and make this promise themselves.

St John's is extremely fortunate to have Bishop James Foley celebrating with us. It would be wonderful to see as many families as possible attend this special event to support our candidates receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.



The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

John 20:20-21

Silkwood Presentation

Next Tuesday afternoon at 3.30pm a financial planner from Townsville will be conducting an information session on superannuation, retirement and strategy planning at St John's School library. The session will run for **approx. 45minutes** with question and answer time to follow. Please refer to the brochure for further information and advise if you would like to attend. Packages for attendees to take home will be available.

Kindy Corner

Welcome to Montana and Julian and their families. Both children started Kindy recently and we now have 15 children at Kindy.

Tomorrow families are welcome at the Combined School and Kindy Assembly at the school library tomorrow at 9.00am. The Prep/1 and Kindy classes have been learning two new songs with some interesting actions. There is only one more week before the end of term and two weeks of school and Kindy holidays.

Next week, we will be preparing our display with the children's work, for the Innisfail Show on the 11th and 12th July. *Cheers, Robyn & Denise*



Mini Vinnies News

This week we have been busy finalizing our blankets for Mongolia and plan on presenting our finished products to Mrs. Diana O'Brien at assembly tomorrow morning. We wish to extend a special thank you to Jenni, Christine, Brenda, Sharon, parents, Chad for recruiting members of the community and all students who have made our knitting project possible. Through your love and kindness may the recipients of these blankets have a healthy and warm start in life.



Mini Vinnies also requests your support in donating any unwanted stationery you may no longer require at home so that we can send it to Jodie O'Shea Orphanage in Bali. The Jodie O'Shea Orphanage in Bali is currently home to 65 children in need. This orphanage receives no government funding, so they are 100% dependant on the kindness of others. Donations of food, essential items and school supplies are always appreciated. Each child of school age attends one of the local schools, which is paid for by a sponsor. Education is the key to a better future and the children's educational efforts are supported until they are able to go out into the workforce as confident adults. These children are always in need of basic stationery supplies to use at school and at home. Any donations are truly appreciated and can be left at the school office. These items will be collected on the last day of Term 2 and personally delivered to the children in the upcoming June/July holidays. If you would like to learn more about the Jodie O'Shea Orphanage please visit www.careforkidsbali.com or contact Kristy Anderson.



June

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

11th - Jarred

Student of the Week

Social Emotional Learning Awards
Organisation

Saskia - Being super organised every day!

Getting Along

Lucian - Working quietly and thinking of others.

Persistence

Nicholas F - Working tough on his assessment items.

Persistence

James - Staying on task during assignment research time.

Organisation

Lachlan H - Always producing homework of an exceptional standard.

Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards

Effective Communicator

Lachlan E - Showing confidence and talking loudly during show and tell.

Community Contributor

Billy - Always helping to keep our classroom neat and tidy.

Designer & Creator

Lauren - Producing an excellent chart for your History Oral.

Community Contributor

Zane - Always being willing to help out around the classroom and school. Well done!

Reading Awards

25 nights - Lucian

75 nights - Adam A

100 nights - Paul, TJ

125 nights - TJ



P & F Social / Disco Night

When: Friday 21st June

Where: St John's School

Undercover area

Time: 6.30pm

Families are invited for a **FREE** BBQ dinner and fun night of disco and dancing.

Families please bring a salad or dessert.



See you there!



Silkwood Junior Soccer - Draw 15th June

U6 - 3.15pm

U7 - 1.00pm

U8 - 3.00pm

U9 - 1.50pm

U10 - 1.15pm

U11 - 2.30pm

U13/14/15 - 2.30pm Ph 40652244 after 9.30am on Sat to check for cancellation.