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Term 3 Week 1 Bulletin

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to all of our students, families and staff. We hope you have had a wonderful break. It seems as though this term is going to be busy from beginning to end. As this is a short school week, there will be no newsletter just a short bulletin with some important details for the start of term.

WELCOME

We would like to **welcome Mrs Jenny Vujcich and Mrs Linda Gaia** who are filling in for Mrs Parisi whilst she is away on long service leave. Jenny and Linda are both familiar faces to the St John's school community and bring a wealth of experience and passion to their work.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

This year our theme for Catholic Education Week is **'Opening Doors Of Mercy'**. Our classes are currently working on many wonderful activities to celebrate this theme. We will also be focusing on our wonderful parents who play a very important role in the Catholic education of our students. The Parents & Friends, in partnership with the school, have decided to organise a Parenting Day on Sunday, 24th July from 12noon to 3.00pm to begin the Catholic Education Week celebrations. We will have fun activities organised for families to participate in and this will be followed by a BBQ. It will be a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community so please join us if you can.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION OPENING DOORS OF MERCY

PARENTS & FRIENDS PANCAKE MORNING

As part of our Catholic Week Education activities in Week 3 our P & F have kindly donated their time and pancake making expertise to make pancakes for our students. More details will be sent out in our next newsletter.

INNISFAIL SHOW

This **Friday, 15th July** will be a public holiday due to the Innisfail Show. We will have many pieces of work completed by the students up for display, so please make sure you go and have a look. We will also display the wonderful entries into the Cane Train Poster Competition. Congratulations to the students who created wonderful art pieces.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR & MRS RUSSELL

Over the holidays our Year 4/5/6 teacher, Mr Russell married Haley Bowie. Once again on behalf of the school community we wish them both a very happy and long married life together.

SMSCA SPORT

Next week, weather permitting, St John's school grounds will host our SMCSA Interschool Athletics Carnivals. This will be held over two days, Monday 18th July for selected students only and Wednesday 20th July for all students to participate. St John's will also be hosting the Wednesday tuckshop. Michelle is asking for **donations of cakes/slices** to be sold on the day and also **anyone who can lend a few hours** to help with tuckshop orders. Please **phone Michelle on 0439 952 344** if you are able to help out.

TERM 3 SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 school fees will be generated shortly. Families who are eligible for the Health Care Card/Pension Card discount should ensure their applications are received in the main office by **Monday 18th July 2016**. Any applicants with an expired card are also required to re-apply before the Term 3 school fees are generated. Once the fees are generated, we are unable to process any claims for the respective term.

PARENT PORTAL

Next week St John's will begin to develop its online parent portal. This portal will be available to parents by signing on with a password. It will have all the information parents need to keep up to date with school.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

If you have not completed the survey emailed to you on the Parent Engagement with Technology I would urge you to complete this before the end of next week. We are hoping to begin the project in Week 5. More detail will be provided in future newsletters. If you haven't been back to school for a little while, don't be afraid, you might find it will be a fun way to learn technology.

NAPLAN ONLINE

St John's has offered to be a pilot school for the NAPLAN online tests from the **16th - 24th August**. Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will have an opportunity to do the tests using technology e.g chromebooks and ipads in Writing and in a combination test of Literacy and Numeracy. We wish them the best!

SPIRIT OF ANZAC EXPERIENCE

An application for a bursary for our Year 4/5/6 class to travel to Cairns to the Spirit of Anzac experience has been successful. The students will travel to Cairns on **Thursday, 18th August**. Mr Russell and Mrs Williamson will send home details and permission notes shortly.

DIARY DATES

- 15th July** – Innisfail Show Holiday
- 18th July** – SMCSA Field events (selected students only)
P & F Meeting 6.30pm
- 20th July** – SMSCA Track events (whole school participation)
- 24th - 30th July** – Catholic Education Week
- 26th July** – Whole school excursion to Good Counsel Primary to celebrate Catholic Education Week
- 15th August** – Deadly Australians
P & F Meeting 6.30pm
- 22nd – 26th August** – Book Week
- 30th August** – Kindy & School Open morning



God's Blessings

Jo Martorella
Acting Principal