Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

Welcome back to school for term three! I am pleased to see students, staff and parents return to school rejuvenated after two weeks’ holidays. Term three is shaping up as another very busy time of the year with the following key events on the radar;

1. Interhouse Athletics Carnival - 16th July
2. First Eucharist Sacrament - 20th July
3. Catholic Education Week - Week 3
4. SMCSA Athletics Carnivals - 31st July & 2nd August
5. Cent Sale - 10th August

The **St John’s Cent Sale** is only four weeks away - 10th August 2013. The Cent Sale was run very successfully in 2012 and is the second major fundraiser for our school. Proceeds from the Cent Sale will go towards the purchase of technology equipment such as iPads. At this stage donations are still required in order to ensure the success of this venture. All donations are welcome and can be dropped off at the school office. Contributions for the grocery hamper would also be greatly appreciated.

Our school **Interhouse Athletics Carnival** will be held at St John’s next Tuesday (16th July). St. John’s Kindergarten students will join us for a Mini Olympics. All students will participate in the carnival from 8:50am with the march past. Age events include; Sprints, 200m, 800m, High Jump, Shot Put and 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. The carnival may be postponed due to inclement conditions.

Catholic Education Services have developed new policies and procedures for the payment of school fees. Perhaps the most significant change relates to the consequences of the non payment of school fees and the time frame for the payment of school fees (14 days). Parents are advised that the non payment of school fees does not apply to families that have made alternative arrangements with the school. Please find attached to this week’s newsletter a letter from Br Paul Hough, Executive Director of Catholic Education Services. Term 3 school fee invoices have been issued today.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Maley
Principal, M Ed (ICT), B Ed, Dip T
Term 3 Music
Our term 3 music program will kick off next Friday with a double lesson. This is an eleven week term, however invoices will be sent for 10 weeks. With some Fridays being taken up due to sport this term, Cameron has decided he will conduct 10 lessons. Invoices will be sent home on Monday. Payment must be made by the due date. This musical opportunity has been supported by Good Counsel College’s collaborative Strategic Plan. Payments collected by St John’s are forwarded to Good Counsel College to cover the cost of the music teacher.

P & F meeting
The next P & F meeting will be held next Monday 15th July, at 3.00pm in the school library. With the Cent Sale just around the corner it would be great to show your support with your attendance.

Silkwood Parish Assembly
A Parish Community Assembly for the Silkwood Parish will be held on Wednesday, 24th July at 7.30pm in John’s Church, Silkwood. Items for discussion include:
✓ The nomination and election of a Silkwood Parish Pastoral/Finance team with at least one rep being a P & F delegate.
✓ Mass times - weekends & week days
✓ Youth movement
✓ Stewardship Census for Care & Support

Kindy Corner
Welcome to Term 3. Our focus this term will be the natural environment.

On Tuesday we put our display up at the Innisfail Show. If your family is attending the show this year, please take the time to look at the Kindy and School displays. Thank you to Andrea, Gabby and Kath for helping to put the display together in the last week of Term 2.

Next Tuesday the Kindy children will be participating in the St. John’s Athletics Carnival at the school grounds. We will be over at the school from 8.45am until 12.30pm including the morning tea break. Please pack a lunch for your child that can be out of the fridge as we will take their bags with them. Parents are encouraged to attend the carnival with their children to offer support and assist with events.

Cheers, Robyn/Denise
Reading Comprehension

Many students are accurate and fluent decoders but this does not always translate into having a good understanding of the text. Reading comprehension is important because without it the student is not truly reading. Research has shown that proficient readers are active readers who use a range of strategies to gain meaning from the text.

So what exactly do good readers do? We know that:

**Before reading, good readers:**
- activate prior knowledge
- are clear about why they are reading a text
- preview the text
- make predictions
- ask questions

**During reading, good readers:**
- construct meaning
- monitor their understanding
- revise and adjust predictions and questions
- make connections with ideas
- make inferences

**After reading, good readers:**
- evaluate whether the text met their purpose for reading
- revisit their predictions and questions
- are able to summarise what they have read
- synthesise what they have read

Teachers teach these strategies explicitly in guided reading lessons and also encourage students to use a variety of strategies simultaneously. These strategies are not just used in reading, but across the curriculum. This is particularly true for research projects and studies that involve inquiry-based learning.

Vocabulary plays a vital role in a student’s reading success, as without an understanding of the words in a text, comprehension cannot occur. When your child is reading at home listen carefully as they read. Check comprehension and vocabulary knowledge and encourage them to be active as they read.

**Mrs Debbie Daly**
Curriculum Support Teacher

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**The energy equation**

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO) the rise in obesity is set to become one of the most serious health challenges facing us in the 21st century. Overweight and obese children are likely to stay obese into adulthood and more likely to develop diseases like diabetes and heart disease at a younger age.

Energy equation: $\text{Consumed Energy} \neq \text{Energy used} = \text{OBESITY}$

Obesity is mainly linked to unhealthy eating and low levels of physical activity. So we can see that being overweight and obese, (as well as their related diseases), are largely preventable and needs high priority.

Children and adolescents often do not have control over the environment in which they live, the food they eat or understanding of the long term effects of obesity. It is important for us, as parents and carers, to provide our children with healthy food and drink and the opportunity for plenty of physical activity.

Did you know that it will take one hour on a treadmill walking at a moderate pace to burn one 60g mars bar!

For more information visit: [www.mydr.com.au/nutrition-weight/childhood-obesity](http://www.mydr.com.au/nutrition-weight/childhood-obesity) or contact Kathleen Dryden, Primary School Health Promotion nurse, Healthier Great Green Way, PH. 40619177

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**Families going to the Innisfail Show are invited to visit our school and kindy displays. A lot of effort has gone into showcasing our students’ talents.**

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**Silkwood Junior Soccer - Draw 13th July**

- **U6** - 1.45pm S2, 2.30pm S1  **U7** - 3.00pm
- **U8** - 2.00pm **U9** - 1.00pm **U10** - 2.30pm
- **U11** - 1.00pm **U13/14/15** - 2.30pm  Ph 40652244 after 9.30am on Sat to check for cancellation.