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Kindy to
Year 7

Term 3 Week 1 – 11th July, 2013

"Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love!" Mother Theresa

DATES TO REMEMBER

12th July

- ◆ Innisfail Show Holiday

15th July

- ◆ P & F mtg 3.00pm

16th July

- ◆ Interhouse Athletics Carnival

20th July

- ◆ First Eucharist S'wd

21st July - 27th July

- ◆ Catholic Education Week

23rd July

- ◆ CEW Mass at St Rita's South Johnstone

24th July

- ◆ Parish Assembly 7.30pm Silkwood Church

25th July

- ◆ NET team visit

31st July

- ◆ SMCSA Athletics

1st August

- ◆ NAIDOC celebrations

2nd August

- ◆ SMCSA Athletics

10th August

- ◆ Cent Sale

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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

Always Reaching for New Heights



Social Emotional Learning



Confidence

I Can Do It!

This term students will be learning what positive habits of the mind create Confidence & Persistence



Persistence

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

Cent Sale Raffle

The Cent Sale is moving full steam ahead and promises to be an afternoon not to miss, (Saturday 10th August). The P & F have secured some fabulous prizes and yesterday distributed raffle tickets that will be drawn on the Cent Sale day. Cost of tickets are: \$1 each / 6 tickets for \$5.00 / or 13 tickets for \$10.00

There are three major prizes to be won with this raffle:

1st Prize: BBQ & Outdoor setting value - \$1500.

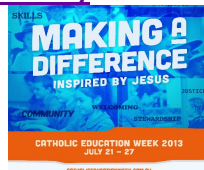
2nd Prize: A side of prime beef value - \$700

3rd Prize: 1 night at Castaways resort for 2 adults & 2 children value - \$300.

The P & F are now **requesting donations of prizes and produce** that can be added to current prizes. Phone Kristy Anderson, the school 4065 2193 or send your donations into the school office.

Catholic Education Week 21st - 27th July

This year Catholic Education Week will be celebrated in Week 3. **The theme for this year's celebrations is: Making a Difference... inspired by Jesus.** All



students from St. John's will be travelling to St Rita's South Johnstone where they will join with students from other cluster schools to celebrate Mass and participate in group activities. More information and permission notes will be sent home early next week. **Catholic schools strive to make a difference** in the lives of individuals and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

Registered Rebate for Prep & Kindy

The Federal Government **offers financial support** (Registered child care) **to parents** who are working, training or studying at home. The Registered Child Care Benefit helps with the cost of registered care. **Receipts to claim** your Child Care Cash Rebate are **issued upon request.** To be eligible to claim this benefit, all school fees must be paid in full each term. This benefit is available to families who currently have **a child in Prep or Kindy.** Year 1 parents are still eligible to claim for semester 2, 2012.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Parents, remember to sign your child/ren's reading log for the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Mini Vinnies News

Our "Aussie" dress up day on the last day of Term 2 was a great success. We raised \$75.00 plus Mr. Maley kindly donated \$70.00 so now we have **a total of \$145.00 to donate to the "Assist a Student" fund.** This amount will educate 2 students for 12 months which will offer hope, an education and a better future. Thank you to all students and staff who supported our free dress day.

Mrs DeBrincat, Coordinator, Mini Vinnies Team

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



HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER ?

Parents are asked to advise the school office of any changes that may have occurred over the holidays, or perhaps you may wish to change the emergency contact person for your child/children.

It is very important that the school is kept up to date at all times.

Silkwood Junior Soccer - Draw 13th July

U6 - 1.45pm S 2, 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.

10th - Leanne & Joshua

12th - TJ

14th - Kodi (Kindy)

July
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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:

Consumed Energy ≠ Energy used = 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 or contact Kathleen Dryden, Primary School Health Promotion nurse, Healthier Great Green Way, PH. 40619177



REMEMBER

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.