Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

The monthly P & F meeting was held on Monday afternoon. The Cent Sale, tuckshop, policies and fundraising were key topics for discussion. I urge parents who do not generally participate in P&F activities to consider what involvement you might be comfortable contributing. A heavy burden shared by many lightens the load! Parents are instrumental to the success of everything we do here at St John’s and are pivotal as we approach catering for hundreds at the SMCSA Athletics carnivals on Wednesday 31st and Friday 2nd August.

Homework can sometimes be considered a tiresome activity that is the cause of anxiety for children and parents. However, the educational value far exceeds the negatives, particularly as students consolidate their knowledge and understanding whilst completing homework. A peripheral benefit of establishing a homework regime is the consistent routine which enhances students readiness for assignments in the senior years. Yesterday the National Family Reading Month competition, which acknowledges reading at home, was won by Amelia Finna. Amelia will receive $250 worth of books whilst St John’s will also receive $1000 worth of Scholastic Rewards. Congratulations Amelia!

Denise and Bruce Morcombe visited St John’s this morning on their extensive tour of Australia. Years 2—7 students participated in a very practical presentation that provided a concise personal safety message. Many parents also took the opportunity to meet the Morcombes. The Daniel Morcombe Foundation is renown and far reaching. Their message incorporated that we must protect our children! We can, and will make a difference, ensuring that our communities are a safe place for everyone.

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

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**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

“Effective leadership is not about making speeches or being liked, leadership is defined by results not attributes!”

— Peter Drucker

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**Religious Education in P/1**

This term in Religion we are focusing on Peaceful Relationships. Prep/Year 1’s will be learning about just and unjust ways of acting and ways of interacting peacefully with each other. They will learn about the positive consequences of just actions and negative consequences of unjust actions. We will be reading story books from the library, re-enacting parts of the bible and role-playing scenarios of interactions at home and at school. Next week we will be celebrating Catholic Education Week at St. Rita’s, South Johnstone, and we are looking forward to using our peaceful interactions with students from other schools.

*Miss Harisson, Prep/One Teacher*

**Mini Vinnies News**

This is a reminder that knitting/crocheting is still on and we require students to finish their squares so we can complete our blanket. We will continue to meet in the Year 4/5 classroom with Mrs Williamson on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Thank you to the parents for their contributions in knitting some of the squares. Next week we will have full details on our Sleepover to be held this term to bring about awareness of homelessness in our country and community, and what we can do to support these people.

*Mrs DeBrincat, Coordinator*

**Silkwood Parish Assembly**

A valuable Parish community Assembly will be held next Wednesday, 24th July at 7.30pm in John’s Church, Silkwood. There will be important issues to be discussed including the creation of a Silkwood Parish Pastoral/Finance team and new mass times. All members of the Silkwood Parish community are invited to attend.

**Kindy Corner**

Due to the wet weather this week the Athletics Carnival has been postponed to Thursday 25th July. Please remember to put sunscreen on your child in the morning before the Athletics Carnival and pack a water bottle, sun smart hat, morning tea and lunch. Parents are encouraged to attend to support the children during the field events. We will return to Kindy for lunch and a rest after the carnival.

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*Cheers, Robyn/ Denise*

**Pre-loved Books Required**

The Fontana family from Silkwood will soon be hosting a ‘High Tea’ in aid of Suicide Prevention at their family farm and gardens. As well as High Tea, there will be some stalls including a pre-loved book stall. If anyone is able to donate children’s, teen’s or adult’s books or magazines (in good condition), it would be very much appreciated. All proceeds will go to Suicide Prevention. Please send your pre-loved books into the school office or contact Jan Strano on 40656 214 for more information.

**School Tuckshop for 31st July**

As the SMCSA Athletics will be held at St. John’s School on **Wednesday 31st July**, (same day as our tuckshop) Angelique has advised that all school children will have the opportunity to choose from the amended menu which was sent home yesterday. There will be NO regular tuckshop menu on that particular day. Also, SMCSA raffle tickets will be sent home today. These will be drawn, Friday 2nd August.

**Catholic Education Week 21st - 27th July**

All permission notes for the CEW Mass being held at South Johnstone next **Tuesday 23rd July**, must be returned ASAP. CEW is a unique opportunity to celebrate & share the great things Catholic ministries do within their school, parish and wider communities.

**Term 3 fees**

Term 3 music, school and kindy fees have been issued. Due dates are as follows
- **School & Music fees due 26th July**
- **Kindy fees due 2nd August**

Fees may be paid weekly, fortnightly, monthly or by term through direct debit, cash or cheque. If families are experiencing difficulty with this, please make an appointment to see Mr Maley.

**School Uniform**

As the cold, wet weather continues, parents are reminded that St. John’s has a school jumper that is required to be worn at school. There are also a number of children at school with incorrect jewellery. Bangles, drop earrings, makeup or nail polish are not permitted to be worn during school hours. If you would like a copy of the St. John’s School Uniform Policy sent home, phone the office.

**Cent Sale Raffle**

As the Cent Sale continues to evolve there are some incredible prizes to be taken home by some lucky attendees. Some of these prizes are:
- Pass to Skyrail Rainforest Cableway
- Pass to Sugarworld waterpark
- Meat/ Grocery/ Fuel voucher valued $400.00

A reminder to continue selling tickets in our raffle which will also be drawn on the Cent Sale day. 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.

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**Prayer for First Communion**

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May your Eucharist presence keep them ever free from sin, fortified in faith, pervaded by love for God and neighbour, and fruitful in virtue, that they may continue to receive You throughout life and attain final union with You at death. Amen.

St John’s School would be grateful to see as many families as possible attend this event to support our candidates receiving this special sacrament. Please bring a plate to share for a shared meal.

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- **U7** - 3.00pm
- **U8** - 2.00pm **U9** - 2.40pm
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**Kurrimine Kuppa**

Kurrimine Kuppa will be held on Friday 26th July from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. at the Kurrimine Beach Community Hall.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy delicious morning tea, jokes, indoor bowls etc. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

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