Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

The monthly P & F meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon. The SMCSA Athletics carnivals, tuckshop, school camp, Prep - Year 3 excursion 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 during the remainder of 2014. A heavy load shared amongst 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 6th and Thursday 7th August.

As part of this year’s Catholic Education Week, St John’s School will be travelling by bus to Innisfail to celebrate Mass and participate in an interactive social gathering. These events will be held at Good Counsel College on Tuesday 29th July and will include children from St Clare’s Tully, St Rita’s South Johnstone, St Rita’s Babinda, Good Counsel Primary and Good Counsel College. Parents are welcome to participate in the Mass celebrations.

I appreciate that 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.

Recently, St John’s has received positive feedback from a number of different external agencies. The shared educational expertise of staff at St John’s School and Kindergarten, not only enhances the educational outcomes for students, but has also been recognised by Catholic Education Services at Cairns. The quality of children’s experiences in terms of their inclusion into enabling processes is being further supported by recent improvements to our teaching practices. Our collaborative school community’s achievements has been paraded around the Diocese recognising the dedication of our staff.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Maley
Principal, M Ed (ICT), B Ed, Dip T
This week the children have been happy to share stories about their holidays and were excited to catch up with their Kindy friends. The children have been enjoying their outside play in the sunshine, riding the bikes on the circuit. The children took in a nature walk of the kindy grounds and collected items for their nature display. This week’s activity included a nature collage using leaves, sticks, seeds and sand collected from the yard. We continue our focus on the number 5 and hope to see many more interesting nature items for show and tell.

Regards Denise & Debbie

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Mini Vinnies News

Now that winter has arrived it is time to launch our Winter Appeal for 2014. We are looking for donations of blankets, warm clothing, and non perishable food items like canned food. Toiletry items are also acceptable. Please leave your donations at the School Office. These donations will be donated to Tully SVDP to support the many needy families in our community.

We are planning another “Sleepout” later in the term to support the many homeless people in our towns.

Following the success of last year’s concert, it has been decided to hold another “Variety Concert Night” on Friday 12th September, 2014. We also plan to have a “Father’s Day Raffle” which will be drawn at Assembly on Friday 5th September 2014. Any donations for raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs DeBrincat, Coordinator, Mini Vinnies Team

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Bookclub due

The next issue of bookclub was sent home on Monday and is due for return by Tuesday 29th July.

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SMCSA Tuckshop orders 6th & 7th August

Tuckshop for both days (Wednesday and Thursday) have been sent home and are due to be returned no later than tomorrow, Friday 25th July. The P & F will be also looking for donations of cakes and goodies that can be sold on the day to the many parents and friends that attend. These can be left at the tuckshop for sale on either day. If you are able to assist on either or both days, please contact Julie Elliott on 0417 492 644. PLEASE NOTE: ONLY CARNIVAL TUCKSHOP WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST.

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Term 3 music

Music fees are due for payment next Friday. Invoices will be delayed due to the SIS implementation at St. John’s, however payments must still be made by the end of week 3. Total cost for term 3 will be 8 x $13 = $104.

If you would like to pay via direct debit, details are as follows: BSB: 084 352 Account: 00000 0977 Reference: (Surname)music
CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
27th July – 2nd August

Permission notes for the CEW celebrations being held at Good Counsel College next Tuesday 29th July, must be returned TOMORROW.

Come, live life in all its fullness’

Reflecting on the Gospel call, ‘Come, live life in all its fullness’, Catholic schools strive to provide learning experiences through which every young person has the opportunity to reach their full human potential - spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, socially, culturally and physically - and know what it means to engage in all that life has to offer.

Can we imagine a God who sings a happy song over us, a God who dances with shouts of joy? Could our God be the one who laughs and enjoys life? The Spirit of God dances among us and calls to us to ‘Come, live life to it full’ and invites us to participate in the divine song that makes the melody in the heart of all of creation.

There is gusto, passion, and enthusiasm in this dimension of God, a sense of awe, wonder, and delight. Let us take time to pause in silence and attune our hearts and ears to the music of the moment, as together we pray for the hopes, the expectations, and the dreams we hold in our hearts for the fullness of life and the joy of the present moment.

We ask this through Jesus Christ who encourages each of us to live life to the fullest. Amen

CEW is a unique opportunity to celebrate & share the great things Catholic ministries do within our school, parish and wider communities and to promote the special ethos of Catholic Schools.

St John’s Jeans for Genes 2014

St John’s Jeans for Genes Day will be held next Friday 1st August. Each student and staff member is invited to wear jeans on this day and make a gold coin donation to this charity. Each child will receive a small gift. At second lunch there will be cakes for sale at 50 cents each. All monies raised will be forwarded to Children’s Medical Research Institute to assist with funding for research into childhood diseases. There is also some merchandise available at the school office if parents/friends would like to purchase something - pens $6, badges $5,.

Please support this most worth cause and help to make a difference in someone’s life.

Measles Alert

There has been a recent measles case in your community. Are you aged between 4 and 48 and have had your measles vaccines? “No” or “not sure”, then you could be at risk of catching measles. Contact your GP or local Community Health Centre for your free vaccine.

Measles Alert

Silkwood Junior Soccer Draw
26th July

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Students of the Week

Social Emotional Learning Awards

Confidence

Madison - For confidently settling into Prep/One with such enthusiasm!

Persistence

Kade - For enthusiastically doing your best in all areas this week. Keep up the great work!

Wavey - Retelling a traditional Japanese story confidently.

Confidence

Olympia - An enthusiastic start to term 3. Well done.

Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards

Effective Communicator

Jemma - Being keen to share ideas with the class and participate in class discussions.

Quality Producer

Dimi - Taking care with handwriting and illustrations during story writing.

Effective Communicator

Bryce - Taking part in group and class discussions and listening and valuing the ideas of others.

Quality Producer

Nicholas F - A super effort with your rainbow reading.

READING AWARDS will only be presented at assembly for 50, 100, 150, 200 etc.

50 nights - Braith
75 nights - Georgia, Kelsey, Connor
100 nights - Talia, Kade
125 nights - Dylan
150 nights - Deja
175 nights - Deja

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