Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

Welcome to the Bennett - Skaines family who have joined the St John's School community from Mission Beach. Please make Simon in Year 2 feel welcome as he makes the transition to our school.

The St John's Cent Sale is almost here! I am excited about the quality and number of prizes which will be on offer on Saturday 10th August. I encourage everyone in the community to attend this fun fundraising afternoon, which is raising money to go towards the purchase of technology equipment.

Our school Interhouse Athletics Carnival will be held at St John's tomorrow, commencing at 8:30 sharp. St. John's Kindergarten students will join us for a Mini Olympics. All students will participate in the carnival in the following events: Sprints 3-7 yr olds 60m, 8-9 yr olds 80m, 10-12 yr olds 100m, 200m, 800m, High Jump, Shot Put, Long Jump, ball games and relays. Parental assistance is required to facilitate the field events and time keep track events.

Yesterday’s Catholic Education Week celebrations at St Rita’s provided the opportunity for over 400 students from the Southern Deanery Schools to join together for Mass and activities. There was a real sense of genuine Catholicity amongst the participants, with the Vicar for Education Father Neil Muir concelebrating the Mass. Good Counsel College students entertained the crowd at a cheerful concert towards the end of the day. I congratulate Mrs Payne for her instrumental role in facilitating the very busy day. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the day which has evolved to become a highlight of the school year for our students.

Parents are reminded that the Parish Community Assembly for the Silkwood Parish will be held tonight at 7.30pm in John’s Church. This will provide a great opportunity for parents to have a say in the future direction of St John’s Parish.

Yours sincerely,

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

"If you don’t make the time to work on creating the life you want, you’re eventually going to be forced to spend a LOT of time dealing with the life you DON’T want!"

Kevin Ngo
St John’s will be hosting a Cultural Day in conjunction with NAIDOC Week, on Thursday 1st August, with a focus on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This day is an opportunity for students, parents and the wider community of Silkwood to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We are very fortunate to have Antoinette Cole and Lillian Miller from CES, Mr Gerald Appo, as well as Miss Priscilla, our Indigenous Liaison Officer, facilitating cultural day activities. **Rotations are:**

- Artefacts & Boomerang throwing with Leonard Andy (Undercover Area)
- Bush Tucker- Damper with Lillian Miller (Tuckshop)
- Didgeridoo playing with Gerald Appo (Parish Hall)
- Basket Weaving with Lisa Barba
- Boomerang Painting with Antoinette Cole
- Dream time stories with Miss Priscilla (Library)
- Island Song and Dance (Taba Naba song) Alice Hodges- two children (Johnny & Shawarna) in Traditional Island Dress (Undercover Area)

**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

**Bookclub**

A reminder that all bookclub orders for this round of bookclub are due tomorrow.

**Kindy Corner**

Last Thursday the Prep/Yr1 class, along with Miss Harisson and Miss Priscilla, joined the Kindy children for combined activities. All children enjoyed having time outdoors riding the bikes, going on the circuit and having a run around after the wet days we’ve had. They also painted, collaged, drew and chattered. The children will be joining in events at the Athletics Carnival tomorrow at the school. Thank you to parents who are able to stay to help with the Kindy sporting activities and to support the children.

Reminder: **Parent Committee Meeting - Friday 9th August at 8.45am at the Kindy.**

Cheers, Robyn/Denise
Students of the Week
Social Emotional Learning Awards
Confidence
Tavake - Building up your confidence during show and tell.
Confidence
Jared - Speaking with confidence in class.
Persistence
Evan - Working tough to produce well set out, accurate mathematics problems.
Persistence
Lachlan H - Always putting in 100% effort in all academic tasks.

Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards
Effective Communicator
Kelsey - Making valued contributions during guided reading groups.
Quality Producer
Adam N - Taking great care with NADIOC artwork.
Quality Producer
Alex - An impressive record of his Reading Challenge - cooking!
Active Investigator
Callan - Effort in completing math’s investigation. Well done.

Reading Awards
50 nights - Lucian
75 nights - Lyanna
100 nights - Hank, Adam N, Bryce,
125 nights - Chad
175 nights - Bethany, Nikita

FREE Well Women's Clinics
Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women’s Health Nurse.

Tully Hospital
Wed 7th & 28th August
Ph: 4068 4144
Misson Bch Com Health
Mon 12th & 26th August
Ph: 4068 9722
Tully - Mamu Hlth Service
Wed 14th August
Ph: 4068 0000

Employees receive plaques for 20 to 30 years of service to Catholic Education

Congratulations Mrs Strano for 25 years service to Catholic Education

Silkwood Junior Soccer - Draw 27st July
U6 - 1.45pm S1, 3.15pm S2  U7 - 3.00pm
U8 - 1.00pm  U9 - 1.00pm  U10 - 2.30pm
U11 - 2.30pm  U13/14/15 - 1.00pm  Ph 40652244 after 9.30am on Sat to check for cancellation.

Ground Manager: Silkwood