Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

Our Interhouse Athletics carnival was a credit to our students, parents and of course our wonderful staff. Significantly staff committed a tremendous amount of time marking, measuring and collating prior to the carnival. Due to the nature of the day, the majority of staff also spent the day with minimal down time. Thank you to everyone involved with our Athletics carnival.

Today’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Day was an enjoyable educational opportunity for our students to be immersed in an important local cultural. St John’s promotes and supports the unique and diverse cultural needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, their parents and communities. We are fortunate to be aptly supported by Mr Gerald Appo and his family over an enduring period of time. In addition Miss Priscilla Muriata has enhanced our connectedness with the local community!

This week we celebrate National Literacy and Numeracy Week to highlight the importance of literacy and numeracy skills. St John’s students have drafted and published a variety of poems during the past week. Class buddy groups provided the scaffold for students to share their creative verse and dialogue constructive feedback to their peers.

Tuesday’s parent camp information session was well attended. Unfortunately, a conclusive outcome determining parameters for the 2013 camp was not achieved. Consequently, an expression of interest note will be sent home next week to gauge parental support for the proposed camp to Cooktown in early November. Please visit our school website to access the link related to camp in the Newsletters & Class Notes section.

Recently, the office has received phone calls from parents wishing to confirm arrangements that have been published in the newsletter. I urge parents to engage the newsletter to alleviate the necessity for these calls.

Yesterday’s SMCSA Field Events Carnival challenged our athletes against the 5 other schools in our SMCSA cluster. Staff and parents acknowledged the outstanding sportspersonship and behaviour of our students. Good luck to all students who will participate tomorrow in the Track & Ball games events commencing at 9:30am.

Yours sincerely,

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

“We can’t help everyone, but everyone can help someone!”

Ronald Reagan

Term 3 Week 4 – 1st August, 2013
Music on Mondays
A renegotiation of Cameron’s timetable will see music lessons on a Monday this term. On 16th August parents, grandparents and friends are invited to join us on assembly when our musical students will be displaying their talents.

Skills day out
The Cassowary Coast will be hosting a “Skills Day Out” at the Tully Showgrounds next Wednesday 7th August. Last year, over 700 students and 42 exhibitors attended. The event encourages student participation so attendees are able to experience some aspects of the different jobs “hands on”, which is a great experience to assist in the process of subject selection. Our Year 7 students will be attending this year. Permission notes have been sent home today.

Cent Sale Fruit
The P & F are looking for families who work or have fruit farms and could donate some items of fruit for the Cent Sale or groceries for the hamper. Fruit & vegetables can be left at the school next Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Raffle tickets were sent home to every family and are selling well. Cost of tickets are: $1 each / 6 tickets for $5.00 / or 13 tickets for $10.00. Please return these by next Friday. 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.

If any parents or grandparents are able to bake a cake or make a slice to help with afternoon tea, this would be greatly appreciated. There are some fabulous prizes to be won!
THE CENT SALE IS ONLY ONE WEEK AWAY......
(Saturday 10th August)

Kindy Corner
The children enthusiastically joined in the events at the Athletics Carnival last Thursday. Thank you to the parents who helped during the morning. Today, the Kindy children joined with the school children to participate in NAIDOC activities at the school. What a great opportunity to celebrate and experience aspects of the Indigenous cultures within our community.
We have started planting seedlings in our newly established garden area at the kindergarten. Last Friday the children planted sunflower seeds, lettuce, beans and marigold seedlings. We would like to plant herbs as well, so if any families have herb cuttings/plants that the Kindy children could plant, please bring them in. Cheers, Robyn/Denise
Congratulations to students who participated in last week’s Interhouse Athletics Carnival. It was a windy, but beautiful sunny day. Francis took home the War Cry trophy, however MacKillop came in first with house points. A fun day was had by all. Age champion results are as follows:

5 Year Boys: Tavake
6 Year Girls: Tegan
6 Year Boys: Connor
7 Year Boys: Adam N
8 Year Girls: Dimi
8 Year Boys: T. J.
9 Year Boys: Gina
9 Year Boys: Arvind
10 Year Girls: Nikita
10 Year Boys: Nicholas F
11 Year Girls: Jennifer
11 Year Boys: Chad
12 Year Girls: Emma
12 Year Boys: James
13 Year Boys: Paul

**Catholic Women of Tully—Silkwood**

An Invitation to all Catholic Women of our Parish to attend the Diocese Gathering which this time is being held in Tully. Bring a friend and take the opportunity to meet and catch up with new and old friends from across the Diocese.

When: Wednesday 14 August 2013
Where: Mass - St Clare’s Church - 10.30am
Lunch: Tully Tigers League Club - 12.30pm
Cost: $25.00
Guest Speaker: Rosemary Ilost - Author of “For the Love of Kids”  RSVP: 2 August to Dina Milone on 40681634 M 0407681634

Silkwood Junior Soccer - Draw 3rd August

- **U6** - 1.45pm S 1, 3.15pm S2  - **U7** - 3.00pm
- **U8** - 3.00pm  **U9** - 1.50pm & 3.30pm  - **U10** - 2.30pm
- **U11** - 2.30pm  **U13/14/15** - 2.30pm  Ph 40652244

after 9.30am on Sat to check for cancellation.

Ground Manager: Tully