Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

Congratulations to all students for participating in the 2013 SMCSA Athletics carnival. I acknowledge the dedication of our students, parents and staff. St John’s P&F catered for the two day carnival and produced a huge number of meals for the hundreds of competitors and their families. Several positive comments regarding our students’ participation were received! Thank you to everyone involved with our Athletics carnival.

Thursday’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Day was an outstanding celebration of cultural diversity at St John’s. Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander facilitators supported our initiative which incorporated seven different activities. Mrs Payne collaborated with Ms Priscilla to organise the event which incorporated Kindy children and their families. The Reconciliation Garden was featured during the Acknowledgement of Country. Incidentally, we have become aware that we have several native flora species in our Reconciliation Garden which are considered “bush tucker”.

Inspirational speaker Maggie Dent will present two sessions, one for staff (4.00pm - 6.00pm) and one for parents (7.00pm - 9.00pm) next Wednesday 14th August, in the Good Counsel College Auditorium, Innisfail. Maggie is an author, educator, parenting and resilience specialist with a particular interest in the early years and adolescence. The Parent Session is titled “From the Sandpit to Adulthood: Helping Today’s Children to Thrive” - Every parent wants their children to thrive – to grow up happy, healthy, strong, kind and capable of realising their full potential. In this seminar, Maggie explores the 10 keys to parenting that support this goal. She acknowledges there is no “perfect” and that challenge, adversity and failure can actually help our kids grow stronger and smarter.

In order to consolidate a clear path forward for the Year 4-7 camp, an expression of interest note has been sent home to parents with relevant students.

Yours sincerely,

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

“If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way!”

Napoleon Hill

Term 3 Week 5 – 8th August, 2013

DATES TO REMEMBER

9th August
♦ Kindy parent mtg 8.45am
♦ School Counsellor here today

10th August
♦ Cent Sale

12th August
♦ Music today
♦ P & F mtg 3.05pm

14th August
♦ Maggie Dent Staff (4 - 6)& Parent (7-9) PD

15th August
♦ Feast of the Assumption Mass 9.00am at Silkwood

16th August
♦ Music Assembly

17th - 23rd August
♦ Children’s Book Week

20th August
♦ Class visits Fr. Tony

23rd August
♦ Mini Vinnies Sleepover

29th August
♦ Wonders for Living

30th August
♦ Softball/Tball Carnival

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

14/8/13 A Scarpignato & S Andrijevic

“Always Reaching for New Heights”
Cent Sale
Only two more sleeps until our Cent Sale. Donations of fruit and vegetables can be left at school tomorrow afternoon or Saturday morning. Please return all raffle tickets, sold or unsold back to school. Hope to see everyone on Saturday for a chance to win some fantastic prizes and catch up with friends!

Maggie Dent Presentation
As all staff from St John’s school will be attending an inservice presented by Maggie Dent next Wednesday 14th August from 4.00pm, the school office will be closed from 3.20pm on that day.

Ed Alive Promotion
Ed Alive is excited to announce a new Complete Learning Initiative (CLI) to give families the opportunity to use the same software at home that is used at school. CLI leaflets have been distributed to all families and any orders must be returned by Friday 16th August to take advantage of this promotion.

Mini Vinnies News
We invite our school families to join the Mini Vinnies Sleepout to be held at St. John’s School on Friday 23rd August 2013. The aim of our sleepout is to bring awareness of the many homeless people in our country, and what we can do to assist them. The evening will commence around 5.30pm with a light meal provided and finish at 8.00am Saturday morning. Just bring basic sleeping gear eg. sleeping bag, pillow and cardboard to sleep on as we will be sleeping in the undercovered area. There will be a powerpoint presentation, guest speaker from St Vincent de Paul Society and time for reflection. Leading up to this event, our students will be collecting donations of money, canned food, warm clothing/blankets as part of this year’s Mini Vinnies Winter Appeal. Notices will be sent home shortly to obtain authorisation and meal orders from those families participating.

Mrs DeBrincat, Coordinator, Mini Vinnies Team.

Kindy Corner
We would like to welcome Arron and Darcy to our Kindy family, Arron is starting Kindy tomorrow and Darcy will have her first day next Thursday. With the two new enrolments we now have 16 children enrolled at the Kindy.

Construction has also started this week on the Kindy bike shed and the shade covers in the front of the Kindy yard. We have been continuing to plant seedlings in our gardens with the addition of bok choy, tomatoes and strawberries this week. As well as participating in NAIDOC activities at St. John’s, the children have been painting and gluing nature plates with an indigenous focus. Thank you to Miss Priscilla for supplying this resource for the Kindy children.

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

Cheers, Robyn/Denise
Social Emotional Learning Awards

Confidence
Tavake - Displaying a confident approach in learning Japanese.

Getting Along
Simon - Getting along with his new classmates.
Lauren - Always showing consideration for others.
James - Great effort and sportsmanship displayed at the athletics carnivals.

Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards

Community Contributor
Adam - Being helpful and displaying a responsible attitude.

Designer & Creator
Nicholas T – Thinking creatively when writing his own fairy tale.

Active Investigator
Nicholas F - Keenly investigating water loss from leaves.

Quality Producer
Zane - A determined effort in maths tasks this week

Reading Awards

25 nights - Buster
75 nights - Danaya, Braith
100 nights - Adam A, Tegan, Lachlan H
125 nights - Chad, Kent
150 nights - Locklan, Evan, Gina, Alex, Jennifer, Matthew,
175 nights - Deja, James, Emma, Christian, Zane

Congratulations to the following students who competed with merit at the SMCSA Athletics carnival held over two days last week.
Connor - 2nd Sprints
Tegan - 2nd Sprints
Locklan - 3rd Sprints
Hank - 3rd Sprints
Dimi - 1st Sprints
Darcy - 1st Sprints
Arvind - 2nd 200m, 3rd H.J., L.J., 800m & Sprints
Jye - 1st Shot put,
Leanne - 2nd Long Jump & 200m
Gina - 2nd 800m, 3rd Shot Put,
Nicholas F - 3rd Shot Put & 800m
Nikita - 1st High Jump, 2nd Long Jump
Chad - 3rd 800m, 200m, & sprints
Jennifer - 3rd High Jump, Long Jump & 800m
James - 3rd High Jump
Christian - 2nd Shot Put
Emma - 3rd Shot Put
Jack - 3rd High Jump
Paul - 2nd Shot Put, 3rd 200m & Sprints.
NAIDOC Celebrations

Painting Boomerangs

Making Damper

Weaving