Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

The St John’s Cent Sale was a tremendous success thanks to the hard work of many P & F ladies. Congratulations to all parents and friends that committed a significant amount of time and energy towards an enjoyable afternoon which was extremely well received by the community. Whilst there are too many individuals to specifically thank, Mrs Kristy Anderson as Cent Sale coordinator, was instrumental in developing the success of this year’s Cent Sale. Thank you to all the very generous sponsors for your support.

Congratulations to Mrs Debbie Daly who was nominated for the Primary Teacher section of the DOCEMUS awards that were held at Rydges Tradewinds in Cairns last Thursday evening. Whilst Mrs Daly was not the recipient of this award, I think it is worthwhile to acknowledge aspects of her achievements as outlined in the nomination. Mrs Debbie Daly continues to expand the boundaries of teaching excellence at St John’s School Silkwood. She consistently supports the Catholic Education philosophy, policies and practices of the school and Diocese. St John’s is blessed to have such a committed teacher who has bridged the gap between good old fashioned curriculum driven delivery and modern information, communication and technology (ICT) inclusive pedagogy. Mrs Daly has successfully integrated modern teaching aids such as iPads, Interactive White Boards, Digital video and photography and other portable digital devices to enhance student engagement in her spectacular classroom. She uses a variety of 21st Century teaching tools to stimulate and engage learners of all levels. The Year 2/3 classroom is adorned with students’ work and Australian curriculum focused displays. Debbie does more than just integrate ICT, she consistently reflects on pedagogical practices ensuring that her teaching continues to refine and develop for the benefit of all students. She uses collaborative and inquiry based learning to motivate underachieving students and provide challenging activities (eg. guided enquiry units utilising class and group wikis).

This Friday, selected music tuition students will perform at a music assembly which is scheduled to commence at 8:50am. Parents and friends are encouraged to attend to enjoy the performances of our upcoming musicians.

Good luck to Christian Babsek and Nikita Scopelliti who will represent the SMCSA District at the Peninsula Athletics trials at Barlow Park this Friday and Saturday.

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

“Today I will do what others won’t, so tomorrow I can accomplish what others can’t!” Jerry Rice

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Term 3 Week 6 – 15th August, 2013

16th August
♦ Music Assembly

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

19th August
♦ P & F Mtg 3.05pm

20th August
♦ Class visits Fr. Tony

23rd August
♦ NET team visiting classrooms 9am - 2pm
♦ Mini Vinnies Sleepover

29th August
♦ Wonders for Living

30th August
♦ Softball/TBall Carnival
♦ Speech & Drama Exams

1st September
♦ Fathers’ Day

1st - 7th September
♦ Child Protection Week

3rd September
♦ Fathers’ Day School Mass 12.00pm

5th September
♦ Kindy Excursion

6th September
♦ Sausage Sizzle

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
21/8/13
A Scarpignato & K Dodds

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A display will be set up in the library depicting the book week theme, as well as this year’s Australian authors’ short listed books. Parents are welcome to come and visit our library. Next Friday, classes will be presenting book week projects to the parents at our school assembly.

**P & F Meeting**

The P & F meeting will be held next **Monday 19th August at 3.05pm**. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

**Ed Alive Promotion**

A reminder that final orders for the Ed Alive promotion are due tomorrow, **Friday 16th August**.

**Mini Vinnies News**

By now all families will have received an invitation to attend our sleepover which will be held next Friday 23rd August, 2013. Donations of cardboard, (which can be used to sleep on), will be greatly appreciated. Cardboard can be left at the school office. If parents/carers have any questions about this event, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

*Mrs DeBrincat, Coordinator, Mini Vinnies Team.*

**NET Team Visit**

The very energetic NET team will be visiting St John’s next Friday to present class sessions.

**SMCSA Softball / T-Ball Carnival**

This will be taking place **Friday 30th August for children from Years 3 - 7**. Permission notes and tuckshop orders were sent home on Tuesday.

**Past Students Shine**

Congratulations to past students Simone Bilic, and Maria & Chrysanthi Taifalos who are members of Good Counsel College Under 15 Girls soccer team. This team has won its way into the top 4 teams in Queensland since competing in the Bill Turner competition recently. The team will now travel to Redcliffe, Brisbane to have the opportunity to make the Bill Turner national finals in NSW which will be contested by the top four teams in Australia. Good luck girls!

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**Social Emotional Learning**

**What is it?**

The term Social and Emotional Learning, abbreviated to SEL, can be thought of as the process of acquiring particular skills that contribute to social and emotional wellbeing, or to resilience. The Collaborative for Academic Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) suggests the following framework of social and emotional competencies:

- **Self-awareness** - Knowing what we are feeling in the moment; having a realistic assessment of our own abilities and a well-grounded sense of self-confidence.
- **Social awareness** - Understanding what others are feeling; being able to take their perspective; appreciating and interacting positively with diverse groups.
- **Self-management** - Handling our emotions so they facilitate rather than interfere with the task at hand; being conscientious and delaying gratification to pursue goals persevering in the face of setbacks and frustrations.
- **Relationship skills** - Handling emotions in relationships effectively; establishing and maintaining healthy and rewarding relationships based on cooperation, resistance to inappropriate social pressure, negotiating solutions to conflict and seeking help when needed.
- **Responsible decision making** - Making decisions based on an accurate consideration of all relevant factors and the likely consequences of alternative courses of action, respecting others and taking responsibility for one’s decisions.

**Why is it important?**

The skills and competencies acquired through SEL help us to achieve a state of social and emotional wellbeing (sometimes called mental health). They may also help us to maintain or re-establish our wellbeing when we are faced with change or challenges.

Research suggests that these skills also:

- Support better academic outcomes, attitude toward school, and attitudes about self and others;
- Reduce challenging behaviour, conduct problems and levels of emotional distress; and
- Prevent problems such as alcohol and drug use, violence, truancy, and bullying.

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On the 5th September we will be taking the Kindy children on an excursion to Spurwood Springs at Mena Creek. It should be an exciting day as Spurwood Springs offers a unique experience with farm animals, damper making and the famous Tom Mauloni working dog show.

The bike shed at the Kindy is nearing completion and the children were keen to move the bikes into the shed.

Cheers, Robyn/Denise

Social Emotional Learning Awards

Persistence
Deja - Persisting and sounding out difficult words in English.

Organisation
Leanne - Organising your information effectively in your history powerpoint. Well done.

Confidence
Bethany - Having the confidence to accurately proceed in mathematics.

Persistence
Jennifer - Always working to the best of your ability and always trying to extend yourself.

Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards

Active Investigator
Saskia - Sharing knowledge about the weather and temperature in Science.

Leader & Collaborator
Jarred – Working well with a partner during our science investigations this week.

Active Investigator
Joshua - Displaying keen scientific investigations of local plants.

Effective Communicator
Emma - A huge effort in learning your words for speech and drama.

Reading Awards
75 nights - Jordan
100 nights - Connor, Billy
125 nights - Saskia, Arvind, Jemma, Amy
150 nights - Lachlan E, Leanne

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Commencing this week, students will be receiving additional awards at parade in recognition of effort and achievements in music lessons. Prep to Year 3 will also receive certificates for learning sight words. There are too many students receiving these new awards this week to list. Congratulations!

Innismail Swimming Pool
All squads and learn to swim classes have recommenced. Anyone interested in lessons or squads, please contact the pool to organise a free assessment. Phone 40611 267

Red Cross/Kurrimine Beach Progress Assoc. CENT SALE
When: Saturday 31st August
Where: Kurrimine Bch Progress Hall
Admission: $5.00
Doors open at 12 noon. Draw starts at 1.30pm sharp

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Silkwood Junior Soccer - Draw 17th August
U6 - 1.45pm S 1, 3.15pm S2 U7 - 1.00pm
U8 - 2.00pm U9 - 1.00pm U10 - 2.30pm
U11 - 1.00pm U13/14/15 - 1.00pm Ph 40652244 after 9.30am on Sat to check for cancellation.

Ground Manager: Mission Beach