Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

Of the 15 main reportable areas of NAPLAN across Years 3, 5 and 7, St John’s students are at or above in 13 of the areas. Significantly, we are above the National standard in all but 4 out of the 15 areas. In Year 3 the proportion of St John’s students in the top 2 bands (out of 6) is more than half the class. In Year 5, students have gained a substantial increase in their level of achievement compared to their results in 2012 when they last sat NAPLAN in Year 3. Year 7 students have doubled their expected growth in their level of achievement in reading, with Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy not far behind. I acknowledge the commitment of our staff to enhance our students achievement. These achievements are to be celebrated.

Book Week is upon us and tomorrow it will culminate with a special Book Week Assembly. We look forward to parents joining us at tomorrow’s assembly at 8:55am.

Three-way Conferences for Prep to Year 7 will be conducted during Week 10 this term. Parents will have the opportunity to book a fifteen minute time slot to participate in a conference with their child and teacher. Parents who are unable to avail themselves for this conference are requested to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet with their child’s classroom teacher. Three-way conferences actively involve parents, teachers and students in reflecting on previous achievements and setting goals to guide the learning program during Term 4. This year, student portfolios will be distributed at the three-way conference. The portfolios show samples of your child’s work throughout the year.

Congratulations to the following students who competed at the Peninsula Athletics carnival last Sunday and Monday at Barlow Park in Cairns; Arvind Singh Mann, Nikita Scopelliti, Evan Nielsen and Nicholas Taifalos.

In line with the requirements of ACARA, parents have the opportunity to complete a satisfaction survey for St John’s. Please access this link to provide feedback - https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/StJohnsParent14

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

“Happiness is an inside job. Don’t assign anyone else that much power over your life!” Anon

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

D A T E S T O R E M E M B E R

22nd August
♦ Kindy fees due
25th August
♦ Playgroup at Kindy building 9am - 11am
♦ Music today
28th August
♦ Bookclub due
29th August
♦ Mini Vinnies Sleepout
2nd September
♦ Fathers’ Day
5th September
♦ Softball/T-ball carnival
♦ Fathers’ Day raffles drawn
♦ Premier’s Reading Challenge ends
19th September
♦ Hot Dog Sausage Sizzle
♦ Last day of term 3
6th October
♦ Labour Day
7th October
♦ Term 4 commences for School and Kindy
17th October
♦ Kanga Cricket

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

28/08/14 N Hogan & J Elliott
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Tomorrow the children are invited to **dress up as their favourite book character** for Book Week. We will be attending the Book Week Assembly in the 2/3 classroom on Friday morning from 8:45am.

Tickets in the **Fathers' Day Raffle** were distributed this week. Please help by selling as many as possible to friends and family. Thank you to Teleisha for organising the tickets and posters for the raffle and the **Sausage Sizzle/Cake Stall at Chemist Warehouse on Saturday 30th August**.

**Regards Robyn & Denise**

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**What’s Happening in Prep/One**

So far this term we have been reading, analysing, comprehending and writing various forms of poetry. Students have enjoyed identifying and writing rhyming poems, verb poems and prepositional poems. Students have thoroughly enjoyed reading various forms of texts that have exposed them to rhyme, alliteration and repetition.  

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Birds Fly
Cows Moo
Sharks Bite”

*By Rose Nguyen*

“The fox sat on the box.
The fox fell into a pile of socks”

*By Georgia McTaggart*

“Pigs, pink and big
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Music lessons this term will continue on Mondays (not Fridays). Cameron has had a timetable change, so he will be coming on Mondays to St. John’s. He will be here next **Monday 25th August**.

**Headlice**

There have been a few reported cases of headlice at school. Please check your child/ren’s hair for headlice and treat accordingly.  

**Treatment must be administered weekly** until all eggs have been destroyed.

**Bookclub**

The next issue of bookclub was sent home yesterday and is due on or before **Thursday 28th August**.

**SMCSA Softball / T-Ball Carnival**

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St. John's Kindy, Harold St, Silkwood

9:00am to 11:00am

Every Monday (school weeks only)

Playgroup gives parents, carers, grandparents and children the opportunity to make new friends by playing and sharing together, so come have a cuppa and join the fun!

Spread the word!

St. John's Playgroup is a member of Playgroup Queensland.

Playgroup is fun!

Silkwood Junior Soccer Draw

23rd August

U6 - 1.00pm  U8 - 2.00pm
U9 - 1.50pm  U10 - 2.00pm
U11/12 - 2.30pm U13/14/15 - 2.30pm & 22nd August at 6.00pm

Important Note!

Friday 12th September for our Mini Vinnies Charity Concert. NOT TO BE MISSED!
Mrs DeBrincat, Coordinator, Mini Vinnies

Mini Vinnies News
By now all families will have received information on our ‘sleepout’ on Friday 29th August and tickets for the Fathers’ Day Raffle. All ‘sleepout’ authority forms are due by Monday 25th August for catering purposes. Sponsorship money is due by the day of the ‘sleepout’. Please remember all students from Prep to Year 3 are to be supported by a parent or guardian.

Remember our prizes for the Fathers’ day raffle are awesome. There are 4 chances to win and tickets are only 50c each or 5 for $2.00.

1st Prize – Snorkeling Day trip for 1 adult on board “Coral Seeker” Mission Beach valued at $190

2nd Prize -1 night family stay at Kurriming Bch Holiday Park

3rd Prize - $50-00 Fish Tray

4th Prize – Men’s toiletry set

It is a great opportunity to remember your Dad and support a special cause.

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The P & F will be raffling their monster raffle at the Charity Concert. There are some great prizes to be won with tickets only selling for $1.00

Major Prize: 2 nights accommodation at the King Reef Resort VALUE $330.00

2nd Prize: 1 night accommodation at Mission Beach Resort VALUE $ 250.00

3rd Prize: (Ladyzone) $50 Tully Jewellers, $25 Kitchen Essentials, Tully Retravision, Mission Beach Mitre 10, Champagne. VALUE approx. $ 200.00

3rd Prize: (Manspace) Innisfail Hardware, Tinnie Shack, Tully Hunts, Tackle World Tully, Innisfail Supercheap, Bishops Silkwood. VALUE approx. $ 200.00

There are extra books available to sell to family and friends. This is a wonderful opportunity to win some terrific prizes.

Students of the Week

Social Emotional Learning Awards

Getting Along

Eva - Always looking out for your classmates.

Amele - Always being ready to learn and give your best.

Ryan Hol. - Working well with a partner in class.

Getting Along

Evan - Always setting an excellent example in the way you cooperate with classmates.

Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards

Quality Producer

Adam N - Working quickly and accurately in maths.

Quality Producer

Gina - Excellent participation in class discussion and research during History.

Quality Producer

Amy - Consistently producing work of a high standard.

Quality Producer

Lachlan H - Excellent effort in a demand writing task. Well done.

Active Investigator

Reading Awards will only be presented at assembly for 50, 100, 150, 200 etc.

75 nights - Lyanna

100 nights - Georgia, Adam A, Jarred, Laim, Bryce

125 nights - Kade, Jared, Arvind, Kent

150 nights - Dimi, Amy, Nicholas T.

200 nights - Deja, Leanne, Lauren

Fundraiser for Suicide Prevention

High Tea $10.00

Fontana’s Farm
88 Gullotta Road
Silkwood
4055 2130

Saturday Morning
13th September, 2014

Plant Stall
Local Art Display
Vintage Wedding gown display
Car Display
Garden Stroll & New Memorial walkway
Displays & Stalls
“Cement Your Garden Setting” raffle
“Goose club with Fabulous prizes”