Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

Mrs Jan Strano and Mrs Ann Strasberg will be acknowledged by the school community this Friday during the Book Week school assembly. Jan and Ann have worked tirelessly for Catholic Education for 25 years and 30 years respectively. Their commitment to our school is outstanding and is applauded by past and present parents, friends and students. Certainly this is not common in today’s working society……….we are truly fortunate to have Jan and Ann working in our community.

Book Week is upon us and tomorrow it will culminate with a special Book Week Assembly. All classes will present their very professional book week projects which they have completed during the past week. We look forward to parents joining us at tomorrow’s assembly at 8:50am.

Congratulations to the music tuition students who performed at last week’s music assembly. Students, parents and grandparents enjoyed the performances of our upcoming musicians. We are looking forward to the next performance which will take place next term.

Three-way Conferences for Prep to Year 7 will be conducted during Week 11 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.

I am looking forward to witnessing our students roughing it at the homeless sleep out this Friday night on cardboard instead of inner spring mattresses!

Yours sincerely,

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

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Term 3 Week 7 – 22nd August, 2013

“Promises mean everything, but after they are broken, sorry means nothing!”

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Mini Vinnies Sleep Out
The Mini Vinnies sleep out is on tomorrow night. Donations of cardboard, (which can be used to sleep on), will be greatly appreciated. Cardboard can be left at the school office.

NET Team Visit
The very energetic NET team will be visiting St John’s tomorrow to present class sessions.

Wonders of Living
On Thursday 29th August, Natural Fertility Services Cairns will be visiting our school to present a personal development program based on the ‘wonder of living’ series. The program involves a series of movies with discussion following. If you DO NOT WISH your child to attend the program, please complete the form sent home earlier this week, or phone the school office.

SMCSA Softball / T-Ball Carnival
This will be taking place next week, Friday 30th August for children in Years 3 - 7. Please return permission notes ASAP.

Pre-loved Books Required
A reminder that Jan Strano is collecting pre-loved children’s, teens or adult books/magazines (in good condition), to be sold at the Fontana “High Tea” fundraiser on 14th September, with all proceeds going to Suicide Prevention. Thank you for the books already sent in. Please send your pre-loved books into the school.

St John’s Mini Vinnies Charity Concert
Friday 13th September
NOT TO BE MISSED!
Last week staff attended professional development given by Maggie Dent. Maggie has written a book on understanding life through the wisdom of ducks. Each week we hope to publish one of Maggie’s thoughts.

Black Duck Wisdom by Maggie Dent

1st Wisdom

Personal acceptance is important and valuable

Ducks are happy being ducks. They do not question their life as a duck. Ducks do not wish they were owls, emus or eagles or anything else for that matter. Being a duck just ‘is’ as ‘is’ is just fine.

Humans often waste valuable moments in life wishing they were something different - maybe smarter, thinner, hairier, taller or richer. Deep personal acceptance of who we are is an important step to happiness in life. Once we accept who we are, we can then aim to become the best ‘us’ we can be without wasting time and energy being someone or something that we are not.

Are you a new parent? Living on one income?
Want to know more about
Family Tax Benefit A&B?
Baby Bonus/paid parental leave?
Child Care Rebate?

Centrelink in partnership with Community Support Centre Innisfail is offering a FREE information morning to answer any question you may have around parenting payments such as Family Tax Benefit Part A & B, Baby Bonus/paid parental leave, Child Care Rebate, Centrepay

Where: Community Support Centre, 13-17 Donald Street, Innisfail (orange building)
When: Tuesday 27th August, 2013
Time: 10.00am to 11.00am

Please contact Natasha or Rebecca at the Community Support Centre on 40438 400 to book your seat.

Music Assembly last week

Student of the Week

Social Emotional Learning Awards

Getting Along

Lachlan E - consistently making fantastic behaviour choices in class and on the playground.

Organisation

Jarred - Organising information effectively in History and RE assignments.

Confidence

Jordan - Writing creative verse of a high standard.

Persistence

Christian - Setting high standards in all assessments this week.

Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards

Quality Producer

Braith - Producing excellent sentences and reading at a high level.

Community Contributor

Billy – Working well during science investigation group tasks.

Designer & Creator

Jemma - Great writing and illustration of creative verse.

Active investigator

James - Super effort in a tricky maths test. Well done.

Reading Awards

75nights - Tavake
100 nights - Jye
150 nights - Chad, Dylan
200 nights - Nikita, Bethany, Deja

Sight words awards: Dylan, Kyle, Deja and Braith

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.

Kurrimine Kuppa will be held in the Progress Hall, Kurrimine Beach, on Friday 30th August at 10.00am to 11.30a.m. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a delicious morning tea and share jokes and stories. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

Silkwood Junior Soccer - Draw 24th August

U6 - 1.45pm S 1, 1.45pm S2
U7 - 3.00pm
U8 - 2.00pm U9 - 2.40pm
U10 - 1.15pm
U11 - 2.30pm U13/14/15 - 2.30pm
Ph 40652244

Ground Manager: Silkwood