Dear Parents/Guardians, Staff & Students,

St John's School will hold an **Open Morning on Tuesday 21st October**.

Parents interested in enrolling their children are invited to join their children and attend the School for the morning to experience our “One Stop Learning”. The Open Morning will **commence at 9am and conclude at 10:30am** approximately. In addition, students in Years P/1, 2/3 & 4/5 will also transition to their 2015 classrooms for the morning session. Mrs Wells will facilitate the Years 6/7 students during this time.

Congratulations to the many Year 6 & 7 students who have successfully completed their enrolment process at Good Counsel College. Parents are reminded that St John’s is the **preferred pathway as a feeder school to Good Counsel College**.

Last week teachers were focusing on Literacy and Numeracy teaching and learning activities as we celebrated National Literacy and Numeracy Week. **National Literacy and Numeracy Week aims to raise community awareness of the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all Australian students.** This culminated with a whole school shared book reading at assembly on Friday. Parents are reminded that the Premier’s Reading Challenge concludes this Friday. Please ensure all reading challenge sheets are returned.

We have already received a significant number of Three-way Conference return slips. The conferences will be conducted at school in Week 10. A note confirming your three-way conference time will be sent home next week. Parents who are unable to avail themselves for this conference are requested to arrange a mutually convenient time with their child’s classroom teacher. **The conference is an integral component of the Assessment and Reporting process at St John’s.**

Please consider attending the **Mini Vinnies Variety Night next Friday evening**. This is another worthwhile fundraiser that promises to provide some wonderful entertainment.

Parents are reminded that younger students should be accompanied to and from the school bus each day to ensure their safety.

Yours sincerely,

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

**“Today be thankful & think how rich you are. Your family is priceless, your time is gold and your health is wealth!” Anon**
Happy Father's Day
Enjoy the day....... 
This Father’s Day we celebrate the love God has for us. We celebrate our fathers, and all who are like fathers to us, with joyful love and gratitude. We celebrate the life-giving care we receive through our fathers, and we remember those fathers who are no longer with us.

Loving God, you who are both mother and father to us,
You nourish us and care for us, you support and protect us, your children. Bless all our fathers, give them strength and courage, tenderness and gentleness, so that they may reflect the love you have for us. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

Loving God, we bring our prayers to you knowing that you will always listen.
Blessed are you who care for your children.
Blessed are you who sacrifice your own needs for those you love.
Blessed are you who give generously of your time and energy.
Blessed are you who teach and guide your children.

SMCSA Softball / T-Ball Carnival
Tomorrow children in Years 4 to 7 will compete in the SMCSA softball T-Ball carnival. The day is based on participation rather than competition. Please ensure your child has their water bottle with them and that you have applied sunscreen on them before leaving home. Parents are welcome to attend.

3 Way Conferences: 15th to 17th September
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. A letter was sent home on Tuesday allowing parents to book their 15 minute timeslot. This must be returned by next Monday. Every attempt will be made to accommodate preferred times, however this is not always possible.

Headlice
There have been a few cases of headlice reported. Please check your child/ren’s hair for headlice and treat accordingly. Treatment must be administered weekly until all eggs have been destroyed.

P & F Meeting
The next P & F meeting is on next Monday 8th September at 3.00pm in the meeting room. All are welcome to attend. Agenda items for discussion include
✓ Mini Vinnies Variety Concert - (Volunteers required in the tuckshop and to sell tickets, phone Julie 0417 492 644 to offer assistance).
✓ Update on Covered walkway/bus shelter.
✓ Upcoming fundraising initiatives.

This term students in Year 2 and 3 have been reading a variety of traditional stories. The class has really enjoyed these books and especially liked hearing the Greek Myth about King Midas. The children have found all the fairy tales in the library and have brought lots of story books in from home. They have also enjoyed reading lots of Aboriginal dreamtime stories and made up a story in the style of a dreamtime story to read to their buddies. The sharing of stories with buddies took place during National Literacy and Numeracy Week and the whole school took part. The class took pride in their work as they had made an extra special effort knowing that they would show their work to their special 6/7 buddy!

In mathematics they have been busy solving problems using fractions, multiplication and division and finding out all about making equal parts. Year 3 found many different possible options for their problem involving orchard trees and three different types of fruit and Year 2 were challenged to find out how many people could equally share a block of chocolate containing 30 pieces. The students are very busy at the moment making Science posters and presentations about water (Year 2) and day and night (Year 3). Please look for these up around school over the coming weeks.

Mrs Debbie Daly, Year 2/3 teacher

The Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall at the Chemist Warehouse was a successful fundraiser for the Kindy. Thank you to Chemist Warehouse, the mums and grandmothers for the lovely baking and Teleisha and Lisa for their organisation and for working on the stall. The Father’s Day Raffle will be drawn tomorrow at the Kindy. Please return all tickets for the draw. Teleisha has been proactive in organising these fundraising events and the support of families through donations has made them very successful.

Last Friday we baked jam drops with the children. They helped by measuring and mixing the ingredients and rolling the mixture. It is great to see the children are always keen to eat food they have helped cook or that we have grown in the garden.

Regards Robyn & Denise W8
It is with much pleasure to advise that our “Sleepout” was such a great success. Many thanks to our 30 students, Mr. Maley, Mr. Russell, Parents Jenny, Gabbie, Cassandra, Dave and Dave and Guest Constable Nathan who made it all come together. The students raised over $600 for the homeless in our community. Thank you to all the staff and families in our community who supported this worthy cause.

This is our last week for selling the Father’s Day raffle tickets. All tickets sold or unsold should have been returned to the school office for the big draw at school tomorrow, just in time for Father’s Day on Sunday. As there will be no Assembly tomorrow tickets will be drawn before students head off to the Softball/T-ball day. It is a great opportunity to remember your Dad and support a special cause. Funds raised will go towards “Assist a Student” Fund and helping needy families in our communities.

Next Friday 12th September, we will be conducting our Mini Vinnies Charity Concert. Please keep this date free and come and join us for some fun! There will be lots of entertainment, food and drinks. The P & F will be selling and drawing their monster raffle on the night which has some fabulous prizes. Guest artist Sam Pappalardo, St. John’s students, staff and some local talented artists will be performing.

Admission fee - Adults $5.00, Students & Pensioners $2.00 (children under 5 free) and family passes $12.00. Tickets include Lucky Door Prizes. Snack foods and drinks are available for sale plus supper, tea & coffee for $2.00 per plate. Donations of cakes to sell with supper on the night will be greatly appreciated.

Finally, we are looking for anyone who could supply or donate some hay bales to assist the concert decoration theme “Country and Western”. We will return bales to donors after the concert. Mrs Vicki DeBrincat.