Dear Parents/Guardians, Staff & Students,

The Mini Vinnies Variety Night promises to be a hoot this Friday. Students from all grades are honing their performances. Similar to last year our staff will present a very special and extremely professional performance! Father KM will also make a guest appearance and perform for the crowd. I acknowledge Mrs DeBrincat and her commitment and contribution to this annual community event.

Miss Kimberley Pascoe, an Early Childhood pre service teacher from James Cook University, is completing phase 3 of her final practicum at St John’s. Kimberley will undertake 2 weeks familiarisation and teaching in the Year 2/3 classroom. She will then return to school at the beginning of Term 4 for a 5 week block practicum experience. We welcome Kimberley to St John’s.

Last Friday’s SMCSA Softball/T-ball Carnival was conducted in glorious sunny conditions at South Johnstone. St John’s students were divided into four teams, two senior and two junior. Whilst the day was not focused on competition, a few outstanding commendations need to be shared. Significantly, a fellow Principal highlighted Jye Brooker for his terrific sportsmanship throughout the day. In addition, I want to acknowledge Mrs Williamson and Mr Russell for their endurance in not accessing their entitled break times! Your commitment to St John’s is noted and appreciated.

Next term all St John’s students will participate in an intensive two week swimming program at BIG 4 on the following days;

- School Week 6 – Monday 17th to Thursday 20th Nov.
- School Week 7 – Monday 24th to Thursday 27th Nov.

Parental assistance would be appreciated to facilitate this program. The school swimming carnival will be held on Friday 28th November. More information regarding the intensive swimming program will follow early next term.

Yours sincerely,

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

Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in God!”

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Term 3 Week 9 – 11th September, 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER

12th September
- Mini Vinnies Charity Concert
13th September
- Suicide Prevention High Tea at Fontana’s Residence
15th September
- Music at St. John’s
- Playgroup at St John’s Kindy building
15th - 17th September
- 3 way conference interviews
18th September
- Silkwood Ambulance Open Day 11.30am - 5pm
19th September
- Hot Dog Sausage Sizzle
- Combined Kindy/ School Assembly
- Last day of term 3
20th - 21st September
- Kurrimine Beach Fishing Competition

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

18/09/14 P Bromilow & N Hogan
What’s Happening in Year 6/7

The year 6/7s are enthusiastically finishing the term, completing tasks in all areas of the curriculum. They were very successful at the softball gala day on Friday at South Johnstone where they displayed excellent skills, sportsmanship and knowledge of the game. Next term the students will be turning their sporting attention to cricket and swimming. In the classroom educational board games are busily being finished as a part of their technology unit. They are almost ready for members of other classes to begin playing and judging which ones they enjoy the most. The excitement and competition that these have bought out in the classroom has been fun to see. Several are also of a very high standard.

In English, students have begun writing drafts for their autobiography. These are one of the major assessment items and especially important because they will eventually have their autobiography in this year’s senior magazine. In Math the Year 7 students are in the process of completing a plan of the school campus, incorporating all buildings, fields and play areas down to correct scale and also an aerial view from the air. The Year 6 class has been working through finding important information from lists of numbers such as mean, median, mode and range. Both Year 6 & 7 students have been enjoying their lesson with Mr Maley using the new chrome books and creating spread sheets and working collaboratively on the same documents to display data.

Mini Vinnies has provided many highlights this term starting with the homeless sleep out a couple of weeks ago and the preparation for the variety night this Friday where the students will be performing a Banjo Paterson classic poem, The Bush Christening. Mr Stuart Russell, Year 6/7

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Kindy Corner

The Kindy children have been preparing for the Combined Assembly in Week 10. We will share the eBook they have made on animals and they will be performing a song with the Prep/1 students. The Prep/1 class will also be presenting an item with an RE focus. The students continue to enjoy the garden and the produce grown by the Kindy children.

This week we have picked the strawberries, made a green salad with the lettuce and picked the green beans. We planted the capsicum seedlings that Kodi brought in for the garden. We also trimmed the basil and cut all the seeds off for replanting.

At group time we have been focusing on the beginning concepts of print with an emphasis on word and book structure. We welcomed a new enrolment to Kindy this week - Harseerat had her first day of Kindy on Tuesday.

The lucky winner of the Kindergarten Father’s Day Raffle was Anthony De Marchi. Mia was excited that her uncle won the prize.

A reminder that the Kindy will be hosting a Hot Dog Day on the last day of term 3, Friday 19th September.

Regards Robyn & Denise

Kindy Corner
Social Emotional Learning Awards

Confidence
Lachlan E - Applying strategies to your reading and writing. Excellent job!

Persistence
Georgia - Continually trying your best when writing. Keep up the great work!

Adam A - Reading with confidence in class.

Jared - Showing determination when learning to sew.

Bethany - Confidence displayed learning lines and actions for the variety night skit.

Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards

Quality Producer
Lucian - Great effort in maths.

Quality Producer
Jordan - Producing a very amusing, descriptive and well-structured autobiography rough draft.

READING AWARDS will only be presented at assembly for 50, 100, 150, 200 etc.

100 nights - Ryan,
125 nights - Saskia, Rylee, Amelie, Jayden, Kyle
150 nights - Callum, Wavey, Dylan, Tegan
175 nights - Lachlan E

Silver sight word award – Adam A

Pre-loved Books Required
Jan Strano is collecting pre-loved children’s, teens or adult books (in good condition), to be sold at the Fontana “High Tea” fundraiser on 13th September, with all proceeds going to Suicide Prevention. Please send your pre-loved books into the school by tomorrow.

Fundraiser for Suicide Prevention
High Tea
$10.00

Fontana’s Farm
88 Gullotta Road
Silkwood
4065 2130

Saturday Morning
13th September, 2014

Plant Sale
Local Arts & Crafts
Vintage Wedding Decor Display
Craftery
Garden Stroll & New Memory walkway
Dinners & Drinks
‘Comet’ Spez Garden Setting – Little Goose club with fabulous patch

Silkwood LAC invite you to
See how your
Local Ambulance Station
Operates

Presented by Silkwood Paramedics

- Vehicle equipment familiarisation
- Defibrillator resuscitation
- Snake bite treatment
- Walk through your Ambulance Centre
- Blood pressure/ blood glucose checks

All welcome
Silkwood Ambulance Station
1130am-5pm, Thursday, 18th September 2014