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**Open Morning**

Our school and Kindy Open Morning will be held on **Tuesday 22nd October from 9am - 10.30am.** Please spread the word in the community if you know any parents and children that may be interested in exploring what we have to offer.

**Term 4 Sport**

A reminder that this term is gearing up to be another eventful, fun-filled term with students having the opportunity to participate in a variety of sporting activities. The **SMCSA Kanga Cricket Carnival** for Years 4 - 7 (and possibly a few Year 3 students) will be held at the Silkwood Soccer Grounds on **Friday 15th November.**

There will be an **intensive swimming program** in Weeks 6 and 7 followed by the swimming carnival on **Friday 22nd November.**

**Music program**

Term 4 music fees will be issued shortly. These fees must be **paid by the due date** as these monies are then forwarded to Good Counsel College to pay for Cameron, our music teacher.

**Year 4 - 7 camp meeting**

A parent camp information meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 22nd October at 3:00pm** in the meeting room. This meeting will provide an opportunity to outline the scope of activities of the camp and provide parents the opportunity to have input.

**P & F meeting change of date**

The next P & F meeting has moved from next Tuesday to **Tuesday 22nd October at 3.30pm following the camp meeting.** Agenda items include: students’ homework reading prizes and the end of year P and F dinner arrangements.

**Pupil Free Day**

A reminder that there is a **pupil free day on Monday 21st October.** Teachers will be meeting in Innisfail whilst school officers have a southern cluster professional development day at Silkwood.

**Kindy Corner**

Welcome back to Kindy and the last term for our students moving on to Prep next year. Welcome Cody and Rylee who started Kindy this week. They will both be going to Prep next year so we hope they enjoy their short time at Kindy.

Families interested in enrolling their children at St. John’s School in 2014 are invited to attend the **Open Morning at the school on Tuesday 22nd October.** The **Kindy will also be having our Open Morning on this day from 9am—10.30am.** If you know of families interested in attending the Kindy next year, please invite them to attend and join in the planned activities.

The Kindy grant projects have now been completed with the installation of the shade sails over the holidays. They are a welcome addition with the onset of the hotter weather. We will be having wet and messy activities most Kindy days this term so please ensure you have an extra set of clothes in your child’s bag. **Cheers, Robyn & Denise.**
The annual ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority) Student Background Data (SBD) collection is now due.

St John’s School provides this information to ACARA to assist in determining the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA) for schools.

ACARA has provided a privacy notice (below) which is to be communicated to parents/guardians prior to CES submitting the data collection.

Families have 7 days to respond to the school (from the date of notice) should they not wish to have their information sent to ACARA.

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This information is disclosed to ACARA under the ACARA Act 2008 for one or both of the following purposes:

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**October**

2nd - Saskia  
10th - Arvind

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**Students of the Week**

**Social Emotional Learning Awards**

- **Dylan** - Returning to school and remembering the classroom and playground rules. Well done!
- **Simon** - Showing confidence speaking about his holiday.
- **Bethany** - Displaying great effort in mathematics. Persistence
- **James** - Super effort in your maths investigation this week.

**Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards**

- **Hannah** - Coming back to school after your long holiday and doing wonderful work!
- **Leanne** – Neat and thorough science work.
- **Amy** - Being a great descriptive writer.
- **Jennifer** - Always producing work of a high standard

**Reading Awards**

- **100 nights** - Tavake
- **150 nights** - Pavel, Darcy, Bryce
- **200 nights** - Locklan
- **250 nights** - Deja

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**Innisfail Touch** is running a 6 week Junior competition for players from the ages of 7 to 12 years. Players are invited to put teams of 5 or more into the competition. Age groups are: U8 boys and girls/ U10 boys and girls and U12 boys and girls. If you are interested in being a part of this competition, you need to sign your team on next Wednesday afternoon 16th October between 5pm and 6pm at the Wangan Sports grounds. A cost of $20 for each player is payable to cover insurance and will need to be paid before players take to the field for the first game on Wednesday 23rd October. The mini season will go for 6 weeks and finish on 27th November. Games will be played between 5pm and 6pm each Wednesday afternoon. This is a fun competition that is designed to support the interest shown by players who have recently competed in the North Queensland Junior competition, and to help newcomers learn how to play the game. At present, we can only cater for a limited number of teams on a Wednesday afternoon, so make sure you get in early. Support from parents for this event is welcome and will help make the competition a success.

For more info, please contact Allison Andy 4061 1492 or Ann Stephensen 0418 438 358.

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**Black Duck Wisdom**  
*by Maggie Dent*

6th Wisdom

Try to appear calm and capable even when all hell breaks loose! Ducks look relaxed and calm when paddling on a lake or river. They look this way even when their legs are paddling like mad against a strong current. Humans often create more stress and drama in their lives by showing their anxiety and tension on their faces or in their behaviour. The “Oh, My God!” is a good example of this ‘awfulising’. Maintaining a calm outer appearance can help you and others better cope in times of stress, crisis or disaster.

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