Dear Parents/Guardians, Staff & Students,

St John’s has received $18,872 from the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation Gambling Community Benefit Fund thanks to Renate. These funds will air-condition the Parish hall and provide a double tinted glass entrance. This is a terrific outcome which develop this under utilised area into the St John’s Community Performance and Recreation Centre.

Term four is shaping up as yet another very busy term for the St John’s School community. At this stage we are preparing for the following events:

- SMCSA Kanga Cricket Carnival next Friday
- Years 4-7 Camp
- Year 7 Graduation
- Intensive Swimming Program & Carnival
- Presentation Evening

Please consider supporting our very busy P & F by attending next Monday’s meeting at 3.00pm. Parents contribute a tremendous amount towards our very successful school in a multitude of ways. Many hands lighten the load!

As our children become more and more immersed in digital technology it is important for parents to develop knowledge of these Information Communication Technologies to support the implementation of this technology in the home environment. Significantly, our students are required to effectively utilise these technologies on a daily basis, in their current classrooms and in the future at high school. In order to upskill parents on the potential of these technologies, St John’s will present a Digital Citizenship for Parents workshop next Tuesday 14th October in the meeting room from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. I strongly encourage parents to consider attending this workshop for the benefit of their children’s education. The potential application of Google Docs in the classroom and home is extensive!

A parent Graduation meeting will be held in the Year 6/7 classroom on Tuesday 21st October at 3.05pm. The meeting will provide a forum for parents of students in Years 6 & 7 to have input towards the 2014 Graduation dinner.

Staff will participate in a Senior First Aid/CPR course tomorrow afternoon. This is a worthwhile exercise which consolidates our ability to care for your children’s needs, particularly during our swimming program.

Yours sincerely,

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

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**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

“Sometimes it is better to be kind than to be right. We do not need an intelligent mind that speaks, but a patient heart that listens!”

Anon
**October - Rosary Month**

October is a special month dedicated to Mary and to the recitation of the Rosary. The Rosary is a special prayer that helps us to see our human lives in the light of Christ. It is a prayer that can be prayed at any time, in any place, and is a wonderful family prayer. When praying the rosary, we refer to the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries.

**World Teachers’/School Officers’ Day**

Tomorrow St John’s staff will celebrate this special day in our school calendar. This day offers an opportunity to acknowledge our school staff and say thanks for making a difference educating and inspiring young Queenslanders.

**A Prayer for World Teachers’ Day**

Giver of all wisdom and greatest of all teachers, Look upon our teachers with love. Grant them the resolve to nurture our eager minds and to never give up on us who fall behind. Bless their hearts for they rejoice when we succeed and encourage us when we fail; and bless them with gentle patience for the path of learning is never easy. Kindle a spirit and passion in them; it is the flame that ignites the love of learning in us. Help them see the potential in each student. Their belief in us means much more than the grade we make. Instill in them a commitment to keep on learning. It shows us to not fear new knowledge and experiences. Inspire them to touch the future; They influence how big a dream we dream for ourselves. Bless our teachers who have come before. For their work endures to this day. Let the light of your example shine upon all teachers. To build up with their words; to love with their mind; to share with their heart. Amen

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**Kindy Corner**

Welcome back to Term 4 at Kindy. This is the last term for our students moving onto Prep next year. The children were excited to be back at Kindy and enjoyed sharing their holiday stories. Welcome to Ruben, Lily and Danni who have started Kindy this week.

Thank you to the families that bring in recycled items for Kindy craft. We have enough items for this term and would appreciate donations that can be used for our Christmas craft.

Families interested in enrolling their children at St. John’s School in 2015 are invited to attend the Open Morning at the School on Tuesday 21st 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.

Regards Robyn & Denise

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**Open Morning**

Our School and Kindy Open Morning will be held on Tuesday 21st October from 9am - 10.30am. Please spread the word in the community. Encourage parents and children that may be interested in exploring what we have to offer to attend.

**Term 4 Sport**

Students will have an opportunity to participate in a variety of sporting activities this term. The SMCSA Kanga Cricket Carnival for Years 4 - 7 will be held at the Silkwood Soccer Grounds next Friday 17th October. Our intensive swimming program will proceed in Weeks 7 and 8 (for all students) and be followed by the swimming carnival on Friday 28th November.

**Term 4 Fees**

- **Music** 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.
- **School & Kindy Fees** Kindy fees have been issued this week whilst this term’s school fees will be issued next week. This is a short term so please endeavor to settle your account by the due date.

**P & F meeting**

The next P & F meeting will be next Monday 13th October at 3.00pm in the school meeting room. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

**Pupil Free Day**

A reminder that there is a pupil free day on Monday 20th October. Teachers will be meeting in Innisfail whilst school officers will have a southern cluster professional development day, also in Innisfail.

**New Tuckshop Menu – Yummy!**

Fresh Fruit Salad & Salad Wraps have been added to the Tuckshop Menu! In order to provide your children with these menu items, we need your help by receiving orders by Tuesday. Also, please consider giving some of your time by helping out in the Tuckshop. Call Peta to make yourself available for the Term 4 roster.

**Year 4 - 7 Camp**

Years 4–7 will be camping along the outback Dinosaur Trail visiting Charters Towers, Richmond and Winton from Tuesday 28th October to Friday 31st October, a total of 4 days / 3 nights. Permission notes have been sent home last term. The cost of the camp is $190 /student and $75 /parent. All money will be required by Friday 24th October.

**FOR SALE**

Following the successful gaming machine grant to refurbish the parish/school hall we now have our school hall roller door for sale. It is 5m wide and 3.5m high with remote control access. It is cyclone rated. Enquires to Andrew or Vera on 4065 2193.
Students of the Week
Social Emotional Learning Awards
Confidence
Evina - Presenting a very descriptive ‘mystery’ show and tell.
Persistence
Jayden - Applying your best efforts to everything you do. Keep up the great work!
Getting Along
Pavel - Getting on well in small groups
Persistence
Ryan (Y3) - Displaying persistence in P.E. lessons.
Confidence
Nikita - An enthusiastic start to all areas of school life in term 4.

Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards
Quality Producer
Amy - Always producing quality work and striving to do her very best.

Quality Producer
Arvind - Working well in class and producing a high standard of work.
Community Contributor
Amelia - Always cooperating with fellow classmates in and out of the classroom.

READING AWARDS will only be presented at assembly for 50, 100, 150, 200 etc.
125 nights - Sanraj
150 nights - Kade, Talia
175 nights - Callum
225 nights - Deja
250 nights - Deja

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2nd - Jacob & Saskia
10th - Arvind

Mini Vinnies News
During the holidays St John’s Mini Vinnies presented the food donated for our Winter Appeal plus $100 in a food gift voucher to a local family. This family has a young son who has been diagnosed with a brain tumor and the family needs all the help they can get to support their son’s medical condition. Many thanks to all the families who donated items to our food hamper.

Term 4 activities will include a visit to the Tully Nursing home to present Christmas gifts.

Mrs DeBrincat, Mini Vinnies Team Coordinator

School & Kindy photos have arrived and were sent home today. Please advise if you did not receive your copy.