Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Lucy Wells to the position of Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education (APRE), commencing in 2014. Mrs Wells will replace Mrs Linda Gaia who will take leave again in 2014. Lucy is a very successful and experienced educator. Over the past nine years, Lucy has been the APRE at St Clare’s School, Tully. She has nineteen years experience in education as a classroom teacher and a strong commitment to Catholic education. I would like to acknowledge and thank most sincerely Mrs Sarah Payne for her dedication throughout this year as Acting APRE and the past four years as the Year 6/7 classroom teacher. Sarah has been an integral component of our quality 21st Century pedagogy at St John’s. The entire community wish Sarah the best in her future endeavours at St Josephs, Atherton.

Next Tuesday, St John’s School and Community Kindergarten Silkwood will conduct our combined Open Morning from 9.00am to 10:30am. Parents interested in enrolling their children will have the opportunity to attend the School and Kindy for the morning. A formal presentation for prospective school parents will provide a brief overview of our school and the prep curriculum. In addition, students in Years 1, 3 & 5 will transition to their respective 2014 classrooms for the morning session. The prospective prep children will be the future school leaders of St John’s in 2020! I am confident that the significant curriculum developments that are presently occurring on a regular basis will promote the children’s achievement of their educational potential at St John’s.

Next Monday, teachers will attend the 2013 Consistency of Teacher Judgement day at Good Counsel College in Innisfail. The day will provide teachers with the opportunity to network with other teachers from the Southern Deanery. The moderation process will promote conformity between teacher judgements across the Diocese and ensure that St John’s teachers continue to make accurate comparative judgements about their students’ level of achievement.

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

“Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens!”
Jimi Hendrix

Term 4 Week 2 – 17th October, 2013

DATES TO REMEMBER

21st October
♦ Pupil Free Day
♦ Playgroup 9.00 - 11am

22nd October
♦ Kindy & School Open Morning 9.00 - 10.30am
♦ Camp meeting 3.00pm
♦ P & F mtg 3.30pm

23rd October
♦ Music today
♦ Year 7 orientation day at GCC

23rd - 24th October
♦ Principals’ Conference

24th October
♦ Bookclub due

25th October
♦ World Teachers’ Day
♦ Music fees due

27th October
♦ Grandparents’ Day

28th October
♦ Playgroup 9.00 - 11am

29th October
♦ School fees due

1st November
♦ Kindy fees due

15th November
♦ Kanga Cricket Carnival

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

23/10/13 A Scarpignato & J Harvey
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.

School, Music & Kindy Fees
This week school, music and kindy fees have been issued for term 4.

Due dates for payment are:
Music fees - Friday 25th October
School Fees - Tuesday 29th October
Kindy fees - Friday 1st November.

Please endeavour to settle these accounts by the due date. If any parent is having difficulty with this, phone to arrange an appointment with Mr Maley. If you have a weekly/fortnightly direct debit, this will continuously progress towards paying your fees.

Year 4 - 7 camp meeting
A parent camp information meeting will be held on Tuesday, 22nd October at 3:00pm in the meeting room. Permission and medical forms were sent home this week to complete and return.

P & F meeting change of date
The P & F meeting will be next Tuesday 22nd October at 3.30pm following the camp meeting.

Geography
This term Prep/1 students have started learning Geography. We are exploring different maps and how they represent places around the world. We listened to the story of ‘Rosie’s Walk’ and mapped out the places she visited using symbols and numbers to show the direction she walked. Over the next couple of weeks, students will be investigating a range of different maps and will be making their own.

Miss Elise Harisson, Prep/One Teacher

Farewell
Tomorrow we farewell Locklan Ward in Year 1 and his Mum Kylie who are moving to Townsville. We wish them every success for the future, and hope they will come back and visit from time to time.

Congratulations.
Congratulations to Jody and Junior Tokorangi on the safe arrival of their son Artji. Artji is a baby brother for Tavake in Prep.

Working Bee
Thank you to parents and friends who attended last Friday’s working bee. The school grounds look clean and tidy and classroom windows look great!

Bookclub
Our first bookclub for this term has been issued and is due back on or before next Thursday 24th October.

Kindy Corner
The next Parent Committee meeting is on tomorrow at 8.45am at the Kindy. We will be discussing the Open Morning, end of year activities, working bee update and planning for the Term 4 Sausage Sizzle.

This term our combined Assembly is on in Week 4, Friday 1st November. The Assembly will be in the school library. The children have been learning two new songs with the Prep and Year 1 students. All families are welcome to attend this Assembly to support their children.

This Friday we farewell Locklan from Kindy as his family have moved from the area. We wish Locklan and his family all the best for the future. Cheers, Robyn & Denise.

Playgroup
Where: Catholic Community Kindergarten
Silkwood, Harold Street, Silkwood
When: Every Monday from 9am—11am, except during school holidays.
Bring morning tea & a hat for your child/ren.
Coffee and tea provided for parents & carers.
Cost: $2—per session.

For more information contact the Kindy on 40652193 or Teleisha

Happy Birthday boys!
Kelsey - Persisting and working tough to get your sentence writing done. Good work!

Confidence

TJ & Adam - Displaying confidence when adding large quantities of mixed coins.

Organisation

Alex - Doing wonderful history preparation for school camp.

Persistence

Matthew - Always displaying a determined attitude when completing set tasks.

Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards
Community Contributor

Locklan - Being a helpful and happy class member over the past two years. We will miss you!

Active Investigator

Jordan - Using home reading to discover very interesting facts.

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Amelia - Great work solving maths problems this week

Reading Awards

100 nights - Hannah 125 nights - Connor, Billy
175 nights - Nicholas F, Jared, Nicholas T 
150 nights - Kyle, Jarred, Adam
200 nights - Tegan, Lachlan E, Evan, Alex, Leanne, Matthew 225 nights - Gina
250 nights - Bethany, Lauren, Nikita

Black Duck Wisdom by Maggie Dent

7th Wisdom

We are all one and can enjoy harmony and abundance if we cooperate and share openly!

Ducks are quite content to share their world with other creatures. They don’t believe that it just belongs to them or that they are better than others. They simply share the world as it is. Humans sometimes create conflict and disharmony by claiming owners of some suburbs, cities, or even countries. The world belongs to all of us. By embracing diversity and seeking the similarities within others we will create less war, aggression and conflict.

Kurrimine Kappa will be held on Friday 25th October at the Progress Hall from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Enjoy fun, fellowship and food, and bring along a friend. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.