Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

The next few weeks appear to be very congested with a multitude of events. Significantly, the term four Principals’ Conference is being held this Wednesday and Thursday. Final preparations are being made for the Years 4 - 7 Camp, which will take place Tuesday 5th November to Friday 8th November.

St John's School and Community Kindergarten Silkwood held our combined Open Morning on Tuesday. Parents interested in enrolling their children had the opportunity to attend the school and kindergarten for the morning to experience our “One Stop Learning” at the kindy and school. In addition, students in Years 1, 3 & 5 transitioned to their 2014 classrooms for the morning session. I am grateful to the current parents who took time out of their busy lives to facilitate the parent session.

The SMCSA Kanga Cricket carnival will be held on Friday 15th November. Whilst the day is participation based, the students love the opportunity to compete against the other schools in what is, ultimately, a heap of fun.

This year our Intensive Swimming program will take place from the 11th November to 21st November. Parents are requested to please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled. The school swimming carnival will be held on Friday 22nd November.

Staff at St John’s contribute over and above the call of duty. Our school is a special place because we have specialised educational programs delivered by teachers, and facilitated by school officers that care not only about the achievement of educational outcomes, but also about the welfare of all students. Tomorrow we will celebrate World Teachers’ Day and School Officers’ Day......please take a moment to consider how fortunate we are to have our wonderful staff at St John’s.

Yours sincerely,

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

“Speak when you are angry, and you will make the best speech you'll ever regret!”

Lawrence J Peter
**What's Happening in Year 4/5**

**Curriculum**
There are a few things in education that go faster than Term 4, and when reading this our term is already 1/3 finished! For all students it’s the final preparation for the transition to the next year level. For teachers, it’s the commitment to the understanding of all standards required for the completion of a year. This sets the scene for a very busy and hectic agenda that includes learning, assessment, sport, school camp, swimming and the celebrations associated with the stories of Christmas. The Year 4/5 classroom is a hive of activity with story writing, Mathematics associated with money and budgeting, the study of Physics in both light and movement and the Australian History associated with Cooktown. How blessed and excited we all are to have the opportunity to have our school camp in this very town! Week 5 will take us back in time to a town that was once the second largest in Queensland, to a gold rush area where we will actually pan for gold in the Palmer River, and to the amazing life and survival skills of the Aboriginal people of HopeVale. Our term highlights the fact that learning is far more than a classroom experience and we are all thoroughly enjoying the incredible variety of educational experiences provided at the wonderful St John’s school!  

*Mrs Jenny Williamson*

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**Due Dates for School, Music & Kindy Fees**

- **Music fees** - Friday 25th October
- **School Fees** - Tuesday 29th October
- **Kindy fees** - Friday 1st November.

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**Year 7 Parent Graduation Meeting**
A graduation meeting for parents who have children in Year 7 will be held next Monday afternoon at 3.00pm in the Year 6/7 room.

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**CES Code of Conduct for Parent & Volunteers**
Find included in the newsletter this week, the CES Code of Conduct for all parents to read. The code of conduct applies to all parents, volunteers and visitors who interact within our schools and CES. As parents, volunteers and visitors there is an expectation of support for the Vision and Mission of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Cairns.

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**Day for Daniel**
Tomorrow is a very special day. St John’s will be celebrating “Day for Daniel” which is a reminder of teaching children to be aware of stranger danger. Day for Daniel is a National Day of Action that is growing annually, where schools, business and community groups across Australia deliver safety messages to our children and families. The curriculum is currently being introduced to all Queensland schools and aims to teach children about personal safety and awareness, including cyber safety and phone safety, by focusing on three key safety messages: Recognise, React and Report. This day will be marked by a free dress day where students can wear a red Tshirt, red shorts or red socks. A gold coin will be collected, with all monies going to the Morcombe foundation. Bruce and Denise Morcombe, ambassadors for Qld Child Safety, visited St John’s School earlier this year delivering their message to students.

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**Kanga Cricket Raffle Tickets**
The SMCSA Kanga Cricket carnival will be held on Friday 15th November at the Silkwood Soccer Grounds. A book of 5 raffle tickets has been sent home for each family to sell. Tickets are $1 each. The raffle will be drawn at the carnival, with $50 vouchers as prizes. Monies raised go to the SMCSA.

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**Kindy Corner**
The response to the Open Morning on Tuesday was very positive and we thank the Kindy families for their support on the day. Thank you also to the families who have completed Working Bee jobs this term. At the Committee meeting last week it was decided to have the final Sausage Sizzle for the Kindy/School children in Week 8, Friday 29th November.

Next Friday families are invited to the Combined Assembly in the school library to support their children. This will be the final combined assembly for the year. **Break up day will be on Tuesday 3rd December** in the school undercover area. All families with children in Playgroup, Kindy, Prep and Year 1 are invited to attend.

*Cheers, Robyn & Denise.*
Social Emotional Learning Awards

Emotional Resilience
Buster - Bouncing back quickly when you find activities tricky. Good work!

Getting Along
Dimi - Being helpful in class during open morning.

Organisation
Olympia - Spending time to have an accurately completed maths homework sheet.

Persistence
Lachlan - Always trying to achieve high standards.

Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards
Active Investigator
Deja - Fantastic investigations of sound and vibrations during Science

Designer & Creator
Lyanna - Writing a very creative monster poem.

Active Investigator
Bryce - Staying focused and working tough in story writing.

Quality Producer
Bradley - A super effort in cartoon writing this week.

Reading Awards
100 nights - Braith, Simon
175 nights - Arvind, Jacob

World Mission Month 2013
World Mission Month is celebrated every year in every country wherever there are Catholics committed to building a better world for all of God's people, a world where everyone has all they need to live a dignified and fulfilling life. It is the day on which we reflect on the urgency to proclaim the Gospel in our times.

Catholic Mission around the world has the responsibility of promoting a dignified and fruitful celebration of World Mission Month.


Black Duck Wisdom by Maggie Dent

8th Wisdom
Learn to understand the difference between physical and emotional needs. Don’t feed the wrong one!

Ducks eat when they are hungry and drink when they are thirsty. They respond to their body’s needs. There is no such thing as a fat or obese duck.

Humans often mistake the real needs of their body. That means that sometimes they eat when they are sad, bored, lonely or angry. These are emotional needs and not physical ones. There are many fat and obese people in our world who may be doing this.

For Sale
Drum Set to suit beginner. $50 or nearest offer. Phone Christina 0407 646 464