Dear Parents/Guardians, Staff & Students,

St John’s Parents and Friends met last Monday for a very productive final meeting of the year. On behalf of St John’s School, I would like to thank the 2014 P & F executive committee:
- President - Mrs. Julie Elliott
- Vice President - Mrs. Sandra Andrijevic
- Treasurer - Mrs. Nicole Hogan
- Secretary - Ms. Odette Anning
- Uniform Coordinator - Mrs. Michelle Giarraffa
- Tuckshop Convenor - Ms. Peta Bromilow
- Book Club Coordinator - Mrs. Robyn Taifalos

for their outstanding commitment to St John’s.

I noted the following comment in the Courier Mail recently; “Wrapping kids in cotton wool is creating a generation of ‘psychologically fragile’ children, according to a national child safety organisation”. Further, child psychologist, Michael Carr-Gregg states in Vol 14 of Education Today; “For too long our students have found the easy way out by giving up or getting mum to ring up and complain to the school because of a poor exam result; or our students have expected their teachers to do the thinking for them because it was too hard or they felt they couldn’t try. Psychologists have even coined a phrase for this: ‘self-worth protection’ where students are saying they can’t do things even before they try”. I am pleased to state that our SEL initiatives facilitate our students developing the skills of emotional resilience, perseverance, confidence, persistence and organisation.

Mini Vinnies have proposed a Tully Nursing Home visit on Wednesday 3rd December. Mrs De Brincat is planning for Years 4-7 students to attend. Students will also visit the Tully Men’s Shed and the QCWA Hall if plans fall into place.

Please consider attending the Parish/School Mass this Saturday evening at 6pm. Students and staff have been busy preparing to make this a special Eucharistic celebration. On another note, I am looking forward to the end of year P & F dinner next Friday 21st November at St John’s. Please consider joining us to celebrate the many achievements of our very hard working parents and friends.

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

“Children represent our future. Encourage, support and guide them!”  Catherine Pulsifer

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

DATES TO REMEMBER

15th November
- Combined Parish/ School Mass 6pm at Silkwood

17th - 27th November
- Intensive swimming

21st November
- Hot dog day
- P & F Pizza night

28th November
- St. John’s Interhouse swimming carnival

30th November
- First Sunday of Advent

2nd December
- Prep/1/Kindy/ Playgroup break-up
- Year 6 & 7 Graduation
- P & F book rewards
- Report cards home

3rd December
- Mini Vinnies excursion

4th December
- Presentation night

5th December
- End of Year Mass
- 11am
- School concludes at 12noon

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

20/11/14  P Bromilow & C Trevor

FOR SALE

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.
St John’s Combined School and Parish Mass

The students will participate in a School/Parish Mass this Saturday 15th November at 6.00pm. Please make an effort to come along and support our students.

Year 6/7 Graduation

As the end of the school year draws to a close the focus draws to the graduating class of 2014. Graduation night has been set for Tuesday 2nd December. To assist with decorations and the purchase of the graduation cake, parents of all graduating students have been asked to contribute $10 per family. It would be appreciated this cost could be finalised by tomorrow, Friday 14th November as per previous correspondence sent out.

Kindy Sausage Sizzle next Friday

Next Friday 21st November, the Kindergarten will be hosting a Hot Dog for school and kindergarten children.

Cost: $4.50 meal deal - hot dog in a bun and a fruit juice popper.

Orders to be written on a brown paper bag (correct change is appreciated) and returned to the office.

Mini Vinnies News

Yesterday we had our last general meeting for 2014 and items discussed included this year’s Christmas Appeal and the visit to Tully Nursing Home for students from Years 4 to 7.

This year our food hampers will be collected by a representative from SVDP Tully as Silkwood comes under Tully’s area. The visit to the Tully Nursing Home has been confirmed for Wednesday 3rd December, which will incorporate a visit to the Tully Men’s Shed and QCWA. Students will be performing for residents of the home. All costs for the visit will be covered by fundraising monies raised throughout the year.

Mrs DeBrincat, Mini Vinnies Coordinator

The special feeling of Christmas has arrived at Kindy. On Tuesday (with help from the children) we put up the Christmas tree and started to decorate it. It was exciting to see the tree in the room and as the children make more decorations they will hang them on the branches.

Balloon painting has been very popular in the painting area, with the children using the inflated balloons to add a splash of colour to their paintings. This has provided a different textural and visual experience for the children.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help with working bee jobs, it is such a support to the staff and children. The children love having parents stay for some extra time during the mornings.

A reminder that next Friday is the Combined Assembly and Hot Dog day. Please see Teleisha if you are able to help out on the day or with donations towards this fundraiser.

Regards Robyn & Denise

Quote: “My favourite toy is definitely a balancing bird because it can balance on you and anywhere else. They come in all different colours like blue, red and yellow. You can also decorate them. The balancing bird is the most creative and incredible bird in the world. Therefore the balancing bird is absolutely the best toy and you have to have it.”

Written by Saskia.

Quote: “My favourite toy is Mobilo because you can put it together. Everyone should play with Mobilo because it is so much fun. You can pull it apart and you can make more things. I can play Mobilo with my friends.”

Written by Rose

Quote: “We must not have an ice cream party because it is not really healthy. It is not good food and it cannot help you do your school work. Ice cream can make you unhealthy and rot your teeth. This is why we should absolutely not have an ice cream party.”

Written by Hannah

Quote: “My favourite toy is cars because some cars are Hot Wheels. Hot Wheels are definitely the best cars to see. Some Hot Wheels cars can go very fast.”

Written by Jayden.

Miss Caitlin O’Meara, Prep/One teacher

2015 School Book packs

For many years now, St John’s School has sold “Book Packs” to families at the commencement of each year to ensure students have correct standardised materials and also, to save parents the added burden of shopping for “back to school” items. St John’s staff prefer all students have the correct and same equipment required to start a new school year. The “Back to School Book Pack” incorporates a variety of items purchased at a bulk price including: pens, pencils, colours, glue, exercise books, R.E.A.D. It diaries, display books, scrap books, art products etc. specific to each class group. Teachers are currently working on next year’s bookpack orders.

Book packs will be distributed to all students on the first day of school, whilst the cost of each book pack will be added to the Term 1 school fees.
**Social Emotional Learning Awards**

**Confidence**
Rose - Reading confidently and always applying your strategies.

**Getting Along**
Billy - Accurately completing maths tasks.

**Persistence**
Nicholas T - Improved application to class work.

Matthew - A tremendous effort with all writing tasks this week.

**Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards**

**Quality Producer**
Saskia - For your fantastic language used within your persuasive writing.

**Active Investigator**
Tegan - Working well investigating distance and directions in maths.

**Effective communicator**
Leanne - Always being keen to share ideas with the class.

**Community Contributor**
Zane - Displaying excellent cooperation skills in group learning this week.

**Reading Awards** will only be presented at assembly for 50, 100, 150, 200 etc.

- Montanah: 25 nights
- Hannah, Ryan: 125 nights
- Rose: 150 nights
- Talia, Kade: 175 nights
- Callum, Dimi: 200 nights
- Dylan: 225 nights

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**St John’s School**

St. John’s School is a Christian and specifically Catholic primary school community where people support each other in promoting values, knowledge, skills and attitudes which contribute to the total development of each learner. Our purpose is to provide an educational climate that allows students to learn together to achieve their personal best in a united, caring and Christ-centred environment.

You don’t have to be Catholic to send your children to St John’s School

Call: 4065 2193 for more details

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**St John’s Parents and Friends welcome you all to the end of year P & F Pizza Party!**

**When:** Friday 21st November at 6.30pm

**Where:** St John’s School Silkwood

**What to do:** Place your order before the 18th November.

**RSVP:** All orders and money to be returned to the office by Tuesday 18th November

BYO drinks and a dessert to share.

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