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Yours sincerely,

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

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

17th - 27th November
- Intensive swimming

21st November
- Combined Kindy/Prep/1 assembly
- Hot dog day
- P & F Pizza night

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

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
- Uniform shop open 8.30am - 11.00am
- End of Year Mass 11am
- School concludes at 12noon

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

27/11/14  P Bromilow & J Harvey

No Tuckshop on Thursday 4th December

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

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—I am grateful for nights that turn into mornings, friends that turn into family, and dreams that turn into reality!—Anon

Term 4 Week 7 – 20th November, 2014
During the first week in December the Church enters into Advent. This begins four weeks leading up to Christmas.

Advent is a time of waiting - waiting for Jesus to come. We can sit back and wait, doing nothing, or we can wait in great excitement and anticipation because God’s love comes to us in Jesus.

Part of being prepared is making sure everything and everyone is ready. As we ready ourselves let us take a moment to prepare our hearts for Jesus by asking God to forgive us for those times when we have been selfish or hurtful to others, to ourselves or to God.

Lord Jesus, you come to us as a tiny baby to bring God’s love.
Christ Jesus, you grew into a man who showed us how to love God.
Lord Jesus, you help us every day to love others more.
May God forgive us when we sin and hold us close in loving mercy.

We are deeply loved by God; God is thankful for us; God is coming to us in Jesus – and Christmas is when we especially remember that.

⇒ Advent is a time of waiting for Jesus to come. It is an exciting time. We are filled with anticipation and we prepare for God coming near to us in a special way.
⇒ When we have a party, we prepare by sending out invitations, preparing games and food and songs so that when the party happens everyone has a wonderful time.
⇒ We prepare for Jesus coming at Christmas during Advent. It is a time when we prepare our hearts, by looking inside ourselves and working out how to be the best version of ourselves that we can be.
⇒ During Advent, we often give more of ourselves to others. We reach out as a reminder that God reaches out to us in Jesus. So, we might give money or things to those who don’t have as much as we do, or we might take extra special care of those we know and love, or we might simply try to be a better friend.
⇒ Preparing can be as exciting as the actual event we are preparing for, if we really get into the spirit of it.
⇒ While we reflect on God being near us, let us take a moment to think about how we can get ready for Jesus’ birthday.

God of hope, fill us with hope and anticipation as we wait to celebrate the birth of Jesus and remember that in him you come close to us and invite us to be your family.

Mrs Lucy Wells, APRE

On behalf of St John’s School P & F Association, I would like to thank the 2014, P & F Executive Committee:
♦ Vice President – Sandra Andrijevic,
♦ Treasurer – Nicole Hogan,
♦ Secretary – Odette Anning,
♦ Tuckshop Convenor & Fundraising Coordinator – Peta Bromilow,
♦ Uniforms Convenor – Michelle Giarraffa,
♦ Book Club Coordinator – Robyn Taifalos,
♦ Grants Officer - Renate Habermann

for their outstanding commitment to St John’s. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our current executive, and invite parents that are interested in playing a greater role at St John’s to contact anyone of the above for knowledge and advice in preparation for 2015.

In the interest of continuity, all current executive committee members have kindly offered to make themselves available to new and prospective committee members to provide support and advice on the positions. We particularly need parents to step up and take their turn at organizing our major fundraisers i.e. 3 Saints BBQ and Cent Sale (or an equally successful alternative). Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss any of these opportunities. Many thanks.

Julie Elliott, P & F President. Phone: 0417 492 644

Kindy Hot Dog Day
Tomorrow - Friday 21st November
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.

Enrolment Interviews
New enrolments are currently being processed. Parents will be contacted shortly to arrange an enrolment interview with the Principal.

Library Books/Home Readers Return
Families are reminded to return all library books next week for shelving and all home readers so an end of year stocktake can be done.

Uniform Shop Dates
The Uniform shop will be open for purchases for the 2015 school year on the following dates/times:
✓ Friday 5th December 2014, 8.30am - 11.00am
✓ Friday 23rd January 2015, 9.00am - 12 noon
✓ Tuesday 27th January 2015, 8.00am - 9.00am
If these dates are not convenient, please phone Michelle on 0439 952 344 to make a mutually suitable alternative appointment.

Christmas Hamper
Keep your donations of non perishable goods coming for our Christmas Hamper. Items are required before Thursday 4th December.
**St John’s School Enrolling for 2015**

Our purpose is to provide an engaging, educational climate that allows students to learn together to achieve their personal best in a united, caring and Christ-centred environment.

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**Students of the Week**

**Social Emotional Learning Awards**

**Confidence**

**Georgia** - Confidently applying your reading strategies when tackling challenging words.

**Persistence**

**Kade** - Consistently working independently on all set tasks.

**Kyle** - Displaying improvement in mental maths.

**Confidence**

**Wavey** - Reading with clarity and confidence in guided reading.

**Confidence**

**Lachlan H** - A super effort with your 97% accurate term 4 maths test. Well done!

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**Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards**

**Quality Producer**

**Bryce** - Excellent results in your maths assessment

**Designer & Creator**

**Alex** - Working diligently on your science presentation

**Community Contributor**

**Bethany** - An enthusiastic approach to getting all tasks completed for graduation.

**Reading Awards** will only be presented at assembly for

- **100 nights** - Braith
- **125 nights** - Kelsey Jared
- **150 nights** - Georgia, Sanraj, Kyle
- **175 nights** - Jared, Tegan, Jye, Amy, Owen, Arvind, Gina, Kent
- **200 nights** - Tegan, Jye, Alex, Amy, Arvind
- **225 nights** - Lachlan E Alex
- **250 nights** - Leanne
- **275 nights** - Leanne
- **300 nights** - Lauren

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**Rhee Taekwondo**

**Fitness** - Self Defence-Australia-New Zealand

**SiLkwood State School**

**JapoOn roaD SiLKwood**

**Trialing Wednesdays: 6:00pm - 7:30pm**

**Comming Wednesdays 26th of November**

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**For more information Phone:** 0458505818, 0455273907

**Instructors have more than 32 years experience**

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All can be taught the dynamic techniques of **Rhee Taekwondo**

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**Want to do something this Christmas holiday?**

Make a Book with Jacque Duffy, author and illustrator of ‘The Bear Said Please’ and the ‘That’s not a… series.

- Make a Book - high-school students
- Make a book - primary school students
- Prep + Mum drawing group
- Materials supplied
- One morning a week (2hr) four weeks
- Morning tea provided
- Adult art group (BYO materials)

**For enquiries:**

Phone Jacque
40653364
Before
December 1st.
limited spaces.