Dear Parents/Guardians, Staff & Students,

A huge thank you to the many families that attended the P&F pizza night last Friday evening. I congratulate the 2014 P&F executive and regular members for their contribution to St John’s throughout another very busy year. Their contribution to our school extends far beyond fundraising and should be acknowledged by all for their enduring commitment as a reference body for parents.

Our Year 6 & 7 students will celebrate their Graduation on Tuesday night at the Kurrimine Beach Motel with family and staff. I am impressed with the effort the senior students have made in their capacity as school leaders during 2014. Again, I am reminded of that something special that our small school has to offer the wider community.

Sadly the Formosa, Frumento, Bradshaw, Bishop, Camilleri, Hogg and Taifalos families will depart St. John’s this year. I acknowledge all families for their active association with our school.

The Presentation Night promises to be a spectacular event to conclude the school year. Student awards will be presented to culminate the very successful teaching and learning that has occurred in 2014. Students will be acknowledged for a variety of achievements including: Academic Achievement, Academic Improvement, Sportsmanship and the Three Saints’ Citizenship Award. The night will commence at 6:00pm next Thursday incorporating presentations and speeches. The evening will conclude with Christmas Carols and a special visitor from the North Pole. Parents are requested to bring a plate for supper to share with everyone following the presentations.

As we transition to 2015, Mrs Helen Andrews has been seconded to a Southern Deanery inclusive education teacher position. Whilst we congratulate Helen and acknowledge her advanced specialist knowledge in all things learning support, all is not lost, as Mrs Robyn Parisi will take over the reigns. Mrs Parisi will liaise with Mrs Andrews to maintain current learning support initiatives and programs.

Next Friday we will celebrate the final day of the school year with a Mass at 11.00am. I invite everyone from the community to join us in celebrating the end of the 2014 school year and acknowledge our Years 6 & 7 graduating students. Parents are requested to please make arrangements for students to travel home after the Mass to free staff to make arrangements for 2015 and conduct transition meetings.

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

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

To those of you who received honours, awards and distinctions, I say well done. And to the ‘C’ students, I say you too may one day be president of the United States!” George W Bush.

Term 4 Week 8 – 27th November, 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER

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
2015
23rd January (Friday)
◆ Uniform shop open
9.00am - 12.00am
27th January
◆ School resumes
◆ Uniform shop open
8.00am - 9.00am

No Tuckshop on Thursday 4th December
**Calendar of Events**

**Friday 28th November**
Our school Interhouse carnival will be held tomorrow at the Kurrimine Beach Caravan Park. Parents are reminded to apply sunscreen to children before they leave home. If you are transporting your child directly to the pool, please note that your child will require supervision until teachers arrive at around 9:00am. If your child requires to be transported by bus, the first bus will be leaving school at 8.35am then return to school to collect more students if required. Thank you to Tracey & Corey who are kindly donating a sausage sizzle for the students at lunchtime. Parents are welcome to come and cheer on their children and help be part of the events.

**Tuesday 2nd December**
- Prep/1/Kindy/Playgroup break-up 9.00am - 11.15am in the school undercover area.
- Reading rewards will be finalised and the P & F will be distributing prizes to the students to acknowledge their homework home reading.
- School Reports will be sent home.
- Year 6 & 7 Graduation will be held at the Kurrimine Beach motel at 6.00pm. Cost will be $20 per person to be paid on the night.

**Wednesday 3rd December**
- Mini Vinnies Excursion. Year 4 - 7 will be travelling to Tully to visit the Tully Nursing Home, Tully Mens’ Shed and Tully QCWA Hall.

**Thursday 4th December**
- Presentation Night at the Undercover area commencing 6:00pm. Children are required to begin arriving around 5.30pm. Parents are requested to please bring a plate to share for supper.
- Kindy Pupil Free Day

**Friday 5th December**
- Kindy Pupil Free Day
- Uniform shop will be open from 8.30am to 11.00am for uniform purchases
- Mass 11.00am. Please join us in celebrating the end of the 2014 school year and acknowledge our Year Six & Seven graduating students. This is a special time for our community as we give thanks for the year that has been.
- 12.00noon. School has ended. Parents are invited to come and collect their children.

Parents are requested to please make arrangements for **students to be collected at or before midday** to avail staff to make arrangements for 2015 and conduct **transition meetings**. Teachers will return to school early next year (Tuesday 20th January) to participate in several days of professional development whilst students are on holidays.

- **P&F Thank you!**
  Thank you to all who attended our Pizza Night last Friday – it was “marvelous” to see the electric cricketers perform, despite the 48 or so pizzas being consumed at the same time! It was a relaxed and enjoyable night with plenty of time to catch up with old and new friends. Special thanks to Mrs. Andrijevic for co-coordinating the orders and to Mr. Maley and Mr. Russell for organizing the games and giving so generously of their sporting and refereeing experience and skills – much appreciated!

- **Volunteer Position - Tuckshop Convenor**
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  Julie Elliott, P & F President

- **Premier’s Reading Challenge**
  Congratulations to all students who completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year. Certificates will be presented to the students next Tuesday 2nd December at 11.15am. Parents are welcome.

- **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.

- **Christmas Hamper**
  Please remember to keep bringing in donations of non perishable items for our food hampers which will be donated to Tully SVDP at our school Mass on Friday 5th December 2014. Thank you for all donations so far.

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**Kindy Corner**

We would like to thank all the Kindy families for their generosity and ongoing involvement throughout this year. The Parent Committee executive Gabbie, Terrie, Teleisha and Lisa-Maree have made an outstanding contribution to the Kindy this year through fundraising and support to the staff. The final Kindy day for 2014 will be Tuesday 2nd December. An invitation was sent home last week to Playgroup, Kindy, Prep and Year 1 families to attend the Break-up and Christmas party on Tuesday from 9.00am -11.15am.

In 2014 we have had a rewarding year with the Kindy students. They are a very close group who embrace learning and life. We would like to wish Brayden, Isaac, Kodi, Julian, Amalie, Danni, Darcy, Ella, Jakiah, Lila, Mia, Montana, Ruben, Skye and Stevie a smooth transition to Prep as they continue on their learning journey.

On Tuesday 27th January 2015 we welcome back to Kindy Laylah, Aishman, Lily, Sunny and Charlie and the other children who will join them. Have a wonderful holiday with your families and enjoy this special time of year.

Regards Robyn & Denise

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**Swimming**

**MacKillop Francis**

**Friday 26th November**

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**Playgroup**

**at St. John’s**

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**Breakup Party**

To St. John’s Year 1, Prep, Kindergarten and Playgroup parents/carers & students.

Where: St. John’s School Undercover Sports Complex

When: Tuesday 2nd December 2014

Time: 9.00am – 11.15am

What to bring

- Plate of munchies to share for Morning Tea
- Spare clothes, hat and water bottle.
- A wrapped book (to the value of $15) CLEARLY marked with your child’s first and last names. Please bring the book in BEFORE the day and pass on to your child’s teacher.

If you bring other children on the day, you are welcome to include a wrapped book for them also.

From Caitlin, Jan, Robyn, Denise and Teleisha

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**Playgroup children** enjoyed making (and eating) cupcakes at St. John’s last week.