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Kindy to
Year 6

Term 2 - Week 1 Bulletin

DATES TO REMEMBER

24th April

- ◆ ANZAC Day Ceremony at St John's 10.00am

25th April

- ◆ ANZAC Day assemble at King Reef Resort at 9.30am
- ◆ Kindy sausage sizzle at King Reef following the ANZAC parade

1st May

- ◆ SMCSA Cross Country

3rd May

- ◆ Feast of the 3 Saints

4th May

- ◆ Pupil Free Day

6th May

- ◆ Book club due

12th - 14th May

- ◆ NAPLAN assessment

15th May

- ◆ NAPLAN catchup day

18th - 23rd May

- ◆ Book Fair

St John's School
mobile
0418 888 672

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

30/04/15	P Bromilow & K Casey
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"Good things come to those who believe, Better things come to those who are patient and the best things come to those who don't give up!" Anon

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of Term 2. I trust parents and students enjoyed their time together and are now ready to get back into the swing of things. I remind all families to continue to work in partnership with St John's and ensure you develop a strong professional relationship with your child's teacher.

ANZAC DAY

I encourage all families to participate in the Kurrimine Beach ANZAC Day commemorations this Saturday. The march will begin at the King Reef Resort at 9:40am and conclude at the Kurrimine Beach Cenotaph at 10:00am. Students are required to wear their school uniform (pin stripe) and school hat. We will also commemorate Anzac Day with a liturgy at school on Friday 24th April at 10:00am in the Parish Hall. All families are welcome to attend this event. Guest speaker will be Major Ian Reid who is the Executive Officer - Second in Command, 31st/42nd Battalion, The Royal Queensland Regiment, Passchendaele Lines, Lavarack Barracks, Townsville.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

During the Easter Break we received the sad news that Carmel Parisi had been admitted to the Townsville Mater Hospital following the discovery of a malignant mass in her chest. Carmel has since been diagnosed with 'stage two mediastinal b cell lymphoma' and commenced her first round of chemotherapy treatment on Monday (20th April). Carmel's medical team have advised her that her treatment plan has a high success rate. We ask all members of our community to keep Carmel and her family in their thoughts and prayers.

PARISH PRIEST

I am delighted to inform our school community that Fr Tony Lumukso has returned as our Parish Priest and Administrator. Fr Tony will divide his time between Silkwood and Redlynch where he remains the Chaplain for St Andrew's College. Fr Tony will spend Thursday to Sunday at Silkwood. We are very pleased to have Fr Tony back in Silkwood; please make him feel welcome.

NAPLAN 2015

I remind all parents once again that the National Testing program will occur for students in Years 3 & 5 on the 12th, 13th and 14th May. This is Week 4 of the term. All students in these year levels are required to complete this assessment. In genuine cases of absence, Friday 15th May is used as a make-up day. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. NAPLAN tests provide very valuable information, but there are no consequences for individual students for poor or good performance.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

ON A FINAL NOTE.....

As you are aware we are gearing up for our major fundraiser for the year. We still require many parent helpers to assist us at the 3 Saints event. I urge families to support the P&F and offer your time to assist with our BBQ stall on the 3rd May.

Yours sincerely, *Scott Whitters* Acting Principal



On the morning of 25 April 1915, Australian and New Zealand troops landed under fire in Gallipoli. It was then and in the battles which followed that the ANZAC tradition was formed.

On this day, above all days, we remember all those who served our nation in times of war.

We remember with pride their courage, their compassion and their comradeship. We remember what they accomplished for Australia and indeed for the freedom of mankind.

We honour those who died or were disabled in the tragedy of war. They adorn our nation's history.

We remember those who suffered as prisoners of war and those who died in captivity.

We remember staunch friends and allies, especially those who fought alongside us on that first day on Gallipoli in 1915.

Our servicemen and women have left us a splendid heritage. May we and our successors prove worthy of their sacrifice.

Ode

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them.



Feast of the Three Saints

Preparations are well underway for the catering of this event. The P & F will be cooking steak, sausages, pasta and chips as well as selling drinks from the tuckshop. If you have not yet made a commitment to help next weekend, please complete the roster sent home in previous correspondence and return to school ASAP. At this stage the most help is required in the 5.00pm - 8.00pm shift. All raffle tickets must be returned by next Thursday (sold or unsold), so they can be included or sold next weekend. All friends and family are encouraged to attend the 65th Feast next weekend and enjoy the wonderful food, music and culture on offer.

There will be a working bee in the Tuckshop next Tuesday morning at 9.00am to prepare for next weekend. Please phone Angelique on 0417 707 327 if you can lend a hand.

Pupil Free Day

Parents are reminded that **Monday 4th May** is a **PUPIL FREE DAY**. Teachers and ancillary staff will be reinstating the school following the **Feast of the Three Saints**.



April

★HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!★

5th - Adam A
18th - Amy
21st - Lucian
25th - Gina
27th - Deja
27th - Jackiah

Kindy Corner

The Kindergarten will be holding a **Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall** on **ANZAC Day, Saturday 25th April** at the **King Reef Resort**. We are asking for volunteers to help on the day with preparing and selling or baking sweets. Kindy families are encouraged to attend the ANZAC ceremony at Kurrimine Beach gathering at 9.30am at the King Reef Resort and then stay on to assist with the stall following the ceremony. Children can wear their Kindy shirts to this community event.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Congratulations and thank you to all our students and staff who participated in our Easter Bonnet celebrations at the end of Term 1. The lucky winner of our "Guess the Easter Egg Jar" was Liam with 181 eggs. We raised \$60.00 after expenses which will be donated to Caritas. Thank you to all the students who participated in our Easter Colouring Competition. The winning entrants were **Prep: Lila, Year 1/2: Evina, Year 3/4: Adam N, and Year 5/6: Leanne**. A special thank you goes to our guest Easter Bunny for coming and joining in with our celebrations.

Mrs DeBrincat (Team Coordinator)



SMCSA Cross Country Carnival

The annual **SMCSA Cross Country Carnival** will be held **next Friday 1st May** at the Silkwood Soccer grounds. Selected children have been sent home permission notes to walk to and from this event, as well as tuckshop forms. These forms must be returned by next **Tuesday 28th April**. Congratulations and good luck to all competitors.

Book club

Our first bookclub for term 2 has been sent home. Orders must be returned by **Wednesday 6th May**.