Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

As the term draws to a close I would like to thank our families for the support you have shown to both myself and the staff at St John’s throughout the term. I asked all families at the beginning of the year to ‘buy in’ and work in partnership with us and I have certainly seen this in action. I must praise those families who have brought concerns directly to me or staff and not become involved in carpark gossip. I believe we are tracking well and that our students have laid strong foundations from which to build over the coming three terms.

Term Two is traditionally very busy with many interruptions and events that require parent support. I trust all our families will continue to support the staff and St John’s as we strive towards reaching new heights.

Thank you to all families and friends who supported our Cross Country event last week. This was a wonderful chance to celebrate the importance of physical activity and congratulate those with exceptional running stamina. I was most pleased with the support our students showed each other and the way our students and families conducted themselves. I am now looking forward to the Athletics Carnival in Term Three.

I would like to wish all families a safe and holy Easter holiday and I pray that you get plenty of quality family time. I would like to share this prayer with you all as we journey even closer to Easter:

Merciful and everliving God, Creator of Heaven and Earth, the crucified body of your Son was laid in the tomb and rested on Easter Saturday. Grant that we may await with him the dawning of the third day and rise in newness of life, through Jesus our Redeemer. Amen

Yours sincerely,
Scott Whitters
Acting Principal

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

“Try to be a rainbow in someone’s cloud!”  Maya Angelou

DATES TO REMEMBER

2nd April
♦ Holy Thursday
♦ Easter Bonnet Parade at assembly (School & Kindy combined)

3rd April
♦ Good Friday

20th April
♦ Commence Term 2

21st April
♦ Kindy recommences

24th April
♦ ANZAC Day Ceremony at St John’s 10.00am

25th April
♦ ANZAC Day
♦ 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

12th - 14th May
♦ NAPLAN assessment

15th May
♦ NAPLAN catchup day

18th - 23rd May
♦ Book Fair

HOLY THURSDAY, 2 APRIL
Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7pm Tully
Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7pm Silkwood

GOOD FRIDAY, 3 APRIL
Stations of the Cross, 10am Tully
Stations of the Cross, 10am Mission Beach
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion, 3pm Tully
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion, 3pm Silkwood
Liturgy of the Word, 3pm Mission Beach
Liturgy of the Word, 3pm Cardwell

EASTER SATURDAY VIGIL, 4 APRIL
Liturgy of the Light and Mass, 6pm Silkwood
Liturgy of the Light and Mass, 7pm Tully

EASTER SUNDAY 5 APRIL
Mass, 7am Mission Beach
Mass, 9.30am Cardwell
Interhouse Cross Country Age Champions
Congratulations to the following students who competed with merit at last Friday’s cross country carnival. Francis won the points trophy while Mackillop took home the War Cry trophy.

Girls
- 5 years: Ella
- 6 years: Stevie
- 7 years: Evina
- 8 years: Hannah
- 9 years: Wavey
- 10 years: Dimi
- 11 years: Leanne
- 12 years: Liam

Boys
- 5 years: Kade
- 6 years: Jackiah
- 7 years: Ryan
- 8 years: Pavel
- 9 years: Arvind

Panama Tropical Race 4

“Biosecurity Queensland is investigating a case of Panama disease (tropical race 4) in Tully. There are four (4) races of Panama disease, with the tropical race 4 strain posing the most serious threat to the commercial banana industry. Panama disease causes yellowing and dying of banana leaves. Plants affected by Panama disease may appear wilted with a skirt of dead leaves. Panama disease, including the tropical race 4 strain, is easily spread by the movement of infected planting material. The disease can also be spread by soil and water. Anything that moves soil, such as contaminated machinery and equipment, vehicles, shoes, can carry the disease.

With the school holidays quickly approaching, Biosecurity Queensland is asking parents to remind their children not to play on, or enter banana farms without permission from the property owner. It’s important the local community supports banana farmers by respecting their on-farm biosecurity measures.

Biosecurity Queensland is issuing regular situation updates about the Panama investigation and is encouraging members of the community to register to receive these updates straight to their inbox. You can register for these updates by registering for ‘banana’ alerts under the ‘subscribe to news’ link at the bottom of www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au, and then clicking on ‘subscribe to newsletters’. Or call 13 25 23 to subscribe. For more information about Panama disease, visit www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au or call 13 25 23. To keep up-to-date with the investigation in real-time, follow Biosecurity Queensland on Facebook and Twitter (@BiosecurityQld).”