Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the teachers for their efforts in preparing and presenting their classroom curriculum to parents at the parent information sessions. I am encouraged by the terrific parent attendance to these informative sessions. We are truly blessed to have such an experienced and dedicated staff to enhance your children’s learning at St John’s in an engaging environment.

At St John’s we very much value the partnership that exists between families and the school and respect that parents are indeed the first and most important educators of their children. We will, therefore, strive to continue improving our partnership between school and home to maximise the social, emotional, academic, physical and spiritual development of all students.

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The P&F AGM meeting will be held next Tuesday 11th February at 3:00pm in the meeting room. The AGM will be followed by the P & F ordinary meeting. Families are encouraged to please give some consideration to becoming an active member of your P & F Association.

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

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School Leaders & Meet & Greet
A reminder that tomorrow’s school assembly will involve our school leaders presenting their speeches for election of School & Vice Captain and Sports House Captains.
An open invitation to all parents and friends to attend the St John’s P & F sponsored MEET and GREET morning tea at the tuckshop following the assembly tomorrow morning.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop is operated by Parents and Friends and will be opening every Friday from 8:00am to 8:35am for any uniform requirements.

Music Lessons
Cameron will be here tomorrow to take students for their first music lessons. He will advise his set day shortly. Accounts will be issued tomorrow for those who have taken up this option.

Bookclub
Our first issue of the Scholastic bookclub will be sent home tomorrow. Thank you to Mrs Robyn Taifalos who has again taken on the responsibilities of managing our bookclub.

School Fees
School fees and kindy fees have been issued today. Students will bring invoices home with them. Families have the option to pay their fees in weekly, fortnightly, monthly direct debit payments. If you would prefer this method of payment, please see Vera to complete the relevant paperwork. School fees are due on 20th February whilst Kindy fees are due by 7th March if making full payments.

This year has started off well in our classroom. The students have all settled back to school happily and are keen to get on with lots of exciting activities. We always start the year off by thinking about what we would like to achieve and what would be the best way to go about this. Our classroom rules are discussed and all students agreed that they would like to spend their time at school in a peaceful, safe and happy environment.

In our first SEL lesson the class discussed what “success” meant and each child contributed to our Year 2-3 Tree of Success. They drew pictures and wrote sentences about things they have successfully done in the past and talked about how these achievements made them feel.

In R.E. lessons we discussed how Jesus called his disciples to join him in his mission as “fishers of men”. The students thought about what Jesus might be calling them to do with their lives. The children wrote sentences about this and then stuck them onto decorated fish to hang in the classroom. Some of their ideas were; Jesus is calling me to be kind, Jesus is calling me to work hard, Jesus is calling me to help others and Jesus is calling me to be respectful.

Mrs Daly

Kindy Corner
The Kindy has had a very positive start to the year with 12 children enrolling to start the year. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the Parent Information Session today. Further information is available in the Parent Handbook or from Robyn and Denise.
Each fortnight we will have a focus area with the Kindy children. The emphasis during term 1 will be primary and secondary colours. The focus colour will be changed each fortnight. During the first two weeks this term the children have been bringing in yellow items for Show and Tell, wearing yellow and noticing yellow in the everyday items around us. Next week the focus colour will change to red. Each fortnight the Prep/Year1 class and the Kindy children will be spending time together for combined activities. Tomorrow, the Prep/Year1 class will join us at the Kindy for the remainder of the morning session. This will provide an opportunity for the Prep and Year 1 students to catch up with their Kindy friends.

Regards, Robyn & Denise

Health Care Card holders for Kindy families
The Queensland Government is committed to ensuring every child has the opportunity to enjoy the life long benefits that kindergarten programs provide. Health Card holders can access Kindergartens for a considerably reduced cost (if any) by presenting this card to the office. The subsidy is provided to the service to reduce the out-of-pocket expenses payable by eligible parents.
Next Monday is RAOK Day (Random Act of Kindness). St. John’s will be going all out and celebrating all week culminating with a “Red Dress Day” on Friday 14th February.

RAOK Week Activities
On Monday 10th February at 8.40am Mr Maley will be reading a book to the whole school in the Library.

- RAOK Wall - Students and staff will be contributing to our wall, with visual representations of acts that they have either performed or received (RAOK). Parents and Parishioners are asked to also contribute to the wall. See Mrs Sendra in the office for what to do.

- Sharing - students and staff will be sharing personal stories or reading stories about kindness during the week.

- Classes will be performing RAOK. Be prepared!

- RED DRESS Day Friday 14th February. Students are encouraged to wear something red. A gold coin donation to Caritas would be appreciated. Please remember sun smart clothes and sandals must be worn.

Wherever there is a human in need, there is an opportunity for kindness and to make a difference. 
Kevin Heath CEO 4kids

The Catholic Parents and Friends Federation is recently moved premises.
You may all be aware that the P & F Federation is physically located in Brisbane, but services all Catholic schools P & F Associations across Queensland.
Their new office is now at Penola Place where they are co-located with Queensland Catholic Education Commission within the precinct of the Cathedral of St Stephen.
Their new address is: Level 2 Penola Place 143 Edward Street, Brisbane Qld 4000

They contact details remain the same and should you need to contact them at any time you are most welcome:

Carmel Nash, Executive Director - carmel@pandf.org.au
Ph: 07 3336 9349 Mob: 0421 633 915

John Beaton, Executive Officer - john@pandf.org.au
Ph: 07 3336 9241 Mob: 0418 719 529

Jane Reed, Administration Officer - info@pandf.org.au Ph: 07 3336 9242

For further information please visit their newly revamped website at www.pandf.org.au

Students of the Week
Social Emotional Learning Awards

Confidence
Evina - A huge welcome to Evina who has confidently and enthusiastically participated in all class activities.

Emotional Resilience
Wavey & Ryan - Settling in well into a new classroom at a new school.

Getting Along
Alex - Willingly supporting our new students.

Confidence
Amelia - Starting the year with a positive attitude to school tasks.

Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards
Sanraj - Putting 100% into the Humpty Dumpy rhyme and creation. Great Work!

Quality Producer
Leanne – Well formatted narrative writing.

Effective Communicator
Evan - Making a fantastic start to the year by putting his best effort in all written work.

Newsletter - Email or Paper
Would you like information emailed?
If you would prefer to be on our newsletter emailing list for the school newsletters, please complete the slip below and send to the office with your email address. St. John’s School would appreciate reducing the amount of newsletters printed. If you choose email, you will not receive a paper copy. Yes, I would like my newsletters emailed to me this year. My email address is

Signed……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
Name……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Water Aerobics - Tuesdays 9am - 10am
Pelican Waterhole Kurrumine Beach
Water exercise for all ages and abilities
Ph Alex: 0428 571 363

Silkwood Junior Soccer
Sign on - Wednesday 12th February at 4pm.
Silkwood Soccer Grounds
We will be having our first meeting afterwards around 5.30pm