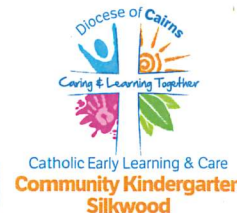


# St. John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



*"Have patience with yourselves when you see that you have failed  
and patience with others when they seem to have done so!"*

*Mary MacKillop 1874*

**Term 3 Week 4 – 5th August, 2020**

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to see such joy last week as we came together with the Kindy to **celebrate Queensland Catholic Education Week**. There is a little hollow feeling however, as parents, grandparents and loved ones couldn't be with us for our liturgy. We do miss you, but please keep posted as we are working towards parents being onsite for our Cross Country and Ball Games Carnival with strict COVID-19 measures in place.

## **Why are Catholic Schools here today?**

- ◆ To provide a **faith-based education** placing values of Jesus at its centre.
- ◆ To provide a **high quality**, holistic education to 1 in 5 young Queenslanders.
- ◆ To nurture in students a **commitment to social justice**.
- ◆ To prepare students for global responsibilities through **stewardship of the earth's resources**.
- ◆ To **continue the link** to our local and universal church.
- ◆ To **value diversity and treat each student with dignity** enabling them to promote and respect the dignity of all.
- ◆ To be **welcoming, inclusive** and connected communities.

(adapted from CEW Website)

On Friday, we had a special **visit from our Executive Director Mr Bill Dixon** to **award Mrs Parisi and Mrs Sendra with their 20 year service award to Catholic Education**. It is evident to all that Mrs Parisi and Mrs Sendra serve the school with such passion and deeply care for the St. John's School community. Mr Dixon also presented our **P&F President Mr Brett Gaia with a nomination certificate for the Spirit of Catholic Education Awards and Docemus Awards in the volunteer category**. The Docemus Awards are exclusive to Cairns Catholic Education. Docemus meaning 'to teach', and celebrates the exceptional commitment, achievement and contribution to Catholic Education by staff, volunteers and supporters of Catholic Education. Brett was nominated for his dedication and commitment to St. John's community. Congratulation Mrs Parisi, Mrs Sendra and Brett Gaia!

I remind parents that we will be **celebrating National Science Week with a Science celebration day on Thursday 20th August**, so make sure to read Mrs Irvine's snippet in the newsletter to get an outfit prepared.

On **Monday 10th August** the P&F Committee will be **sending home a Pie Order Form to fundraise** for our students. I remind you, all money raised goes towards providing opportunities for our children.

Next **Saturday 15th August** is a very important day in the Church Season called **'The Assumption of Mary'** which is classified as a Holy Day of Obligation. This means all Christians go to church on this day to honour Mother Mary, as her life was a wonderful example of praise and thanksgiving to God. *Is there anything about Mary's life, which could help me to be a better person?*

*May The Grace of God Be With You, Mrs Bryan, Principal*

## *Diary Dates*

### **8th August**

- ◆ GCC interview day

### **12th August**

- ◆ Playgroup 9-11am at Kindy grounds

### **15th August**

- ◆ Feast Day of the Assumption of Mary

### **19th August**

- ◆ Playgroup 9 - 11 am at Kindy grounds

### **20th August**

- ◆ Science Celebrations Theme - "Oceans"

### **24th August**

- ◆ P & F meeting 2:00pm

### **25th August**

- ◆ Upper school 9-12yrs Cross Country & Ball Games

### **28th August**

- ◆ Premier's Reading Challenge concludes

### **1st September**

- ◆ Lower school Cross Country & Ball Games



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*Always Reaching For New Heights* 

*"So great is the strength we possess in our unity". - Mary MacKillop (1874)*





### Transfiguration

This story is told in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke and recounts when Jesus took three disciples, Peter, James and John, high up a mountain. While there, he "transfigured". His clothes became dazzling white and he was joined by Moses and Elijah, both from the Old Testament. This story tells of a display of Jesus' divine character. It was a visible sign of the power of God.

### St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August we celebrate this special feast day. St Mary is our first Australian canonised saint. She took bold new directions in education and care of children. Her well known saying is "Never see a need without doing something about it". What need do you see, and what can you do about it?

### Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

We celebrate the feast day of the Assumption of Mary on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August. The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven, body and soul, to be reunited with Jesus. As opposed to Jesus, who ascended into Heaven by his own power, Mary was assumed into Heaven by the power of her Son. "Celebrating Mary assumed into heaven, we want her to once again bring us, our families and our communities that immense gift, that unique grace...that is Jesus Christ!" (Pope Francis, 2017)



Image source: <https://www.pinterest.com.au/susandaily545/mary/>

### National Science Week 2020

This year's theme is *Deep Blue: Innovation for our future of our oceans*. We will be running a full day of STEAM activities (science, technology, engineering, arts and maths) for all students on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August**. Students are invited to **come dressed in theme**, which can be anything related to the ocean or as a scientist/mathematician/engineer. Did you know one of the biggest threats to life in our oceans is single use plastics? We are asking families to send in any clean, single use plastics that would otherwise be put into your dry waste bin and end up in landfill. This could include plastic bottles, soft plastic packaging, plastic lids and containers. Materials collected will be used by students on the day to create artworks to raise awareness of the impacts of single use plastics. Students can place materials in a tray provided in their classrooms.



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### Music returns to St. John's

Organ/Piano lessons have resumed with Mrs Natasha and are now held fortnightly on Fridays. COVID-19 procedures are in place. If you are interested in your child learning the keyboard, please call 0438 362 090. This is a private tuition service.



### Justice Squad Report

This week, the Justice Squad reconnected and had our first meeting since Coronavirus. We discussed the reconnection of the group and what we will be doing over the next 2 terms, making sure that we fundraise for Catholic Mission.



The team has a lot of ideas for the rest of the year to raise money. This term, for our first idea, we will be starting with is knitting. We will be doing teddy bears (like last year) and also fiddle muffs for the elderly at the Tully Nursing Home.

Although we will not be visiting the nursing home we plan to send some gifts for the residents.

We are seeking donations of wool to support our knitting.

By Keira Kuhnell (Media Officer)

### P & F News

Please support our Term 3 fundraiser - Pie Drive. Order forms will be sent home next Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August. Place your personal order for easy dinners and ask your relatives and friends if they would like some too. All funds raised go to provide opportunities for our kids. Thank you for your support. Brett Gaia



### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following:  
August 7<sup>th</sup> - Tilly, Emily P



## Second Step Superstars

### Second Step Awards

- Jorji** - Showing care and concern.
- Baylen** - Focussed attention learning to read.
- Evelyn** - Focussed attention during Mathematics.
- Lilliana** - Focussed attention during writing lessons.
- Rohan** - Focussed attention during Mathematics.
- Savanah** - Working hard on Maths strategies.
- Danni** - Being a kind and caring class member.
- Ella J** - Showing empathy.
- Cameron** - Working with focus in Maths.



### 50 nights Reading

Kade, Montanah C, Talia, Sanraj

### 100 Nights Reading

Jake, Jace, Wyatt, Tyler, Benson, Evelyn, Sophia, Max

### 150 Nights Reading

Erin, Scarlett, Ellie W





## Sport Update

There is a passionate vibe amongst the students as we are steadily re-booting sport at St. John's. Unfortunately, the Mary Mills Netball Carnival has been cancelled for 2020. Mrs Bryan and the netball girls are disappointed. However, we will still be training on Thursday afternoons, boys and girls combined working on League Tag, Rugby League, Touch football skills. 9-12yrs are welcome. The students look forward to Thursday afternoons sport. Thank you to parents for altering after school plans to allow the kids to attend. At present, we are waiting confirmation of the Rugby League Carnival on the last day of school. Good luck to Kade who is trialling for Cricket selection, and Indah and Ella who will compete at the Nth Qld Cross Country Championships. Lock in the Cross Country Carnival dates on the front page of the newsletter. I am planning these events with Mrs Bryan at present and hope that Covid-19 does not impede these events going ahead.

*Yours in Sport, Mr Russell*

## Student Care Insurance

Has your child had an accident or injury at school or in a school related activity such as inter-school sport or a school camp? If the answer is yes, you may be entitled to claim for expenses under Catholic Education's Student Care Insurance. It covers expenses such as medical costs (where the law allows), emergency transport, travel, home tuition and school fee relief. For further information click on the following link:

<http://ccinsurance.org.au/Insurance/Pages/Student-care-Information.aspx>



# Kindy News

This fortnight we **welcome two friends into our Kindergarten group** – Alec and Cody. We are looking forward to getting to know you both better as you play and learn with us at Kindergarten.

Our Kindy garden is going really well, with our regular supply of yummy yellow cherry tomatoes flourishing again this year. We also have a good supply of basil and coriander growing, and the children have enjoyed helping to pick these regularly to take home to share with their families. Last week we had our **annual pasta sauce cook up**. Using the tomatoes and basil from the garden to make a delicious sauce, we then put this over pasta and shared a warm lunch together. It is so **great for the children** to be involved with this process, from planting and caring for the garden, picking the produce, preparing



them for cooking, and eating them! The **learning experiences** involved range from sustainable practices, health and hygiene, real world skills and social engagement.

The children have really appreciated being able to interact a little more with the St John's School environment this term. We all enjoyed a play in the **Nature Playground** – which is such a **beautiful space** and such an asset of the school environment. We joined in the Catholic Education Week celebrations, and we look forward to hosting the P/1's at Kindy this week!

Thank you, Ms Cheryl & Mrs Greco



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## 2021 Enrolments

Catholic schools are committed to the **growth of the whole child** by offering developmentally appropriate programs which address children's needs - spiritual, intellectual, physical, cultural, social, and emotional.

Planning for next year has commenced. If you have a child or know of someone who is interested in enrolling their child at St John's for 2021 in Prep or another class, please contact the **school office on 4065 9530**. Alternatively, an **online enrolment form** or expression of interest can be found on our **school website [www.stjohnssilkwood.qld.edu.au](http://www.stjohnssilkwood.qld.edu.au)**

Now  
Enrolling!

