



St. John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



"We must teach more by example than our word!"
Mary MacKillop 1867

Term 3 Week 8 – 2nd September, 2020

Dear Parents,

At St. John's, we pride ourselves on **working in partnership with families**. In order to **build that relationship** I strongly encourage all parents to make a **Parent Teaching Meeting** appointment to discuss your child's progress with class teachers:- I say again how important these meetings are.

I invite the **Kindy and Prep, Year 1 parents to attend our Father's Day/belated Mother's Day morning this Thursday** (tomorrow) with visitor access from 8:45am via the Nature Play. Many of the students have told me how they wish this event was like previous years where all parents were allowed onsite to participate in fun activities together. However, due to COVID-19, we must limit the number of people onsite. So I look forward to seeing these invited parents this Thursday, and watching the item/performance presented by the Kindy and P/1 children, followed by other fun activities. The students will also have a little surprise gift for you. Shhh.....

This **Friday, 4th September, is a Pupil Free Day**, so school will be closed to students. Teachers will be onsite working together with specialists from Catholic Education Services on targeted intervention. Targeted intervention involves examining every individual student in the school to identify if they are working to the very best of their ability. This intensive analysis of intervention is part of our defining feature of striving for academic excellence!

I recently attended our Principals' Conference where the Executive Director Mr Bill Dixon presented a clip titled '**The Adaptable Mind**'. It spoke on **skills children need to thrive in today's world**. The type of skills required are; curiosity, creativity, initiative, multi-disciplinary thinking, and empathy. It made for very interesting reflection!

Next **Tuesday 8th September is our Kindy and School Open Morning from 9:00am-10:30am**. I invite all parents who may be interested in seeing what makes our school great to attend, especially parents who have prep children commencing in 2021. The **morning will include an informative session** particularly for these parents. Of recent, I have had phone calls requesting clarification about ages. **Prep 2021 are children born from 1/7/15 to 30/6/16**.

We look forward to the **Year 2 to 6 Reef Guardian Excursion to Kurrimine Beach on Thursday 10th September**. Thank you to our P&F for covering the expenses for this excursion. A reminder that the P&F fundraiser **Pie Drive order forms are due back next Monday 7th September**. Please show your support as money raised goes back to the children - e.g. The excursion next week.

A **special congratulations to Kade Corby** who will be wearing the honorary 'Gold, Blue & White colours' as he was **selected in the Peninsula Cricket team**. Well done Kade!

Happy Father's Day for Sunday.

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

Always Reaching For New Heights



Diary Dates

3rd September

- ♦ Father's & Mother's Morning K/P/1
8:45am to 10:30am

*****4th September*****

- ♦ Pupil Free Day

6th September

- ♦ Father's Day

7th September

- ♦ Pie Orders due in
- ♦ Parent Teacher mtgs commence

8th September

- ♦ School & Kindy Open Morning
9:00am- 10:30am

9th September

- ♦ Playgroup 9 - 11 am at Kindy grounds

10th September

- ♦ Year 2- 6 Excursion and clean up Australia

16th September

- ♦ Pies arrive to collect

18th September

- ♦ Last day of term 3



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Father's Day

We wish all our dads a happy Father's Day for Sunday.



Prayer for Fathers

God of our Ancestors,
Bless all fathers the gift of life.

Give them quiet wisdom and loving hearts.
May their faithful care and patient love of us,
help us understand the greatness of your love.

Bless our fathers:
with peace, with courage,
and with grace.

May the fathers and father-like figures in our
lives who have gone before us,
know the light of your face.
In our times of fear and hurt,
may their prayers and witness be a reminder of
all that is possible when love
becomes our way of being.

We make this prayer through Jesus, who was
loved by Joseph, his earthly father
and by you for all time.

May we too, experience this mighty love.
Amen.

Parent Teacher Meetings - Week 9 & 10

Book an appointment - log onto the school website, www.stjohnssilkwood.qld.edu.au, and locate the bright orange Parent Portal tile. Log into this as per normal with the same email address you supplied St. John's and your password, then proceed to the PTO (Parent Teacher Online) tile, which looks like a smiley face. Enter the pin number sent home with the Parent Flyer on Monday to log into the system. If you have trouble, please call the school office for assistance.



Pupil Free Day

Friday 4th September is a Pupil Free Day for St. John's School.



P&F Pie Drive - Orders due back Monday 7th Sept.

Curry Chicken & Veg; or Creamy Chicken & Veg **\$12.00**

Plain; Cheese & Bacon; Tomato, Cheese & Onion; Mushroom; Curry; Sweet Curry; Apple; Apple and Blueberry **\$10.00**



QUEENSLAND
**CHILD
PROTECTION
WEEK**



6 – 12 September 2020

Catholic Education actively recognises the importance of Child Protection Week and the role every adult has in ensuring children in our communities, families and schools are safe, nurtured and protected.

This year National Child Protection Week will celebrate its 30th year with the theme:

Putting children first...

Under this year's theme of 'Putting children first' we invite all Australians to look at how they can prioritise children in their lives and communities and to engage in National Child Protection Week – as individuals, and as part of families, organisations, communities and society.

Putting children first means prioritising the safety and wellbeing of children. To grow up well, children need to feel safe and loved, have a chance to play and explore, have a say in decisions that affect them, and access to essential things like food, shelter and healthcare.

For children to thrive we need to come together as a community and put children's needs first during National Child Protection Week and every week. To learn more visit

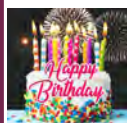
childprotectionweek.org.au

Protecting children is

EVERYBODY'S

BUSINESS

Happy Birthday to **BIRTHDAYS**



September: 1st - Amelie & Jayden;
3rd - Gurnoor; 7th Mylinda, 8th Sam W

Second Step Superstars



Mylinda - Focussed attention in Maths.

Jace - Focussing on your learning.

Emily P - Sharing and taking turns.

Wyatt - Focussed attention & taking care with work.

Audrey - Giving effort during mathematics lessons.

Ella N - Being a problem-solver.

Finnley - Showing focussed attention.

Keira - Applying yourself to set tasks.

Montanah - Working tough on Soundwaves and Handwriting.

Principal's Awards

Kade - Selection in Peninsula Cricket Team

Rylee - Creative Arts

SPORT

Indah - Competing NQ Cross Country

Ella J - Competing NQ Cross Country

Kade - Selection in Cassowary Coast Cricket

50 Nights

Sunny

100 Nights

Cameron

150 Nights

Sharlyn, Amelie

200 Nights

Lincon, Ellie W, Keira



Congratulations to our Cross Country Age Champions:

5 Years - Charlotte & Tyler	9 Years - Gurnoor & Sean
6 Years - Ruby and Dominic	10 Years - Ella N & Finnley
7 Years - Porsha & Taj	11 Years - Stevie & Kade
8 Years - Audrey & Clayton	12 Years - Indah & Jayden



Francis House!

Kindy News



Children are natural scientists, exploring their world as they go about their play. National Science Week was a really fun time to hone in on these skills, and to further explore one of our favourite topics – the Ocean! At Kindy we talked about the depths of the ocean and learnt about the twilight and midnight zones of the ocean and the creatures that live down there in the dark depths! We were most fascinated with the Angler fish which has its own light on its head, as well as the giant squids. We also all had a try at drawing these animals.



We then had a fantastic Science Class at St John's with Mrs Bryan talking to us all about the animals in the ocean and then helping us to free sea creatures trapped in ice, using just salt and water. The children had to experiment with the salt and water, to see how to quickly melt the ice. They were extremely engaged in this experience and worked hard to free the creatures. Thank you so much Mrs Bryan and Ms Irvine. We were over at St John's again the following week; meeting Mrs Belbin at the library. She taught us how the library works, and read us a great story. Thank you Mrs Belbin!

These visits to St John's are wonderful to build on our sense of community; something we've been exploring over the term. They are also a great transition tool for the children moving onto prep next year, and we really value them.

Upcoming events for our Kindergarten Group

3rd Sept – Father's & Mother's morning at St John's 8:45am
 8th Sept – Kindy Open Day 9:00am – 10:30am.
 15th Sept – Pirate Pete visit.

Thank you, Ms Cheryl & Mrs Greco





St John's School, Silkwood & Catholic Community Kindergarten



***Delivering quality learning outcomes for students
from Kindergarten through to Year 6***

Do you want to know more about St John's?

We invite you to our

Open Morning & Guided Tour

Tuesday 8th September

Taking enrolments now!



St. John's - An
affordable, quality choice
for your family!

Children 3-5yrs
Join us for our

Kindy Open Morning

Tuesday 8th September 9:00 am to 10:30am