



# 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!"* **Term 3 Week 10 – 16th September, 2020**

Dear Parents,

I was very proud of our Year 2 to 6 students who participated in 'Clean Up Kurrimine Beach' last Thursday as part of our association of being a Reef Guardian School. It was a sensational clean up day, followed by a fun time at the Kurrimine Beach Water Park. I acknowledge how well mannered and respectful the students were to our guests who joined us. Thank you to Mrs Irvine for coordinating the day and our senior students who proposed the idea. Our guest speaker from the Cassowary Coast Council also commented on our students' wonderful behaviour and enthusiasm for learning. **Ensure to check us out on Facebook for all the photos.**



Last Friday, Mrs Antionette Cole met with several students to work on the **Catholic Education Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)** design for our school community. Mrs Cole holds the consultant position - First Nations in our Diocese. **This plan outlines our commitment to reconciliation.** The students had the task of designing a reconciliation icon for our school which forms an egg abstract art piece symbolising a scrub turkey nest. This piece of art work will contain 29 eggs symbolising each school in our Diocese. Mrs Cole described our students' efforts as tremendous and commented on their deep sense of kindness and respect to all in our community.

Today, the St. John's teachers continue to **strive for excellence** by investing heavily in a whole day of working with consultants from Catholic Education Services in the Blended Learning space. Blended learning is a very important method to teach children. At St. John's we pride ourselves on our quality face-to-face teaching with small classes, complemented by the latest digital technologies and devices. By combining the latest digital technologies with curriculum outcomes we **prepare our students to be 21st century learners whilst being engaged and motivated to learn.**

Last week I received an urgent call from Fr Kerry Crowley our Parish Priest. It was to inform me that he had attended the Good Counsel College Assembly as a special guest to listen to students addressing the school community. They were presenting their credentials and skills for possible selection of school captain in 2021. He commented that I would have been **extremely impressed by how three ex-St. John's students presented themselves; Kent, Amy and Gina.** Congratulations to these students and a **special congratulations to Kent who was elected school captain for 2021.** Well done!

It is always great to receive positive feedback about St. John's as we begin to finalise our 2021 enrolments. Please **spread the word in the local community** about what makes our school a great choice for a child's schooling!

**Well done students for a great term of learning at St. John's!** I am very thrilled with your focussed attention and work ethic and look forward to our final term of this year. **Good luck MacKillop and Francis** in tomorrow's Athletics Carnival and to the students attending the Rugby League Carnival on Friday. I would also like to **wish everyone a safe and relaxing two week holiday break.**

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

*Always Reaching For New Heights* 

## Diary Dates

### 16th September

- ♦ Pies arrive to collect 3:00pm today

### 17th September

- ♦ Francis V MacKillop Athletics Carnival

### 18th September

- ♦ Jim Graham Rugby League Carnival
- ♦ Last day of term 3

### 21st Sept - 5th October

- ♦ School Holidays

### 6th October

- ♦ Term 4 commences

### Wed 7th - Friday 9th Oct

- ♦ Year 5/6 Camp

### Tuesday 13th October

- ♦ Whole School & Kindy Photos
- ♦ Whole school water confidence lessons

### Thursday 15th October

- ♦ Whole school water confidence lessons

### Tuesday 20th October

- ♦ Whole school water confidence lessons



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### St Francis of Assisi

St Francis is the namesake of our current Pope. Our own founding sisters, the Missionary Franciscan Sisters, follow the Gospel way of St Francis, living simply, joyfully, peacefully and contemplatively. Francis composed a famous prayer called Canticum of the

Sun at the end of his life. Though blind at the time, he saw more clearly than anyone else, the beauty and majesty of God expressed in every part of the world around us.

The prayer, written down in his native dialect goes, "Laudato sie mi Signore, cum tucte le Tue creature" or "Be Praised, my Lord, through all your creatures". We celebrate St Francis of Assisi's feast day on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> October.

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### Interhouse Athletics

Our Interhouse Athletics Carnival will be held tomorrow. The students are excited to compete in track and field events and represent their retrospective Sport Houses. Our Interhouse Cross Country Carnival was very competitive with Francis house only narrowly bringing home the points trophy. Good luck to both Houses. Parents will be welcomed on site from 8:45am via the Nature Play area, with the day commencing around 9:00am with team marches and war cries.

Schedule of events for the day:

1. 200m followed by Aged Sprints
2. Field Events in a round robin order according to ages-long jump, high jump, shotput, novelty events
3. Relays
4. Presentations.

Parents will have designated areas for spectating around field and track events as well as a home base tent. Please remember to follow the COVID-19 rules below. Parking will be along Harold Street on the day. Hopefully the weather will also be in our favour for the day, however if we must cancel, due to extreme rain, notification will be via our school Facebook page at 8:00am.

#### **Further rules of entry to follow:**

- ⇒ If you are currently under an active self-quarantine notice you must not attend.
- ⇒ You must comply with all reasonable instructions given by staff members.
- ⇒ Physical distancing of not less than 1.5m from others, (with exceptions for family/household) must be maintained at all times.
- ⇒ Please abide by floor markers or signage where these are in place.
- ⇒ Hand sanitiser is provided and is to be used.
- ⇒ Please utilise good coughing and sneezing etiquette by coughing or sneezing into a tissue, handkerchief, or the crook of your elbow.
- ⇒ You will be directed to spectate from a designated area.
- ⇒ We require you to submit personal information for the purposes of contact tracing. This information will be stored for 56 days, after which it will be disposed of. Information will be provided to Qld Public Health if requested for the purposes of contact tracing and will not be used for any other purpose. Storage, access, use and disposal of information will be in line with our Privacy Policy.

### Justice Squad News

This Thursday at the Athletics Carnival, the Justice Squad will be selling Zooper Doopers for 50cents. All money raised on the day will go towards supporting the Catholic Missions to help improve living conditions, both in Australia and overseas. Next term, we plan to have more fundraising activities to support the Catholic Missions. Thank you for all your kind donations to support the Justice Squad.

Keira. Justice Squad Media Reporter, 2020

### Term 4 School Swimming

School swimming will commence next term at the Tully Pool in the form of water confidence classes from week 2. All students will be participating in these lessons. Lesson dates are as follows:

Tuesday 13th October 1:00pm to 2:00pm  
 Thursday 15th October 1:00pm to 2:00pm  
 Tuesday 20th October 1:00pm to 2:00pm  
 Thursday 22nd October 1:00pm to 2:00pm  
 Tuesday 27th October - Interhouse Swimming Carnival.

Teaching water safety is essential for any child, especially in this area.

More details will be sent home next term.

### *Birthdays*

Happy Birthday to

September: 11th - Finnley  
13th - Jace



## *Second Step Superstars*



**Charlotte** - Focussed attention.

**Emily M** - Focussed attention.

**Navtaj** - Taking turns.

**Oliver** - Showing consideration for others.

**Clayton** - Listening well during lessons & recalling facts learnt.

**Ellie K** - Applying learning to editing.

**Stevie** - Providing computer assistance.

**Rylee** - Focussed attention in all learning tasks.

**Talia** - Focussed attention in all learning tasks.

### *Magic Words*

**100** - Isis; **200** - Emily M; **300** - Emily P

### *Reading Awards*

**50 Nights** - Isabella

**100 Nights** - Sean

**150 Nights** - Billy

**200 Nights** - Claire, Dominic, Emily M, Emily P, Baylen, Charlotte, Rose





### Year 5/6 Camp

Our annual senior camp is scheduled for the first week back in term 4. An **electronic permission note has been sent** via parent slips to parents (check your emails). This note has all the necessary information parents and students need to help prepare for this event. Invoices have been generated and will be emailed to parents by the end of this week. **Final payments must be made by Friday 2nd October. Thank you to the P & F** who have kindly contributed \$25 towards each student, helping to keep costs down. Please contact Mrs Bryan or Mrs Gaia if you would like to discuss anything concerning camp.

## Join us at Playgroup

Where: Community Kindergarten Silkwood  
When: Every Wednesday (school Weeks)  
Time: 9:00am to 11:00am

Please bring morning tea and a hat for your child/ren.  
Coffee/tea provided for parents/carers.

**\$2.00 per session**

For more information contact Vera: 4065 9530 or  
the Kindergarten on: 42 52 5755

**Make new friends.**  
**Share your experiences.**

**Have fun with your children!**



*Wishing all families a safe and happy term holiday break!*

## Kindy News



The Kindergarten group has continued exploring our community. This fortnight, we looked at the different roles and people we might see in our neighbourhoods – police, firefighters, ambulance, gardeners, bakers etc. We then extended this to incorporate important learning during Child Protection Week; asking the children to think about the people in their lives or communities that they feel safe and secure with, and could talk to if they needed help. While many of the children picked family members for this, we also had police and firefighters flagged as safe people by some of the children. They drew and labelled these people and we created a poster as a reminder and to reflect on.



Kindergarten is a time of rich, play based learning; just what our children need to become confident and involved learners. We aim for a literacy rich environment and have observed lots of instances of fantastic literacy development and understanding in the children's play over the past few weeks. Some of these include writing a doctor's list, taking patient details on a keyboard and writing

letters and names on the interactive white board.

With this being the last week of Kindergarten for term 3, we'd like to wish our Kindergarten and St John's families a lovely term break! We hope you get to relax and have some family time together. We are looking forward to a fun and busy Term 4!

Thank you, Ms Cheryl & Mrs Greco







## Year 2 - 6 Excursion

**reef  
guardian  
school**  
A Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority Initiative

## 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.

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!



## Silkwood Junior Football Club Inc.

Family Fun Day September 19<sup>th</sup>

From 3pm until 8pm at Silkwood Soccer Grounds

Raffles and Prizes to be WON

Local Stalls (contact Liz 0467624432 If you wish to hold a stall)

Donut Eating Competitions

Horse Rides from 4pm to 6pm

Mini Comando Course Competitions

Water park and Slide

Adults verses kids Night Game of Soccer

Steak Burgers & sausage sandwiches, Softdrinks & icy poles, Bar & plenty more

Save the date September 19<sup>th</sup>

**GOLD COIN DONATION ENTRY**

