



St. John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



"Potential is not something you have to live up to, but it is something you must use!"
Anon

Term 4 Week 2 – 14th October, 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4 and I hope you enjoyed the break. St. John's welcomes Cooper to our Year 4/5 class. We hope you have a fantastic Term 4.

This term has begun with an **action packed charge**, with Year 5 and 6 students attending camp to Port Douglas. The most impressive element of camp was the behaviour and engagement of the students. At each activity; Cairns Aquarium, Hartley's Crocodile Farm, St. Monica's Cathedral, Cairns Esplanade and our place of residence, the Port Douglas Holiday and Water Park, the hosts remarked on how respectful and engaged our students were. On behalf of the Year 5 & 6 students we say a **huge thank you to Mrs Gaia, Mr Gaia, Mr Ford and Mrs Giarraffa for assisting us on camp**. Check out the photos on the back page!

Last term I had the pleasure of meeting our **families at playgroup**. There is such a fabulous vibe and the kids really enjoy the fun activities! If you know families in the local area with little children who may enjoy interacting in this setting, invite them along on **Wednesdays 9:00am-11:00am**. They can also call the school office for more information.

This term we will look towards **reintroducing a modified form of Friday Award Assemblies at the school under covered area, (not the school hall)**. Parents are welcome to join us for our assembly but must adhere to COVID-19 restrictions. To comply with our COVID-19 plan, parents must wait near their car or gather outside the Franciscan Missionary Centre until invited onsite by Mrs Bryan at 8:40am. Entry will be through the main school gate where you must sanitise hands and sign in. Parents are to sit at the back of the assembly area in the seats provided or stand socially distanced. Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to COVID-19 rules.

In 2021, St. John's will operate with four classes: Prep/Year1 class; Year 2/3 class; Year 4 class and Year 5/6 class. Class sizes are small with an average of 15 students in each class, offering many benefits to students' learning. If you know of a family thinking of enrolling, please advise them to call the school office or check out our school website. I am currently in the process of finalising the 2021 student technology requirements.

Well done to our **St. John's/St. Clare's Rugby League** team who were very competitive at the **Jim Graham Rugby League Carnival**. I also congratulate the students who participated in the **Premier's Reading Challenge** during COVID-19 times. Parents have told me that their certificates are in the mail from the Queensland Premier. Make sure to bring these certificates in to show me at the school office so I can personally congratulate students.

"It's impossible to raise the perfect child, but what we can do is help our children be the best expression of their unique self." - Maggie Dent

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



Diary Dates

Thursday 15th October

- ◆ Whole school water confidence lessons

Friday 16th October

- ◆ Award Assembly

Monday 19th October

- ◆ P & F meeting 2:00pm

Tuesday 20th October

- ◆ Whole school water confidence lessons

Wednesday 21st October

- ◆ Playgroup 9 - 11am

Thursday 22nd October

- ◆ Whole school water confidence lessons

Friday 23rd October

- ◆ Term 4 school fees due

Tuesday 27th October

- ◆ Swimming Carnival

Friday 30th October

- ◆ World Teachers' Day
- ◆ Day for Daniel - Wear a red shirt for support.

Tuesday 3rd November

- ◆ Melbourne Cup



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Always Reaching For New Heights 

Pray for a new term

Lord, as we prepare for this final term of the year, make us ready, attentive and available to hear you.

Thank You for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance that You walk through it with us.

Thank You for the gifts of creativity and uniqueness, and the energy to put them to good use.

May all that we are today, all that we try to do today, may all our encounters, reflections, even the frustrations and failings all be placed in your hands.

May the work we do and the way we do it, bring new hope, new life, and courage to all we come in contact with this term. We thank you, Lord. Amen



October - Month of Rosary

October is a special month dedicated to Mary and to the recitation of the Rosary. The Rosary is a special prayer that helps us to see our human lives in the light of Christ. It is a prayer that can be prayed at any time, in any place, and is a wonderful family prayer. When praying the Rosary, we refer to the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries.



School Swimming

School swimming commenced yesterday at the Tully Pool in the form of water confidence classes. All students will be participating in these lessons. Please ensure you label everything that is packed into your child's swim bag. Remaining lesson dates are: Thursday 15th October, Tuesday 20th October, Thursday 22nd October and Tuesday 27th October - Interhouse Swimming Carnival.

Jim Graham Cup Rugby League Carnival



Students who attended the day were Kade, Jayden, Jakob, Cameron, Dave, Keira and Sanraj. These students joined forces with St. Clare's, Tully and managed to come third on the day with two wins, two losses and a draw. The students conducted themselves in a positive manner and showed excellent skills and ability. Special congratulations to Dave T who was chosen for a sportsmanship award from the NRL development officers!

Term 4 School Fees

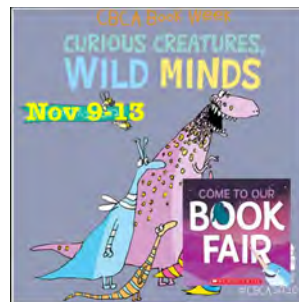
Final term **school fees were emailed to parents on Friday 9th October.** Some of you may have noticed you received two emails for these fees. This is because CES is obligated to now email both parents a copy of these accounts - regardless of marital status. If you usually pay this account in one amount, then payment is required to be made on or before Friday 16th October.

P & F Meeting

The next P & F meeting will be held at the Franciscan Missionary Centre (Presbytery) on **Monday 19th October at 2:00pm.**

Book Week & Book Fair is coming.....

This year we are combining our two favourite literary events of Book Week and Book Fair. This year's theme of "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds" will be sure to bring us some of our craziest costumes yet. Save the dates (Nov 9-13) and start bringing your favourite storybook creatures to life! More info to come on our opening night and shopping days. Perfect timing for Christmas gifts too.



Birthdays Happy Birthday to

September: 23rd - Claire

29th - Sanraj

October: 4th - Ruby

8th - Ellie, Kiki



Second Step Superstars

Tyler - Focussed attention on Reading Eggs.

Erin - Showing care and concern.

Ashly - Working tough on his reading.

Sean - Focussed attention and effort during poetry writing.

Clayton - Understanding problem solving strategies.

Sharlyn - Problem solving in division.

Dave - Inquiry for understanding of language.

Jakob - Encouraging and leading others on camp

Rose - Always leading a helping hand.

Principal Award: Dave - Rugby League Sportsmanship Award

Reading Awards

50 Nights - Ailie

150 Nights - Rohan, Rylee, Danni

200 Nights - Porsha, Joji, Wyatt, Scarlett, Mylinda

250 Nights - Emily P, Kiera



Commitment to Student Safety and Wellbeing



**Safeguarding
Children**
CAIRNS CATHOLIC EDUCATION

St. John's School is committed to being a safe and nurturing community of care, where the rights and dignity of all children and young people are upheld and protected, and where all students have a right to expect that our school will always act to protect them from any kind of harm.

All adults have a responsibility to care for children and young people, to positively promote their welfare, and to protect them from any kind of harm. The interactions of Catholic Education staff with students take place in the context of the employee being in a position of trust arising from the nature of their role.

Staff receive annual and ongoing training in the area of child protection. Parents and students should talk to the Student Protection Contacts **Mrs Bryan & Mrs Daly** or the class teacher if there are any concerns about the safety and wellbeing of any student or concerns about the behaviour of a staff member or volunteer which they feel is inappropriate. We take all reports seriously.



Road/ Bridge Closure.



The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will temporally **close Liverpool Creek**

Bridge located on Silkwood – Japoon Road near Japoonvale while important maintenance works are carried out. These works are part of our regular bridge maintenance program to ensure the continued safety and reliability of the bridge.

Work crews will be on site from Tuesday 20 October 2020 from 7am to 5pm. For the safety of road users and maintenance crews, changed traffic conditions under the coordination of traffic controllers will be in place while preparation works are carried out. Expected delays up to 15 minutes.

The bridge will be closed to all vehicle traffic and pedestrian activities from 7am Monday 26 October to Thursday 26 November 2020, weather permitting. The bridge crew will operate on an 11-day working roster, with a 3-day break. The bridge will be closed for 24-hours during the working schedule and fully open during the 3-day crew break.

If you require further information or you would like an email reminder about the closures please contact Maria Mezes, Communications Support Officer, by email at cairns.office@tmr.qld.gov.au or by telephone on 4045 7038.

Kindy News

Welcome back to our last term of Kindergarten for the year! Term 4 is always an extra fun and busy term as we finish up our time together and have our pre kinder transition plays, graduation get together, Christmas Party and end of year excursion to the Splash Pad! This term we plan to help the children become comfortable with their transition to Primary School. It is such a big step that they will take, and we want them to be as confident and secure as they can be with it. Last term the group requested a school be set up in our dramatic play area, which we now have done. The area has note books, pencils, whiteboards, stencils, counting and number games, a blackboard, chairs and desks and lots of school uniforms to dress up in. This has been a very popular area so far with the children using it so studiously!



This term we have also started off exploring Space as Week 1 was World Space Week. We looked at the different planets in our solar system and talked about how to get around in space. We've created lots of craft around this area and have a great display of planets, rockets, the sun and our moon!



Regarding our programming we have registered to use the program *StoryPark* to share children's learning with families. We are in the process of getting to know and understand this program. Once we are familiar, we will send out invitations for families to join and view. We will also be printing these for our journal as well.

If you know of any families with **Kindergarten aged children for 2021** please let them know we are currently taking enrolments.

Thank you, Ms Cheryl & Mrs Greco





Year 5 & 6 camp

