



St. John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



"Experience is the hardest kind of teacher.

It gives you the test first and the lesson afterward!" Oscar Wilde

Term 4 Week 4 – 28th October, 2020

Dear Parents,

The school is such a **buzz at the moment with excitement around new learnings, sprints**; and by this I mean, academic sprinting, and swimming. Thank you to staff and parents for your preparation and dedication to our children. St. John's School offers such excitement and engagement in school life. Check out the photos from the swimming carnival on the back page.

School water confidence classes have highlighted how important it is to teach your child to swim. Parents have asked me what swimming level is sufficient. Although it can take dedication and time, I recommend teaching children to swim the four strokes and for over 200 metres. This level of swim skill can ensure they are strong enough to handle situations such as a rip, current, fatigue or wet clothing. Contact Tully, Innisfail or Mission Beach pools for Learn to Swim classes.

This week, I have immensely enjoyed talking to the students about their grandparents. I must say, they seem to be the **most favourite family members!** The students spoke with such love for their Nan, Poppy, Non, Nonna, Nanny, Grandma, Grandad... **To our grandparents, we thank you for always loving us and WE LOVE YOU BACK!** There are cool resources on the website www.qld.gov.au/grandparentsday that families can do together.

This Friday, at St. John's we are saying a **huge thank you to our educators on World Teachers' Day**. I see first hand the dedication, time and care which our staff give to your child/ren. As a parent, I am so grateful that my own child has wonderful adults guiding them through their school journey. As a principal, I am so thankful to work alongside dedicated and caring colleagues.

This Friday we also recognise the importance of child safety. **Day for Daniel is Australia's largest day of action to raise awareness of child safety**, protection and harm preventions. It is held annually on the last Friday of October. Day for Daniel honours the memory of Daniel Morcombe. Students can wear a red shirt on Friday, if they have one, to show their support and create awareness.

Recently, I have been **celebrating successes with students**. They have shared with me the success stories in their learning or a task which they have found difficult and concurred! How inspiring! I remind them that **EFFORT equals SUCCESS** and learning new things can be difficult; however you can apply your skills for learning; listening, focusing attention, using self-talk, and being assertive.

St. John's **welcomes Ned to our Year 2/3 class and Madison to our Year 4/5 class**. We hope you have a fantastic Term 4.

"Faith grounds us in the Gospel teachings of freedom of spirit, provides us with sincerity in our communication and guides us on our journey of personal integrity, truth and a joyful disposition." - Sharon O'Keeffe, Cairns Catholic Education Director-Identity and Outreach

May The Grace of God Be With You,

Mrs Bryan, Principal



Diary Dates

Friday 30th October

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

Sunday 1st November

- ♦ All Saints' Day

Monday 2nd November

- ♦ All Souls' Day

Tuesday 3rd November

- ♦ Melbourne Cup. Wear your favourite fascinator / tie to school with your uniform

Wednesday 4th Nov.

- ♦ State of Origin - Students may wear a Maroon or Blue shirt
- ♦ Playgroup 9am - 11am

Mon. 9th to Friday 13th - Book Fair is here

Monday 9th November

- ♦ Lamington orders due

Wednesday 11th Nov.

- ♦ Remembrance Day
- ♦ Playgroup 9am - 11am

Friday 13th November

- ♦ Book Week dress up "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds"



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Always Reaching For New Heights

All Saints & All Souls Day

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. We gather to celebrate the feast of All Saints and we remember those people, who through the way they lived, made a difference to others and to the world. Through their lives these special people teach us to trust God and to show our love for God. We look to them as examples of how we, too, can make a difference in the world.



The **Feast of All Souls** is celebrated on 2nd November. On All Souls day we take the opportunity to **pray for the souls of all who have died**, not only our relatives and friends, but also for those who have no family to pray for them. In remembering and praying for all who have died, the Church is celebrating the life and work of these Christians throughout history. Those we have loved will always stay close to us in our hearts and we give thanks because we believe they are safe and loved in God's care.



Interhouse Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed yesterday in our Interhouse Swimming Carnival. This time the **MacKillop house** brought home the points trophy. The War Cry Trophy was tied, between both houses who shone with merit.

Our age champions are as follows:

- 5 Years - **Charlotte and Tyler**
- 6 Years - **Sophia and Dominic**
- 7 Years - **Mylinda and Taj / Ashly**
- 8 Years - **Audrey and Clayton**
- 9 Years - **Savannah and Max**
- 10 Years - **Danni and Sam / Finnley**
- 11 Years - **Rylee and Dave**
- 12 Years - **Ellie W and Jayden.**

It was great to see all students having a go and giving it their all. Well done!

P & F Lamington Drive and Cook Book.

Please get family and friends to support this fundraiser. Lamingtons are selling for \$15 per dozen and our St John's cookbook is also \$15. All orders are due back to school by Monday 9th November. Remember all funds raised get spent back on the children. Thanks for your continued support.

Day for Daniel Daniel

Wear red on Friday to show your support!



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

It's not long now! Our two favourite literary events of Book Week and Book Fair are coming to St. John's. This year's theme - "**Curious Creatures, Wild Minds**" will make for interesting dress-up! Our

dress up day is Friday 13th November. Book Fair will run from Monday 9th to Friday 13th November in the hall! Perfect timing for Christmas gifts too! Parent times to visit the Fair will be available in the Parent Flyer.

Justice Squad News

Our next Justice Squad meeting will be held Wednesday 4th November 2020. The group is busy preparing gifts and crafts to present to the Tully Nursing Home.

We are also deciding on fundraising activities to support the Missions and the Christmas food hamper donations for the needy in our community. There will be more information in our next newsletter.

Keira K. Justice Squad News Reporter 2020

Term 4 School Fees

Term 4 fees are now overdue. Please endeavour to settle your account asap.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to

October: 28th - Keira

Second Step Superstars



Ruby - Using an assertive voice.

Tilly - Using the problem solving steps.

Tyler - Working on using an assertive voice.

Scarlett - Focused attention on achieving numeracy goals.

Tayla - Focused attention on achieving numeracy goals.

Ellie W - Always being prepared for learning.

Ella N - Using problem solving skills with money.

Amelie - Using assertive communication skills.

Jayden - Encouraging others.

Principal Award:

Stevie - Focused attention.

Reading Awards:

50 Nights - Isis

100 Nights - Ellie K,

150 Nights - Tilly, Tayla, Jace, Evie B, Navtaj, Benson, Ruby, Tyler, Jayden

250 Nights - Emily M, Baylen, Charlotte, Lincon, Dominic

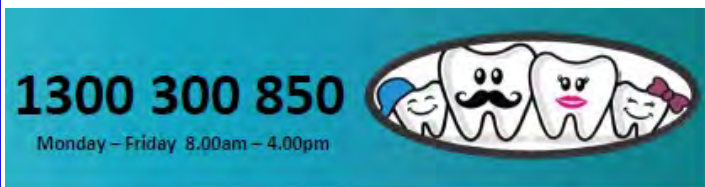
200 MAGIC Words - Emily M

Old Style Uniforms For Sale

The Uniform Shop has new "old style" uniforms for sale at a considerably reduced price. The girls' stripe blouse with band is currently selling for \$20 - with many sizes available. These uniforms are still being used by many students and have the band at the bottom of the shirt. We also have some new girls' skorts reduced in price to \$20 each. These are from an old supplier. Sizes available are 8,10,12 and 14.

Oral Health

Free dental check-ups for children aged between 0 to 17. Current Medicare Care is required.



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

This term has been filled with themed weeks. We began with National Space Week and then had National Nutrition Week. Week 3 was the CBCA Book Week! We have been programming around these themes and encouraging the children to engage in learning with varied provocations of play. We made rockets using paper strips and straws to end our Space Week fun, which doubled as a great science experiment as we worked out how to get them to fly far away. During Nutrition Week we looked at, and created our own Healthy Food Plate. This involved cutting, sorting and pasting, with lots of discussion and reflection on food choices. We also chose recipes to cook and created a yummy banana bread, as well as extra delicious frozen yogurt ice blocks.



During book week we set up play spaces based around books within the theme of 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'. We explored 'Piranhas don't eat bananas' by Aaron Blabey, with fruit counters and piranhas added to our playdough table. We made puppets based on the characters from 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson, and used these in various areas of our room. We re-read a favourite story 'Waranyarra the Rainbow Snake' by the senior boys' class at the Lajamanu school, and then worked on a group craft of this creature. Lastly, we watched a reading of 'Where the wild things are' by Maurice Sendak and created our own wild creatures complete with a creative

description on what they are called, their diet and special features! These are up on our wall now as a 'Wild Creature Museum' so please check them out!

We have StoryPark up and running with lots of stories being added. If you haven't found your emailed invitation to link to our page, please let me know and I can resend it. Parents you are more than welcome to make comments on any stories.

Thanks everyone,

Ms Cheryl & Mrs Greco





Interhouse Swimming Carnival

