



# St. John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



*"Put kind constructions where you can and where you can't be silent! Mary Mackillop 1878*

**Term 4 Week 6 – 11th November, 2020**

Dear Parents,

**Congratulations** to St John's School and students who were selected by the Australian Science Teachers Association as one of three winners for Queensland in their Deep Blue competition for National Science Week. The judges said they loved the photos of our students' costumes and experiments, and how it looked like everyone got into the spirit of the day. The prize, two \$200 e-vouchers will be sent to St John's. Some of the photos submitted in the competition are on the back page of this newsletter. Thanks to everyone who took part and to Mrs Belbin for making us look fabulous! This demonstrates how passionate we are about science and having fun whilst learning!

**Thank you to the upper school parents** for giving permission for their child to participate in research conducted by Catholic Education Services and University of Queensland on **Blended Learning**. St. John's is a leader in the State in this area, which is concerned with engagement and delivery of the Australian Curriculum. **St. John's prides itself on delivering quality face-to-face teaching which is coupled with digital technologies to increase student engagement and enhance the teaching and learning process.**

**NAIDOC Week** will be celebrated this week. Students will be engaging with this theme in classes. This year's theme is **'Always Was, Always Will Be.'** This recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for 65,000 years. More information can be found at [naidoc.org.au](http://naidoc.org.au). There are some great activities here you might like to do at home too.

Today is **Remembrance Day**. This day holds a special place in my heart as I proudly served in the Royal Australian Navy for ten years as a Maritime Warfare Officer navigating warships. Remembrance day is about remembering those sailors, soldiers and airmen of WW1 and today's defence force who have **served and lost their life both in combat and peacekeeping duties**. Therefore, take a moment to say The Ode. It is taken from the poem **'For the Fallen'** written by Laurence Binyon published in 1914. **Refer overleaf.**

I would like to pass on the many positive comments I have had from parents, community members and Catholic Education Services about our World Teachers' Day film. Take a moment to view our **beautiful school** and know a little more about our **great teachers!** Visit: <https://youtu.be/gW7MWNeXW7U>

School is a **hive of activity!** This week we are enjoying Book Fair, State of Origin and looking forward to Book Week celebrations on Friday. We do have an action-packed 3.5 weeks ahead! I will share further in our Monday Parent Flyer on our end of year activities.

**Well done to Rylee and Danni** who represented St. John's at the Peninsula Aquatic trials on the weekend. **Good luck to Kade** who heads off to Toowoomba in the Peninsula Cricket team this weekend. We look forward to the Billy Slater League Tag carnival, handball competition, and continuing fierce games of cricket at lunch! Finally, if I have a passionate parent/grandparent who loves the game of Chess, please contact the school office.

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

*Always Reaching For New Heights*



## Diary Dates

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

**Wednesday 11th Nov.**

♦ Remembrance Day

**Friday 13th November**

♦ 8:45am Award assembly & Book Week dress up  
"Curious Creatures, Wild Minds"

**Friday 20th November**

♦ Billy Slater League Tag

**Monday 23rd November**

♦ Music students' Presentation

**Friday 27th November**

♦ 8:45am -10:45am Pre-Prep transition & Bump up morning

♦ 1pm - 3pm Final P & F meeting and thank you afternoon tea

**Tuesday 1st December**

♦ 6pm Graduation Dinner Year 6

**Thursday 3rd December**

♦ 9am - 10:30am Christmas Concert & awards morning

**Friday 4th December**

♦ 9am Whole school End of Year Mass



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## NAIDOC Week

We offer the following prayer:

*God of all wonder,  
We pause in the busyness of our  
days to listen deeply to the wisdom of  
this land and those who belong to it.  
May our minds be open to dialogue,  
May our hearts be open to transformation and  
May our hands do the work of reconciliation.  
We ask that the Spirit accompany us on our  
journey of healing on these lands, seas and  
waterways;  
We also ask the Spirit of peace be with all those  
who are living a life of fear, dispossession and  
distress.  
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus our  
brother and friend. Amen.*



**Always Was,  
Always Will Be.**  
**8-15 NOV 2020**

## Justice Squad News

Following our last meeting the group is busy preparing gifts and crafts to present to the Tully Nursing Home. All students will have an opportunity to make a **Christmas card for the residents**, which will be delivered to the Home in early December. Usually, we visit the Home but this year, because of COVID-19, cannot visit.

We are getting ready to start our **Christmas hampers**, so if you have **something that you can donate** please get them ready, and we will let you know when your child can bring them in for donation. All goods need to be non-perishable and not out of date.

Items suitable for gifts can also be donated but they need to be wrapped and labelled, listing which age group and gender the gift is suitable for.

This **Friday, in the second lunch break we will be selling Zooper Doopers for 50c** and funds collected will go to World Missions.

*Keira K. Justice Squad News Reporter 2020*

## P & F News

**Thank you** to the parents who have volunteered their time to do the lamington **working bee next Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November**. We will commence at 8:45am and work until 2:45pm.

**THANK  
YOU!**

## Congratulations Past Students of St. John's

It's always wonderful to see past St. John's School students achieving great things as they journey through their schooling years.

We congratulate Nicholas F, Leanne, Saskia, Evina, Miki, Deja, Tegan, Pavel, Arvind, Nick T, Gina, Amy, Kent, Chad and Evan for receiving GCC awards.

## Remembrance Day

Today is **Remembrance Day**, the day we remember the courageous men and women who gave their lives in wartime and peace keeping duties. As we remember the lives that have been lost, let us **pray for a world of peace and tolerance, where our differences are not a threat that have to be conquered**, but rather a gateway to extraordinary possibilities.

### The Ode

They shall grow not old,  
As we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
We will remember them.

## *Remembrance Day*

The 11<sup>th</sup> Hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of the 11<sup>th</sup> Month signifies the end of World War One in 1918 with the signing of the Armistice. This day remembers all who have died in the line of duty.



## *Second Step Superstars*

**Dominic** - Focussed attention on addition

**Isabella** - Showed care and concern

**Eve** - Focussed attention during morning routine

**Gurnoor** - Focussed attention during guided reading

**Jake** - Focussed attention in morning routines

**Cooper** - Focussed attention while reading

**Finnley** - Problem solving in Science

**Cameron** - Working tough on Sound Waves

**Indah** - Working tough on her news report

**Kade** - Focussed attention in Maths

## *Reading Awards:*

**100 Nights** - Ellie K, Montanah C, Gabriella, Gurnoor, Stevie, Sam W, Finnley

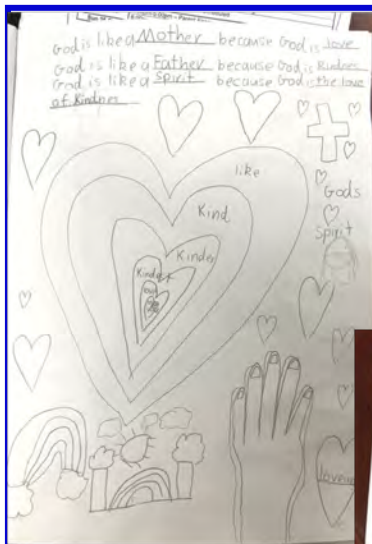
**150 Nights** - Tilly, Tayla, Jace, Evie B, Sophia, Max, Sean, Ella N, Dave

**200 Nights** - Sharlyn

**250 Nights** - Emily M, Baylen, Charlotte, Ellie W

**100 MAGIC Words** - Porsha



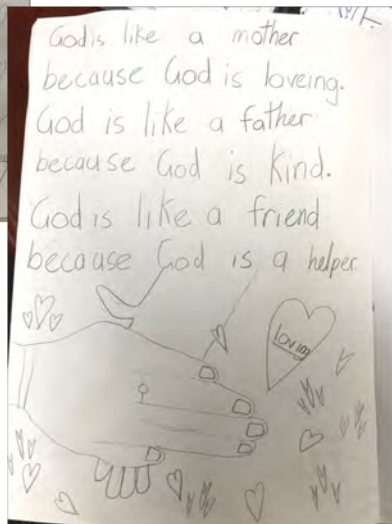


## Religion Work

Scarlett



Tayla

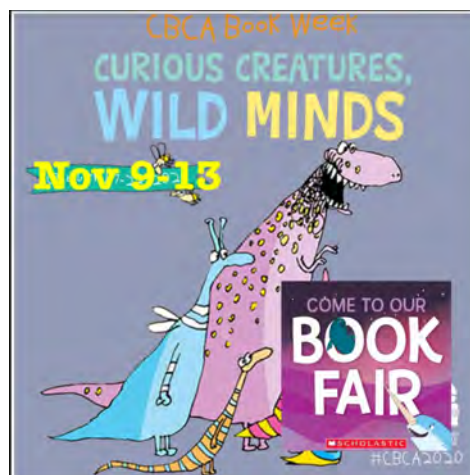


## Book Fair times and Book Week Parade:

**Wednesday: 3:00pm-3:30pm** – Book Fair open – COVID-19 rules apply for parents onsite.

**Thursday: 3:00pm-3:30pm** – Book Fair open – COVID-19 rules apply for parents onsite.

**Friday: 8:45am - 9:30am** - Book Week award assembly and parade followed by Book Fair opened. COVID-19 rules apply for parents onsite.



## Kindy News



You may have noticed the new addition to our Kindergarten over the last week. We have had a flagpole made for us, which sits inside our front fence. Every day we display the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags. We set this up as a whole group, with the children all eager to place the flags into the base. The flagpole was a goal from our RAP (Reconciliation Action Plan) and is a wonderful inclusive, interactive learning opportunity for the children as well.



Christmas has come early at Kindy! We love Christmas and want to make sure we celebrate the festive season with the children before they finish up for the year. They have started by decorating our tree and having fun with Christmas dress-ups! We have also followed on from the children's interest in Halloween by having a fun dress up and themed experience day. Everyone had lots of fun using slime, crafting mummies and even doing Halloween themed yoga!

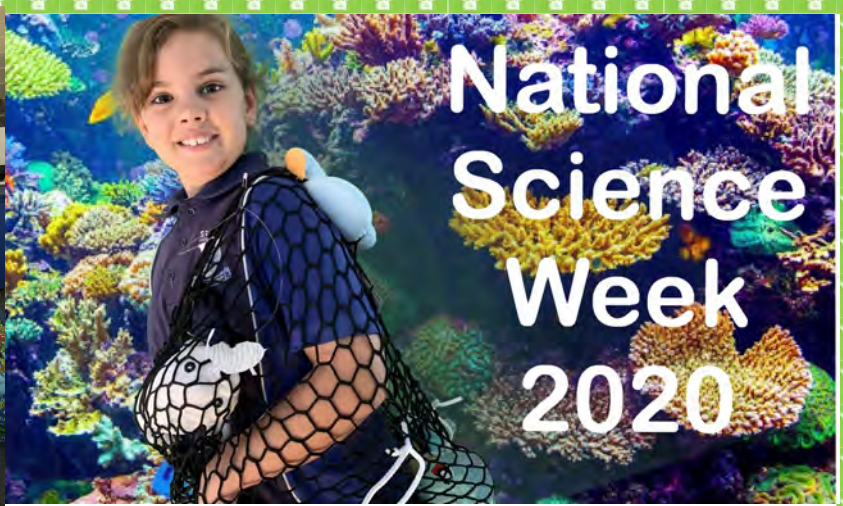
Please make sure you are checking emails and the calendar as we have so much happening throughout the last half of Term 4. Keep an eye out for permission forms for our annual excursion to the Splash Pad at Mission Beach!



This is always lots of fun for the whole family. Parent helpers are required to aid in supervision so please let us know if you can help out, but all parents and siblings are welcome to meet us at the Splash Pad to join in the fun!

Thanks,  
Ms Cheryl & Mrs Greco





# Winners!

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