



St. John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



"Positive Mind, Positive Vibes, Positive Life!"

Anon

Term 4 Week 8 – 25th November, 2020

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the St. John's School community I **congratulate Lincon** who was baptised on Sunday. A very significant part of this ritual is the 'prayer over the ears and mouth' which reminds one to listen to God's word and speak God's word.

We have had a unique and wonderful year at St. John's and are now excited about the end of year events, so be sure to mark these on your calendar and please join us! Event details are outlined in the "Diary Dates" section. For new parents who are not familiar with operations in the final week of school, contact your class teacher. Students love to see their parents watching them perform. They give 110%, so set time aside to attend the **Christmas Concert & Presentation Morning on Thursday 3rd December 9am-10:30am** and our **End of Year Mass on Friday 4th December 9am-10am**. Both events are very special events not to be missed!

Next week we farewell our Year 6 students - **Montanah, Talia, Amelie, Ella, Indah, Keira, Rose, Rylee, Kade, Jakob, Jayden, Sanraj and Cameron** who will be leaving St. John's to attend secondary schooling. **Farewell also to the Cook, Corby, Giarraffa, Johnston, Kuhnell, Nguyen, and Ford** families who will be leaving our St. John's community. Though these families may be moving to new schools, our St. John's community will always welcome them here.

Recently, I have undergone a **performance review** which examined all aspects of my leadership and my ability to develop school culture. I am humbled to inform you that in all areas of my assessment I received an **extremely highly effective rating**. I would attribute this to working with exceptional colleagues who teach with love, a parent body who is respectful; working in partnership with their child's teachers and finally, a church community who supports St. John's School with all their heart and soul.

I am pleased to advise that school fees in 2021 will remain the same for next year and **all staff will be returning in their roles in 2021**. **School fees include student bookbags which each child will receive at the beginning of next year**. We are heavily staffed with teachers and school officers and believe this will benefit students to achieve their very best results.

A reminder to parents that the students are compiling **food/Christmas hampers for St. Vincent De Paul**. Your child may ask to bring in non-perishable items for the class hamper box.

Well done to the 9-12year students who participated in the **Billy Slater League tag carnival** on Friday. Congratulations to Team 1 who was undefeated, Team 2 who was very competitive and Team 3 who showed resilience and grit. **Well done** to the **instrumental music students** who performed for the whole school on Monday. We are very proud of your achievements! Prep/1 students are very excited about their **day excursion** tomorrow to Lacey's Creek and Mission Beach Aquatic Centre. Thank you to our P & F for covering these expenses.

As I conclude, I would like to say it has been an **absolute pleasure working together with families** to provide the **best possible educational opportunities for your child/ren**. I will see you at the Christmas Concert or perhaps the Silkwood Christmas Eve Mass at 6:00pm. School recommences on **Wednesday 27th January 2021**.

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

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Diary Dates

Wednesday 25th November

- ◆ Final Playgroup 2020.

Thursday 26th November

- ◆ Prep/1 excursion

Friday 27th November

- ◆ Award assembly
- ◆ Transition / Bump-up morning.
Pre-Prep 8:45am-10:45am
and 8:45am-11:15am for other year levels
- ◆ 1pm - 3pm Final P & F meeting and thank you afternoon tea

Tuesday 1st December

- ◆ 8:45am-10:45am Kindy/ Prep/1 Christmas breakup
- ◆ 6pm Graduation Dinner Year 6

Wednesday 2nd December

- ◆ Student desk washing (swim attire)
- ◆ Uniform shop 8:30-10:30
- ◆ P&F Reward shop 11:15am
- ◆ Report cards available via portal at 4pm

Thursday 3rd December

- ◆ 9am - 10:30am Christmas Concert & awards morning
- ◆ P&F Reward shop 11:15am

Friday 4th December

- ◆ 9am Whole School End of Year Mass
- ◆ 10:45am Handball finals
- ◆ 12 noon school concludes.
(Only bus operating at this time will be ElArish/Mission Bch)

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End of Year / Farewell Mass

Our final Mass for the year will be celebrated on Friday 4th December at 9:00am in the undercover area. This is an opportunity for us to gather and thank God for the past year, and to farewell our Year 6 graduates. Please join us for this celebration. Covid safe measures apply.



Advent

On Sunday we enter the season of Advent. This is the Church's "HAPPY NEW YEAR!". Advent is a time of preparation, not just for Christmas celebrations and holidays, but for the great feast of the Incarnation (God being made human). Find out more about Advent at <https://cathfamily.org/5-fast-facts-about-advent/>

A Wishful Christmas Prayer

God grant you the light of Christmas, which is faith;
the warmth of Christmas, which is purity;
the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice;
the belief in Christmas, which is truth;
the all of Christmas, which is Christ.



—Wilda English

Image source: <https://pixabay.com/illustrations/christmas-clinic-birth-4705532/>

Sports Roundup by Mr Russell

Congratulations to Kade Corby who represented the Peninsula under 12 Cricket side in Toowoomba last week. The side won 2 games and lost 3 and finished 10th out of the 12 Queensland School Sport regions. Kade, who is a fast bowler, took 4 wickets at the carnival and was involved in a match winning run out against Capricornia. Kade is still eligible for this side next year, so it's an amazing effort to compete at that carnival as an under 11. Well done Kade on a fantastic effort and on your performances!

Last week we had 3 sides attend the Billy Slater Rugby League Carnival in Innisfail. The St. John's sides were very successful on the day and the skills and sportsmanship displayed were first class. Special congratulations to the St. John's number 1 side who went undefeated on the day winning all 5 games. Unfortunately they decided against having a grand final and champion team this year which is a shame as this team would have been hard to beat for the title.

Happy Birthday to

BIRTHDAYS

November: 27th - Evie B,
29th - Jake,

December: 6th - Rose;
8th - Max; 9th - Tayla
11th - Porsha & Isaac

17th - Eve; 18th - Ella & Indah

25th - Dave; 27th - Cameron

28th - Isis 29th - Wyatt 31st - Benson



Justice Squad News

This week we launched our Mini Vinnies Christmas Appeal. We are looking for donations of non perishable food, personal goods and items suitable for gifts which can also be donated. If gifts are prewrapped please label which age group and gender the gift is suitable for. Also, the zipper doopers sold to students during Book Week raised about \$10 in total.

As the year draws to the end, I would like to thank the parents and staff for helping support the Justice Squad in fundraising for the Missions and other organisations we have donated to. I would also like to thank the students for their cooperation in helping prepare the Christmas cards, and other things. To finalise my report, I would like to thank Mrs Bryan, Mrs Gaia and Mrs Debrincat and the Justice Squad Team for fundraising and helping our community to become a better place.

Keira K, Justice Squad Media Reporter, 2020

Note Re - Justice Squad from Mrs Bryan:

I ask parents to talk to their child/ren about the Xmas cards they are currently making for the Tully Nursing home residents. Traditionally, St. John's would visit and perform a Christmas concert for the residents, however, this year due to COVID-19, this is not possible, so Mrs De Brincat, along with the Justice Squad, are leading this initiative. It is quite interesting, as rather than playing, a large number of students are indoors making these cards for the residents.

May the joy that you give to others
be the joy that comes back to you.

Second Step Superstars

Eve - Accurate spelling results.

Erin - Competing the maps in Reading Eggs.

Charlotte - Outstanding effort with homework.

Oliver - Listening attentively to others in class.

Ned - Focused attention in class and Getting Along with new classmates

Dave - Keeping focus when writing

Madison - Working well in reading

Sanraj - Giving effort during writing

Ella J - Taking on extra responsibility in classroom

Reading Awards:

100 Nights - Talia,

150 Nights - Clayton, Kiki, Jake

200 Nights - Ned

250 Nights - Audrey

250 Nights - Scarlett, Wyatt, Jorji, Rose

100 MAGIC Words - Ashly,

200 MAGIC Words - Isis, Sophia

300 MAGIC Words - Emily M



Thank you

P & F - Thank you to all parents who have taken on executive roles on the P & F Committee this year - Brett, Helen, Anna and Michelle. This year we will farewell Michelle who will be leaving our school community. Thank you also to all parents who have attended meetings, either via zoom or in person to help make a positive contribution to St. John's. We are grateful for your support.

Tuckshop - Thank you to Ramandeep and Harpal who have attended to the children's tuckshop needs this year with such commitment and diligence. They both have a cheerful smile every Friday on tuckshop day. Many thanks to Ramandeep who has let us know she will be continuing her service to St. John's in 2021.

Uniforms - Thank you to Maria who continues to look after all our school uniform requirements. We appreciate your commitment in keeping our kids looking good!

Bookclub - Thank you to Jemae who has coordinated our bookclub needs for this year. We appreciate your great work in this extraordinary year.



Uniform Shop times

The uniform shop will be open for parents for all your uniform needs on the following dates and times:

- ♦ Wednesday 2nd Dec. 8:30am - 10:30am
- ♦ Friday 22nd January 9:00am - 11:00am
- ♦ Wednesday 27th January - 8:15am - 9:15am

P & F News By Brett, President

Thank you for supporting the Lamington Drive. I hope to see you at the final P&F meeting on Friday 27th November 1pm-3pm in the Library. Following the meeting we will have a thank you afternoon tea hosted by St. John's School to say thank you for working in close partnership with the school. Finally, I would like to bring your attention to the Catholic School Parents Queensland (CSPQ) website as it has lots of great resources for parents – pandf.org.au.



Term Dates 2021

Term 1: Wed. 27th January - Thursday 1st April
Term 2: Mon. 19th April - Friday 25th June
Term 3: Mon. 12th July - Friday 17th September
Term 4: Tues. 5th October - Friday 3rd December

Kindy News

As this year draws to a close I would like to give a big Thank You to the Kindergarten Families and children for a great year together. Although it was filled with pandemics and lockdowns and extra emotions, we have had such lovely times with the children and have valued every minute with them. If your child is returning to Kindergarten next year please check your emails for online enrolment details. **We start back at Kinder on Thursday 28th January!**

Last week we had a very fun day with our annual Splash Pad excursion. While the morning was certainly action-packed with unplanned events, everyone had such a good time. Thank you to the families that could come along.

Diary Dates

Thursday 26th November - Working Bee from 2pm. We'd appreciate your help to clean our resources.

Tuesday 1st December - Kindy/Prep/Year 1 Christmas Party at St Johns School Undercovered/Tuckshop area. Santa will be there!

Thursday 3rd December - Our LAST DAY of Kindergarten! Graduation/End of Year get together from 1:45pm.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year's Break!

Ms Cheryl and Mrs Greco.



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. **Visit our school website www.stjohnssilkwood.qld.edu.au for a guided tour of St. John's School or call 40659530 for more information.**

A Little Town

Not far away from my home
Is a little area where children roam.
The school is a special place
Where children learn and work with grace.

St John's children run and play
In the morning they start their day.
Reading, writing, arithmetic
At our tables we must be quick!

Throughout the day we learn to pray
That we are protected as we say.
Everyone learns The Lord's Prayer
Which leads us to understanding love and care.

For the quiet student and even the shy
It brings out your courage to help you fly.
This is a wonderful way to start
With love beating freely in our heart.

Making friends whom I will never forget
For this little school I'm forever in debt.
I can't believe that the end is near
This little class will all shed a tear.

Let's make the most of what time we have left
And try and do our very best
Because these days are meant to be
I thank St John's for educating me.

By Danni, Year 5



***Wishing all
families a holy
Christmas and
safe, happy
holidays.***

Christmas Mass Times
Catholic Parishes from Babinda to Cardwell

INNISFAIL (Mother of Good Council Church, 90 Benbulla Street) Thu 24 Dec, 6.30pm Thu 24 Dec, Midnight with Carols from 11.30pm Fri 25 Dec, 9am	TULLY (St Clare of Montefalco Church, 19 Main Street) Thu 24 Dec, 5.30pm MISSION BEACH (Holy Virgin Church, 100 Main Street, Mission Beach) Fri 25 Dec, 7am
SOUTH JOHNSTONE (St Rita's Church, 1 Green Street) Fri 25 Dec, 8am	CARDWELL (Our Lady Star of the Sea, Victoria Street) Fri 25 Dec, 9.30am
BABINDA (St Rita's Church, 10 Church Street) Fri 25 Dec, 7am	SILKWOOD (St John the Evangelist Church, Harold Street) Thu 24 Dec, 6pm
MOURLIVAN (Child the King Church, 10 Harbour Road) See Innisfail/South Johnstone	EL ARISH (Our Lady of Fatima, Glasgow Street) Fri 25 Dec, 10am

OR ENQUIRIES CONTACT:
063 0650 — Babinda, Innisfail, Mourilyan, South Johnstone
068 1143 — Cardwell, Mission Bch, Silkwood, El Arish, Tully
051 1990 — other churches around Cairns Diocese

*May peace
be on our lips
and in our hearts.*

The Kurrimine Beach
Progress Association

Christmas Party
Saturday 12th Dec
4pm

Santa
Lara the clown and activities
Free kids sausage sizzle
Raffle
Pig & Beef on spit
Drinks

Silkwood Clay Target Club together with
Silkwood Local Ambulance Committee
cordially invites you to our

Silkwood Carols

Date 19th December 2020
Gates open 5pm, Santa arrives 6pm.
Held at Silkwood Clay Target Club.
Food and Drinks available to purchase under COVID 19
regulations.
Coloring in Competition winner announced on the night.
Bring a rug and/or comfy chair.
Silkwood Ambulance Committee Raffle
1st \$200 2nd \$100 3rd \$50

