



St. John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



*"Always end your day with a smile,
a positive thought and a grateful heart!" Anon*

Term 1 Week 10 – 31st March, 2021

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful term we have experienced! Thank you to the many parents/carers who have attended parent/teacher meetings. It is always a pleasure **working in partnership** with you.

Congratulations to our P&F position holders for 2021;

- ♦ President - **Mr. Brett Gaia,**
- ♦ Vice-President - **Mr. Kevin Tanti,**
- ♦ Secretary - **Mrs. Helen Belbin,**
- ♦ Treasurer - **Ms. Anna Santariga.**

For those families new to St. John's, our **P&F executive committee**, with the support of all our parents, have **achieved great things** recently with the construction of our Nature Play which was designed by the students. I am pleased to inform the community that **St. John's Parents and Friends has been successful in a Gaming Grant application.** They will be receiving \$34,580 to **shade sail our Nature Play area and commence Stage 2** of this project construction, which will include further design elements. Many thanks, also to **Mrs Riera and Mrs Sendra** who coordinated the successful Gaming Grant application.

Yesterday at our P & F meeting we were also joined by Mrs Kirsten Brooks who was representing the Silkwood Tennis Club. Unfortunately, this Club has now ceased operating and **Mrs Brooks, on behalf of the club, donated \$46,287 to the St. John's P&F Association.** The committee members were humbled and absolutely thrilled by this donation! **A sincere thank you to the Silkwood Tennis Club for this donation.**

Our St. Patrick's Day fundraiser for **Project Compassion** raised approximately **\$80.** These **funds will go to vulnerable communities** to allow them to move forward with lifesaving strategies to tackle new challenges.

Last Friday, the upper school students attended the **Touch Football Gala Day** at Tully State High School. As Principal of St. John's, I was very **impressed with students' behaviour, determination, 'grit', sportsmanship and respect.** Many thanks to our **wonderful dads and mums who helped on the day too!** A special mention to our **best and fairest award winners; Dave, Ella, Dom, Taj and Scarlett.** **Congratulations to the senior girls who took out their division!**

A call out to parents who are **interested in enrolling their child in the Sacramental program this year for Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.** See overleaf.

Finally, we are **commencing our enrolment process for 2022** and are calling for families who have school aged children interested in **enrolling at St. John's** to call the office on 4065 9530 for more information or to complete an **online enrolment form on our website: www.stjohnssilkwood.qld.edu.au** Please turn over to read more about our school - **"Great School, Great Spirit!"**

I **look forward to seeing parents onsite tomorrow afternoon for our Easter presentation at 2:00pm.** Parents are not required to wear a mask as social distancing can be easily maintained and we are already exercising COVID-19 rules and measures.

School resumes Monday 19th April. Happy Easter!

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

Always Reaching For New Heights



Diary Dates

Thursday 1st April

- ♦ Holy Thursday
- ♦ 2:00pm Easter Presentation. Parents welcome onsite

Friday 2nd April

- ♦ Good Friday

Sunday 4th April

- ♦ Easter Sunday

Monday 4th April to Sunday 18th April

- ♦ School Holidays

Monday 19th April

- ♦ Term 2 school resumes

Wednesday 21st April

- ♦ Playgroup 9-11am

Sunday 25th April

- ♦ ANZAC Day

Monday 26th April

- ♦ ANZAC Day holiday

Thursday 29th April

- ♦ Year 4 Excursion to Cairns to watch Matilda

Sunday 2nd May

- ♦ Three Saints Mass livestreamed

Tuesday 4th May

- ♦ St. John's Interhouse Cross Country

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Palm Sunday (28th March) The Sunday before Easter Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. This day commemorates Christ's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

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Holy Thursday (1st April) is the day when Jesus sat down at the table sharing his Last Supper with his disciples. The Eucharist originates from Jesus' words and actions at this meal.

Good Friday (2nd April) is the day on which we commemorate the death of Jesus Christ on the Cross, the act that brought salvation.

Easter Sunday (4th April) is the greatest feast in the Christian calendar. On this Sunday, Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. It is a day of celebration because it represents the fulfilment of our faith.

Mass times for Easter

Holy Thursday - 1st April

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 6:00pm Tully
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30pm Innisfail

Good Friday - 2nd April

Stations of the Cross-10:00am Tully /10:30am Innisfail
The Lord's Passion - 3:00pm
Silkwood or Tully or Mission Beach

Holy Saturday - 3rd April

Easter Vigil - 6:00pm Silkwood or Tully

Easter Sunday - 4th April

7:00am South Johnstone & 7:00am Mission Beach
10:00am El Arish

HOLY WEEK &
Easter
MASS TIMES

Easter Presentation

Parents and Carers are invited to our **special Easter Presentation in the undercover area on Thursday afternoon at 2:00pm**. Following this presentation Mrs Bryan will present the reading and sport certificates and acknowledge our birthdays for the fortnight.

Caritas Boxes

A reminder for all students to return **your Caritas donation boxes** to school so money can be forwarded to Caritas. Thank you to those who have already returned their Caritas donations.

Sacramental Program

This year, St John's Parish will offer the Sacramental program for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. The program is open to students in Year 4 and above who are baptised Catholic. If you have a child you would like to include in the program, please notify Mrs. Gaia (lgaia@cns.catholic.edu.au) as soon as possible. Also, **please pass the word on** to parents of eligible children who do not attend St John's. They can also email Mrs. Gaia. Important dates to note for the program are: Monday 24th May, Saturday 29th May, Monday 31st May, Tuesday 1st June and Saturday 5th June. Details will be released at the beginning of next term. In the mean time, if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Gaia.

Chess Club

Our student learning continues in the chess world. Our grand master parent, Mr Belbin, is coming tomorrow to show the students a different style of play. He will be versing five opponents at once. This will be thrilling to watch! Students have mentioned they intend to challenge their parents in chess over the holiday break!

ANZAC Day

On ANZAC Day, Sunday 25th April, St. John's School will participate in the ANZAC Day events. At 10am students will march from the King Reef Resort to the Kurrimine Beach ANZAC memorial and take part in the planned liturgy. Day uniform will be required and their school hat.

Prep/Year 1 Easter Work

Parents of the Prep/One class will be receiving a very special keepsake tomorrow - their child's Easter booklet. This booklet has been painted and constructed by each student and tells the Easter story. The students have had great fun and engaged in rich learning on the Catholic tradition whilst constructing this booklet. (See the picture on the back page of this newsletter.)

P&F News

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Thank you to the committee members who have accepted executive roles this year. Congratulations to Kevin, Helen and Anna. I remind you that our success is due to willing parental support, so please be ready to assist if Mrs Bryan sends a call out in the Parent Flyer for help or Helen makes contact with you over this year. Everything we do is to benefit our kids. Great news is our successful Gambling Grant application of \$34,580 and the donation we received from the Innisfail Tennis Club - \$46,287. Thank you to the Silkwood Tennis Club and Mrs Riera & Mrs Sendra for the grant application submission.

Brett Gaia, President



March

Happy Birthday to
Mary

Second Step Superstars



Baylen-Working tough and focusing in Maths
Jace -Working tough and focusing in Maths
Emily M - Focused attention on your writing
Zack- Focused attention and giving effort in class.
Flynn- Focused attention and giving effort in class.
Jake - Working hard to improve your maths.
Sam R - Using problem solving skills to meet personal goals
Ella - Focused attention in all subject areas.
50 Nights Reading - Mylinda, Ned, Max, Claire, Jorji, Ruby F, Montana, Sean, Audrey, Emily M, Ruby M, Mary, Lincon, Baylen, Emily P, Charlotte, Wyatt, Dominic, Sam R
100 Magic Words - Benson, Ruby M
Principal's Award-Touch Football Best & Fairest
Congratulations Dave, Ella, Scarlett, Dom, Taj

2022 Enrolments

Our enrolment process for 2022 has begun. If you have a child or know of someone who is interested in enrolling their child at St John's for **2022** in Prep (child born between 1/7/2016 and 30/6/2017) 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



St John's School is an **inclusive community** of people who are accepting and forgiving. We promote forgiveness and reconciliation. We **encourage positivity and resilience**. Our motto depicts that we are continually striving to reach new heights. This involves the social, emotional, psychological and cognitive development of our children. Overall, St John's is a **caring, co-operative, safe, stimulating and nurturing environment for families**. The children are provided with a quality and fulfilling education.

This year our enrolment process will be elevated to Term 2 and 3 to line up with Catholic schools in the Diocese and our CES commitments and deadlines.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform shop is open every Tuesday morning by Maria from 8.15am to 8.45am for uniform requirements. Maria's mobile number is 0407 178 714.



Kindy News



We have been enjoying the sunny weather over the last fortnight and spending our time outdoors being active in our beautiful natural environment. Outdoors we can run, jump, hop, climb and balance. These actions develop our gross motor skills and are important as this forms the basis for development of our fine motor skills!

We have been observing nature very closely – learning about life cycles as we watch the toads and frogs in our yard growing, as well as our seeds sprouting into plants. We also have cocoons that were brought in for us to observe. We are hoping that we get to see the butterflies emerge when they are ready. Our Kindergarten group is very interested in all things nature based, so this is a wonderful experience for them to observe.



The kindergarten children have become very interested in using our craft area – a space where the children are only limited by their creativity and imagination. Currently we have an interest in spiders, so we are seeing lots of crafty spiders being made. The children started off wanting 8 legs and eyes on their spiders, and have moved onto incorporating fangs, hair and webs!



On Thursday this week we have a 'Come and Play' family afternoon from 3 – 4pm. This is a chance for our kindy group to have their families here at Kindergarten with them for a play and an Easter hunt! Please let us know if you cannot attend.

Have a safe and fun Easter break! Thanks, Ms Cheryl and Mrs Greco.



Enquires call: 40 52 5755

Email: kindy.silkwood@cclc.catholic.org.au

Web: www.cclc.catholic.org.au/community-kindergarten/

Places
available



Prep/1



Touch
Lunch



Football



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!

Playgroup

FEAST OF FUNKY GENES

FEAST OF FUN KID ZONE

FREE ENTRY
RIDE FEES APPLY
LOTS OF FREE FUN STUFF FOR KIDS TO DO!

Sunday 18th April River Feast 9am-3pm

\$4.00 per ride or \$20.00 all day fun!

Art, craft, stories & activities for all ages

Sponsored by Brothers' Leagues Club

Cairns Diocesan News

We are pleased to advise that the Easter edition of the magazine, including all parish Easter Mass times is now available for viewing. Click on the link below or copy this link into your web browser and it will take you to our magazine.

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/xgvm/ykcsv/#p=1>

For parents and carers who have subscribed, you will receive a copy to your inbox. For those who wish to subscribe, please follow this link below:

<https://cairns.catholic.org.au/news-and-events/diocesan-news-magazine>