



# St. John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



*"Many of life's failures are people who did not realise how close they were to success when they gave up!" T.A. Edison*

**Term 2 Week 4 – 12th May, 2021**

Dear Parents,

**Thank you for attending two major school events last week.**

Our Cross Country is always exciting and builds the child's determination and self-discipline. It is so rewarding for the children when they finish the distance. Of course they run that extra bit harder when Mum, Dad, Nan, Pop are watching! Also, what a fabulous Mothers' Day morning on Friday. The liturgy was heart moving and I saw a lot of students having fun with their Mum. I hope you have your beautiful photo mounted to your fridge. Again, thank you for making the morning special.

**Congratulations to our Cross Country runners** who participated in the District trials on Friday. We are proud of you. **Well done to Stevie** who gained selection in the District team. Also, **well done to Dave** who gained selection in the District Rugby Union team as a key playmaker at halfback.

This week we have our CES Psychologist, Occupational Therapist, Speech Language Pathologist, and Manager of Therapy Services onsite at St. John's School. These CES personnel visit school regularly over the term, and combined with our School Counsellor, provide **great support for our students** where required. Furthermore, St. John's class teachers meet with these CES staff and myself to moderate students' work to **achieve best outcomes**, ensure our **students are working to their full potential** and progress is being achieved. Parents are always welcome to check-in on their child's progress. Simply email the class teacher or call the office to make an appointment time.

A significant milestone occurring this year is **Catholic Education celebrating 200 years** with the motto of 'Faith in the Future'. I will be taking our school leaders to the celebratory **Mass at St. Monica's Cathedral on 24th May**. Over 200 years Catholic schools have educated millions of Australian students. Australian Catholic schools have a long and proud tradition of delivering high-quality, faith-based education.

A reminder that our **Parish Sacramental Program** is about to commence with the **first meeting on Monday 24th May at St. John's Church**. The program is for students in Year 4 and above who are baptised Catholic. The children will prepare for and participate in Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. These are special sacraments of the Catholic Church. This program is run every 2 years in our Parish. Contact school office if you have questions.

A reminder to place the weekly Parent Flyer on your fridge and check it daily as there is always so much happening! Older students continue their Reef Guardian membership webinars with a focus on climate change this week. Younger students have special activities planned for next Wednesday for National Simultaneous Story Time (more details inside this newsletter). Also for our younger students, a great morning for Under 8's day is being planned, which includes our Kindergarten children joining in the fun. I have organised an exciting visit from Little Athletics, Queensland for Friday. All students will be participating in drills & skills. If you are interested in joining Cassowary Coast Little Athletics, please make contact with me (Mrs Bryan).



## Diary Dates

### Wednesday 12th May

- ♦ Playgroup 9am - 11am

### Thursday 13th May

- ♦ NAPLAN - Reading & Language Year 3 & 5
- ♦ 3-4pm Year 4-6 High Jump training

### Friday 14th May

- ♦ Assembly 8:35am - 9:00am
- ♦ NAPLAN - Numeracy Year 3 & Year 5
- ♦ Little Athletics on site

### Saturday 15th May

- ♦ Year 4 hosting Parish/School Mass, followed by a cuppa. Please bring a plate.

### Tuesday 18th May

- ♦ Rugby drills –Mr Leon

### Wednesday 19th May

- ♦ Simultaneous Story Time 11:00am
- ♦ Parent Engagement workshop at Serville Centre. 4:30-6:00pm

### Friday 21st May

- ♦ U8s Day - P/1/Kindy

### Monday 24th May

- ♦ Book Fair commences
- ♦ National Mass 200yrs
- ♦ Sacramental Prog. Meeting 5:30pm

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

*Always Reaching For New Heights*



### Upcoming Feast Days

The Church celebrates two important feast days this coming fortnight. **This Sunday we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord;**

Jesus' last bodily appearance on earth before he was taken up to heaven. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, as well as the Acts of the Apostles recount the event which occurred on the Mount of Olives near Bethany outside the walls of Jerusalem. In Australia, the feast is commemorated on the Sunday that follows the fortieth day after Easter.

**Next Sunday we celebrate Pentecost** which marks the end of the Easter season. It is called the birthday of the Church as it was from this event that the disciples went forth to spread the good news and establish the Church.

### Parish/School Mass

This **Saturday, our Year 4 class** will host the **Parish/School Mass beginning at 6pm**. All in the school community **are invited to join** for this Mass. Following Mass we will join for a cuppa. Please bring a share plate.

### Know Your Saint – Joan of Arc

**St Joan of Arc** was a French peasant. As a teenager, she led the entire French Army to famous victories in the Hundred Year War. The King of France was crowned as a result of her efforts. She was later captured by the English and put on trial as a witch and heretic. She was burned at the stake in 1431.

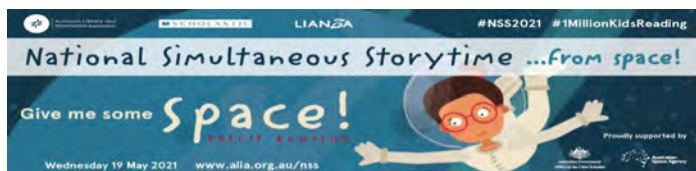
### Interhouse Cross Country Champions:

Well done to all the competitors for putting in a great effort. Below are our age winners:

- 5 Years - Mary
- 6 Years - Charlotte, Tyler
- 7 Years - Ruby, Dominic
- 8 Years - Porsha, Taj
- 9 Years - Audrey, Clayton
- 10 Years - Jada, Sean
- 11 Years - Montana, Finnley
- 12 Years - Dave, Stevie
- 13 Years - Ellie

### National Simultaneous Storytime

On **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**, students in Prep to Year 3 will take part in National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS). This year's book - "*Give me Some Space*", by Philip Bunting will be read by astronaut Sharon Walker from the International Space Station. Students will then take part in a range of art/craft, science and literacy activities in response to the book. The event, which aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, involves over 1 million students in Australia and New Zealand.



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## Book Fair is coming...

**Week 6 - Monday  
24th to Friday  
28th May**



St. John's School, along with Scholastic is committed to helping your child/ren inspire a lifelong love of reading. This year our Book Fair is being held in May to coincide with the 25th year of National Family Reading month! This year's theme is **"To the Book Fair and Beyond!"**

### Parent Workshop

In association with Catholic School Parents Qld, Catholic Education Cairns is hosting a parent engagement workshop with a short social gathering to follow at Seville Conference Centre, 35 Bauhinia Avenue, Earlville. The workshop will showcase school parent engagement initiatives via a series of presentations from a number of our Cairns Schools to promote 'good ideas' and acknowledge the valuable role of parents in Catholic schools. Parents are invited to attend. Registrations necessary.



### Term 2 P & F Fundraiser

The P&F are currently organising a Monster Raffle for our Term 2 fundraiser. The drawing of this raffle will be coordinated with a **Family Fun afternoon** set down for **Sunday 20th June at the Kurrimine Beach Holiday Park commencing at 2pm**. The Family Fun afternoon will include free pool entry for students, live music and ticket selling. Families may also like to have lunch at the park. It is hoped tickets will be sent home next week. Mrs Belbin has secured some fabulous prizes!

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## Second Step Superstars

- Charlotte** - Focused attention in Mathematics.
- Ruby F** - Focused attention in Mathematics.
- Lincon** - Learning to focus on your Mathematics.
- Dominic** - Being respectful to your teachers & classmates.
- Sophia** - Using listening skills in lessons.
- Eve T** - Taking responsibility for completing tasks and homework.
- Noori** - Being an organised and caring class member.
- Ailie** - Working tough in Maths.
- Stevie** - Focused attention in Maths.

### **Principal's Award - Sport**

- Stevie** - Selection in Cassowary Coast District team - Cross Country.
- Dave** - Selection in Cassowary Coast District team - Rugby Union.
- 50 Nights Reading** - Tyler, Evelyn, Navtaj, Gabriella, Ella, Porsha, Tilly, Billy.
- 100 Nights Reading** - Emily P, Charlotte, Dominic, Audrey.



## **Creed for Children**

We want our children to be strong - to do what they believe is right and to recover when they make mistakes.

We want our children to have empathy - to know what it is like to be lonely, scared and vulnerable; to seek help and to give help.

We want our children to love warmly - their families, their lives, other children, people of different cultures and abilities. We want them to love the environment and the plant and the animal life of this country: the beaches, the waterways, the mountains and forests. We want them to inhabit the earth carefully.

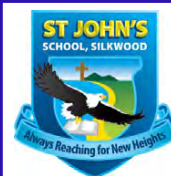
We want our children to judge critically - to recognise the good and hopeful and to reach for a full life; to recognise untruth, cruelty, violence, disrespect and danger and to deal with them resourcefully.

We want our children to be free from harm - bullying, disparagement, lack of care and protection, the preying of adults, war and displacement.

We want our children to love God - to know the love of God through the adults surrounding them; to know God as a friend and faithful companion.

We want our children to go to bed each night and to wake in the morning with hope - to have education, family life, home and security, healthcare, enough food and a hopeful future.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord and the Holy Spirit. Amen



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## **Enrolments**

St John's is a caring, co-operative, safe, stimulating and nurturing environment for school families. We are an inclusive community of people who are accepting and forgiving and encourage positivity and resilience in our students.

We are currently seeing children who are **born between 1/7/2016 and 30/6/2017** to join our **Prep 2022 class**.

At this stage, places are also being accepted in all class areas for 2022.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about what makes our school unique, please contact the **school office on 4065 9530**, or visit our **school website** [www.stjohnssilkwood.qld.edu](http://www.stjohnssilkwood.qld.edu).

## **Kindy News**



Our Kindergarten group have continued on with their scientific exploration, which started with rain clouds and moved on to absorption and *walking water*! Science at Kindy is hands on, so we continued to explore these concepts in ways that we could see, touch and experiment with. We set up a walking water experiment for observation – and were able to watch the coloured water seem to ‘walk’ up the paper towel and into another cup! We then tried this out ourselves, using watercolour paint, droppers and paper towel to observe what happened when a drop of water was put onto the paper. We had fascinating and beautiful results with colours spreading over the paper towel and mixing with others. Kindergarten children are naturally curious and really enjoy experimenting and engaging in experiences like this which opens up their eyes and minds!

We have also begun exploring the Punjabi culture and have been practising how to count to 5 in Punjabi. The children have picked this up so quickly we are going to move on to the numbers all the way to 10! We will

engage with this culture over the term and learn more as we go. With Punjabi students in our classroom, it is really important for us to ensure their culture is represented in our planning. Exploring varied cultures of the world also encourages us to develop respect and understanding of diversity – an important part of our Kindy curriculum. *Thanks, Ms Cheryl and Mrs Greco.*

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