



# St. John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



*"Never stop learning, because life never stops teaching!"*  
Vivek Madlani

Term 2 Week 6 – 26th May, 2021

Dear Parents,

On Monday, along with the School Captains, I attended the National Mass, celebrating a significant milestone of **200 years of Catholic Schooling in Australia** at St. Monica's Cathedral, Cairns. Bishop James captivated the audience at Mass by sharing his memories of school, and also stated the key role of modern **Catholic Schools is to provide wisdom and knowledge to our students**. He also stated 'We stand on the shoulders of giants' acknowledging the **hard work and dedication of all those gone before us**, including the Franciscan Missionary Sisters at St John's.

**Has your child told you that they are off to Italy, sightseeing in Greece, going onboard an Australian Warship?** On Thursday, classes are learning with our virtual reality headsets. They are extremely excited! At St. John's we strive to **deliver and engage students in learning opportunities at an exceptional level**.

This week is **National Reconciliation Week - 'More than a Word. Reconciliation Takes Action'**. Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians - as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of their journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. **2021 marks twenty years of Reconciliation Australia** and almost three decades of Australia's formal reconciliation process. Resources can be found at [nrw.reconciliation.org.au](http://nrw.reconciliation.org.au)

Our **Sacramental Program** for students has commenced in the Parish. Receiving the Sacraments is a special time in our journey of faith, and is the means by which baptised students can complete their journey into full membership of the Catholic Church. They are community events which remind us of the role of the community in our faith life. **Best wishes to: Billy, Ned, Clayton, Max, Audrey, Sam R and Tayla.**

Parents please help to **keep your child focussed on the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)** as it may require a combined effort with your child. Students will have their 'School Reader Record form' at home which is due on back by Friday 27th August. **We strive for every student to complete this challenge**. Please contact your class teacher if you require further information. The PRC website is [qld.gov.au/ReadingChallenge](http://qld.gov.au/ReadingChallenge).

Also, a reminder that **Book Fair is on this week only**. Opening times are listed inside the newsletter. Our Book Fair week will conclude with a dress up day on Friday, with the "Space" theme. Kids always love dress up!

**Congratulations to the winners of the 3 Saints colouring competition: Emily M, Mylinda, Sean, Danni.** Well done to **runner ups: Kisara, Benson, Erin, Flynn, Tayla, Ellie W.**

We look forward to our **Executive Director visiting today**. Mr Bill Dixon refers to us as a "Champion School" and we are very proud of this title!

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



## Diary Dates

**Monday 24th May to Friday 28th May**

- ♦ Book Fair in the Hall
- Wednesday 26th May**
- ♦ Playgroup 9-11am
- ♦ Reef Guardian Webinar Year 5 & 6
- ♦ Executive Director Mr Dixon visiting

**Thursday 27th May to 3rd June**

- ♦ National Sorry Day (27th) and Reconciliation Week

**Thursday 27th May**

- ♦ Virtual Reality Day eLearning
- ♦ Field Events training 3pm - 4pm 9-12yrs

**Friday 28th May**

- ♦ Dress Up for Book Fair - Space theme
- ♦ Assembly 8:35am

**Saturday 29th May**

- ♦ Commitment Mass for Sacramental candidates 6:00pm

**Monday 31st May**

- ♦ Fr Hillary to visit classes

**Wednesday 2nd June**

- ♦ Playgroup 9-11am

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### Upcoming Feast Days

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the **feast of the Holy Trinity**. The simple and profound truth at the heart of Trinity Sunday is that 'God is Love'. God, therefore, cannot be alone. Love requires someone who loves, one who is loved and the fruit of that love. If God is love, then God the Father is the one who loves, God the Son is the one who is loved, and the fruit of that love is God the Holy Spirit. Humans struggle to make sense of the Trinity, of three in one. That is why we say the Trinity is a mystery, as no-one can fully understand it.

The *Sign of the Cross* and the *Glory Be* are two prayers that connect us with the Trinity.

**Next Sunday** is the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. This **feast is about the Eucharist** as a sacrament of unity. When we break bread and share the one cup, we recall the last supper before Jesus died on the Cross. Like the disciples, the Mass has bounded us in a love relationship. For this reason, the Eucharist is a call to unity and community.

### Know Your Saint – Saint Norbert

As a lazy nobleman, St Norbert loved good food and wine. After being thrown from his horse in a storm, he changed his life and became a priest. He founded several monasteries and convents in his time.

### Interhouse Athletics

With cross country done completed for another year, our students now turn their efforts to Athletics. They are currently busily honing in on their Athletics skills with Mr. Russell. Last fortnight, St. John's was fortunate to have secured a visit from Mr Shaun, a Development officer from Little Athletics, to coach our students. Mr. Shaun gave the students some vital tips on all the field events.

Our **Interhouse Athletics is set for Thursday 24th June**. The students love to see their parents cheering them on so please mark this date in your calendar.

### E-Learning Lessons at St. John's with Mrs Irvine.

On Thursday, all students will have the opportunity to explore learning through virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) as part of our eLearning program. VR enables students to immerse themselves in environments they would not usually be able to explore - think diving on the Great Barrier Reef, huddling with the penguins in Antarctica, or visiting cultural and religious festivals in far off places. AR enables students to use the camera function on smartphones/ ipads/laptops to add digital elements to a live view of the real world. Just look out for the dinosaurs popping up in the library! Years 4 to 6 students will also use Merge explorer—an AR app which transforms a cube into a digital canvas - to explore the galaxy or terraform the Earth in the palm of their hand! We will be joined by Anna Seidi, the Digital Learning and Library Services Consultant from Cairns for this exciting day of learning.

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### **Book Fair is here!**

**Come in and browse the great selection of books** set up at this year's Book Fair in the parish hall. There is definitely something for every age to take home to add to their reading collection. Shopping times this week are: Every morning 8:15am to 8:35am; Wednesday afternoon 3:00pm to 3:30pm; Thursday and Friday afternoon 3:00pm to 4:00pm and Friday morning following assembly.

**Don't forget the kids are encouraged to dress up on Friday in a Space theme!** Book Fair will conclude at the end of the week. St. John's School receives a commission based on Book Fair sales, so come and support the Fair! .

### Term 2 P & F Monster Raffle

**Wow!** What a **great response** to our Monster Raffle! Families, please continue this good work selling tickets. There are some sensational prizes on offer. There is also a **prize for the family who sells the most tickets**. If you require further raffle tickets please contact Helen Belbin – [hmcculloch@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:hmcculloch@cns.catholic.edu.au). 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. The Monster Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 22nd June at school. **Good Luck!**

Our next P & F Meeting is set for Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 3:10pm at the school library.

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Happy Birthday to  
Sunny, Gabby and Jorji

## **Second Step Superstars**

**Ruby M** - Focussed attention in all class work.  
**Amanat**-Focussed attention during reading groups  
**Kisara** - Focussing on catching up on missed work.  
**Porsha** - Managing emotions - not giving up and achieving success through effort.  
**Flynn** - Being a good friend and helping others in class.  
**Claire** - Consistent effort in class.  
**Jada** - Focussed attention and working tough in Maths.  
**Kiki** - Giving your best effort in all learning areas.

### **Principal's Award**

**Clayton** - Showing Empathy.  
**Amanat** - Showing Empathy.

### **MAGIC WORDS**

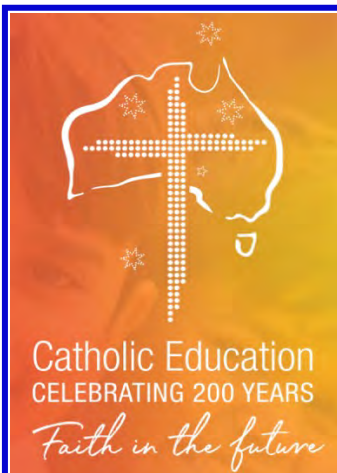
**Baylen** - 200 words. Fantastic effort!  
**Ruby F** - 100 words. Awesome effort!

**50 Nights Reading** - Ellie W, Savannah, Isaac, Dave, Stevie, Jake, Sophia.

**100 Nights Reading** - Scarlett, Sean, Emily M, Baylen, Ruby M, Mary, Wyatt.







The bicentenary is an opportunity to celebrate those who have served in Catholic Education since its earliest days; the contribution of religious institutes, clergy and lay people in the foundation of schools in cities, rural and remote parts of Australia; and the continuity of this mission with the leaders, staff, families and the wider Church community today.

Interesting facts made during Monday's Mass by the CES Director of Identity and Outreach

♦ Catholic Schools are a vital part of Australia's education landscape; from humble beginnings 200 years ago, Catholic schools have grown to become the nation's largest provider of education outside government serving **777,000 students and their families.**

♦ Today, **Australia's 1,755 Catholic Schools** educate **one in five students** and **employ more than 100,000 staff**, making Catholic Education a key partner in the delivery of quality schooling with the government and independent sectors.



## National Reconciliation Week 2021

**"More than a word - Reconciliation Takes Action".**

This year's theme urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action. It calls on others to follow their lead by reflecting on their own contributions and striving to do more.



**Want to know more about what makes this school so great?**

Call 4065 9530 to book a guided tour or visit our school website:

[www.stjohnssilkwood.qld.edu](http://www.stjohnssilkwood.qld.edu)

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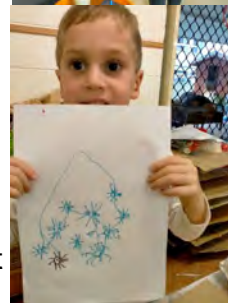
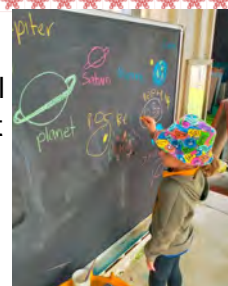


## Kindy News

At Kindergarten we **help the children to develop** the skills they will need when they move into formal

schooling. Building on our **fine motor skills** is a really important part of early childhood development – **increasing strength in our hands, fingers and wrists helps us in life** – from being able to open our lunches, to dressing ourselves, to drawing and writing. In Kindergarten we work on these skills in lots of different ways. Manipulative equipment like Duplo and Lego, playdough, scissors and tongs, dress-ups, painting and drawing; all of these experiences build on the children's fine motor dexterity. **Our drawing/writing table has been a busy place** recently with some great pictures being created. We have also drawn and written, with water, on our tough tray and blackboard, and offered a "Space" themed drawing and writing provocation on the blackboard for the children to interact with.

Also at Kindy, as part of our exploration into the Punjabi culture, **we have learnt how to count to 10 in Punjabi**, and have posters on our wall with numbers written in both English and Punjabi. The children interact with these in their play by counting out the pictures, **working on their numeral recognition**, reading the posters from left to right and of course **practising the Punjabi numbers** in words.



This week we are heading over to see all the amazing books at the **St John's Book Fair**. Look out for your child's wish list and **visit the Book Fair** when you can. *Thanks, Ms Cheryl and Mrs Greco.*

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