



# St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



*"Life is not being rich, being highly educated or being perfect.  
It is about being real, being humble and being kind!" Anon*

**Term 2 Week 10 – 23rd June, 2021**

Dear Parents,

We have almost completed another school term. **Thank you for the positive relationship between school and home.**

This week we **welcome our work experience students** from Good Counsel College and Tully State High: Jessica, Rachel, Lucinda and Dimi. The young ladies are keen to enter into Primary school teaching. They will discover at St John's that it is the best job in the world! I look forward to working with these young ladies this week.

Our students have told me that this is their **favourite week of school** - when we hold our athletics carnivals. **There is so much excitement in the air!** Yesterday was a lovely afternoon with the 800m and Ball games. Tomorrow we host the whole school athletics day. Go MacKillop! Go Francis!

**NAIDOC Week and the annual Innisfail Show** are on in the second week of the school holidays. Check out the NAIDOC Week national poster inside this newsletter. The poster titled **'Care for Country'** is a bright and vibrant artwork which explores how Country has cared for and healed First Nations people spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially and culturally. St John's will hold celebrations for NAIDOC Week next term. The Innisfail Show will be held on Thursday 8th July and Friday 9th July. **St John's School proudly places a school display in the pavilion.** A reminder to parents that **St. John's aligns with the Tully Show Holiday on Friday 23rd July as our gazetted public show holiday.**

**Well done to the St. John's Community for donating blankets, warm clothing and toiletries to our annual St. Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal.** These items will be donated to the local Tully branch. This Friday we will hold a special assembly with representatives of the St. Vincent De Paul society joining us to accept our winter hampers. Well done students for leading this appeal!

**Semester One report cards are planned for release this afternoon through the Parent Portal.** Students will bring home their portfolios. Writing and creating reports is an extensive process which is intensely moderated; school moderation, peer review processes and principal review processes. Your child's report card gives an overview of their progress and their portfolio provides extensive details on their learnings and assessment pieces. When viewing reports, it is important that you speak to your child about the amount of effort they put into their work. **EFFORT EQUALS SUCCESS.** Most importantly, **celebrate your child's efforts to recognise progress.** More information on reading your child report card is overleaf. Reminder, keep up the reading over the holiday break! **School resumes on Monday 12th July.**

*The greatest expression and sign of God's presence is Love!*

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



## Diary Dates

### Wednesday 23th June

- ♦ Rugby League with Mr Leon
- ♦ Report cards released 4:00pm

### Thursday 24th June

- ♦ Interhouse Athletics Carnival
- ♦ Winter appeals items due

### Friday 25th June

- ♦ Last day of term

### Monday 5th July

- ♦ NAIDOC Week starts

### Friday 9th July

- ♦ Innisfail Show

### Monday 12th July

- ♦ Term 3 commences

### Wednesday 14th July

- ♦ Playgroup at Kindy 9am - 11am

### Thursday 15th July

- ♦ School & Kindy photo Day

### Friday 23rd July

- ♦ Tully Show Holiday

### Monday 25th July -

### Sunday 31st July

- ♦ Catholic Education Week - A Spirited Tomorrow

### Monday 2nd Aug -

### Wednesday 4th Aug

- ♦ Year 5/6 Camp

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*Always Reaching For New Heights*



### Prayers for Parents

Are you looking for some prayer and reflection experiences? Visit the Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns website. Select the *Our School Communities* tab. From the dropdown menu, choose *Catholic Faith Perspectives*, then *Reflections on Faith and the Catholic School*, then *Prayers and Reflections*.



### Catholic Education Week

#### ***Celebrating Queensland Catholic Education Week 25th July to 31st July***

Each year, we celebrate Catholic Education Week in Week 3 of Term 3. This year, we will join with other Catholic schools from the Southern Deanery for a whole day celebration focused on the theme ***A Spirited Tomorrow***, which acknowledges the long tradition of Catholic Education and its continued relevance in preparing students for the future. More information about this celebration will be available early next term.

### Know Your Saint – St Thomas More

St Thomas More was born in London in 1478. He became a lawyer and was made Vice Chancellor of England by King Henry VIII. He was beheaded by the same King in 1535 because St Thomas refused to swear loyalty to him after Henry broke away from the Catholic Church for divorcing his wife.

### Understanding Student Report Cards

Overall, **reporting of students' achievement** in Prep to Year 3 is reported as Very High, High, Sound, Developing and Support Required. For students in Year 4 to 6 overall achievement is reported as A – E. A **'Sound/C'** rating will mean that a child is at the expected standard at the time of reporting and that his or her learning is on track.

A **'High/B'** rating will mean that a child is above the standard expected for their year level at the time of reporting.

A **'Very High/A'** rating will mean a child is well above the standard expected for their year level at the time of reporting.

A **'Developing/D'** rating will mean a child is below the standard expected at the time of reporting, and a **'Support/E'** rating well below.

Problems may occur through **adults' perception** of A-E Reporting. When adults (you and me) were in school, the report A-E Report system meant something totally different. The definitions have changed, especially for the achievement level of 'C'. A grading of 'C' means that your child, at this point in their learning is progressing at the expected level for that year level. It means the child is on par with a **'typical' child in Australia**, which is a worthy achievement. What teachers are now looking for in an 'A' student is a child who has shown a deep understanding of a topic and possesses the ability to apply that information in an unfamiliar context without adult assistance. Simply achieving 100% or close to it on a spelling or maths test doesn't automatically equate to an 'A'.

### Justice Squad News

At tomorrow's sports day the **Justice Squad will be selling zooper doopers for 50cents during the second lunch break. All proceeds go towards the SVDP Winter Appeal.**

**Thank you** to all our families who have already sent in their generous donations towards this appeal. Final donations are due in by tomorrow afternoon. Representatives from SVDP Tully will attend our school assembly on Friday to collect these donations.



### School Photos - Day Uniform

**Photo date: Thursday 15th July.**

Our school and kindy photo date is set down for Thursday of the first week back of Term 3. Photo envelopes will be sent home today with your child/ren.

### Term 3 School Fees Discounts

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Cairns provide a discount on tuition fees for holders of means-tested concession cards. The discount applies to tuition fees and not to school levies. The cards must be current and list, as dependents, the students for whom the discount is sought. Families who have recently acquired such a card are eligible for concessions by completing an application, available from the school office and supplying a copy of their card by **Tuesday 12th July for inclusion for Term 3 fees**. Please note: Any applicants with an expired card are also required to re-apply before the Term 3 school fees are generated.



Happy Birthday to  
Isabella, Olly, Kisara,  
Emily M, Sean, Baylen

## **Second Step Superstars**

**Charlotte** - Outstanding effort with homework.

**Tyler** - Working tough on your reading.

**Erin** - Being a good friend and playing fairly with others.

**Oliver** - Being respectful in class and working hard.

**Scarlett** - Always showing compassion.

**Sam W** - Being organised.

**Dave** - Searching for answers for your research project.



### **Principal's Award**

**Finn** - Skills for Learning - Respect.

**Max** - Skills for Learning - Focused attention.

### **MAGIC WORDS**

**100** - Jorji, **200** - Ruby F, Benson, Ruby M **300** - Ruby F, Ruby M

**50 Nights Reading** - Zack, Sunny

**100 Nights Reading** - Zara, Flynn, Marly, Lincon, Mylinda, Sharlyn, Danni, Noori, Ned.



# Monster Raffle Results

Many thanks to all who have supported this P & F fundraiser. Also, a big thank you to our prize donators. Without your support, our monster raffle would not be possible. All monies raised is returned back to the students to support activities/projects.



Below are the draw results

1. Family Pass to Hartley's Crocodile farm: T Gaia
  2. Family Pass to Paronella Park: M Kerridge
  3. Family Pass to Cairns Aquarium: Tim G
  4. Family Pass to Mamu Sky Walk: S O'Brien
  5. \$50 Voucher to Roscoes Restaurant: M Moran
  6. \$50 Voucher to El Arish Tavern: D Dobson
  7. \$50 Voucher to Brothers Club: S Reghenzani
  8. \$50 Voucher to Brothers Club2: K Wolff
  9. \$25 Voucher Bite Me Café: J Strano
  10. \$25 Voucher Sapore: Darcy
  11. Flower arrangement by Debbie's Florist: Marika
  12. Soul Patterson basket: Marika
- The winner of the most ticket books sold by a family:  
\$25 Voucher to Bite Me Café: M Toquero

Wishing all families a happy holiday.

*Brett Gaia, President P&F*

## Playgroup

Today was the final playgroup for this term. **Playgroup will resume in Term 3, Week 1 - Wednesday 14th July.** St. John's Playgroup meets every Wednesdays (school weeks) at the Catholic Community Kindergarten from 9:00 to 11:00am. Playgroups help children to develop and increase their social skills by having fun whilst sharing and cooperating in a safe environment. Playgroup also helps adults come together and network with other local families and share experiences and ideas in a relaxed forum.

**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!**

## Kindy News

It is hard to believe Term 2 is at an end! The Kindergarten children have been so busy playing and learning.

Albert Einstein said: 'Play is highest form of research', and when you observe children really engaged and engrossed in their play it is easy to know this is true!

The Kindergarten group are finishing the term by preparing a beautiful show display that will be at the Innisfail show. With the group's love of nature and insects we had to include their artwork, depicting all sorts of creepy crawlies! Their representative drawing development is very evident in their work, and they are becoming very skilful at working creatively in the craft area to design and put together craft projects from their imagination.

We will be including our amazing nature collage Rainbow Serpent that was created during Reconciliation Week. It is stunning and the children enjoyed collecting nature items from around the yard to add to this project.

Lastly, we wanted to show who the Kindergarten children are on our display – so each child has drawn and painted a picture of themselves. They have communicated with the staff what things they love to do at Kindy. We have written this information out for them and added to their pictures.

Make sure you look for the display at the show to see the children's amazing work. Happy holidays. **Kindergarten returns back on the 13<sup>th</sup> July for Term 3. Kindy photo day is set for Thursday 15th July.**

*Thanks, Ms Cheryl and Mrs Greco.*

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Go MacKillop!

Go Francis!

# Schedule of Events - Thursday

Years	9:00- 10:15am			10:45 - 12:45pm		1:15pm onwards
5/6/7 Years	200m	60m	Break	Field Events	Break	Relays/ Presentation
8/9 Years	200m	80m	Break	Field Events HJ, SP, LJ	Break	Relays/ Presentation
10/11/12/13 Years	200m	100m	Break	Field Events SP, LJ, HJ	Break	Relays/ Presentation

## *The Glass of Milk* Author Unknown.



One day there was a poor boy who made a living by selling various goods from door to door to pay his way through school. One day, as he was walking from house to house, he felt very hungry and weak. He decided he would ask for a meal at the next house. However, he lost his nerve when a lovely, young woman opened the door. Instead of a meal, he asked for a drink of water. She thought he looked hungry so she brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it slowly and then asked, "How much do I owe you?"

"You don't owe me anything," she replied. "Mother has taught us never to accept payment for a kindness."

He said, "Thank you from my heart." As Howard Kelly left the house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and man was strong also. He had been ready to give up and quit.

Many years later that same young woman became critically ill. Local doctors were baffled. She was admitted in a big city hospital where they called in specialists to study her rare disease. Dr. Howard Kelly, a renowned neuro specialist was called in for consultation. When he heard the name of the town she came from, a strange light filled his eyes. He recognised her at once. With careful medication and monitoring, the girl was completely cured in the end.

Everyone praised the doctor, but the girl was quite worried about how much the hospital bill would come to since she had spent many months being cared for. Her family had little money put away in the bank, and this was by no means enough to pay for such a long treatment in that reputed hospital. Dr Kelly requested the business office to pass the final bill to him for approval. He looked at it then wrote something on the edge, and then sent the account to her room. She feared to open it. Finally, she opened it and something caught her attention on the side of the bill. She read the words...."Paid in full with one glass of milk!" signed Dr. Howard Kelly. Tears flooded her eyes as she prayed for thanks!

There's a saying which goes something like this:

***The good deed you do today may benefit you or someone you love at the least expected time. If you never see the deed again, at least you will have made the world a better place. After all, isn't that what life is all about? The kind word/deed you may forget you have said or done to someone - the recipient of it never will!***

**GALA CENT SALE**  
SATURDAY, 7TH OF AUGUST 2021  
EL ARISH RSL MEMORIAL HALL  
12PM FOR A 2PM START  
RAFFLES - LUCKY DOOR PRIZES - AFTERNOON TEA  
ENTRY: \$5  
CONTACT MAY PERGER - 0419 685 442  
Fundraising for the  
El Arish School 100 Committee  
A Sub-Committee of the  
El Arish Hall Committee

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

**Innisfail Library**  
10.30am Tuesday 29 June  
Family Movie  
Dragon Rider - Rated PG  
10.30am Thursday 1 July  
Escape Room  
Ages 6+  
10.30am Tuesday 6 July  
Crime Solver - Ages 7+

**Tully Library**  
10.30am Thursday 1 July  
Spy Disguise - Ages 5+  
10.30am Thursday 8 July  
Detective Investigation  
Ages 5+  
Dash Robots available all school  
holidays  
Ages 5+

**Cardwell Library**  
2.00pm Monday 28 June  
DASH Robots Detectives - Ages 5+  
10.00am Thursday 1 July  
CD Wind spinners - Ages 8+  
2.00pm Monday 5 July  
SPHERO Escape Room - Ages 7+  
10.00am Thursday 8 July  
Table soccer game - Ages 8+

**Mission Beach Library**  
10.30am Wednesday 30th June  
Invisible Investigators - Ages 7+  
3.30pm Friday 2nd July  
Children's Monthly Movie  
The Croods - Rated PG  
The Escape Room  
Tuesday 6th July - 3 sessions: Starting  
from 9.30am - Ages 6+  
10.30am Thursday 8th July  
Spy Ops - Ages 7+

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