



St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



*"Accept both compliments and criticism.
It takes both sun and rain for a flower to grow!" Anon*

Term 3 Week 2 – 21st July, 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3 and I hope you enjoyed the break. It is obvious that the kids are ready to get back to learning as they are all engaging well with school activities. Thank you parents for presenting the children so very well with correct uniform requirements. While students have been on break, teachers have been preparing for the new term and I look forward to speaking to the students about their new learnings.



This week the **staff have a Professional Development session** focussed on our School Annual Improvement Plan Goal 1 - Catholic Identity. Staff will develop their religious literacy and knowledge to ensure religious education content is relevant, meaningful and equips our students with life long discernment skills.

It was a pleasure hosting work experience students in the final week of last term - Jessica, Lucy, Rachel from Good Counsel College and Dimi from Tully State High. These young ladies thoroughly enjoyed their time with us and commented how respectful the students were and how lovely the staff were. Most excitedly, they are serious about becoming a Primary School teacher!

Next Tuesday we celebrate **Catholic Education Week**. This year's theme is '**A Spirited Tomorrow**'. The students will enjoy a fabulous day out in Innisfail at our sister school Good Counsel Primary. **The students LOVE this day!** We attend church at Mother of Good Counsel and meet other students from our family schools: St. Rita's at South Johnstone, St. Rita's at Babinda, St. Clare's from Tully and Good Counsel Primary and College in Innisfail. Students also participate in fun activities. This week is very **important** to us as it is an **opportunity for all Catholic Schools in Queensland to celebrate and promote our distinctive mission and ethos**. Our schools do a great job in forming character. Catholic schools are Christ-centred communities based on Gospel values. These values are instilled now and it is our privilege to teach and work in partnership with parents. Our schools **strive to make a difference in the lives of our students** and in the wider community by **challenging young people** to live out the message of Jesus and **to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society**.

This **term we commence our enrolment processes**, so I ask parents to encourage **families who are interested in enrolling at St. John's to call the school office ASAP**. You need to secure your child's enrolment as places do fill quickly and **ordering resources for 2022 has already begun**. At this stage I have places in Prep but several other year levels are close to capacity.

At Monday's P&F meeting, the **President, Mr Brett Gaia**, and committee all **acknowledged and thanked the support from all our parents** who consistently support our school and the staff who make our school shine!

Ensure to check our Facebook page to view our wonderful Tully Show Display and check out the **latest edition of the RAISE magazine** for a great read on pg.14 - **Principal Profile**. This magazine is an outstanding resource for families.

Finally, our Director of School Effectiveness recently visited and **commended the staff for their energy and enthusiasm in teaching** our students and making **St. John's a wonderful place of learning and fun**.

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

Always Reaching For New Heights 

Diary Dates

Friday 23rd July

- ♦ Tully Show Holiday

Sunday 25th July - Saturday 31st July

- ♦ Catholic Education Week - *A Spirited Tomorrow*

Sunday 25th July

- ♦ World Day for Grandparents

Tuesday 27th July

- ♦ Catholic Education Week celebrations - Whole school to Good Counsel Primary

Wednesday 28th July

- ♦ 9 -12yrs District Discus&800m 4:00pm

Friday 30th July

- ♦ 9-12yrs District Athletics all day
- ♦ Docemus Awards

Monday 2nd Aug - Wednesday 4th Aug

- ♦ Year 5/6 Camp

Thursday 5th August

- ♦ Netta Carnival, Cairns

Friday 6th August

- ♦ Australian Primary Principals' Day

Saturday 7th August

- ♦ Parish/School Mass 6pm

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Grandparents' Day

This Sunday we celebrate the **first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**, established by Pope Francis. This year's theme is *I am with you always*, expressing the closeness of the Lord and the Church to every older person, especially during the challenging times of Covid-19. In the message Pope Francis released for this day, he reminds us that the Lord sends **angels**, even at the darkest moments. Be the angel for your loved older persons this Sunday! Embrace them; so they can feel the Lord is with them.

Parish/School Mass

On **Saturday 7th August**, Year 2/3 will host the Parish/School Mass at 6pm. All are welcomed. Save the date.

Raise Magazine

Check out page 14 of the latest RAISE Magazine coming home to families today. It features our very own Principal, Mrs Bryan. **Congratulations Mrs Bryan** on your **commitment, dedication and passion** to leading St. John's School. Our school community is blessed to have you steering this ship!



Sphero Olympic Games

With the Summer Olympics due to commence on Friday, St John's students from **Years 2 to 6 will be taking part in our very own mini-Sphero Olympic Games** this term.



Students will represent countries from around the world, constructing and programming a Sphero athlete to take part in events such as the 400 cm sprint, long jump and swimming. **Good luck athletes!**

Term 3 Sport

This term St. John's students have another action packed term of sport. On Wednesday 28th and Friday 30th July selected students aged 9 -12 years will be **attending the Cassowary Coast Southern Zone Athletics** at Tully SHS on Wednesday, and Lower Tully S.S. on Friday. These students have been busy training and we wish them all the best.

The P.E focus this term will be on **cricket and softball**. Students will be **learning the skills** of striking balls in the two sports and also on their throwing and catching skills. Students will also be participating in **Rugby League skills** and drills with Mr Leon from Innisfail Brothers and in **soccer skills** and games with Queensland Soccer Development Officers.

Our last interhouse sports carnival for the year, the St. John's **Swimming** Carnival will be held early next term and information regarding this and our Water Confidence & Safety program will be sent out towards the end of this term. *Mr Stuart Russell, PE Teacher.*

Justice Squad News

On the final day of Term 2 members from Tully SVDP collected the **generous donations** from our Winter Appeal. They were extremely grateful for all the warm blankets, clothes and toiletry items. **Thank you to all our families for your continued support and kindness** in helping to keep others warm and sharing your love and thoughtfulness.

Our next General meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th July, where planning will commence for Term 3 Justice Squad activities. *Mrs DeBrincat, Coordinator.*

Term 3 School fees

Term 3 school fees have been generated and were emailed to families on Friday last week. Please check your spam folder if you did not receive your emailed statement. A reminder that these **fees to families cover the cost of all writing materials, textbooks and internet subscriptions that each student receives or has access to at the commencement of the year**. It also includes some of the many consumables used in their classroom environment. By incorporating these expenses in the four lots of term school fees, it **helps to relieve the burden of outlaying these expenses in one lump sum at the beginning of the school year**. Term 3 fees are due for payment on or before 30th July.

Year 5/6 Camp fees

Year 5/6 **camp fees** have been generated and are due for payment **on or before 30th July**. This year the Year 5/6 camp will be held at Echo Creek Adventure Centre, **3 days and two nights commencing Monday 2nd August**. All details, including **permission for camp was sent home with Parent Paperslips**. Parents/Carers please check your emails including the spam folder and advise if you have not received these details.

Happy Birthday to Ashly



Second Step Superstars



Isabella - Playing fairly.

Jace - Playing fairly.

Zara - Taking turns.

Zack - Taking time and effort with school work.

Isis - Showing compassion towards classmates.

Gurnoor - Showing empathy to classmates.

Isaac - Focussed attention .

Principal's Award

Charlotte - Being considerate and respectful to all

Ruby - Being a good friend

READING AWARDS:

50 Nights Reading - Isabella, Ailie, Amanat.

100 Nights Reading - Porsha, Sam R, Finn, Sam W, Montana, Clayton, Max., Benson, Jake.

150 Nights Reading - Jorji, Lincon, Charlotte, Emily M, Baylen, Mary, Dominic, Wyatt, Scarlett, Audrey, Claire, Emily P

Meet Wendy our School Counsellor

Welcome back to Term 3! My name is **Wendy Smith**, and I am the School Counsellor at St John's School. I hope that you and your family had a restful break. The **role of a school counsellor focuses on student wellbeing** by providing counselling and working with school communities to promote and foster the development and mental health of all students. **Counselling services support the development of life skills, social skills and emotional strength and resilience.** School counsellors work in partnership with families and school staff to support students in overcoming any social or emotional barriers to their learning, so that they can achieve educational success. Counsellors provide the opportunity to discuss issues in a safe and confidential setting, to explore unconsidered possibilities and opportunities, to set goals and develop strategies for change. Issues include:

Friendships, Bereavement, Parental Separation, Stress / worry, Feeling down, Self-harm, Anger, Conflict resolution, Communication skills, Study skills, Time management, Decision making, Mental health concerns such as depression or anxiety

School counsellors help to ensure that **students have the skills needed for social, academic, and personal growth** by providing short term individual or group counselling to students to help them improve the way they feel and about themselves and to think about issues in different ways. School counsellors partner with the school community to **help foster practices that promote positive relationships and positive emotional wellbeing.** The counselling, consulting and referral services are **confidential** within the limits required by student protection legislation and Catholic Education Services policies.

I work at St John's School on Wednesdays and Thursdays and if you would like to know a little more about my role or would like to contact with me, please contact the school office for further details. I am looking forward to the term ahead and continuing to work with St John's families.

Wendy Smith, School Counsellor



Kindy News

Welcome back to Kindergarten for Term 3.

This term we have lots to explore and learn including science week, book week and

dental health week, alongside our regular learning program. We will continue our emersion in the family home cultures – and invite families to send in photos, recipes and other things of interest that show your family's culture. We will also explore our community – the service workers, farmers and others who make up the Silkwood, Kurrimine Beach and the wider community. We will participate in Pyjama Day – a fun opportunity to stay in your PJ's all day and raise awareness and funds for children in foster care. Our term calendar has been emailed out – please check your email inbox for this to stay up to date.

We have started off the Term celebrating NAIDOC week, which was held nationally over the second week of the school holidays. At Kindy we explored the symbols on the NAIDOC poster and recreated our own works of art with this as provocation. We looked at and discussed the spectacular sacred sites of Uluru and Kata Tjuta, and we finished off the week cooking a Torres Strait Islander recipe called Sabee Sabee Domboy.

Families, please remember that for Show and Tell this term we'd love you to send in photos – either to our email or mobile phone – for your child to share with the group. We already have a collection of photos of pets and holiday destinations,

and would love to add to this over the term. The children really enjoy sharing things from home, and having these displayed in our classroom enables them to revisit them as often as they like, and build a stronger link for the children between home and Kindergarten. Thanks all, Ms Cheryl and Mrs Greco

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Get to know Peta Bryan

Click on <https://www.cns.catholic.edu.au/Raise/Edition3>

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

Interested in finding out more about what makes our school unique? Contact the **school office on 4065 9530**, or visit our **school website** www.stjohnssilkwood.qld.edu.au.



100 days of Learning
Prep/Year 1

Innisfail
Show
Display



Catholic Education
CELEBRATING 200 YEARS
Faith in the future



PARENT ENGAGEMENT DAY
CAIRNS | SAT 4 SEPT | 12.30-6.30PM
Our Lady Help of Christians School, Earlville

FEATURING

Andrew Fuller, Psychologist discussing 3 topics:
Behaviour, Mental health and Motivation
and Chris Borrell, The Fathering Project

All Catholic School Parents, Principals & School Staff welcome.
Free event to support our children's learning and wellbeing.

Topics for all ages Prep to Yr 12

FURTHER DETAILS AND INVITATION
TO REGISTER WILL FOLLOW



Soccer
games
and fun

Boys and
Girls
welcome



Drinks
and BBQ
for Sale

Come and
enjoy the
World
Game

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SILKWOOD JNR FOOTBALL

Invites you to our
SOCIAL SOCCER NIGHT
ALL WELCOME



Friday 30th July 2021
Starting at 6.00pm till late
CENTENARY PARK SILKWOOD

*Junior Players from 6pm to 6.30pm
(Juniors - be there by 5.45pm)*

6.30 Senior games start.
*Seniors - please be there by 6.15pm and
register at the clubhouse.*

Bring your friends.
BBQ Dinner: \$6 steaks, \$2 Sausages

Email Silkwoodjfc@gmail.com
Facebook Silkwood Junior Football Club Inc.

<http://www.myfootballclub.com.au/>

NEW QLD CRIMINAL LAWS

Child Sexual Offence
Failure to Report Offence
Failure to Protect Offence

IN EFFECT FROM
5 JULY 2022

INTRODUCTION

Every child needs adults around them to take action to protect them from sexual abuse. New QLD criminal offences aim to target behaviour that ignores or hides the sexual abuse of children

CHILD SEXUAL OFFENCE

A child sexual offence is where any adult (18yrs or older) is engaged in sexual activity with a child under the age of 16 yrs.

FAILURE TO REPORT

Every adult will be required to report a reasonable belief of a child sexual offence to the QLD Police, unless there is a reasonable excuse not to report. A reasonable excuse includes being aware that the matter has been reported to the QLD Police under another legislative application

Under these new laws, students who are 18yrs or older, who reasonably suspect a child sexual offence, will be required to notify the QLD Police of this belief. A reasonable excuse for not reporting would be the expectation that the concern has been reported to the QLD Police under the school's existing reporting processes for staff.

FAILURE TO PROTECT

This offence applies to institutions (i.e. schools, churches, sporting organisations) to actively remove any risk of sexual abuse against children in care of the institution. This applies to an adult in a position of power (i.e. principal, manager, supervisor) or responsibility (i.e. employee or volunteer)

Information for the public about these new offences is available from the Queensland Government website:

www.qld.gov.au

QLD Police can be contacted via your nearest Child Protection Investigation Unit:
Cairns: 4030 8278
Innisfail: 4061 5728
Mareeba: 4091 9820

School-Based support is available from the school's Student Protection Contacts and Leadership staff

Cairns Catholic Education queries can be directed to:
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