



St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you!" BB King

Term 3 Week 4 – 4th August, 2021

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to see such joy last week as we came together with our neighbouring southern cluster schools at Good Counsel Primary to celebrate Queensland Catholic Education Week. Why are **Catholic Schools** here today?

- ♦ To provide a faith-based education which places the values of Jesus at its centre.
- ♦ To provide a high quality, holistic education to 1 in 5 young Queenslanders.
- ♦ To nurture in students a commitment to social justice.
- ♦ To prepare students for global responsibilities through stewardship of human gifts and earth's resources.
- ♦ To continue the link to our local and universal church.
- ♦ To value diversity and treat each student with dignity, enabling them to promote and respect the dignity of all.
- ♦ Be welcoming, inclusive and connected communities (adapted from CEW Website).



Congratulations to our St. John's Athletics Team who attended the Southern Zone Cassowary Coast District Carnival at Lower Tully State School. We had a great day and I am so pleased to say **how proud I was of the students' efforts**. Please see inside for an overview of results. Our **school spirit** at the end of the day for the relay events was exceptionally high and I do believe that you would have heard the St. John's students and parents cheering for our Kirrima Relay team which is the prestigious final event of the day. **Well done Dave, Isaac, Clayton & Marly who brought home the gold!** We also placed **2nd** in the junior relay and **3rd** in the senior relay. This week we **wish our Netballers good luck** as they head to Cairns on Thursday to compete.

Save the date: - Year 2/3 will host the Parish Mass on **Saturday 21st August at 6:00pm**. To our many new families, if you have not been to School/Parish Mass before I encourage you to attend as you will see our students shine as members of our wonderful St. John's community. Mass will be followed by a cuppa and the kids have requested disco music to follow.

On that note, I would like to **thank ALL who make our St John's School wonderful**. It is a privilege to lead and serve the St John's community. Soon I will be emailing parents staffing re-appointments and appointments for the 2022 school year.

Finally, the **Year 5/6 students have had a great time on school camp**. Thank you **Mrs Gaia for organising our camp to Echo Creek**. What lovely memories we have!

"So great is the strength we possess in our unity". - St. Mary MacKillop (1874) - Australia's only Saint and whose Feast Day is this Sunday 8th August.

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

Always Reaching For New Heights 

Diary Dates

Wednesday 4th August

- ♦ Year 5/6 Camp

Thursday 5th August

- ♦ Netta Carnival, Cairns
- ♦ Qld Soccer onsite for skills and drills. All welcome 3 - 4pm
- ♦ Uniform shop open 8:15am - 8:45am

Friday 6th August

- ♦ Australian Primary Principals' Day
- ♦ School Assembly

Tuesday 10th August

- ♦ Music with Miss Natasha

Wednesday 11th August

- ♦ Playgroup 9-11am

Friday 13th August

- ♦ P/1 visiting Kindy

Sunday 15th August

- ♦ Assumption of Mary

Wednesday 18th August

- ♦ Science Week Celebrations and dress up

Saturday 21st August

- ♦ Parish/School Mass 6pm

Note:
New date



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The Transfiguration of the Lord – 6th August

This story is told in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke and recounts when Jesus took three disciples, Peter, James and John, high up a mountain. While there, he “transfigured”. His clothes became dazzling white and he was joined by Moses and Elijah, both from the Old Testament. This story tells of a display of Jesus’ divine character. It was a visible sign of the power of God.



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

On Sunday 8th August we celebrate this special feast day. St Mary is our first Australian canonised Saint. She took bold new directions in education and care of children. Her well known saying is “**Never see a need without doing something about it**”. What need do you see, and what can you do about it?

Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

We celebrate the feast day of the **Assumption of Mary on Sunday 15th August**. The Assumption signals the end of Mary’s earthly life and marks her return to heaven, body and soul, to be reunited with Jesus. As opposed to Jesus, who ascended into Heaven by his own power, Mary was assumed into Heaven by the power of her Son. “Celebrating Mary assumed into heaven, we want her to once again bring us, our families and our communities that immense gift, that unique grace...that is Jesus Christ!”

(Pope Francis, 2017)

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Science Week 2021

This year St. John’s will be celebrating **Science Week** on **Wednesday 18th August**.

The theme is “**Food: Different by Design**”. It honours the United Nations International Year of Fruits and Vegetables and the International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development. Mrs Irvine has been busily working on some great activities to engage the students’ curious minds. The students will be split into four groups with rotations commencing at 8:45am and continue to 1:15pm.



Students will also be dressing-up to celebrate the day. Dress-up themes could include anything related to food, technology - new or old in growing and/or processing food. It can also include the diverse professions involved in food such as farmers, chefs,

food designers and scientists! The students always have so much fun learning, designing and experimenting in Science Week!



Change of Date

Our School/Parish Mass has had a date change. This will now be held on Saturday 21st August at 6:00pm.

Sport Overview

Well done to our **St. John’s Athletics team**. A very special mention to Ella, Savannah & Clayton for a top effort as these three athletes had very intense schedules. Overview of results:

Clayton – finalist 100m & 200m,

Marly – finalist 100m & 200m,

Audrey – 4th 800m,

Max – 1st shot put, 2nd Discus,

Savannah – 4th 100m & 4th 200m,

Finnley – 4th 800m,

Ella – 1st high jump, finalist 100m & 200m,

Stevie – 4th 800m,

Isaac – finalist 100m,

Junior relay – Zack, Rohan, Cooper, Sean -2nd place,

Senior relay – Stevie, Montana, Danni, Ella - 3rd place.

Kirrama relay (ages of team add to 42) – Dave, Isaac, Clayton, Marly – 1st place.



Queensland Soccer will be conducting skills and drills development sessions with St. John’s students this term. These sessions will occur **every Thursday from 3 to 4pm**. Mrs Bryan and Mr Russell will attend these sessions with the students. We will also have a **coaching clinic in the school holidays on Tuesday 28th September from 9am-11am for our St. John’s students** which Mrs Bryan and Mr Russell will attend with the students. Our culminating event will be hosted by the Silkwood Soccer club at Silkwood Soccer Grounds where the students will play a soccer game at 6:00pm on Friday 1st October. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Bryan.



Second Step Superstars

Charlotte - Playing fairly.

Ruby M – Reading with focus and confidence.

Benson - Managing emotions.

Erin - Being respectful and assertive when voicing her thoughts in class.

Sophia - Listening in class and learning all about fractions.

Clayton - Focused attention for learning.

Dani, Stevie, Sharlyn - Showing leadership at camp.

Principal’s Awards - SPORT

Ella N, Savannah, Clayton - Excellent athletics day effort.

READING AWARDS:

100 Nights Reading - Tayla, Evelyn B

150 Nights Reading - Flynn, Zara,

Sean, Kisara, Ruby M, Scarlett





As educators, we can see clearly which students are coming to school with effective routines at home. These students are more settled, less anxious and better prepared to sit and engage with their teacher. Children need routine and function far better when they know what is expected. In general, routine has the following benefits for children:

- ⇒ They can be a way of teaching younger children health habits, like brushing their teeth, exercising or washing their hands after using the toilet.
- ⇒ An organised and predictable home environment helps children and young people feel safe and secure in stressful situations or during difficult stages of developmental growth.
- ⇒ Routines built around spending time together strengthen relationships between parents and children. Reading a story together before bed and going for a special snack after soccer practice can become a special time for you and your children to share.
- ⇒ Daily routines help set our body clocks. For example, bedtime routines help children's bodies 'know' when it's sleep. This can be particularly helpful when children reach adolescence and their body clocks start to change.
- ⇒ If your child needs to take regular medication, a routine will help make both of you less likely to forget.
- ⇒ Having an important job to do in the family routine helps older children and teenagers develop a sense of responsibility.
- ⇒ Routine helps develop basic work skills and time management such as setting the dinner table, unpacking the dishwasher or caring for pets.
- ⇒ When children reach adolescence, the familiarity of regular home routines can help them feel looked after. Predictable family routines can be a welcome relief from the changes they're experiencing.

Kindy News

At Kindergarten our children are exploring the Olympic Games.

This is a theme rich in various

learning opportunities - looking at the countries in the world who attend the Olympics; creating pride and identity in the country we live in; watching and trying out some fun physical Olympic events; and moving on to explore the Para Olympics and people with varied abilities.

We started off setting up our beautiful yard as a Gymnastics stadium complete with horizontal bar, balance beam and mats for tumbling. After seeing some fantastic balances and somersaults we moved onto ball games – basketball, soccer and tennis. The children have loved trying out the different events, which have definitely provoked them to try tricky new physical skills.

We have also participated in **Pyjama Day** – run by the Pyjama Foundation to raise awareness and donations for children in foster care. For this day we dressed in our Pyjamas and brought a favourite teddy to Kindy to have a snuggly, cuddly teddy bears picnic. It is important for us to begin to bring awareness to the children of those people who are less fortunate. Our empathetic Kinder group could recognise that they

are all very lucky to have such loving supporting families and community around them. Thanks. Ms Cheryl & Mrs Greco



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District Athletics Year 5/6 Camp

