



St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



"Wisdom....comes not from age, but from education and learning!" Anton Chekov

Term 3 Week 6 – 18th August, 2021

Dear Parents,

Firstly, please join me in **congratulating Mrs Gaia** our Assistant Principal Religious Education on a very successful appraisal. Mrs Gaia has been reappointed for another 5 year term in this leadership position. Also, **congratulations to Mrs Daly** who has been re-appointed to the position of Leader of Learning and Teaching. Finally, **congratulations to Mrs Parisi** who has been re-appointed to the position of Leader of Diversity. I thank and acknowledge the professional and dedicated service which these ladies give to the St John's community. It is an honour to work alongside them.



Parents often comment to me that they are impressed with the number of staff at St. John's who work with their children. As you are aware, St. John's School is heavily staffed, well over our student numbers. This has been creatively achieved. St John's **strives to excel in improving academic outcomes for all students** and provide a holistic **education which offers great opportunities and experiences** of school life. Staff at St John's take enormous **pride in their work** and strive in unity to ensure each **student reaches their potential, whilst expecting high standards of respect**. Staff model to students how to live out Gospel values, inspiring compassion and care in our future leaders!

There is so **much excitement in the air** with two fantastic days scheduled for the students - National Science Celebration day which is today and next Friday 27th August - Book Week dress up day.

National Science Week is being celebrated across the country with the theme 'Food: Different by Design'. Students are very excited about dressing up for this day and engaging in the following activities:

- ♦ MasterChef Pizza Kitchen - "taste testing & pizza making"
- ♦ Fish Business - "making a water filter & fishing game"
- ♦ Healthy Dessert Parlour - "Ice-cream comparison & Smoothie making"
- ♦ Productive Garden and Farm Design - "Farm design challenges with Minecraft & Lego Gardens"

Kindy students will be visiting St John's on Friday morning for their National Science Week celebrations. They will be working with me. I have a stack of fun learning organised about how bees help plants grow. Students will make a bee and build a hive. They will consider ways nectar can be transferred from a flower to a hive and they will make and taste banana, honey, cornflake skewers. I certainly don't remember Science being so much fun when I went to school!

- ♦ Finally save the date - **Book Week Parade** next Friday morning 27th August 8:35am. Parents are welcome onsite.
- ♦ **Fathers' Day afternoon** on Thursday 2nd September 1:45pm - All Dads and Granddads are welcome.
- ♦ Reminder also, **Friday 3rd September is a Pupil Free Day**.

"I believe that education is all about being excited about something. Seeing passion and enthusiasm helps push an educational message".
Steve Irwin.

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

Always Reaching For New Heights 

Diary Dates

Wednesday 18th August

- ♦ Science Week Celebrations and dress up

Tuesday 31st August

- ♦ Whole school Mass 9:00am. All welcome

Thursday 2nd September

- ♦ Fathers' Day afternoon Kindy Dads invited 1:45pm

Friday 3rd September

- ♦ Pupil Free Day

Saturday 4th September

- ♦ Parent Engagement Day. See back page

Tuesday 7th September

- ♦ School and Kindy Open Morning 9am - 11am

Friday 10th September

- ♦ Latin American Dance evening

Friday 17th September

- ♦ Last day of term.
- ♦ Kurrimine Fishing Tournament P&F fundraiser

Week 9 & 10 - Parent

Teacher Interviews.

Appointment time slots to be advised.



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Save the Date

On Tuesday, 31st August we will hold a whole school Mass commencing at 9am. Please add this event to your calendar and join us for this celebration of the Eucharist.

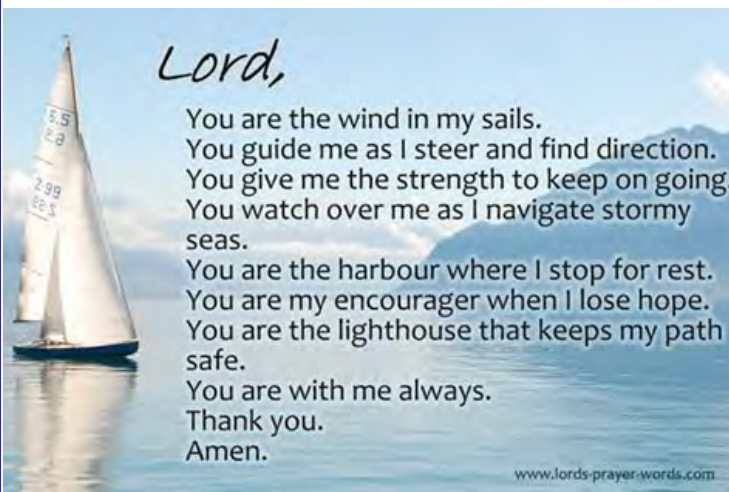


Know Your Saint – St Monica

St Monica is the mother of another Saint, St Augustine, whose feast day we celebrate on Saturday, 28th August. Monica spent 17 years praying for her son as Augustine spent his youth getting himself into all sorts of trouble, even toying with heresy. St Monica's patience and persistence paid off when Augustine repented. He was baptised by St Ambrose in 386 and Monica died at peace a year later. We celebrate St Monica's feast day on Friday, 27th August.

Source: Living Well Media

A Prayer for Strength and Hope



Book Week - Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds!

Next week we celebrate Book Week at St John's. Book Week presents a time to **celebrate the love of books and reading**. This year's short-listed books have been ordered and will arrive shortly. Classes will participate in activities that promote our Australian authors and illustrators and highlight the importance of reading. The week will conclude with a **dress up on Friday 27th August** with parents invited to join our special parade at 8:35am.



Fathers' Day Afternoon

Dads and Grandads, Nonnos and Pops please join us for a casual afternoon of good fun and cheer at 1:45pm on **Thursday afternoon 2nd September** at St John's. It is always difficult for our Dads to leave their workplace, but if possible we would love you to come and be fussed over. The kids always get so much fun out of seeing their parents come to school for a visit! Our **Kindy Dads** are also **invited and welcome** to join in on the fun afternoon.



Latin American Dance Showcase

Hola! This term our students have been learning the many styles of Latin American Dance. Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Cha Cha, Samba and Reggaeton. Their learning will culminate in a Showcase evening display for our families. **Our dance night will be held from 6pm to 9pm on Friday 10th September**, with each class dressing up and performing a particular routine from the Latin American and Caribbean areas. Join us for a wonderful night of music and dance! Further details of the night to follow.



Parent Teacher Interviews

These will be conducted in **Weeks 9 & 10** of this term. Times are yet to be advised, but please note this in your diaries.

Pupil Free Day

Friday 3rd September is a pupil free day for all Catholic School in the Southern end of the Diocese. Teachers will be travelling to Innisfail to meet with neighbouring staff to moderate samples of student work.

Reporting Absentee Information

Current student protection legislation requires schools to know the whereabouts of children when they are absent from school. **If your child is away from school, please phone the school office and leave a message or report their absence via the parent portal.**



Happy Birthday to Tilly,
Emily P, Marly, Stevie.

Second Step Superstars

Gabriella - Asking someone to play
Ruby F – Using the problem solving steps
Amanat - Caring for her friends
Mylinda - Not giving up and improving in Maths
Porsha - Being respectful and using good manners
Tayla - Wonderful listening skills
Ailie - Communicating clearly
Finn - Being assertive

Principal's Awards

Clare - Showing compassion
Ella N and Max - Selection in Cassowary Coast Athletics Team.

READING AWARDS:

50 Nights Reading - Eve T
100 Nights Reading - Taj, Jace, Rohan, Tilly
150 Nights Reading - Erin, Ned, Ruby F
200 Nights Reading - Emily P



I ask all parents to save the date for the last weekend of term - **Friday 17th to Sunday 19th September** for the Kurrimine Beach Fishing Tournament. St John's will require parent helpers to prepare and serve food at the event over the weekend. All funds raised will go towards our kids and help provide the best learning opportunities and experiences. I remind you many hands make light work so I hope to see families taking on a shift or two over the weekend.

Mrs Bryan has also thanked the P&F for purchasing a class set of Sphero Bolt robots for use throughout the school. Sphero robots are tennis-ball sized robots that students learn to program while undertaking educational activities. Learning to program is part of the Digital Technologies curriculum across Years 1 to 6. The robots can also be used to support learning in science and maths, e.g. through measuring time, speed and distance. Spheros also encourage students to think critically and creatively responding to challenges. Essentially, they provide a fun and creative way for students to gain skills and confidence using new technologies while learning across the curriculum.

Come and join our next **P&F meeting scheduled for next Monday 23rd August at 3:15pm** at school.
Regards, Brett Gaia, President

Do you want to know more about the St John's Community?

We invite you to our

Open Morning & Guided Tour

Tuesday 7th September 9:00am - 11:00am

If you want more from your child's education, consider a Catholic school!

St John's provides students with quality learning in a challenging and caring environment.

Students are encouraged and supported in achieving their full potential. Modern facilities and access to digital devices immerse students in our technological world.

"Always Reaching For New Heights"

Interested in finding out more?

**Join us at
our Open
Morning**



Kindy News

Over the last few weeks we have welcomed two new friends to our Kindergarten group. Penelope and Yosiah. We are so happy to have you

join us and we look forward to getting to know you and your families much better.

We had so much fun continuing on with our Olympic exploration and had some keen competitors all trying so hard to earn an Olympic medal. As well as being a great physical play provocation, the Olympics also allowed us to extend our understanding of the diversity of the world. We were able to observe the flags of different countries and we started learning how to say a greeting in different languages – Sat Sri Akaal, Konnichiwa, Ni Hao, Ciao, Nginda Nyjangum.....Can you name the languages of these greetings we have learnt so far?

We also learnt that art was once part of the Olympics, from 1912 – 1948! Being creative and expressive with different art mediums is wonderful for children; allowing thinking outside the box, engaging varied senses, building fine motor skills as a precursor to writing, develops problem solving abilities, helps children to understand themselves and their world and can be an outlet for emotions and a way to express these. To show the importance of painting, sculpture and dance alongside of physical skills was a great addition to our Olympic theme. Over the next two weeks we will join St Johns for Science Week and Book Week events. On the Friday of Book Week, (27th August) we would ask our children to dress up as their favourite book character!

Thanks. Ms Cheryl & Mrs Greco

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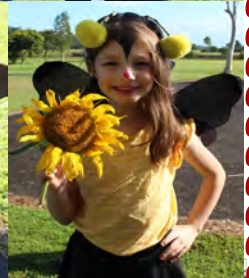
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How will you science this National Science Week?



national science week
14–22 AUGUST 2021
scienceweek.net.au #scienceweek



**SAVE
the
DATE**

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

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



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WITH MARIUS THEEDE

OCTOBER 18, 2021

9:30 AM TO 11:30 AM
13-17 DONALD STREET, INNISFAIL

REGISTRATION INFO:

You must register before October 11th by
calling 40438 400. Be quick to secure a spot.

INFORMATION:

Please bring with you a camera or your
phone and Marius will show you how to take
the best photo, with the equipment you have.



Innisfail & District Netball Assoc Inc.

*Innisfail & District Netball Association have some exciting
news to share!*

This year we are running a social mixed competition for 6
weeks from Tuesday 5th October to 9th November and we
invite you to try something different!

Registration is OPEN!

It's all about fun, fitness and flexibility!

Forms are available on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/innisfailnetball/>

And can be handed into the Clubhouse at Bessie Spiller
Courts no later than Tuesday 14th September 2021.

Or email to:

shelten01@bigpond.com

Please share with your friends and/or work colleagues

"Bessie Spiller Courts"

Home of the Innisfail and District Netball Association Inc.