



St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



"Successful and unsuccessful people do not vary greatly in their abilities. They vary in their desires to reach their potential!" John Maxwell **Term 3 Week 10 - 15th September, 2021**

Dear Parents,

I am very proud of our students who performed for the St John's Community on Friday evening in our **Latin American Dance Showcase** evening. Oh wow, it was simply **sensational!** The self-discipline, effort and sense of achievement displayed by the students is to be commended. We all certainly enjoyed the night with the kids telling me it was the 'best night ever'! **Thank you** Mrs Belbin for all your efforts and our special guests: Mr Belbin and the Zumba ladies. I thought it was very fitting that the individual dances were known as 'shines' in dance terminology. 'Shine' certainly captured how our students looked when they performed!

It is great to see so many parents around the school touching base with their child's teacher. I remind you that **working in partnership** is so very important.

It is always great to receive **positive feedback about St John's** as we finalise our 2022 enrolments. Thank you to all families who attended our Open Morning last week. I have limited places in some year levels, so please encourage families interested in enrolling at St John's to make contact with the school or complete an **expression of interest** on our website - www.stjohnssilkwood.qld.edu.au (click on 'Enrol Now' button). It is great to see our families spreading the word in the local community about what makes our school a great choice for a child's schooling!

I can't believe that I have been at St John's School for almost five years, commencing my five year contract in 2017. Therefore, it is time for an **appraisal to occur by Catholic Education Services and an outside auditor**. The purpose of this appraisal is to seek affirmations and gain insights into my leadership and performance as St. John's Principal. You will have received a survey link via email, and I ask you to take the time to complete this. The **survey is open** for a two-week period and will **close on the second Monday of the school holidays Monday 27th September**.

To conclude the term we have two very **special events** this week. On Thursday at 11:15am we will have our **school celebrations for NAIDOC week** with a liturgy followed by fun learning activities. The learning activities planned by our Indigenous Liaison Officer Ms Priscilla are thought provoking and captivating.

The second event is a reward afternoon for our students who completed the **Premier's Reading Challenge**. Thank you to parents for supporting your child in this challenge. The Premier's Reading Challenge is an annual state-wide initiative for Queensland schools aimed at improving literacy and encouraging children to read for pleasure and learning. The students have selected a variety of fun activities for **Friday afternoon** including Sport, Art & Craft and Nature Play.

Well done students for a great term of learning at St. John's! **I wish everyone a safe two week holiday break** and will see you again on Tuesday 5th October for Term 4.

Unity is strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.

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

Always Reaching For New Heights 



Diary Dates

Thursday 16th September

- ◆ 11:30am NAIDOC liturgy & celebrations
- ◆ 4:30pm Soccer Carnival at soccer grounds

Friday 17th September

- ◆ Last day of term.
- ◆ 8:35am Assembly
- ◆ 9:30am P/1 visiting Kindy
- ◆ Premier Reading Challenge Reward afternoon
- ◆ Kurrimine Fishing Tournament P&F fundraiser

Monday 27th September

- ◆ 5pm Principal Appraisal survey closes

Tuesday 5th October

- ◆ Term 4 commences

Friday 8th October

- ◆ Socktober crazy sock day

Thursday 14th October

- ◆ Year 7 Orientation day at GCC



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Mission Month

October is World Mission Month. At St John's, our focus is on supporting Catholic Mission in their work of providing funding and project support to critical church-run initiatives in Africa, Asia, Oceania and South America as well as remote Dioceses within Australia. Our Socktober Day (please see Justice Squad News) aims to raise funds for an awareness of the work of Catholic Mission. If you would like to donate to Catholic Mission, send your donation to the school office in a clearly marked envelope or visit <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/>



St Francis of Assisi

On Monday 4th October, the Church celebrates the feast of St Francis of Assisi. St Francis is of special significance for St John's because our founding sisters, the Missionary Franciscan Sisters, follow the Gospel way of St Francis, living simply, joyfully, peacefully and contemplatively. St Francis is renowned for seeing the beauty and majesty of God in every part of the world around us.

Sport News

The students are very excited about the Soccer Carnival to be held tomorrow afternoon (Thursday 16th September) with kick off at **4:30pm at the Silkwood Soccer Grounds**. Don't be too concerned if you can't get your child to the Carnival as we do have plenty of reserve players and the Silkwood Soccer club are organising more of these evenings.

Silkwood Jnr Football
2021 Interschool Games
Thursday 16th September 2021
Games starting at 4.30pm
Steak, Sausages, Pasta
and drinks for sale at the canteen
(Cash only sales)
St John's Catholic School
Silkwood State School
ElArish State School
Trophies donated by Deluxe Trophies
Kurrumbeach

Term 4 sport brings school water confidence classes and our swimming carnival. This is a whole school participation sport. Dates for the water confidence classes are as follows:

- ⇒ Thursday 11th November,
- ⇒ Tuesday 16th November,
- ⇒ Thursday 18th November,
- ⇒ Tuesday 23rd November,
- ⇒ **Thursday 25th November** is set down as our school swimming carnival day.



More details on this will be sent out next term.

Crazy Socks For Sale

The school office is selling pairs of crazy socks (\$5.00/pair) to support Socktober fundraising. Be quick though, there are limited sizes!



Justice Squad News

On Friday 8th October (Week 1, Term 4) we will hold a Socktober Day. On this day, students are encouraged to wear free dress, along with their **craziest socks** to school for a gold coin donation. **Zooper Doopers** will also be on sale for 50cents. Money raised will be donated to **Catholic Mission**. We will also hold a shootout event. We will be making our own soccer balls (a reality for children in developing countries) and then using these to shoot goals. To make the shootout successful we **require t-shirts and socks** that are no longer need **as well as plastic bags**. If you are able to provide any of these, please send them to school this week.

P&F News

Thank you parents, for placing your name on the roster to help this weekend at the **Kurrimine Beach Fishing Tournament**. It is a great social gathering working alongside everyone. Mrs Bryan has informed me the shade sail for the **Nature Play space** will go up in Term 4 and the design for the **Stage 2 Games corridor** is well underway and looking great. Thank you Mrs Riera for your work coordinating this. Mrs Bryan also reported that the kids are really enjoying their new Sphero sets purchased with P&F funds. They showed how they worked on the Fathers' Day afternoon. Thanks Mrs Gaia for the lovely liturgy on this afternoon. I hope families enjoyed the Latin American Dance night on Friday. It was amazing! Thank you Mrs Belbin for all your efforts. Also, thanks Mrs Sendra for organising the top steak burgers for the night and to parents for bringing in a huge amount of dessert to conclude the evening. What a great effort from the kids! Our next **P&F meeting** is scheduled in Week 2 Term 4, **Monday 11th October 3:10pm**. *Brett Gaia, President.*



Happy Birthday to Mylinda, Sam W, Finnley, Jace, Zara, Madison, Claire

Second Step Superstars

Emily P - Using problem solving skills
Mary - Taking turns in small groups
Tyler - Working tough
Lincon - Working tough when reading
Jorji - Working on your sight word goal
Wyatt - Focussed attention and excellence in mental maths

Flynn - Focussed attention during class and improvement in writing stories

Max - Showing compassion

Jada - Seeking help when needed

Sunny - Working with focussed attention on the science assessment

Principal's Award

Sharlyn - Using leadership skills

Savannah - Showing respect to others

MAGIC WORDS:

200 - Jorji

READING AWARDS:

50 Nights - Ashly

100 Nights Reading - Tyler, Sophia, Savannah, Ellie W

150 Nights Reading - Jake, Clayton, Sam W, Danni

200 Nights Reading - Ruby M, Kisara, Audrey



Fathers' Day Celebrations

Thank you God,
for the gift of
fathers.



Kindy News

Term 3 seems to always be the busiest term of the year, with lots of National Weeks and community events to acknowledge and explore.

Over the last fortnight we enjoyed sharing the afternoon with the St John's community at their **Fathers' Day afternoon**. It is always fun to have our family members join us at Kindy and the children had a great time playing at the school.

We also acknowledged **Child Protection Week** with the Kindergarten children. We use this week to speak to the children simply about this theme, with the hope to plant seeds of ideas that will help them to begin to develop their understanding of personal safety. Each child created a 'circle of friends' poster, thinking about all the people in their lives, from those closest to them to those they do not know as well. This experience was aimed at demonstrating and provoking thinking and discussion on the appropriate behaviours of the different people in our lives, and is an **important discussion** that can be followed up on at home.

For our last week of Kindergarten for the term we will participate in the St John's **NAIDOC experiences**, as well as have the Prep and Year 1 class over for a play – always a fun and busy morning!

We hope everyone has a **safe, enjoyable holiday** and we look forward to seeing everyone back for Term 4!

Ms Cheryl & Mrs Greco

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**Latin
Dance
Night!**

WOW!

