



St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



"Faith is a place of mystery, where we find the courage to believe in what we cannot see and the strength to let go of our fear of uncertainty!" B. Brown

Term 3 Week 8 - 1st September, 2021

Dear Parents,

What **exciting times** at **St. John's** of late with Science Week, Book Week and all the blended learning occurring in classrooms. This places an importance on integrating technology into learning to spark and maintain student engagement.

Parent Teacher meetings commence next week. I encourage all parents to make a Parent Teacher Meeting appointment to discuss your child's progress with class teachers. I say again, how important these meetings are.

Presently, we are experiencing an influx in expressions of interest in enrolments for 2022. Next **Tuesday, 7th September we will host our Kindy and School Open Morning from 9:00am - 11:00am.** I invite all parents who may be interested in seeing what makes our school great to attend, especially parents who have Prep children commencing in 2022.

In 2022, **St. John's School will operate with 4 classes** which allows for small class sizes. At this stage the configuration will be;

- ⇒ Prep/Year 1 class
- ⇒ Year 2 class
- ⇒ Year 3/4 class
- ⇒ Year 5/6 class

This week we are **celebrating Fathers' Day** with a **thanksgiving liturgy** for our dads and all those who perform father figure roles. This will be followed by **fun activities** which the students will do with their dads. The students have requested the following activities: Cricket, Soccer, lots of Art activities, robotics play and they told me their dads would like to eat sausage rolls and cordial before going home. The kids are very excited about this afternoon, so dads please **come along on Thursday afternoon at 1:45pm-2:55pm.** The students will also have a little surprise gift for you! Shhh.....

I remind you that the **St. John's P&F, are looking for volunteers** to roster on for the Kurrimine Beach Fishing Tournament to man the food stall on Friday 17th September to Sunday 19th September.

This **Friday 3rd September is a PUPIL FREE DAY**, so school will be closed to students. Teachers will be at Good Counsel Primary moderating student work ensuring consistency of grades awarded. St John's will host a day of professional learning for all school officers in our Catholic Schools from Tully to Babinda. The school officers will be working with specialists from Catholic Education Services on targeted intervention.

Save the date for a sensational evening - Friday 10th September from 5:45pm. St. John's students will present their learnings in the Dance Strand of the Arts in the Australian Curriculum - 'A Latin American Dance Showcase Evening'.

"Art has the role in education of helping children become like themselves instead of more like everyone else." - Sydney Gurewitz Clemens.

May The Grace of God Be With You, **Happy Fathers' Day**

Mrs Bryan, Principal



Diary Dates

Thursday 2nd September

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

Friday 3rd September

- ◆ Pupil Free Day. Staff attending PD

Saturday 4th September

- ◆ Parent Engagement Day - postponed

Sunday 5th September

- ◆ Happy Fathers' Day
- Week 9 & 10 - Parent Teacher Interviews.**

Monday 6th - Friday 10th

- ◆ National Child Protection Week

Tuesday 7th September

- ◆ School and Kindy Open Morning 9am - 11am. Welcome to interested families

Friday 10th September

- ◆ Latin American Dance evening

Friday 17th September

- ◆ Last day of term.
- ◆ Premier Reading Challenge Reward afternoon
- ◆ Kurrimine Fishing Tournament P&F fundraiser



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Always Reaching For New Heights



A Prayer for Father's Day

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.



We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

Image source: <https://pixabay.com/illustrations/father-s-day-hearts-greeting-love-6294078/>

Book Week Winners

Winners of our Book Week Dress-Up were:

Prep - Kisara as the Mermaid

Year 1 - Ruby M as Captain Hook

Year 2 - Tilly as Matilda

Year 3 - Oliver as Zero

Year 4 - Sean, Billy, Clayton as Minecraft - Best theme New World

Year 5 - Finn as Roderick

Year 6 - Danni as Little Red Riding Hood

Most lookalike - Erin as The Puppy

Best home made outfit - Flynn as 'The Bad Guys Book'

Best theme - Other Worlds - Tayla as coral

Best theme - Old Worlds - Sunny as WW1 soldier

Thank you parents for your support in helping to make this day fun for all!

Sport for St. John's School Students

Term 3 will conclude with Soccer and Rugby League. Presently we have Football (Soccer) Qld working with the students on Thursday afternoons after school until 4:00pm. Changes have been made to our original schedule so the updated version is as follows:

Week 8 - **Thursday 2nd September 3pm - 4pm**

Week 9 - **Thursday 9th September 3pm - 4pm**

Week 10 - **TBC Tuesday 14th September 3pm - 4pm**

Week 10 - **Thursday 16th September 6pm - 7pm.**

(This game will be an interschool competition at Silkwood Soccer Grounds.)

School Holidays - **TBC Friday 1st October 6pm - 7pm**

Interschool Competition at Silkwood Soccer Grounds.

Silkwood Jnr Football
2021 Interschool Games

Thursday 16th September 2021
Starting TBA (dependent of number of teams)

Nominate your school teams and Coach
Jnr (P-3) and Snr (4-6)

St John's Catholic School
Silkwood State School
ElArish State
Mena Creek State School

BBQ Dinner and Drinks for sale at the cricket

Contact: Sandra Andrijevic 0448656882
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Finally, **good luck to Dave** who will captain Mr Russell's Under 12 Catholic School Boys side at the Jim Graham Cup on Thursday 16th September at Callendar Park.



Pupil Free Day

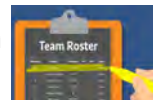
Friday 3rd September is a pupil free day.

P & F News

Our current focus is to rally families to pitch in and take on a shift at the Kurrimine Beach Fishing Tournament BBQ stall. Our task is to cook and serve food. The tournament commences on Friday 17th September to Sunday 19th September. Please contact Mrs Belbin, our P&F Secretary on hmcculloch@cns.catholic.edu.au or call me (Brett Gaia) on 0428 614 951 to add your name to the roster **before this Friday, 3rd September**. Time slots are approximately 4 hours each.

I look forward to catching up with families at the Latin American Dance Night on Friday 10th September.

Brett Gaia, President P&F



National Child Protection Week

Monday 6th to Friday 10th September

"Every child, in every community, needs a fair go."

To treat all of Australia's children fairly, we need to make sure every family and community has what kids need to thrive and be healthy. Everybody can take on some responsibility to keep our kids safe. Being neighbourly is good for children and young people. Please visit the website below for more tips on keeping our kids safe.

<https://www.napcan.org.au/posters-and-tip-sheets/>

Materials required

Mrs Gaia is in need of old socks, t-shirts and plastic bags to make soccer balls for our Socktober activities next term. Please send these items in before the end of term.



Happy Birthday to Taj, Noori, Ruby F and Zac.

Second Step Superstars

Baylen - Inviting others to play

Emily M - Focussed attention during English

Kisara - Focussed attention during Maths

Eve T - Focussing on reading and answering tricky questions

Ashly - Gaining confidence in reading by working hard

Dominic - Being fast and accurate in mathematics

Sean - Being respectful and showing empathy

Ellie W - Showing compassion

Sam R - Using assertive language to ask for help

Principal's Award

Kiki - Focussed attention and leadership

MAGIC WORDS:

200 - Jace 300 - Baylen

READING AWARDS:

150 Nights Reading - Ella

150 Nights Reading - Marly, Mylinda, Noori, Claire, Jada

200 Nights Reading - Wyatt, Lincon, Jorji, Mary, Dominic, Baylen, Charlotte, Emily M.

Note: Awards will be presented to the students by Mrs Bryan on Thursday morning.



Latin American Dance Showcase Evening

Our evening will run as follows with food on sale from 5:45pm.

Steaks \$5, Sausage on bread \$2, Softdrinks \$1.

At 6:30pm the canteen will close and our show will begin. The Master of Ceremonies will be Mrs de Buck for the night. Mrs Bryan will welcome everyone and outline our COVID-19 regulations. Performances scheduled are as follows:

- ◆ Kindy / Prep and Year 1 Performance
- ◆ Year 2/3 Performance
- ◆ Year 4 Performance
- ◆ Year 5/6 Performance
- ◆ Staff Performance
- ◆ Short interval
- ◆ Special couple Item
- ◆ Special Zumba Item
- ◆ Samba battle

The evening will conclude at 7:45pm with a cuppa and shared sweet dish.

(Parents please bring a sweet dish to share).



St John's School, Silkwood &
Catholic Community Kindergarten



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

We invite you to our

Kindy &
School

Open Morning & Guided Tour

Tuesday 7th September, 2021

9:00am -11:00am



Delivering quality and affordable learning
outcomes for students from Kindy to Year 6

Kindy News

What a **busy two weeks** we have had with different themed National Weeks leading our Kindergarten programming. **Science Week**

this year had the theme of 'Food: Different by Design'. For our Kindergarten group this was very suited to our gardening interests and projects. At Kindy we began an experiment to see if we can grow new things from our food scraps. We used different vegetable items – carrot tops and basil cuttings from our garden, an avocado seed and the base of a celery - and set these up in water to see what might happen. The children have been checking on their progress every day and have observed the celery begin to re-grow very quickly, the carrot tops followed soon after – although we decided we wouldn't actually get a new carrot from this! We are watching and waiting to see what the avocado and basil might do!

During **Science week** we also used our ample harvest of yellow cherry tomatoes to make a pasta sauce, and ate it with pasta we made from scratch. Yum! We finished off the week with a fantastic Science session with Mrs Bryan at St John's. Thank you for giving us your time. Everyone had a ball and we all learnt so much about bees and pollination!

Book Week was another fun week filled sharing favourite story books from home and engaging in play provocations on various books. A favourite was definitely 'The Gruffalo', and visiting St John's on Friday. We finished our visit off with a play at the Prep/1 classroom. Thank you to Mrs Parisi, as well as Mrs Gaia and your students for your hospitality and entertainment.

Please remember that Kindergarten is open on Friday this week! We do not have a pupil free day, but do welcome any families who would like to bring those siblings who have the day off for a play at Kindy from 8:30am – 10:30am.

For those families with children going off to Prep next year, please check your emails for information about Transition Statements, which will be prepared for your children in the next few months. Thanks.

Ms Cheryl & Mrs Greco



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Book Week Dress up



Soccer at Silkwood

Date: **Friday 3rd September, 2021**

Who: Reserve Grade Women will be playing

Where: Silkwood Soccer Grounds

Time: 7:00pm

BBQ will be available from 6:00pm. Please come along and show your support!



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Happy Fathers' Day Sunday 5th September

Dad, you know that I like Batman
And Superman's cool too
But I don't really need them
As long as I have you!

