



St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



"Two things to remember in life: Take care of your thoughts when you're alone, and take care of your words when you're with people!" Buddha

Term 4 Week 2 - 13th October, 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4 and I hope you enjoyed your break. St. John's welcomes Eden to our Year 2/3 class, and Siena and Jaxon to our Prep/Year 1 class. We hope you have a fantastic Term 4.

Thank you to the many parents who supported the Kurrimine Beach Fishing Tournament by volunteering their precious time on the weekend. It was wonderful to be part of a local community event and also raising funds for our P&F Association who will allocate these funds in 2021 to: Nature Play, Prep/1 outside play area, technology, school camp, day excursions and other ventures which benefit our students.

Please spread the word about St. John's playgroup. There is such a fabulous vibe and the kids really enjoy using the wonderful Kindy facilities. If you know families in the local area with little children who may enjoy interacting in this setting, invite them along on Wednesdays 9:00am-11:00am. They can also call the school office for more information.

Last Friday, we commenced the term with so much fun, raising funds for Catholic Mission with a theme of 'Socktober'. 'Socktober for Mission Month' encourages students across Australia to kick goals on and off the pitch to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children in Thailand and around the world. The students sported crazy socks, constructed their very own soccer ball made out of recyclable materials, celebrated with a treat of zooper doopers and enjoyed a class soccer goal kick off event. They then cheered for their teachers with passion as I hosted a teacher soccer goal kick off! If you would like to know more about the cause of 'Socktober for Mission Month' visit the website: www.socktober.org.au.

Today, is an extremely important day as the school leadership team, consultants from Catholic Education Services and teachers meet to closely examine our student NAPLAN results and plan our targeted intervention strategies for all our students. The consultants, leadership team and myself drill down into the results of each student and examine their strengths, weaknesses and measure their growth from Year 3 to 5. This is one of my favourite days of the year as it is a time to celebrate students' achievements and devise a planned approach to get our kids performing at their very best academically. Stand by for further information from the analysis of this data day.

I would like to extend an invitation to all our parents on behalf of Catholic School Parents Queensland to attend an online webinar with Andrew Fuller. This is a free event and is Webinar 2 of the series titled, '*Identifying & Building Your Child's Learning Strengths*'. This session is applicable to every family and empowers parents to guide their children (and themselves) towards success. This approach takes the latest research from brain science, positive education and resilience to create strength-based education. See flyer in the newsletter on how to register.

It is wonderful to see all the students back at school, happily engaged and asking, with excitement, what this term brings! I'm looking forward to sharing happy moments with them.

"It's impossible to raise the perfect child, but what we can do is help our children be the best expression of their unique self." - Maggie Dent

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

Always Reaching For New Heights 



Diary Dates

Thursday 14th October

- ◆ Year 7 Orientation day at GCC

Friday 15th October

- ◆ 8:35am Award Assembly

Tuesday 19th October

- ◆ Principal Appraisal
- ◆ 7 - 8pm CSPQ event Webinar 2

Wednesday 20th October

- ◆ Playgroup
 - ◆ Bookclub orders due
- ### Monday 25th October
- ◆ Chess competition & Handball competition commences

Thursday 21st October

- ◆ Term 4 school fees due for payment

Friday 29th October

- ◆ **Day for Daniel - Wear a red t-shirt (free dress)**
- ◆ World Teachers' Day



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Socktober

Last Friday we held our Socktober day. What a wonderful experience! Students worked together across year levels to make their own soccer balls, like many children around the world need to do to enjoy ball games. We then used these balls for a penalty shootout. The excitement was palpable. This was topped off by a teacher penalty shootout which included our special guest, Fr Hilary. Thank you to all parents for supporting this fundraising initiative. We raised a total of \$204.50, all of which will be donated to Catholic Mission.



School Swimming

Our sport focus this term will be our water confidence classes which are set for the following dates:

- ⇒ Thursday 11th November - 1:00pm to 2:00pm
- ⇒ Tuesday 16th November - 1:00pm to 2:00pm
- ⇒ Thursday 18th November - 1:00pm to 2:00pm
- ⇒ Tuesday 23rd November - 1:00pm to 2:00pm
- ⇒ Thursday 25th November - Interhouse swimming carnival day.

All students will be participating in these lessons. The bus will depart school at 12:30pm and return in time for our 3:00pm school finish time. Items to prepare for students are: a swim shirt, swimmers, goggles, towel and swimming bag. Please label every item with their name to ensure swimming items are not misplaced. A permission note will be emailed over the coming weeks. Teaching water safety and water confidence is essential for any child.

Term 4 School Fees

Final term school fees were emailed to parents last Thursday 7th October. If you did not receive this email - check your junk folder or call the school office so another invoice can be sent out. If your method of payment is usually done in one lump sum, then **payment is required on or before Thursday 21st October.** If payment is via direct debit, these will continue to be taken out of your account.

*When you find yourself in the position to help someone, be happy and feel blessed because God is answering that person's prayer through you. **Remember:** Our purpose on earth is not to get lost in the dark but to be a light to others, so that they may find way through us.*

God bless You..

Alberto Casini

Justice Squad News

Term 4 is shaping up to be very busy! The Justice Squad held their first event for the term last Friday with Socktober. Money raised will be sent to Catholic Mission to help support the good work they do helping children.

There are also another two important dates to mark in your calendars:

- ⇒ Week 6 - **8th November will be the launching of the Vinnies Christmas Appeal.**
- ⇒ Week 9 - **2nd December is set down for our Christmas Fair.**

More information will be delivered in the coming weeks. Thank you for all your continued support.

Justice Squad Team.



Happy Birthday to Ruby M,
Kiki and Ellie W

Second Step Superstars

Kisara - Focussed attention on your writing

Mary - Focussed attention on your writing

Ruby F - Focussed attention on your writing

Tilly - Being a good friend

Eden - Managing emotions and making friends

Noori - Being a compassionate and empathetic classmate

Sam W - Taking initiative to help others

Ella - Taking responsibility for your own learning.

Principal's Award

Ned - Being respectful and considerate to all

Siena, Jaxon, Eden - Welcome to St. John's!

READING AWARDS:

100 Nights Reading - Billy, Ellie K, Dave, Isaac

150 Nights Reading - Max, Sam R

200 Nights Reading - Scarlett, Zara, Jada, Claire

250 Nights Reading - Charlotte, Emily P, Baylen





Good Counsel Parent Carer Information

A parent session for interested parents will be held this afternoon **Wednesday, 13th October at 5.30pm** in F7 (There will be signage to direct you to this location.)

The session will commence with a tour of the college followed by a presentation by key staff who will address first-day arrangements and go-to contacts for both students and parents. The evening will conclude with a Q&A. This is a parent/carer session only. For further information contact Leigh Hodder-Onaindia at GCC on 4063 5300.

P & F News

Thank you to all who helped at the Kurrimbe Beach Fishing stall. It is great to see the school community come together to lend a hand. It was a great weekend for community.

Our Term 4 fundraiser is a lamington drive. This was a very successful fundraiser for the P & F last year, so I look forward to joining families to help make and sell lamingtons to the wider community. Thank you to Ainsley and Liza who have kindly taken on the co-ordinators' role for this year.

I also draw everyone's attention to a fantastic webinar being run for parents on Tuesday 19th October. This is a great opportunity to support our kids and learn more about what makes them tick to create a happy environment for them. Details are in the newsletter.

Brett Gaia, President.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS
QUEENSLAND

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO ATTEND AN ONLINE WEBINAR
WITH ANDREW FULLER. THIS IS A FREE EVENT SPONSORED BY CSPQ.

Webinar 2: Identifying & Building Your Child's Learning Strengths



Catholic School Parents Queensland invite all Catholic School Parents and Carers, Principals and School staff to attend a free online evening webinar with Andrew Fuller.

Tuesday 19 October 7-8pm on Zoom.

Please note this webinar will be live and not able to be recorded.

Andrew is a Clinical Psychologist, Family Therapist, Author, Speaker and Creator of 'Learning Strengths'

This webinar is to support our children's learning and wellbeing. Topics suitable for all ages Prep to Yr 12 and will include: **Resilience, Friendship and relationship skills, Neurochemistry and parenting, Parenting tricky kids, Creating happy kids, Building self-esteem and dealing with set backs.**

Limited registrations.

In consideration, please only register if you intend to join the webinar.

Click on the link below to view our event website and register.

When you register, a zoom link for the webinar will be emailed to your registered email.

Share the below link on facebook.

<https://www.eventcreate.com/e/andrewfuller19oct>

Andrew's talks are always fun and informative.

Questions can be submitted through the live chat during the webinar.

We look forward to you joining us from home or join us as a group at your school.

For enquiries contact Catholic School Parents Queensland info@cspq.catholic.edu.au or phone us on 3905 9730

Kindy News



Term 4 at Kindergarten is sure to be an exciting one as we go about our normal playing and learning, but also have the excitement of school transition programs for our children heading off to Prep next year and Christmas! Please check your in-boxes for our Term Calendar so you don't miss any important dates.

This term we will be focussing on building up each child's identity as a strong, unique and capable person, ready for life's adventures. We will also explore our local and extended community and hopefully have a few visitors to our Kindy for the children to meet and engage with.



As always the children's interests are at the forefront of our programming, and so currently we have a space for weaving/web making for our spider fans – a great opportunity to refine our fine motor skills and to be imaginative and creative. We will also explore the different categories of animals there are. Did you know there are six types of animals? Our curious Kindergarten children always have plenty of questions for us to explore and to help us extend on our knowledge.

As the weather warms up, we want to remind all parents that your child needs:

- ♦ A sun smart hat – covering their face, ears and necks. Caps are not appropriate.
- ♦ Sunscreen applied in the morning.
- ♦ Clothing that covers shoulders and back. A t-shirt or collared shirt is best.
- ♦ A few changes of clothes as we will be offering more water play opportunities to keep cool.

Thank you, Ms Cheryl & Mrs Greco

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OCT 16
11.30 - 9.30pm

Oktoberfest

KURRIMINE BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

\$5 PER ADULT / \$15 PER FAMILY

DRINK • FOOD • MUSIC • DANCE

LIVE MUSIC, EDELWEISS DANCERS, JUMPING CASTLE, LARA THE CLOWN, PONY RIDES, PRIZES, GAMES, PRETZELS, MERCHANDISE AND MUCH MORE

FOLLOW KURRIMINE BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION ON FACEBOOK

TULLY'S ST. GERARD COMMITTEE ARE HOSTING THE

2021

Feast of St. Gerard

SATURDAY, 16th OCTOBER

2:30 PM ~ Mass at St. Clare's Church
13 Mars St, Tully

3:30 PM ~ Religious Procession

5:00 PM ~ Feast at St. Clare's School
afterwards till late

BBQ WILL FOLLOW WITH A HUGE SHOWCASE OF ITALIAN FOODS AND TREATS

MEGA CENT SALE & RAFFLES

ITALIAN ENTERTAINER-TRADITIONAL ITALIAN MUSIC BY **SAM PAPPALARDO**

SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS

COME JOIN US! ~ ALL WELCOME!

THIS EVENT WILL BE A 'COVID SAFE' EVENT

TULLY SWIMMING POOL

SWIMMING LESSONS

FROM **\$15** PER SESSION

LEARN TO SWIM
KIDS SQUADS
ADULT SQUADS
AQUA AEROBICS

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