



St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



"No beauty shines brighter than a good heart!" Anon

Term 4 Week 4 - 27th October, 2021

Dear Parents,

A sincere thank you to all parents for your participation in my **Principal Appraisal process** which has been most rewarding and worthwhile. All principals who serve 5 years at a Catholic school undergo this process. The panel advised me last Tuesday that my appraisal was extraordinary and **highly successful**. Survey data and feedback from parents and staff show an **enormous amount of trust in my leadership** at present and into the future. I am **humbled by this feedback**. I'm proud to have so much passion in leading St. John's School. The panel members also commented on the love and care displayed in the school community. They said the school culture seemed amazingly vibrant, with staff and students immensely enjoying school life. The panel also passed comment on how **respectful and well-mannered the students** presented. **Thank you parents for working in partnership with the school to nurture this in our students.**

This Friday is **World Teachers' Day**. As you know, in order to be a great leader you must have a dedicated and great team working alongside you. So, on behalf of the St. John's Community, I say a huge **thank you to our teachers and school officers**. I see first hand the dedication, time and care our staff give to your child/ren. As a parent, I am so grateful that my child/ren have wonderful adults guiding them through their schooling journey. Please reach out to your child's educators and say thank you this week.

St. John's has celebrated academic success and growth in our **NAPLAN results**. With **100% student participation**, the Year 3 & Year 5 students completed these tests on their devices whilst being supervised by Mrs Daly and myself. Results are:

- ◆ Year 3 Numeracy was above state average and on par with national average.
- ◆ Year 3 writing was also above state average.
- ◆ Year 5 reading was strong, also being above state average.
- ◆ Year 5 showed strong growth in spelling & reading and was above state and national.

Overall, there was a positive increase in many areas. I remind parents that you can always make an appointment to discuss academic results with your child's class teacher.

Remember to complete the **school satisfaction survey**. A link was emailed to parent email accounts and must be **done by Wednesday 3rd November**. Survey results will be collated by an independent firm that will report back to Catholic Education.

There is **great excitement** at school this week! The St John's Rugby League team will be versing sister school St Rita's today at 1:30pm. Prep to Year 3 students are heading off on their day excursion to Innisfail on Friday whilst Year 4 to 6 will wear a red t-shirt to promote awareness for Day for Daniel and student protection.

Also, don't forget to **support our P & F lamington drive** and sell lamington trays (**12 lamingtons/\$15**) to your family and friends. Orders are due back Friday 12 November.

"Worry about being the best person you can be. You are a whole, sensational person on your own, cheer yourself on." -Australian Catholics Magazine

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

Always Reaching For New Heights



Diary Dates

Monday 25th October

- ◆ P & F Lamington Drive launched

Wednesday 27 October

- ◆ Rugby League Game 1:30pm

Friday 29th October

- ◆ **Day for Daniel - Wear a red t-shirt (free dress)**
- ◆ World Teachers' Day
- ◆ Prep to Year 3 excursion

Sunday 31st October

- ◆ Grandparents' Day

Monday 1st November

- ◆ All Saints' Day

Tuesday 2nd November

- ◆ All Souls' Day

Wednesday 3rd November

- ◆ School Satisfaction survey closes

Monday 8th November

- ◆ Vinnies Christmas Appeal launched

Thursday 11th November

- ◆ Remembrance Day
- ◆ School Swimming commences 1:00pm

Friday 12th November

- ◆ Lamington orders due



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SAVE THE DATE

On **Saturday 20th November**, our Prep/Year 1 class will host the Parish/School Mass. Please add this date to your calendar.



All Saints' & All Souls' Day

All Saints' Day is celebrated annually on November 1st. On All Saints' Day we remember those people, including those who are not canonised by the Church, who through the way they lived, made a difference to others and to the world. Through their lives these special people teach us to trust God and to show our love for God. We look to them as examples of how we too can make a difference in the world.

The **Feast of All Souls** is celebrated on November 2nd. On All Souls day we pray for the souls in Purgatory awaiting final purification before entering heaven. St Monica, mother of St Augustine, knew the importance of prayer for those who have passed, asking her son to remember her soul in his Masses.

World Teachers' Day - 29th October

Held annually, this day aims to recognise the tireless efforts of **all educators in schools** and give thanks for the endless work they do, **inspiring, guiding, supporting and teaching** our children!



Day for Daniel

This Friday we recognise the importance of child safety.

Day for Daniel is Australia's largest day of action to raise awareness of **child safety, protection and harm preventions**. It is held annually on the last Friday of October. **Day for Daniel honours the memory of Daniel Morcombe**. Students in Year 4 to 6 will have a free dress day on Friday - wearing a red shirt to show their support and create awareness.



Shade Sail Over Nature Play Area

The time has finally arrived for our sails to be erected over the Nature Play area! **Goondi Shades** will be working over the weekend to bring some much needed shade over this playground area. Thank you to the **Gaming Machine Grant for funding this project**.

Term 4 School Fees

Term 4 fees are now overdue. Please settle your account.

Growth Mindset

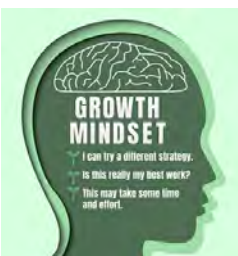
Without the right tools and strategies, many children get stuck in a fixed mindset. A fixed mindset is the belief that our abilities, talents, and intelligence are static. We are either good at something or we aren't. This way of thinking is limiting and holds children (and adults) back from reaching their full potential. A growth mindset is the belief that our abilities, talents, and intelligence can grow or change through effort and perseverance. **A growth mindset equips children with the skills to work through challenges**, set and achieve goals, and **think creatively**. It boosts self-esteem and **encourages educational risks**.

Growth Mindset Continued

Here are some tips for how you can support children through this process:

- ⇒ Use and encourage language that reflects your own growth mindset. For example, instead of saying, **"I can't do it"** to your child, try saying, **"I'm still working on improving"**.
- ⇒ **Accept mistakes as learning opportunities**. Share examples of your own mistakes and discuss how you were able to learn and grow as a result.
- ⇒ **Help children regulate emotions**. There are a lot of uncomfortable emotions associated with trying new things, making mistakes, and failing. Some simple strategies for regulating these emotions include **taking deep breaths, counting to ten and back, going for a short walk**, and drinking a glass of water.
- ⇒ **Give praise for effort**, creativity, and problem solving. Recognise growth, rather than just achievement.
- ⇒ **Encourage curiosity**.
- ⇒ Familiarise yourself with the **brain science** behind a growth mindset and remind children as they struggle that their **brain is growing and changing**.

The shift from a fixed mindset to a growth mindset isn't easy. It involves risk taking and requires children to try and fail and try again. **Practising a growth mindset can help children to tackle just about anything**. They learn how to foster a "can do" attitude and



celebrate their mistakes as a path to ultimate success.

Reference: Growth Mindset by Peyton Curley



Second Step Superstars

Charlotte - Listening and following directions.

Ruby M - Listening and following directions.

Benson - Staying focussed and on task.

Oliver - Taking responsibility for learning and producing very good written work.

Evelyn - Focussed attention to detail in your work.

Clayton - A role model for respectful listening.

Kiki - Being a responsible learner

Isaac - Showing compassion

Savannah - Working tough in Mathematics

Principal's Award

Scarlett - Focussed attention in Speech and Drama

Lincon - Showing respect

300 MAGIC WORDS: Siena

READING AWARDS:

100 Nights Reading - Isabella, Kiki, Stevie

150 Nights Reading - Benson, Sharlyn

200 Nights Reading - Ruby F, Marly, Flynn, Sean

250 Nights Reading - Mary, Dominic, Emily M, Wyatt



P & F - Lamington Drive



Orders are now being taken for the P & F Term 4 fundraiser.

\$15 per tray /12 lamingtons

Phone: 40659530
to place your orders
or call into St.
John's School,
Harold Street,
Silkwood



Yummy!



2022 Enrolments

Catholic schools are committed to the **growth of the whole child** by offering developmentally

appropriate programs which address children's needs - spiritual, intellectual, physical, cultural, social, and emotional.

If you have a child or know of someone who is interested in enrolling their child at St John's for **2022**, please contact the **school office on 4065 9530**. Alternatively, an **online enrolment** form or expression of interest can be found on our **school website**. Limited places available at this stage. (www.stjohnssilkwood.qld.edu.au)

*"Grandparents hold our tiny hands
for just a little while, but our hearts
forever."*

**Happy
Grandparents'
Day**

*Thank you for
everything!*

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**This Sunday
31st October**



Vinnies
good works

As Christmas draws closer the Justice Squad will be launching their annual Christmas Appeal in Week 6.

Donations of non-perishable food, personal hygiene supplies and Christmas gifts will be collected for distribution to those less fortunate. Donation baskets will be left in classrooms and the school office until our end of school Mass.

Wanted: Casual Cleaner

St. John's School is looking for a cleaner to do some casual cleaning work ASAP. Please call the school office and speak to Mrs Bryan for further details.

Kindy News

Term 4 is racing along! Please keep an eye out in your emails for our calendar with important end of term dates. We have quite a bit happening over the last 3 or 4 weeks of the term; including an excursion, Christmas parties, graduation day and a rolling working bee.



The Kindergarten aged children will also soon have a Transition Statement prepared for them. This is a strengths based assessment of the children based on the Learning and Development Areas of the Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guidelines. Families are able to give permission to share this with the school they have enrolled in for Prep as a way to help the school to get to know your child. These statements will be emailed out to families in Week 7 to read, and then consent to share or not to share will be requested by Week 8.



At the moment at Kindergarten we are exploring our Community and collating our ideas on what we know about our local areas onto a big map. One aspect of our community that the children are quite knowledgeable on and interested in is the sugar mill, cane farms and most of all the harvesters! The children worked together to create

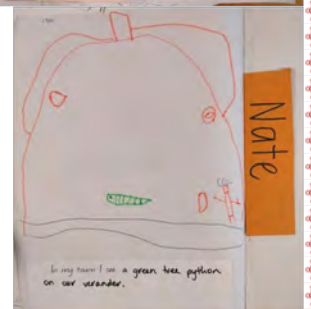
their own sugar mill to play with at Kindergarten, and sent in photos of harvesters they have seen or have at their farms. They also discussed and drew pictures about other things they see in their community - pigs, kangaroos, stingrays, sharks, snakes, trees, flowers and the pub :). It is important to know about the community we live in; understanding the unique aspects of where we live, and developing an understanding of our place within it.

Thank you, Ms Cheryl & Mrs Greco

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School Days at St John's!



Whole Community Welcome!

Community disco to
celebrate the end of year

SILKWOOD STATE
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DISCO

FRIDAY 5th NOV - 6 to 8 PM

- BBQ Dinner hosted by P&C •
- Drinks & Glow Products for sale
by Student Council •

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