



# St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



*"It always seems impossible until it's done!" Nelson Mandela* Term 1 Week 10 – 30th March, 2022

Dear Parents,

What a great engaging term we have experienced! Thank you to the many parents/carers who have attended parent/teacher meetings. It is wonderful working in partnership with you, for it consolidates **success for your child's/ren's education**. The Director of School Effectiveness, who visited last Wednesday commented that *"St. John's punches way above its weight"*. Meaning, for a small school we achieve amazing outcomes and strive to provide a world class education to our students, whilst providing a living encounter with Christ.



**Thank you for supporting the St Patrick's Day** fundraiser for Project Compassion. The Justice Squad raised approximately \$80. These funds will go to vulnerable communities to allow them to move forward with lifesaving strategies to tackle new challenges. The students also moved a motion to donate some of the funds they have raised to the flood victims down south. It is great to see the **students being aware of social justice issues**.

Yesterday we held the P&F AGM. Congratulations to our position holders for 2022:

- ◆ President - **Mr. Brett Gaia**,
- ◆ Vice-President - **Mr. Kevin Tanti**,
- ◆ Secretary - **Mrs. Helen Belbin**,
- ◆ Treasurer - **Ms. Anna Santariga**.

Our St John's **P&F steering executive committee**, with help from the parent body, **continuously strives to support** this school by **enhancing learning opportunities** for our students. The recent completion of the Nature Play construction is a fine example. This space is intensely occupied each day. The P&F are now focussing their support on **Stage 2 of the Nature Play**, which will see an outdoor corridor of educational games constructed. Presently, our P&F are getting organised for the Three Saints Festival on **Sunday 1st May, so SAVE THIS DATE** on your calendar. The parent body will be running the BBQ and drinks stall. (See the back page for an overview of festival events.) A blank roster has been attached to the email version of this newsletter so parents/carers can book their preferred time to volunteer. A book of raffle tickets will also be sent home with families this week. Contact Mrs Belbin, (email: [hmcculloch@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:hmcculloch@cns.catholic.edu.au) or phone 4065 9530) to place your name on your preferred timeslot on the roster. Also, if families are in a position to donate a prize for our raffle or can suggest possible businesses willing to donate, again, contact Mrs Belbin.

Students look forward to re-enacting the **Easter story on Thursday at 2:00pm** for the whole school and then gridding it out on **Friday for the Cross Country** beginning 9:15am. The very special Easter celebration for the Church falls just before we **return to school on Tuesday 19th April**. **Happy Easter!**

In the latest edition of the Cairns Diocese News, (Edition 31 Easter 2022) there is a wise reflection on the front cover depicting **the essence of the St. John's School Community** - *"Sow seeds of goodness for the benefit of others"*.

Finally, next term we will be **commencing our enrolment process for 2023**, so spread the word in our community about our great school - **"Small School, Great Spirit!"**

May the peace of God be with you and your family, Mrs Bryan

*Always Reaching For New Heights* 

## Diary Dates

### Friday 1st April

- ◆ Assembly 8:35am
- ◆ Interhouse Cross Country 9:15am
- ◆ Term 1 concludes

### Thursday 14th April

- ◆ Holy Thursday

### Friday 15th April

- ◆ Good Friday

### Sunday 17th April

- ◆ Easter Sunday

### Tuesday 19th April

- ◆ School and Kindy Resumes

### Monday 25th April

- ◆ ANZAC Day

### Thursday 28th April

- ◆ Assembly & Easter celebrations

### Sunday 1st May

- ◆ Feast of the Three Saints

Happy Holidays



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Wow it is already the last week of term and we have passed the halfway mark in our 2022 Lenten Season!



This week we will go through a Holy Week re-enactment to help the students to understand the extreme sacrifice that Jesus made for all of us. As we have Easter Sunday on the last Sunday of the holidays this will be recognised early next term. May all families have a very safe and happy Easter Holiday break as we pray together for a more peaceful world.



On a personal note: I offer my thanks to all for making me feel so welcome in our Silkwood community.

Mr Gary Recklies



### Caritas Boxes

A reminder for families to return your Caritas donation boxes back to school so money can be forwarded to this organisation. Thank you for your support

### Interhouse Cross Country

This will be held on Friday with our two teams of MacKillop and Francis competing to win the trophy! Students are to wear either their interhouse sports shirt or a t-shirt of similar colour - white or blue. The day will commence with Assembly at 8:35am followed by a Cross Country start time of 9:15am. The seniors will complete the course first and they will then be able to guide the lower age groups through the track.

Parking is available along Harold Street - alongside the office, library, and upper school buildings.

Remember to take extra care in the car park as it is also a Kindy morning so there will be extra traffic coming and going.

**Go Francis! Go MacKillop!**



### P & F News



Thank you for all your efforts in 2021 and for the parents who held executive positions last year. We had our AGM on Monday and thank you to Kevin, Helen and Anna for recommitting to their executive positions again this year. However, to be a united team we need all parents to support in a hands on way. Parents can help our school raise funds which will go towards our Nature Play Stage 2 construction and also to providing experiences for our kids. We need volunteers for the Three Saints festival on 1<sup>st</sup> May to run our BBQ stall and sell raffle tickets. This is the major fundraiser for our school. Thank you to Liza, Amy, Helen and Linda who have been working behind the scene coordinating this event. The Three Saints festival is a great community event! We have also confirmed our Pie Drive in Term 2.

Brett Gaia, President

### Join us at **St John's Community Playgroup**

Where: **Community Kindergarten Silkwood**

When: **Every Wednesday (School Weeks)**

Time: **9:00am to 11:00am**

*Please bring morning tea and a hat for your child/ren.*

*Coffee/tea provided for parents/carers.*



For more information contact Vera:  
4065 9530 or the Kindergarten  
on: 42 52 5755

**Have fun with your children!**

**Make new friends.**

**Share your experiences.**



Happy Birthday:  
Mary and Amanat

### **Second Step Superstars**



**Anayat** - Focussed attention when reading.

**Tess** - Focussed attention when reading.

**Zara** - Focussed attention when reading and writing.

**Wyatt W** - Being a good friend by showing care and consideration to others.

**Tilly** - Being a good friend.

**Rohan** - Displaying respectful, focussed attention.

**Tayla** - Consistent effort shown throughout the term.

**Finn J** - Consistent effort shown throughout the term.

### **Magic Words:**

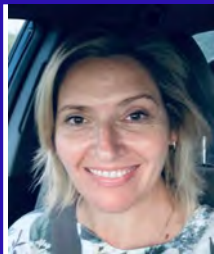
100: **Lincon**

200: **Kisara**

300: **Kisara**







## From your School Counsellor.....

As a Triple P Practitioner for over 20 years, I have seen its founder Matt Sanders share many valid points of wisdom. I thought I would share this one with you, as we have navigated our children to the end of first term for 2022. Some of us have celebrated early achievements and some of us have been challenged with disappointments – which are a part of life. Here Matt reminds us of the important role we have as parents in guiding our children's disappointment which contributes to the development of their self-esteem:



### Dealing with Disappointment (By Professor Matt Sanders)

DEALING WITH  
DISAPPOINTMENT



Despite what certain sport shoe commercials might have you believe, life isn't always about winning. It is equally **important for the development of healthy self-esteem** that children learn how to deal with disappointment. As a reaction to not getting what they want, such as being chosen for a team, children may sometimes put themselves down, saying things like: "I'm dumb", "you hate me" or "I'm just stupid". If this happens, try to avoid being too sympathetic. Instead encourage your child to try again after the set-back and to enjoy the activity or game even if they aren't the winner. Rather than simply reassuring your child that everything will be okay, you can help your child develop their own sense of worth by letting them know that you understand their feelings of disappointment and that you are there to help them work out a reasonable way of dealing with that disappointment. Remember too, when you're helping your child with an activity or with homework **concentrate on effort not results**. Praising your child for trying and making an improvement will motivate them to continue trying at a difficult task. Professor Matt Sanders is founder of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program®. For more information go to [www.triplep-parenting.net](http://www.triplep-parenting.net) or speak with me your School Counsellor Jo'lene Burzacott.

Happy holidays and I look forward to working more with the school community next term.

Regards, Miss Jo.

## Kindy News



Last week at Kindergarten we celebrated Harmony Day. We love this day as it is all about celebrating Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. As our Kindergarten group have recently explored the countries of India and Ireland, this came at a wonderful time to extend on our discussions on the diversity in the world. We also love this day as we get together with the St John's Prep and Year 1 class!

This year we worked on the theme, 'Everybody Belongs' and as a big group of Kinders, Preps and Year 1's; children, teachers and aides, we created a poster to demonstrate, and remind us that while we are all different and unique, we are a strong community together. The children used their fingers to paint the world and decorate the poster, and then drew a self-portrait to glue on. The poster is amazing!

We have also been working on interests in rainbows to develop our colour recognition skills, to think about patterning and sorting, to hypothesise, and to learn a different communication method. We crafted rainbows, thinking about the order of the colours and creating arches. We are singing and signing "I can sing a rainbow" together – learning how our hands and bodies

can 'talk'. We also did a really engaging 'walking water' experiment. In this experiment we observe how coloured water 'walks' along paper towel! It is a fantastic hands on experience for the children to explore and engage with.

Have a great holiday and Easter period. We will see you back for Term 2.

Ms Cheryl and Mrs Greco.

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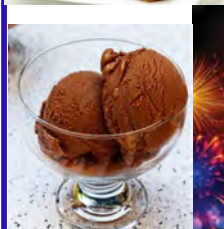
## FEAST OF THE THREE SAINTS

Sunday 1st May 2022 Harold Street, Silkwood, North Queensland

Traditional Italian Food

Music & Dancing till 9 pm

Rides & Amusements



## Schedule of Events

### Sunday 1st May, 2022

**10:00am** Italian Mass concelebrated by Fr. Padre Savino Bernardi, from Sydney & Fr. Kerry Crowley. Unveiling of the Three Saints, Eulogy of the Three Saints, Hymns by Saint Alfio Choir.

**12 noon** Entertainment, BBQ, Italian Sausage, Ravioli, Arancini, Grilled Fish, Pizza, Chestnuts, Granita, Gelati, Cannoli, Italian Biscuits, Sweets, Tea & Barista made Coffee.



**2:00pm** Three Saints positioned on Vara, followed by Solemn Procession, Rosary and Hymns. Procession accompanied by Cairns municipal band.

**3:00pm** English Mass celebrated by Fr. Padre Savino Bernardi, from Sydney & Fr. Hilary Flynn, followed by the Blessing and Veneration of the Relics of the Three Saints.

**7:00pm** Dynamic Fireworks Display

Music and Dancing till 9:00pm



### Easter 2022

**10th April** - Anointing Mass for the sick,  
Tully 10:00am

**12th April** - 2nd Rite of reconciliation,  
Tully 7:00pm

**14th April** - Holy Thursday  
Tully Lord's Supper 6:00pm

**15th April** - Good Friday  
Tully, Stations of the Cross 10:00am  
Innisfail, Stations of the Cross 10:30am  
Tully Mass, Lord's Passion 3:00pm  
Mission Beach, Lord's Passion 3:00pm (liturgy)  
Silkwood Mass, Lord's Passion 3:00pm  
Innisfail Mass, Lord's Passion 3:00pm

**16th April** - Easter Vigil  
Tully Mass 6:00pm  
Silkwood Mass 6:00pm  
Innisfail Mass 8:00pm

**17th April** - Easter Sunday  
Mass, Mission Beach Mass 7:00am  
Mass, South Johnstone 7:00am  
Mass, Innisfail 9:00am  
Mass, El Arish Mass 10:00am

COMMUNITY  
NEWS



BreastScreen  
Queensland



BreastScreen is coming to

<b>Babinda</b>	<b>14 – 25 Feb 2022</b>
<b>Cardwell</b>	<b>01 – 17 Mar</b>
<b>Mission Beach</b>	<b>05 – 28 Apr</b>
<b>Innisfail</b>	<b>03 May – 05 Aug</b>
<b>Tully</b>	<b>09 Aug – 09 Sept</b>

- ☒ Free breast screening for women over 40
- ☒ No doctor's referral needed

Women aged 50-74 are especially encouraged to attend



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