



# St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



*"In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure!" Bill Crosby*

**Term 1 Week 4 – 16th February, 2022**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to St John's. We have commenced our 2022 educational journey, **inspiring students to learn great things, make new friends and create great school memories.** It is fabulous to be with the students again and experience the infectious good vibes during class, lunch and play!

A **special welcome to our new families.** St John's is a small school with great spirit and we are delighted that you have joined us. Welcome to **Harlee, Alessia, Piper, Tess, Anayat, Cody, Rhyder, Alec, Lara, Wyatt, Sacha, Luke and Finn.** Another special welcome to **Mrs Baston** who is completing her 4th year placement as a pre-service teacher. Mrs Baston is enjoying the teaching of the Year 2 class supervised by Mrs Daly. She is very impressed with the manners, behaviour and respect shown by the St John's students. We are proud to always host pre-service teachers and high school students so they can see what an amazing vocation teaching is, while experiencing and learning best teaching practices in the modern school.

On Monday, parents, staff, students in Years 3 to 6 and I had the privilege of listening to our school leaders present their Captain speeches, vying to be elected for school and house captains. Congratulations to all students. Their speeches were sincere, passionate and had the following themes:

- ◇ Taking care of one another,
- ◇ Being a good listener and serving others,
- ◇ Showing respect to everyone,
- ◇ Always focussing on improving and being the best version of yourself that you can be,
- ◇ Kindness and empathy for others,
- ◇ Encourage and support your fellow students from Prep to Year 6.

What is most impressive is that these students don't just 'talk the talk' but they 'walk the talk'. **Congratulations**

**Finn J** elected **School Captain**,  
**Savannah** elected **Francis Captain** and  
**Sam** elected **MacKillop Captain**.

Let us make 2022 a year to 'Reach for New Heights!'

It is a pleasure to return to St John's where the positive vibes are so strong amongst all. On behalf on the staff we look forward to provide the **best possible educational opportunities for your child/ren.** I remind you if you have questions and thoughts about your child, please email their class teacher as soon as possible, or you are welcome to call the school office.

*"If we create a culture where everyone believes they need to improve, not because they are not good enough, but because they can be even better, there is no limit to what we can achieve." - Dylan Williams*

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

Mrs Bryan , Principal.

*Always Reaching For New Heights*



## Diary Dates

### Wednesday 16th February

- ◆ Playgroup 9-11am

### Thursday 17th February

- ◆ Silkwood Soccer sessions onsite

### Friday 18th February

- ◆ In-house assembly

### Monday 21st February

- ◆ P&F meeting 3:15pm

### Tuesday 22nd February

- ◆ Uniform Shop 8:15am to 8:45am
- ◆ Music with Miss Natasha

### Wednesday 23rd February

- ◆ Playgroup 9-11am
- ◆ Silkwood Soccer sign-on afternoon 5pm

### Friday 11th March

- ◆ Touch Football Carnival at Tully SHS



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*Trust in the Lord,  
because the Lord will not  
disappoint you! He never disappoints:  
he is a good friend, always at our side.  
Dear families, always live life  
with faith and simplicity,  
like the Holy Family of Nazareth.  
May the joy and the  
peace of the Lord be  
always with you.*

Franciscus PP.

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,  
Our new greeting **'May the peace of God be with you and your family'** is beautifully suited to our 2022 school year. In Pope Francis' words there are *'three words for the harmony of the family. 'Permission, Thanks, Sorry' Do not end the day without making your peace.'*

A belated welcome to our 2022 school year. Being new to a setting, it is good to explore to help one to understand it. I have undertaken a walk to get my bearings and this wonderful iconography below is what I have found.



I will continue my walks to add more wonderful icons which infuse our Catholic ethos and identity. I would like to warmly welcome all families to our Catholic Community and look forward to meeting you all in the year ahead.  
May God's blessings be upon you and your family this fortnight. Amen.

Mr Gary Recklies

## Check and Update Personal Details

Parents/Carers are reminded to update their personal details with any changes of address, telephone numbers or emergency contact numbers or media consent. **It is essential this information is kept up-to-date in the event of an emergency at school.**

## Student Absences

Parents/Carers are reminded that they must contact the school to communicate student absences before 8:30am. This can be done via the parent portal, telephone or sending an email to **secretary.silkwood@cns.catholic.edu.au**.

**REPORT AN  
ABSENCE**

## Uniform shop

Our uniform shop is opened every Tuesday morning by Maria from 8:15 to 8:45am for uniform requirements. **Second Hand Uniforms** - We ask families who have second hand uniforms that are no longer being used to consider adding them to our second-hand clothing pool. Thanking you for your continued support.

## P & F 2021

Our first P & F meeting will be held next **Monday 21st February** (week 5 of term) in the **school library from 3:15pm to 4:15pm**. Our meetings are friendly and informative, so I'm sure you will enjoy attending.

## Student Care Insurance

All students at St John's School are covered by Student Care Insurance for an accident or injury at school or in any school related activity such as inter-school sport or a school camp. It covers expenses such as medical costs, emergency transport, travel, home tuition and school fee relief.



Happy Birthday: Tyler,  
Ned, Sophia, Erin,  
Charlotte, Clayton,  
Dominic, Audrey

## Second Step Superstars



**Ruby** - Being welcoming and helping the Preps.  
**Piper** - Focused attention  
**Emily P** - Focused attention and great listening skills  
**Charlotte** - Focused attention and great listening skills  
**Eden** - Focused attention on number accuracy  
**Marly** - Focused attention displaying exemplary work habits.  
**Savannah** - Showing empathy and support to others  
**Luke** - Settling well into school leadership and class activities.  
**Finn E** - Settling well into school leadership and class activities.  
**Tayla & Finn E** - Recognising our Homework Heroes and Heroines!







## From your School Counsellor.....

Thank you to the school community for the warm welcome. I am happy to introduce myself as your new School Counsellor, visiting St John's every Wednesday and Thursday. My husband and I are farmers and have three school aged boys.

As many of you can contest it has been a looonnnnggg school break and the return to a new school year will bring joy to some and angst to others.

Do you have challenges with getting your little ones into a new routine or out the door in the morning? You are not alone! Take a few deep breaths to calm yourself and choose to not match the tears or anger. Shift your lens, by trying these responses to help our children's strong feelings:

- ♦ **Listen to their feelings with your whole body**
  - + *Stop what you're doing and get down to their level*
  - + *Make physical contact and speak using a calm voice (their focus is on your tone)*
- ♦ **Help them notice their body and use words**
  - + *"I can see you are clenching your fists this morning. It looks like you're pretty angry/sad/scared about going to school."*
- ♦ **Let them feel heard**
  - + *"I hear that you don't feel like going to school today."*
- ♦ **Follow through with Empathy**
  - + *"I can understand that you might not want to go to school. I remember feeling like that sometimes too."*
- ♦ **Give them space and role model calming breaths. Once a child feels seen, heard, and understood, they are more likely to listen or accept your following statement**
- ♦ **Be clear on what is expected of them.**
  - + *"School is important. You are safe at St John's and your brain is hungry for learning. So, we are going to School, and I'll look forward to you telling me all about it this afternoon."*



When we are positive and confident, our children feel safe, secure, and validated. New routines and transitions will take a few weeks to settle into. If the family is continuing to struggle with school refusal, please contact me at St John's to discuss a personalised plan.

Look forward to meeting you through the year. Regards, Miss Jo.



How wonderful it has been to welcome our Kindergarten group back! Everyone was ready and raring to go, and we had a great first week of play together! We have quickly realised that this year's Kindergarten children are very social, thoughtful and kind to one another! What fantastic qualities to demonstrate so early in the Kindergarten year. We are going to discuss this together over the next few weeks as we talk about the expectations of our Kinder classroom and how to ensure we are all happy and safe learners. Families, make sure you are using our OWNA app to see all the things we are doing at Kindergarten. This is a great way to understand what we do, follow our program and see play based learning at work.

*Ms Cheryl and Mrs Greco.*



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## 2022 School Leaders



we welcome

## Tully Netball 2022 LET'S PLAY!

### NET SET GO (6-8yrs) Term 2

8 Week Introduction to Netball  
Net Set Go is Australia's official starter program for girls and boys aged 6-8yrs. It's a chance to learn the netball basics, get outside and make some friends.

**COST:** \$400  
Girls & boys welcome!  
Monday 4:30 - 5:20pm  
Tully High School MPC  
Start date: Monday 9th May 2022.  
Finish date: Monday 14th July 2022.

### DIVISION 1 NETBALL

Division 1 Netball is a mixed ages social competition aimed at developing and extending the skills of our high school players, and welcoming new adult players or those returning to the sport of netball.

**COST:** 12-17yrs \$400 18yrs+ \$700  
Females ages high schools  
Monday 5:30 - 6:20pm  
Tully High School MPC  
Start date: Monday 14th March 2022.  
Season Finish: September 2022.

**REGISTER ONLINE TO JOIN A TEAM**  
Tully Netball Facebook Page  
or 'Netball Connect' App

More info: Phone Jenny 0427 067 483.

### JUNIOR NETBALL 9-12yrs

Under 10 (9-10yrs) & Under 12 (11-12yrs)  
Junior netball programs foster skill development and match play. Emphasis is on the social and fun aspects of the game that help develop a love of netball.

**COST:** \$400  
Girls & boys welcome!  
Monday 4:00 - 5:20pm  
Tully High School MPC  
Start date: Monday 14th March 2022.  
Season Finish: September 2022.

### DIVISION 1 NETBALL

Division 1 Netball Competition is a mixed ages fast paced competitive open netball competition.

**COST:** 12-17yrs \$400 18yrs+ \$700  
Females ages high schools  
Monday 6:30pm onwards  
Tully High School MPC  
Start date: Monday 14th March 2022.  
Season Finish: September 2022.

**Join Our Team**  
Ages 9-12yrs  
Come and Try Day  
Monday 14th March 4:00 - 5:20pm  
@ Tully High School MPC

## Community Notices

Feast of the Senses  
THURS 24TH - SUN 27TH  
MARCH 2022

## Silkwood Jnr Football Club

SOCCER SIGNUP INFORMATION AND TRAINING

WEDNESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2022 5PM

CENTENARY PARK SILKWOOD

Jnr Competition 4-11 years \$200

Games played at Castor Park Mourilyan  
Saturdays, Training Silkwood Wednesdays 5pm

Get Started Vouchers accepted

Social Games 4-99 years \$50

Social Games played at Silkwood. All ages welcome. Game day details TBA.

Register at [PLAYFOOTBALL.COM.AU](http://PLAYFOOTBALL.COM.AU)

BAKED MEATS AVAILABLE AFTER TRAINING \$6 STEAKS, \$2 SAUSAGES

PHONE: 0486441882 (SANDRA) 0486441880 (STEPHEN)

WEBSITE: [SILKWOODFOOTBALL.ORG.AU](http://SILKWOODFOOTBALL.ORG.AU)

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## COMMUNITY LEGAL INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday 23rd February  
1-3pm  
Innisfail Multi Service Hub  
13-17 Donald Street, Innisfail

### •PARENTING PLANS

- What should be included in a parenting plan
- Making parenting plans work
- Situations where a parenting plan is not appropriate
- When the parenting plan is not working - next steps

### •PROPERTY SETTLEMENT - Rights and Responsibilities

RSVP YOUR ATTENDANCE: 07 40438400

