



# St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



**"Viva St. Alfio!" - Sunday 1st May, Silkwood**

**Term 2 Week 2 – 28th April, 2022**

Dear Parents,

This week we welcome Noah & Reuben to our St John's School Community.

Firstly, thank you to the students and parents who attended the Kurrimine Beach ANZAC day ceremony. The students certainly made us very proud with their choric speaking and singing. Many community members commented on how well-presented our students were and the reverence and respect shown by the Year 5/6 class during their recitals. Community members also remarked on our final hymn and how moving it was to see young children singing such an emotionally inspiring song.

Viva St. Alfio! Our community has not hosted the 3 Saints Festival for 2 years due to COVID restrictions, and now finally it is back, this Sunday 1st May. It is an amazing event to attend, which lies at the heart of our Catholic Identity. It is a spiritual day for many, embraced with the love and adoration of the Sicilian and Italian way of life. The students are really excited as the 3 Saints workers have transformed our school with stalls, circus tents, amusement rides and absolute busyness in preparation for the big day on Sunday.

Next Friday 6th May, we will host our Mother's Day morning. All mothers/carers, grandmothers & aunts of playgroup/kindy and school children are invited to attend this special morning, commencing with a liturgy giving thanks to our mothers and everyone who is like a mother to us. This will be followed by activities and morning tea. Students always love to spend time with their Mum's at school! We will commence at 9:00am in the undercover area and conclude at approximately 10:45am. This will lead onto Sunday 8th May being Mother's Day. The Easter tide is a good time for Mother's Day because mothers are people who give life. They try to see that their children are fed, healed, comforted and protected. *God couldn't be everywhere, so he created Mothers.*

Also next Friday, a selected 10-12yrs St. John's Cross Country team will compete at the Cassowary Coast District trials at Warrina Lakes. Best of luck!

The National NAPLAN testing commences in 2 weeks for Year 3 & 5 students. The students are well prepared for these online tests which take a snapshot of student learning in the areas of Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy. Mrs Daly and myself look forward to running these test sessions with the students.

During the wet weather, I have noticed the students stepping up their Chess prowess with strategies. Thank you Mr Belbin, our Chess Master, who shares his knowledge and shows the kids how to forward think, problem solve and to adapt and overcome.

Congratulation to Sean and Finn E for gaining selection in the Cassowary Coast District Rugby Union Team.

Finally, I have had the pleasure of students sharing with me their prayer writing work. Their prayers are themed around love for family, school, teachers and pets. Look out for them in future newsletters.

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

Mrs Bryan, Principal



## Diary Dates

### Sunday 1st May

- ♦ **Feast of the Three Saints 10am– 9pm (Fireworks 7pm)**

### Monday 2nd May

- ♦ Labour Day Holiday

### Tuesday & Wednesday 3rd & 4th May

- ♦ Leadership team at Professional Dev.

### Friday 6th May

- ♦ Mother's Day Morning 9am - 10.45am
- ♦ District Cross Country - Warrina Lakes

### Sunday 8th May

- ♦ Mothers' Day

### Monday 9th May

- ♦ P & F Meeting - 3.15pm

## Viva St Alfio!



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*Always Reaching For New Heights*



I do hope that your Easter holiday was a joyful and enriching time with family and friends. As Catholics and Christians this time period marks a very special time whereby we take the opportunity to deepen our faith and refresh ourselves for our ongoing journey. This Easter Pope Francis had these words of wisdom to share with us:



*“Jesus, the Crucified One, is risen! He stands in the midst of those who mourned him, locked behind closed doors and full of fear and anguish. He comes to them and says: ‘Peace be with you!’ (Jn 20:19)...*

*Today, more than ever, we hear echoing the Easter proclamation so dear to the Christian East: “Christ is risen! He is truly risen!” ... Brothers and sisters, let us allow the peace of Christ to enter our lives, our homes, our countries!*



I was fortunate to be able to chaperone some of our Year 6 student leaders in the Silkwood ANZAC Day ceremony which was held at the Silkwood State School last Friday. Congratulations to Ailie, Sam and Savannah who did a great job of representing our school in this community event.

Mr Gary Recklies

## Sport Overview

Our Term 2 sport focus will be Athletics. Students will be learning the skills of: high jump, long jump, shot put, discus, sprints & middle distance running, relays, ballgames and of course the very important one – war cries! The St.



John's Interhouse Athletics Carnival will be held on the last day of term, Friday 24th June, and our half day Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 21st June at 12:30pm, where students will compete in the 800m and Ball Games. Thank you to Mrs Bryan who is scheduling significant time throughout this term to coach the students. She is also organising the Little Athletics Queensland coaches to join us at St John's!

Mrs Alicia Magnanini

## 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!**

**Share your experiences.**

**Make new friends.**

## P & F News

Our main fundraiser - The Feast of the 3 Saints Festival is here on Sunday. Unfortunately, I am out of action at the moment, but thank you to Liza, Helen, Kevin, Anna and Amy stepping up in my absence. Remember, those parents volunteering in the 3 Saints BBQ stall, firstly THANK YOU and please remember that your child cannot enter the BBQ area due to Work Place Health & Safety. The Raffle prizes look great, with so many extra prizes coming in over the past week! Raffle tickets can be purchased all day on Sunday. Liza has coordinated this event so if you have questions on the day, please call her mobile a call – 0428 335 315.

Brett Gaia, President

## Student Care Insurance

Has your child had an accident or injury at school or in a school related activity such as inter-school sport or a school camp? If the answer is yes, you may be entitled to claim for expenses under Catholic Education's Student Care Insurance.

It covers expenses such as medical costs (where the law allows), emergency transport, travel, home tuition and school fee relief. For further information click on the following link:

<http://ccinsurance.org.au/Insurance/Pages/Student-care-Information.aspx>



Happy Birthday:

Alec, Piper, Lara, Jada-Lee,  
Lincoln, Billy and Savannah

## Second Step Superstars



**Alec** - Focused attention on your spelling

**Mary** - Focused attention on your reading

**Isabella** - Focused attention and giving effort in mathematics

**Jorji** - Listening carefully to information about ANZAC day

**Erin** - Wonderful management skills for learning

**Porsha** - Working consistently to show understanding

**Jake** - For putting in an effort in all subject areas

**Jada-Lee** - Super effort in Term 1 assessments

## Reading Awards 50 Nights

Alessia, Tess, Harlee, Alec, Mary, Baylen, Emily P, Jorji, Zara, Charlotte, Ruby M, Mylinda, Erin, Taj, Wyatt K, Marly, Dominic, Rohan, Scarlett, Audrey, Claire, Sean, Jada-Lee, Flynn.



## Sport's Award

**Sean & Finn E** - Cassowary Coast Representation Rugby Union

**Finn J** - Cassowary Coast Representation Golf

## Principal's Award

**Rueben** - Welcome to St John's School Community

**Noah** - Welcome to St John's School Community





# Mothers' Day

Invitation to Playgroup / Kindy / School  
Mums to join us for a special morning of  
fun.

Date: Friday 6th May, 2022

Time: 9:00am - 10.45am

Place: St John's School Undercovered  
area

Wishing all Mums /Grandmas  
a very Happy Mother's  
Day



## Walk With Me, Mama

Walk along side me, Mama  
and hold my little hand.  
I have so many things to learn  
that I don't yet understand.

Teach me things to keep me safe  
from the dangers everyday.  
Show me how to do my best  
at home, at school, at play.

Every child needs a gentle hand  
to guide them as they grow.  
So walk alongside me, Mama.  
We have a long way to go.

## Kindy News

Welcome back to Term 2 at Kindergarten! It is lovely to have the children back, playing and learning together.



We have started the term off looking at ANZAC day in a quite simple and age appropriate way. We feel it is an important day for all of us to have an understanding of, and there are many great books made just for children to introduce this topic. As well as reading, we listened to The Last Post on the Interactive Whiteboard and also watched some footage of a past ANZAC day parade in Brisbane. Together we created a wreath using our handprints and drawing red poppies. This was laid at the ANZAC parade in Kurrimine on the weekend. We finished off the week by baking some yummy ANZAC biscuits together.



We have a number of the Kindergarten children interested in writing their names, so this term we will look at the letters in our names more closely – in particular paying attention to the difference between upper and lower case letters. While it is absolutely amazing if our Kinders want to write their names, and any attempt at mark making is very encouraged, if you are helping your children to learn to write at home it is best to demonstrate this with a capital letter to start and then lower case letters for the rest of

their names.

Please keep an eye out in your emails for our Term Calendar which will be sent out this week.  
*Ms Cheryl and Mrs Greco.*

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**Holy Week**



**Cross Country**

**Winners!**



**ANZAC Day!**

