



St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



"Being humble means recognising that we are not on earth to see how important we can become, but to see how much difference we can make in the lives of others!" Anon

Term 2 Week 4 – 11th May, 2022

Dear Parents,

This week we **welcome** Cooper and his family to our St John's School community.

What a **wonderful celebration of our Catholic Identity** at the Feast of the Three Saints. **Thank you to the many helpers** who came together to make our BBQ stall run smoothly. **Special mention to Mrs Giudice and Mrs Parisi for coordinating** the Three Saints Stall, and to **Mr Alf Strano, President** of the Three Saints Committee for his amazing effort in leading and organising this year's Three Saints Festival. Our **Mother's Day morning** last Friday was also very special and, like always, lots of fun and full of love. The single rose and boxes of roses our mums received at the morning are soaps. Such a clever idea!

I had the pleasure over the last fortnight of hosting Catholic Education Services Deputy Executive Director, Mr Ian Davis and Executive Director, Mr Bill Dixon at St John's. The Directors intentionally made time to **reflect on school operations** and effectiveness and reminded me of our purpose for being here - **Our Why?** This is clearly described in our Vision statement in our 2021-2025 strategic directions:

"To offer every student at St. John's a world class education enriched by their lived encounter with the Catholic Faith."

The visit also clearly demonstrated how **'St John's School' is excelling in delivering a world class education** - excelling in many areas: Leadership, Intervention and Extension programs, Resources, Improvement Processes, Learning and Teaching, Catholic Identity & Religious Education, First Nations, Bullying & Behaviour Management, Safeguarding Children, Staff & Student Engagement.

The areas of excellence at this school are lengthy, and are due to the strong and dedicated commitment of Staff, Parents, Catholic Early Learning and Care (Kindy) Staff & Parents, Parish Community and all **community members working together with conviction to inspire our vision for our students**. Importantly, the service and formation this school currently offers is **presently showing demand**, as I now have a waiting list formed for some classes. I urge families to **spread the word** as some year levels are nearing capacity. If anyone knows of a family who would like to transition to our school in 2022 or commence in 2023, visit our school website (address at the bottom of this page) and complete an online enrolment. This action notifies the school that you are expressing interest, however, this process does not confirm enrolment. Alternatively, please call the school office (details below), and personally speak to staff about enrolling your child/ren in our school.

This Saturday evening, 14th May at 6:00pm our Year 3/4 class will host a School Parish Mass. All are welcome to attend. The Year 3/4 class are looking forward to this event. Please give the office a call if you have questions about this event.

"Go out and spread the good news", and in the words of Pope Francis "If you have to, use words".

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

Mrs Bryan, Principal



Diary Dates

Monday 9th May

- ◆ Premier's Reading Challenge begins.

Wednesday 11th May

- ◆ NAPLAN Writing catchup
- ◆ Pie Drive order sheet home with the newsletter

Thursday 12th May

- ◆ NAPLAN Reading & COL
- ◆ Mr Leon onsite with Rugby League

Friday 13th May

- ◆ NAPLAN Numeracy

Saturday 14th May

- ◆ Mass 6:00pm hosted by Year 3/4

Monday 16th May

- ◆ P & F meeting 3:15pm in library

Tuesday 17th May

- ◆ Music with Miss Natasha

Wednesday 18th May

- ◆ Playgroup 9-11am

Wednesday 25th May

- ◆ Simultaneous storytime

Monday 30th May

- ◆ Pie Drive orders returned by 9:00am

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Always Reaching For New Heights



Dear Parents and Caregivers,
It has been fantastic to be part of the Three Saints Festival this year. This community event has once again been etched into people's memories as a highlight for the whole Silkwood Community. Such iconography and rituals are wonderful to see and experience. It is honestly very special for such an expression of faith in our local Catholic religious community to be so well received and attended. This faith, that attributed God through the Three Saints, who have been at the heart of miracles, brings to life and enhances our own spiritual commitment and journey. May we continue this journey together.

APRE News



More recently it was lovely to be able to celebrate Mother's Day with everyone last Friday. The children took a lead role in our special liturgy, and blessing prayer for all mothers and caregivers who provide such nurturing love and are so often the face of Jesus to us all.

Last week the leadership team attended professional learning on **Clarity – What matters most in education**. Lyn Sharratt, a world recognised authority on assisting schools, led us all in a process of determining what is important in our own context. We look forward to continuing on this journey as a school.

Mr Gary Recklies, APRE

Sports Roadshow

Well done to the St. John's Cross Country team who competed at Warrina Lakes last Friday - Finn J, Sean, Sam, Olly, Clayton, Savannah and Jada-Lee. What a top effort!

An exciting event is taking place next **Thursday 19th May** for our Years 4 & 5 students of St. John's! Peninsula School Sport is proud to present the **2022 Innisfail Sports Roadshow for Cassowary Coast Primary Schools**.

The Sports Roadshow has been developed from feedback and recommendation from the 2021 FNQ School Sport Survey. Mrs Bryan is involved in this project. Principals, sports coordinators, students and P&C presidents indicated that sport is an important driver to improve students' attendance and engagement. Additionally, the recommendations from the survey were to **provide more grassroot sporting opportunities for students in the FNQ region**. This event will be held at Castor Park and students will travel to and from this event by bus with Mrs Bryan and myself.

Yours in Sport, Mrs Magnanini.



P & F News

Back by popular demand - **Pie Drive 2022!** After very positive feedback this fundraiser is back on our school calendar. Lots of yummy pies - sweet and savoury. Digital order forms, as well as paper order forms are being sent home today. Visit your neighbours and see if they would like to purchase some pies. Final orders due Monday 30th May at 9:00am. Thank you to Mr Tanti for coordinating this fundraiser. Our next P&F meeting will be held on Monday 16th May at 3:15pm in the library.
Brett Gaia, President.



Congratulations Charlotte!

Congratulations to Charlotte on achieving personal best times for swimming in Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, and Butterfly at the NQ Games held recently in Townsville.



Happy Birthday:
Cooper M, & Sam

Second Step Superstars



Gabriella - Focused attention during reading.
Alessia - Focused attention during reading.
Tyler - Focused attention and learning spelling words.
Amanat - Managing feelings and having courage to speak to the class.
Oliver - Focused attention on reading.
Reuben - Playing fairly with new friends.
Sean - Great work ethic and focused attention to all classroom activities.
Noah - Settling in well in class and being a responsible and respectful learner.

Reading Awards 50 Nights

Tilly, Evie, Eden, Luke, Ned, Noori, Savannah, Ruby F, Emily M, Tyler, Benson, Rhyder, Piper, Anayat, Kisara, Jake, Clayton, Sam



Magic 100 Sight Words

Gabriella

Principal's Award

Cooper C - Welcome to St John's School





From your School Counsellor.....

Relationships are an intrinsic part of the human experience, and yet they can at times be one of the most difficult aspects of life to navigate. Human beings flourish when we experience healthy connection, therefore it is vital to educate on how to have happy and thriving relationships. The **quality of our relationships matter and teaching our children the information and skills** to have healthy respectful relationships starts with us as parents having conversations about bodies, respect, consent and boundaries.

Children are naturally curious and will seek out information related to human nature and development. It is important that our children feel safe with us to have these conversations, rather than seek out information in other platforms such as technology which can lead to incorrect and inappropriate learnings.

To support your learnings from home, Catholic Education teach young people about consent, and how to have respectful relationships. Catholic schools have a beautiful resource in "Theology of the Body", that when taught as a values framework, offers young people a hope filled vision for relationships. **Consent is about respecting yourself, other people, everyone's bodies and belongings.** Learning about consent starts long before it has anything to do with intimacy.

For our **Prep to Year 4**, the Relationship Education delivery focuses on protective behaviours content from the Daniel Morcombe Curriculum. **Years 5-6** are the recommended ages to be covering content including puberty, safe use of media and technology, identity, and friendships. The CES endorsed program for this is Real Talk Education.

Parent and Carers information zoom sessions on the above content of the Relationship Education programs in 2022 will be held:

⇒ **Prep-Year 4 Thursday 4th August 13:30-14:30**

⇒ **Year 5 – Year 6 Tuesday 2nd August 19:30-20:30**

Tune in via: <https://cnsatholic.zoom.us/j/69588077338>

Here you can hear what will be covered in the Relationship Education sessions and learn practical tips and tools to help you speak about these topics with your child at home

Warm regards, Miss Jo. School Counsellor

Kindy News



Our Kindergarten group was filled with excitement watching the preparations for the Feast of the Three Saints Festival. We have some children who really love tractors and machinery, so seeing these whizz around in front of Kindergarten sparked the initial interest. The children then got to see the tents erected and the decorations hung and were soon all talking about the 'Festival'. To extend on their knowledge of this event, Mrs Greco told them a simplified version of the story of the Three Saints, and also how the statues and the festival came to be here in Silkwood. We then took a walk over to the school to get a closer look at the preparations, to look in the church and to see the many paintings

and artworks depicting the Three Saints. On our way back we looked at the information in front of the Church, showing the history of the Parish in Silkwood, which was a wonderful way to link the stories Mrs Greco had shared with our close community. We all left a little more knowledgeable about the Three Saints and the Festival, and a little more connected to our community.



With children we can never fully guess where our learning might take us, and this time our exploration of the Three Saints led us to begin to look at Sicily, and in particular Mt Etna. When the topic of volcanoes comes up there is always a lot of interest. We shared our current understanding of volcanoes, and had lots of questions as to what we wanted to know next. We made our own sandpit volcanoes and mixed up bicarb and vinegar to create erupting volcanoes! Exploring, testing, being curious and engaged learners - just what we are after in our Kindergarten group!

Ms Cheryl and Mrs Greco.



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Family....

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God my Father,
Thank you for the gifts that you have given me.
For my family who love and care for me,
For my pets that bring me joy,
For my school where I learn,
For my teachers that encourage me to be my best.

Thank you Father for always being there for me.

Amen

