



# St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



*"The best way to predict your future is to create it!"  
Abraham Lincoln*

**Term 2 Week 9 – 15th June, 2022**

Dear Parents,

It is amazing the **academic progress** our students are making. I am so very proud of them! Observing and working with the students closely over this semester, I am thrilled with the results our intervention programs have delivered. We are very heavily staffed so our intervention programs target students at all ability levels, including our high potential learners (Gifted and Talented students). Report cards will be issued next week. I remind parents that the **key to our success here at St. John's is working in partnership - school and parents.**

St. John's is excited to announce three key **workshops** which will focus on the wellbeing of our students by sharing tips with parents on how to navigate the tough job of parenting. Counsellor Jo and myself have been working closely with VPG consulting, an organisation in Innisfail which is not-for-profit that has been transforming the lives of children, young people, and families for over 20 years. Yesterday I released the first workshop flyer and have had phone calls from parents from other schools asking if they can attend - YES. This is a free community event hosted at St John's School. Remember to RSVP to Alana from VPG on mobile 0488 321 605 or email: [alana@vpginc.com.au](mailto:alana@vpginc.com.au). Parents, please save these dates below in your diaries.

**SAVE THE DATE: Thursday 14th July, 3:15pm-4:15pm**

***'Little People, Big Worries'*** - Flyer on back of newsletter.

**SAVE THE DATE: Thursday 18th August, 3:15pm-4:15pm**

***'Mindful Parenting'***

**SAVE THE DATE: Thursday 15th September, 3:15pm-4:15pm**

***'Self Care for Parents'***

**Celebrations all round!**

- ◆ Sensational work from our St John's Choir placing 1st at this year's Young Performers Competition.
- ◆ Well done to our Readers' Cup team.
- ◆ Great effort by the St John's Rugby League team who versed St Rita's last week going down by just one try! (48-44).
- ◆ Fantastic effort by Sean for making the Peninsula Rugby Union team as a shadow player.
- ◆ Great writing by the Year 5/6 class in providing persuasive letters to Councillor Millwood. Thank you Councillor Millwood for visiting.

I look forward to a sensational week of sport next week!

*"But I always think the best way to know God is to love many things  
as God is Love." - Vincent Van Gogh*

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



## Diary Dates

### Tuesday 21st June

- ◆ 800m 9-12 years  
12:30pm - 1:15pm
- ◆ Interhouse Ball Games  
1:45pm - 2:45pm

### Wednesday 22nd June

- ◆ Playgroup 9 - 11am
- ◆ Report cards issued

### Thursday 23rd June

- ◆ Assembly 2:30pm
- ◆ Pie orders ready for collection 2:45pm

### Friday 24th June

- ◆ Interhouse Athletics Carnival 9:00am start
- ◆ Last day of Term 1

### Saturday 2nd July

- ◆ NAIDOC Week commences

### Friday 8th July

- ◆ Innisfail Show

### Monday 11th July

- ◆ Term 3 school commences

### Wednesday 13th July

- ◆ Justice Squad SVDP Winter Appeal ends
- ◆ Playgroup 9 - 11am

### Thursday 14th July

- ◆ **"Little People, Big Worries"** 3:15pm - 4:15pm at St John's Free workshop

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*Always Reaching For New Heights*





Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our Easter season has come to an end when we celebrated the feast of Pentecost last Sunday Week. This has more recently been followed up with Trinity Sunday. These dates are important for Christians as they allow us to reflect upon our belief and understanding of God.



The Year 5&6 students have been focusing on the Communion of Saints and what it means to be called by God. They focused on building an understanding of faith and service to God and others, remodelled by the Saints. It is relevant that they gain an understanding of God, not simply being out there in space. Rather, as God being here with us in the form of the Holy Spirit, as well as recognised as human in the form of Jesus. Whilst the Trinity is something that we all struggle to really understand, we as Christians believe in essence that God is within us and he desires our inner spirit to flourish. Thus, God is often expressed as love. The Year 3&4 students have also been doing a wonderful unit on images of God this term. They have made some quite profound observations as to where they see God in their lives!



May everyone have a wonderful and safe midyear break.

Kind regards Mr Gary Recklies, APRE

**Justice Squad News:** With the cold comes the **St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**. On Monday of this week we launched our support towards this appeal. The Justice Squad is now seeking donations new or preloved of warm blankets, winter clothes and toiletries which would benefit others. All items are required at school by Wednesday 13th July (Week 1 of Term 3). The school holidays might be a good time to have a clean out of unwanted items!

Quote by our school captain: *"We have the Winter Appeal to help the needy and those suffering through tough times in the Winter."*

### What's Happening In Our Library?

Students may have noticed some changes happening in the library this term. Ms Irvine, who is completing her Masters of Teacher Librarianship, has been working with Mrs Belbin to revamp the physical library space, supported by staff from the Resource Centre in Cairns.

A key purpose of our library is to promote reading for pleasure and wide reading. To make it easier for students to find books they want to read, the team began by weeding (or culling) the fiction and non-fiction sections, to clear out the clutter and outdated resources. They then rearranged the existing shelves and furniture to open up the library space and make browsing easier. This week they will be stocktaking to identify any missing books and gaps in our library collection. This will guide us in future purchasing of books to support both reading for pleasure and learning across the curriculum. Stay tuned for further updates in Term 3.

At St John's, we ❤️ our library!

Our Reader's Cup team most certainly got "Hooked by a Book" (or two) this term!



### Sport News – Athletics!



On **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 12:30pm**, the **9 to 12 year students** (born in 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010) will compete in the **800m**, followed by a break from 1:15pm-1:45pm. **At 1:45pm the whole school will participate in the Interhouse Ball Games** – Juniors, Intermediate, Seniors. The ball games should conclude in time for home time. Parents are welcome to join in the afternoon.

On **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, our whole school Interhouse Athletics Carnival** will commence at 9:00am. Students will be competing in track and field events, concluding with presentations at the end of the day. **Tuckshop** will run as normal for students at first break 10:45am-11:15am. Parents, as always pack more food for second break as the kids will burn lots of energy on this day! Our P&F are organising **ham and salad rolls for adults** and students (if they would like one). Slips are enclosed with the newsletter and must be returned to **school by Wednesday 22nd June**. All track events will be held in the morning session, followed by field events, in middle and afternoon sessions, concluding with presentations. If you have any questions, call the school office and speak to Mrs Bryan.



Our families are looking forward receiving their pies. Families, please arrange for **pick up of pies on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at home time**. Tully Pies will arrive at 2pm to set up distribution of pies, scheduled for home time. A big thank you to all community members who supported this fundraiser as all funds raised go to our children.

*Brett Gaia, President.*

**NAIDOC Week** is a **time to celebrate** the history, cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. NAIDOC Week 2022 will be held from Saturday 2nd July to Sunday 10 July. This year's NAIDOC theme – **Get up! Stand up! Show up!** – calls for stronger measures to recognise, protect, and maintain all aspects of First Nations cultures and heritages. It is time for change, time for action, time for us as a nation to walk hand in hand in solidarity with our First Nations people in building a better future for generations to come. The Innisfail NAIDOC committee is hosting many events in this week. The NAIDOC Opening Ceremony at Mamu Canopy Sky walk will occur on 2<sup>nd</sup> July or kids can march in their school uniform on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July through Anzac Park. For further details contact Mamu Health Service on 4061 9988.





## From your School Counsellor..... **Making Friends**



Making friends is a social skill that we learn from our family members and community. The school community is one place where friendships can be practised and nurtured. Opportunities to practise and develop friendship making skills can occur when new students are welcomed to a school community or if your child starts a new

extra curriculum activity with a new club or sporting team.

Professor Matt Sanders shares that having good friends is important to a child's self-esteem but, unfortunately, children do not always know how to look after friends. As parents we can lend a hand by helping our children develop healthy social skills. Talk to our children about being a good friend and encourage them to practise skills such as:

- Looking at and listening when someone is speaking to them, such as a friend telling them a story.
- Taking turns in games and activities.
- Asking what others might like to do rather than assuming that other children will always want to follow.
- Thinking about other people's feelings. "I wonder how Tom is feeling now. How do you think you would feel if that happened to you?"



- Helping others (we as parents can lead by example).
- Asking your child what being friendly and welcoming to a new child in class looks like.

To help your child make friends, and so your child can practise being a good "host". You may like to invite another child to your home for a play. Be prepared to contact the parents to organise this if your child is too shy to ask.

For more information about supporting your child with their social skills go to [www.triplep-parenting.net](http://www.triplep-parenting.net) or welcome to contact your School Counsellor, Miss Jo

## Kindy News



Our Kindergarten group have had a busy and fun second half of Term 2. They've explored volcanoes, our bodies, skeletons, the first letters of their name, dinosaurs and gardening with Cosima – Ted's mum. Thanks again Cosima, it is so exciting and rewarding to see the garden start to sprout!

One of our most important projects over Term 2 is always Reconciliation Week. It is essential for Early Childhood Educators to begin and continue our students on their journey of understanding and respect for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and cultures.



Our Reconciliation Week started off a little early as, on a trip to St John's School playground, our Kindergarten children noticed the mosaic flags in the Reconciliation Garden area. They recognised them as the flags that we have in our Kindergarten, and so we discussed what and who the flags represent.

This Reconciliation Week we had a goal of helping the children to think more deeply about the traditional owners of the land. We did this by encouraging the children to bring in natural items from country, and collected similar on a nature walk outside the Kindergarten grounds. Our collection included shells and stones from Djiru country, and sticks, branches, flowers, seed pods and clay from Mamu country.

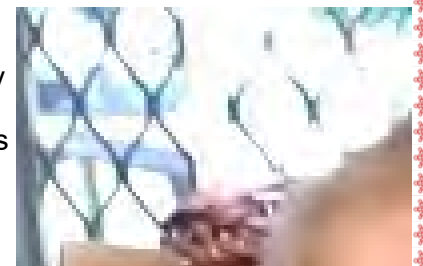


We created a wonderful group footprint artwork, where we talked about the footprints on the land over the years - our own, our families and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We were very lucky to have two amazing show and tells. Mrs Greco brought in a didgeridoo that was gifted to her by her brother, who had worked on an Aboriginal station, and Kelsea shared a very special artwork created by a family member. We also created a Sea of Hands, an iconic symbol of Reconciliation, and invited families and the St John's School community to add to this. This has been a really great way to share our thoughts and ideas further. If you'd like to contribute a handprint please drop into Kindy and we can arrange this!

We hope everyone has a fun and fulfilling break and we look forward to seeing you all in Term 3!

*Ms Cheryl and Mrs Greco*



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# LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG WORRIES

This workshop provides:

- Insight into your child's body and brain when they experience anxiety or big worry
- Understand how we can support our children through transitions while building their skills in managing emotions
- Develop strategies that will help your child through their feelings to find their brave



**Thurs 14 July 2022**



**3:15pm - 4:15pm**



**St John's School  
Silkwood**



**FREE**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL  
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