



St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



"Do everything with a good heart, expecting nothing in return and you will never be disappointed!" Thoughts wonder.

Term 4 Week 9 – 30th November, 2022

Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful year at St. John's with so many successes! I am so excited for our Christmas Musical being held on Thursday morning at 9:00am, followed by our Awards ceremony. It is also the day of our 'Aussie Open Handball finals' so it is an action packed day! The students are looking sensational in rehearsals for the play, and I thank Mrs Belbin & Mrs De Buck who are choreographing and directing the students.



We also farewell our Year 6 students - **Ailie, Savannah, Ellie, Finn J, Finn E, Cooper, Sam, and Chris** who will be leaving St John's to attend secondary schooling. Our graduation evening last Thursday was delightfully wonderful and showed the power of family and school working together in partnership. Thank you Mrs De Buck, Mr Recklies & Mrs Belbin for organising a memorable evening. Farewell also to the **Cristaldi, Evans, Millwood, Rinaudo, and Thomas families** who will be leaving our St John's community. Though these families may be moving to new schools, our St John's community will always welcome them here.

Many congratulations are deserving over these recent weeks. Congratulations to Mrs Daly for receiving an award from James Cook University for her dedicated service to university students studying to be teachers. I also give praise to the League Tag team who attended the Billy Slater Carnival in Innisfail. They met a Silkwood local legend 'Kerry Boustead', narrowly missed out on finishing first in their pool and most pleasingly I received many comments about their excellent conduct. Further, congratulations to our St John's Chess Team who brought it home strong in the last round to take out the Catholic Schools District Chess Championship! Well done to Max and Audrey for receiving outstanding marks in their piano music exams. Furthermore, listed inside the newsletter are students who will be recognised for academic excellence on Thursday morning. Well done to all students for striving to do their very best. I am very proud of their hard work ethic and grit to do well. Finally, thank you families for donating so generously to the St. Vincent De Paul Christmas food hampers.

As the school year draws to a close, I would like to sincerely thank you all for your support and constant cheerleading as the 'Captain/Principal' of St. John's School. It has been an absolute pleasure working together with families to provide the best possible educational opportunities for your children. Also, a very special mention to the P&F. Your support and dedication to the students of St John's is inspiring! I look forward to seeing you around the district as I am only moving up the road to our sister school St Rita's - South Johnstone. St John's will always hold a special place in my heart.

"Wishing all families a Merry Christmas and safe, happy holidays."

Regards, Mrs Peta Bryan, Principal.

Always Reaching For New Heights

Diary Dates

Wednesday 30th November

- ◆ End of Year Mass 9am
- ◆ P&F Thank you morning tea 10:15am

Thursday 1st December

- ◆ Uniform Shop 8-9am
- ◆ Christmas Concert 9am
- ◆ Handball Grand Final 11:15am

Friday 2nd December

- ◆ School concludes 12pm
- 2023**

Friday 20th January

- ◆ Uniform Shop 9-11am

Tuesday 24th January

- ◆ Uniform Shop 8:30am to 9:30am
- ◆ School resumes for all students

Friday 27th January

- ◆ Pupil Free Day



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,
I would like to wish everyone a very safe, holy and joyful Christmas break. May your time with family and friends be one blessed by God's love.



On behalf of St Vincent de Paul and all those who require support this Christmas time, I would like to humbly offer you a huge thankyou for the support you have shown in our St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal. I would also like to announce that our school raised \$160.00 in our Catholic Missions Soctober appeal! Well done everyone for supporting this important Catholic agency.

As this Advent season approaches you may wish to learn more about or connect more closely with the real purpose for Christmas. This can be done by accessing [Common Grace](http://www.commongrace.org.au)(www.commongrace.org.au). You will then be sent a daily email devotional for Advent.

We were blessed to have a wonderful graduation evening last week and we wish all the very best for all students moving on from St John's School in 2023. We also recognise and would like to commend Mrs Peta Bryan for her years of dedicated service to the Silkwood community and St John's Catholic School. We are sincerely grateful for all of her efforts to build St John's into the wonderful school that it is today.

Kind regards, Gary Recklies

Advent Prayer:

*God our Father,
May you bless all who are a part of our St John's
community,
May you reveal yourself to us through prayer and
reflection,
may we be blessed this Advent season.
May we be inspired by St John as we go about our daily
lives.*

Award Winners 2022

Prep Overall – Tess

Prep – Mila, Cody, Harlee, Alec

Year 1 Overall – Ruby

Year 1 – Charlotte T

Year 2 Overall – Emily P & Charlotte D

Year 2 – Baylen, Zara, Emily M, Benson, Lara

Year 3 Overall – Evelyn

Year 3 – Dominic, Tilly, Mylinda, Isis

Year 4 Overall – Wyatt

Year 5 Overall – Max

Year 5 – Ned, Nori, Scarlett, Tayla

Year 6 Academic – Finn J

Year 6 Sport - Finn E

Year 6 - 3 Saints Citizenship - Ellie

Year 6 – Cooper, Chris

Sporting Excellence - Max



As the school year draws to a close, we begin to reflect and **give thanks to all the many helpers that have contributed to make St. John's School a special and amazing place of learning!**



Thank you to our wonderful P&F executive committee who stepped up to take on committee roles this year - **Brett, Kevin, Helen and Anna**. Thank you **to the members** that have attended our meetings and helped to make decisions on the direction of our school.

Thanks also, to our reading reward parents **Anna, Krystle and Shannai** for organising prizes for the reward shop so students can celebrate their reading nights. Thank you to our coordinators of our fundraising and social events - **Liza, Ainsley, Amy and Helen**. Finally, to **all the parents** who have bought tickets or volunteered their time to work on the Three Saints BBQ stall, prepared meals for our 70's night, sold and/or purchased pies and/or lamingtons or helped to fundraise - a very **BIG thank you!**

Thank you to **Ramandeep, Harpal, Amy, Ainsley and Lisa** who have served the needs of our children with all their tuckshop orders. The children are grateful to have this treat every Friday.

Thank you once again to **Maria** who has looked after all our school uniform requirements. We appreciate your commitment to keeping our students looking great. Next year we **welcome Amy** to this very important role.

Many thanks to our bookclub coordinator, **Mrs Belbin** who has looked after our bookclub orders for parents and children.

Thanks also to **Mr Belbin** for volunteering his time and talents to teach the students all about the master game of chess. Your efforts were rewarded by bringing home to St John's a fantastic trophy last Thursday!

Uniform Dates

Uniform dates for our pre-prep and existing families are:

- ◆ Thursday 1st December 8am to 9am
- ◆ Friday 20th January, 9am to 11am
- ◆ Tuesday 24th January, 8:30am to 9:30am



Term Dates for 2023

Term 1: Tuesday 24th January to Friday 31st March

Term 2: Monday 17th April to Friday 23rd June

Term 3: Monday 10th July to Friday 15th September

Term 4: Tuesday 3rd October to Friday 1st December

Student Free Days for 2023:

- ◆ Monday 23rd January
- ◆ Friday 27th January
- ◆ Friday 1st September

Book Packs 2023

St John's provides "Book Packs" to families at the commencement of each year to ensure students have the correct standardised materials and to save parents the added burden of shopping for 'back to school' items. The cost of the bookpacks is incorporated in the term school fees. This initiative will continue in 2023.

TIME
TO SAY
GOODBYE

Good-bye and
Thank you Mrs
Bryan, Nayan,
Dominic & Mary





SILKWOOD BOWLS CLUB
GOOSE RAFFLE
BBQ & Bowls Night
 Friday 16th December 2022
 6pm | BBQ \$10 | Bowls free
 8pm Raffle Drawn
 Raffle tickets available on the night \$1 each
 RSVP by 12th December 2022: Ph. 0475759808
 Please register your interest for catering purposes
 NO EFTPOS AVAILABLE

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve - Saturday 24th December

- ♦ Innisfail - Vigil 6:30pm & Midnight Mass (Christmas Carols 11:30pm)
- ♦ Silkwood - Vigil 6:00pm
- ♦ Tully - 5:30pm

Christmas Day - Sunday 25th December

- ♦ Mourilyan 7:00am
- ♦ Babinda - 7:00am
- ♦ Mission Beach - 7:00am
- ♦ South Johnstone - 8:00am
- ♦ Innisfail - 9:00am
- ♦ El Arish - 10:00am



Innisfail Fitzgerald Rotary Club & Innisfail Christmas Crew's
STREET PARTY
 Innisfail Town Centre
Lighting of the Tree &
Christmas Crackers
RAFFLE
 From 5pm 
FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER




Thank you all for the a wonderful Kindergarten year. We wish all our children heading off to school the absolute best as they start on this new and exciting journey. We are currently taking enrolments for 2023.

Call us on **0439 924 736** or email us at kindy.silkwood@cclc.catholic.edu.au to secure your child's place next year.

Merry Christmas & happy holidays!



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DID YOU KNOW?

St John's School is a Catholic school community where people support each other in promoting values, knowledge and skills which contribute to the total development of each learner. Our purpose is to provide an educational climate that allows students to learn together to achieve their personal best in a united, caring and Christ-centred environment. You don't have to be Catholic to send your children to St John's School.

Enrol Now For 2023

Online: www.stjohnssilkwood.qld.edu.au/enrol

Call: 4065 9530

