



St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



"Wisdom is not a product of education, it is a result of a lifetime of learning!" Albert Einstein

Term 1 Week 8 – 15th March, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, we have the pleasure of **welcoming Mrs Tamara Freeman to St John's**. Tamara is currently studying a Certificate IV in School Based Educational Support through TAFE. She will be volunteering as a School Officer one day a week to consolidate her studies. I was particularly pleased to learn that Tamara was impressed with what we offer our students making St John's her school of choice. We are happy to have Tamara join our team.



On Friday we will celebrate **St Patrick's Day**. St Patrick is well known for using the shamrock to teach about the Trinity. He explained that a shamrock has three leaves but it is one plant. Likewise, God is three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – but only one God. To commemorate St Patrick's Feast Day, students are welcome to come in free dress (**wear as much**

green as you can) for a gold coin donation per family. We will also have green frozie cups for 50c. This is a **Justice Squad** initiative and all money raised will be donated to Caritas Project Compassion. Project Compassion brings thousands of Australian schools together to raise funds for people living in vulnerable communities, both here in Australia and around the world. A little from each of us can help change lives today, as well as for future generations.

Term 1 is traditionally a busy time for our Justice Squad, so in addition to their plans for St Patrick's Day they will also be selling cupcakes for Harmony Day next Tuesday (see next page for more details). **Harmony Day recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. Inclusiveness, respect and belonging are key themes of the day.**

With the end of the term approaching, it is time for teachers to report the progress of their students to parents. This involves booking a Parent/Teacher Meeting. **This meeting gives you an opportunity to have a focused discussion** about your child's academic success and identify ways both school and home can support future growth. **Meetings can be booked via Parent /Teacher Online app which is accessed through our Parent Portal.** A "cheat-sheet", along with log-in details, will be sent home today. Get in early to secure your preferred time in either Week 9 or Week 10. If you encounter difficulties, please call the office for assistance.

I would like to **thank the Junior Silkwood Soccer Club** for their donation of equipment and other items. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

At Mass on Saturday night, several children will commit to a journey of learning as they enrol in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** program. This is the first of three sacraments the children will receive this year; **Confirmation and First Eucharist** being the other two. The children will engage in a half day of learning next Saturday, before receiving the sacrament at the conclusion of their learning activities. We keep them in our prayers during this time.

May God's blessings be with you,
Linda Gaia, Acting Principal.

Always Reaching For New Heights

Diary Dates

Wednesday 15th March

- ◆ NAPLAN - Year 3 & 5
- ◆ PTO opens at 3pm

Thursday 16th March

- ◆ NAPLAN - Year 3 & 5

Friday 17th March

- ◆ NAPLAN - Year 3 & 5
- ◆ St Patrick's Day

Saturday 18th March

- ◆ 75th Celebrations meeting 9:00am
- ◆ Sacrament of Rec. Commitment Mass 6:00pm

Tuesday 21st March

- ◆ Harmony Day
- ◆ Move & Groove Fitness 3:30pm

Wednesday 22nd March

- ◆ Playgroup at Kindy 9am - 11am

Thursday 23rd March

- ◆ GCC visiting Year 5/6 class

Monday 27th March

- ◆ P&F mtg 1:30pm

Friday 31st March

- ◆ Interhouse Cross Country

DATE CLAIMER:

Saturday 9th September

75 Years Celebration - St John's School. Also celebrating 22 Years of Early Learning!

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Project Compassion

As we near the end of term, I ask you to return the Project Compassion boxes sent home at the beginning of Lent. We thank you for your kind contribution. To help our students understand the value of making a small donation (and the difference it can make to the lives of others in need in developing countries), we will record every \$7.00 as being one chicken! In Zimbabwe a chicken provides extra income for families who can sell the eggs to help pay for school fees and books for their children. We will stick an image of a chicken on our library window for every \$7.00 raised so please send in your donations and let's see how many chickens we can buy!



Sacramental Program

Join us this Saturday, as our Sacramental candidates take part in a commitment ceremony during the 6:00pm Mass. I look forward to journeying with these students as they complete each sacrament this year.



Know Your Saint – St Patrick

Did you know that, at the age of 14, St Patrick was captured by bandits and sold as a slave in Ireland? For 6 years he looked after sheep in the hills and learned the Irish language and culture. He managed to escape when he was 20. One of the miracles he performed in Ireland as a bishop was to banish all the snakes from the land. Today, there are no snakes native to Ireland. On Friday students are invited to dress in green for St Patrick's Day and are asked to bring in a gold coin donation for Project Compassion. *Debbie Daly, Acting APRE*

Parent Teacher Meetings

These meetings will take place in Week 9 and Week 10 of this term. Use your logins and passwords sent home today to log into PTO and book appointments with class teachers. A cheat sheet has also been provided on the back of your login details. PTO bookings open at 3:00pm today.



Interschool Cross Country

Our interhouse cross country carnival has been set down for the last day of this term - Friday 31st March. Students from all grades will be competing in this event. They are encouraged to do some extra training at home to build their stamina and reach their goals on race day. Races on the day will be the following distances.

- ◆ 5 and 6 year olds - 700 m
- ◆ 7 and 8 year olds - 1 km
- ◆ 9 and 10 year olds - 2 km
- ◆ 11 and 12 year olds - 3 km

Our uniform shop stocks **MacKillop (white) and Francis (blue) shirts that can be worn for our Interhouse carnivals.** Shirts sell for \$18 each and can be purchased on Tuesday mornings between 8:15am and 8:45am from Amy, our uniform convenor.

P & F Meeting

The next P & F meeting will be held on **Monday 27th February at 1:30pm in the library.** These meetings are welcoming and informative. Please join us, have a cuppa and share your ideas with the group!

Go Green for St Patrick's Day!

Remember to **come in your favourite green sun safe outfit** and donate a gold coin per family on Friday! Our Justice Squad will also be selling **green frozen cups for 50cents.**



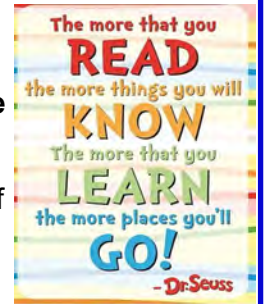
Harmony Day - Next Tuesday 21st

March, our Justice Squad will be selling cup cakes for \$1 at second lunch with proceeds also going to Caritas.



What is the difference between reading at school and reading at home?

It is important for children to read to a parent at home on a regular basis. At school there is little time to listen to children read individually. Your role in **helping your child to become a fluent reader is crucial.** Our youngest learners have the monumental task of learning letters and sight words. They need to develop skills in sounding out unknown words. Lessons at school focus on teaching phonemes (sounds) and reading strategies, both as a whole class session and in small groups. These small groups are ability based and allow for instruction at a more specific level. However, this still does not replace **the valuable time that parents can give their children at home.** This applies to all year levels. Please take the time to listen to your child read, and if you need any advice, or help please contact your class teacher.



Birthdays
Eden, Luke



Second Step Awards

The social-emotional well-being of all St John's students is a high priority. Each week, **students learn skills** to help them get along with peers, manage emotions, and succeed in school and throughout their lives. Students who display these skills are recognised through our second step awards.

- Prep - Hailey, William**
- Year 1/2 - Piper, Alessia, Tess**
- Year 3/4 - Sophia, Tyler**
- Year 5/6 - Tayla, Billy**



Principal's Award - Logan, Kisara, Scarlett M

- Magic 100 Words - Mila**
- Magic 200 Words - Mila, Charlotte T**
- Magic 300 Words - Mila**



From your School Counsellor.....Miss Jo.

How do you want to be remembered by your children?

A wise woman said to me the other day “we only have 18 summers with our children”. So, as you approach the term break in two weeks, take time to enjoy each other. Children do not measure time like adults. It is the quality of our relationship and special moments together that matter and will be recalled for generations to come. Laugh, have fun and create positive memories. They may not remember exactly what you said but they will remember how they felt when they were with you!

When we are *Mean, Weak or Gone* our children feel afraid of the person they most need to turn to. When this happens repeatedly, our children learn not to turn to us or other safe adults. It's the relationships (and only the relationship) that will build our children's capacity to organise their feelings. I have heard some people say their child's problem looks like something that is being done on purpose. But at its root, it's a matter of unmet needs and feelings. It is the needing to reconnect and learning to handle difficult feelings in a safe and secure way. For parents, being calm, present and shifting our perspective with an approach of “*together we are going to figure out what you need*” children will realise that an adult who is *Bigger, Stronger, Wiser and Kinder* is in charge and safe. This will reassure her/him that feelings will settle, can be organised and the relationship will be repaired (2018, Cooper, Hoffman, and Powell; Circle of Security International).

Remember to be the **Bigger, Stronger, Wiser, Kinder Parent**. Regards, Miss Jo



Kindy News

We love cooking with our Kindergarten group. It is a real life experience that offers so many learning opportunities across multiple areas of our curriculum – from numeracy to literacy, wellbeing, active learning and identity. This year our group have requested a few really yummy options. We have encouraged the children to not only choose what they would like to cook, but think about and describe what we need to make these foods, and the processes we need to take.



We have made nachos following a recipe told to us by Ted, and pizza with a recipe from Finn. After exploring our garden and finding basil, we talked about making pesto, and had a recipe and some jars of pesto shared with us by Brookelyn! To go with this we experimented with making bread – first making small loaves, and then by request of Matteo making ‘flat bread’. This baking led to a really lovely afternoon tea party with our fresh bread, pesto and fruit juice from our shared fruit.

Exploring ingredients, trying new ones, measuring, combining, mixing and stirring, socialising and sharing stories from home – our cooking experiences have been enjoyed by all. I wonder what we will make next?

Miss Cheryl.





Happy Days at St John's!

Mobile Women's Health Service



Well Women's Clinics
(these clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

Service includes Cervical Screening Tests (Pap Smears), Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women's Health Nurse.

Tully Hospital:	Wednesdays 1 st & 22 nd March	Ph 4226 4812
Mission Beach CHC:	Thursday 23 rd March	Ph 4016 1447



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COMMUNITY NEWS

FEAST of the SENSES

23rd-26th March 2023 Innisfail

Thursday 23rd March
Paronella Park 9am to 7.30pm www.paronellapark.com
Gone Troppo Trivia Night Innisfail RSL 7pm \$2.00
team bookings: 4061 1601

Friday 24th March
Trans North Northern Food Trail 8.30am-5pm \$80.00
Tropical Art Deco Shire Hall Tour 10.30am FREE entry
Taste of the Tropics Dinner Crown Hotel 6pm \$70.00

Saturday 25th March
Southern Food Trail 8.30am-5pm \$80.00
Probiotic Sodas & No-bake Cakes Workshop
10am-1pm \$65.00 bookings: 0421 240 033
Tropical Cocktail Cruises 2pm & 5.30pm \$40.00

Sunday 26th March
Australian Bananas River Feast 9am-3pm
featuring:
Rare & tropical fruit display & tastings
Market Stalls
Tempting & Tasty Eats & Treats
Cooking Demonstrations & Tastings
Feast of Fun Kid Zone
RADF Entertainment Stage
River Cruises
FREE ENTRY
Event tickets, info & stall bookings:


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FEAST OF FUN KID ZONE
FREE ENTRY
RIDE FEES APPLY
FUN STUFF FOR KIDS TO DO!
9AM-3PM

Innisfail

Sunday 26th March
River Feast 9am-3pm

\$5.00 per ride
or
\$20.00
all day fun!

Free art, craft & activities for all ages



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FEAST OF THE SENSES

RADF RIVER STAGE

featuring:

- * Just Sing It * Ashleigh Binello *
- * Johnstone River Ukuleles * Innisfail
- Community Band * Treble in Paradise *
- Community Band Quartet * Monique George *
- * Vinnie Huirama * Davros *

River Feast
Sunday 26th March 2023
9am to 3pm on the river stage



The Regional Arts Development Fund is a Queensland Government and Cassowary Coast Regional Council partnership to support local arts and culture in Regional Queensland