



St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



"Education is the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another." – Gilbert K. Chesterton

Term 2 Week 10 – 21st June, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Week 10 is here. It's difficult to believe that we are already halfway through the year. When I reflect on this term, many highlights come to mind, including our staff. The commitment our teachers and school officers have to improving the educational and well-being outcomes of our students is evident on a daily basis. They are always going above and beyond what is expected. They are excellent practitioners and I am grateful for the opportunity to work with them.



You will have read of Mrs Daly's appointment to the Assistant Principal - Religious Education (APRE) position. Mrs Daly has done a great job filling the position as Acting APRE this semester so her appointment is wonderful news for our school. Please join me in congratulating Mrs Daly.

Report cards are released today. When reading your child's report, it is helpful to remember that a 'C' grade or 'Sound' means your child can demonstrate skills, and knowledge and understandings taught at their year level. This means **they meet the standard required**. Your child's assessment folder will also be sent home today. This folder contains the assessments your child has completed this semester. While there is no formal parent teacher meetings this term, parents are reminded that teachers are happy to meet with them anytime they request.

Yesterday, our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students joined our friends from the Kindy and wider community for some **Under 8's** fun; and fun they had. I was lucky enough to have two princesses serve me a "cup of tea and a cupcake". Delicious! Thank you to Miss Cheryl and Mrs Greco for hosting this event and organising the activities for the children. Thank you also to all community members who attended. We hope to see you again at future St John's School events.

Congratulations to our students who ran the 800m race yesterday. We had a beautiful day for the event (we are often running this race in the rain). A special congratulations to Baylen who broke the record for the 9 year old boys by 5.46 seconds. All students also competed in ball games yesterday, we had some close finishes. Well done to all teams.

Wow! The World Dance Party! What a fantastic night celebrating the many cultures of our school and the Silkwood area. I have many to thank:

- ◆ the Goodoi dancers for their special presentation and spending time watching the children's dances.
- ◆ Mrs Belbin for choreographing and teaching the children the dances.
- ◆ Mrs De Buck for all the behind the scene preparations.
- ◆ P&F for supporting the evening with drinks and professional videoing
- ◆ All parents, friends and staff for bringing food and joining us for the night.
- ◆ The children for all the effort they put into their dancing. Well done, kids!

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday. I look forward to the children's return on the 10th of July 2023.

May God's Blessings Be With You,
Linda Gaia, Principal

Diary Dates

Thursday 22nd June

- ◆ Interhouse Athletics Carnival

Thursday 22nd June

- ◆ P & F Pie Drive Pies arrive at school— collect at 2:40pm

Saturday 24th June

- ◆ Parish Mass, all welcome

Monday 10th July

- ◆ Term 3 commences

DATE CLAIMER:

Friday 21st July

- ◆ Cassowary Coast Zone Athletics (selected students)

Sunday 23rd to

Saturday 29th July

- ◆ Catholic Education Week

Friday 28th July

- ◆ Tully Show Day Holiday

Saturday 9th September

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



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Winter Appeal

Please take time over the holidays to consider if you have anything to donate to the winter appeal. There are collection boxes in each classroom and in the school office. Warm clothing, blankets and toiletries are welcome and non-perishable food items such as tins of soup. Thank you for assisting us with this appeal.



Prayers for Parents

Are you looking for some prayer and reflection experiences? Visit the Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns website. Select the Our School Communities tab. From the dropdown menu, choose Catholic Faith Perspectives, then Reflections on Faith and the Catholic School, then Prayers and Reflections.

Catholic Education Week

Each year, we celebrate Catholic Education Week in Week 3 of Term 3. This year, we will join with other Catholic schools from the Southern Deanery for a whole day celebration focused on the theme, Communities of Faith, Hope and Love. More information about this celebration will be available early next term.



Premier's Reading Challenge

Please remember to encourage your child to continue reading over the holidays and add book titles to their Premier's Reading Challenge logs. I will begin collecting logs from students as they bring them back in at the beginning of term. The reading period for the challenge ends on the 25th August 2023.



Deborah Daly
APRE, Leader of Learning and Teaching

UQ - Transition to School Survey

Researchers from the Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland are seeking parental perspectives on concerns, challenges, and difficulties during their child's transition to school, as well as preferences for information, support, and interventions. You may be eligible to participate if your child is aged between 3-7. Visit <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/school/> to learn more.

P & F Spotlight!

Remember to collect your pies tomorrow afternoon at 2:40PM. Thank you to all families for supporting this initiative.

A reminder that we have a meal deal (ham and salad roll + water) available at the athletics carnival tomorrow. If you forgot to order, check with the ladies in the tuckshop. They will have some extras for sale.

Justice Squad News



Remember that we are selling Zooper Doopers during second break at the Interhouse Athletics Carnival for 50cents each. All money raised will go towards the Winter Appeal!

WORLD DANCE PARTY 2023

What a wonderful celebration. The dances performed were:

- First Nations Goondoi Dancers;
- Prep/1/2 class doing the Sicilian Tarantella;
- Year 6 girls doing a Maltese Folk Dance;
- Year 3/4 boys conquering the Greek dance Zorba;
- Year 3/4 girls doing an amazing Spanish Flamenco;
- Year 5/6 class wowing the audience with an Indian Bhangra;
- Staff doing their best Indian Bollywood number.

Birthdays

Gianah, Isabella and Olly



Taking Enrolments Now!

Do you know someone wanting to enrol their child at St John's in 2024? Let them know that now is the time to call the school office on 4065 9530 or express interest online at <https://www.stjohnssilkwood.qld.edu.au/enrolling/apply-online/>

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 – Gianah & Abby
- Year 1/2 – Rhyder & Charlotte T.
- Year 3/4 – Amanat & Mylinda
- Year 5/6 – Clayton & Tayla



200 Sight Words

- Year 1/2 – Scarlett M.

Reading Awards 50 Nights

- Year 3/4 – Ruby M.
- Year 5/6 – Max

Reading Awards 100 Nights

- Prep– Kelsea & Kohen
- Year 1/2 – Mylinda and Erin
- Year 5/6 – Noori

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



As we welcome the end of Term 2, I look forward to the next 2 weeks of not having to rush in the mornings, make lunches or have uniforms ready. This is a time to 'just be' with our kids. 'Being with' is an important parent practice, supported by years of research as outlined in the parent program Circle of Security (COS). No need for fancy trips, expensive experiences, or entertaining toddlers. Children crave and desire our time and attention. In fact, it is a biological need to survive and thrive in which children will innately seek out connection and safety with their care giver. How simple is that – just our time?

So, what ever you do (even if it is an expensive or inexpensive experience) enjoy your time with your loved ones. Be the **Bigger, Stronger, Wiser, Kinder** person in the parent / child relationship and find the joy in each other, make memories, strengthen relationships, and improve generational bonds by 'being with' one another. For school holiday ideas and suggestions, we have included lots of local holiday activities and guides; and for further information on Circle of Security (COS) you are welcome to speak with your School Counsellor or visit- www.circleofsecurityinternational.com

Yours in Counselling, Miss Jo

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
at the library

Innisfail Library Fish Weaving Craft Wednesday 28th June 10.30am-11.30am (6+)	Cardwell Library Aboriginal Symbol Discovery Art Thursday 29th June 10.00am-11.00am (6+)
Family Movie Lyle Lyle Crocodile (PG) Wednesday 5th July 10.30am (All ages)	Aboriginal Snake Painting Thursday 6th July 2.00pm-3.00pm (6+)
Tully Library Nature Craft Thursday 29th June 2.30pm-3.30pm (5+)	Mission Beach Library Seed Art Tuesday 27th June 10.30am-11.30am (5+)
Fish Weaving Craft Thursday 6th July 2.30pm-3.30pm (6+)	Raffia Basket Weaving Tuesday 4th July 10.30am-11.30am (6+)

MAKERSPACE
available all holidays!

Bookings Essential

CRAFT & GAMES
27th JUNE 10-11.30AM

AGES 5-11

FREE SUPERVISED YOUTH ACTIVITIES. MORNING TEA PROVIDED!

4 in 1 Creatives School Holiday workshops

JITTA ART
AILEEN'S CREATIONS
MELL'S QUIRKY KREATIONS

HOLIDAYS ARE MADE FOR BEING CREATIVE AND HAVING FUN!
ONLY \$28 PER CHILD!

MONDAY-FRIDAY 26TH-30TH JUNE
JULY 4TH-8TH
9:30AM-12PM & 2PM-4:30
EARLY BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
LIMITED NUMBERS
COME TO AS MANY AS YOU LIKE
DIFFERENT ART & CRAFT EVERY SESSION

See you there!

SLIME TIME

Make your own foam slime
Wednesday June 28th 1-2pm

Ages 12-15

Community Support Centre Innisfail
13-17 Donald Street

Register today by scanning the QR code or calling the centre 4043 8100

Kindy Corner...

As we come up to the end of a really fun, and very busy term we have a big week to finish up on. We have two helpers this week – Mackenzie and Jessica are Year 10 students from Good Counsel College, Innisfail who will be here at Kindergarten with us for the week. We look forward to having them helping out and getting to know all about Kindy life. 🐞

On Tuesday we hosted an Under 8's morning for our St John's friends and the wider community. The 2023 Under 8's week theme was-

"Play: You, me and our community."

That is what we do best at Kindy as we know that is the ideal way for our children to learn – through play! All were welcome at the Under 8's morning!

On Friday we finish off the term with a visit by Freda from Jitta Art. We have Freda coming in to visit us at Kindergarten throughout the year, and each time she will bring a different artist who will teach us different aspects of the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Culture. Last time we were shown amazing artworks and told local dreamtime stories, and are looking forward to what we will experience this time.



Have a happy and safe term break. See you all for Term 3 starting July 10th.

Have a wonderful week,
Miss Cheryl





Dance All Night



FAN DAY
CAIRNS

MEET THE MAROONS!
TUES, JULY 4TH • BARLOW PARK

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL SILKWOOD
REMEMBERING OUR PAST, CELEBRATING OUR HISTORY

SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2023
2:00pm Register for Roll Call
We invite all past St John's students to register for Roll Call and Photos.

THE GREAT BENJAMIN CIRCUS
Here for the WOW!

Go to **EMPIRE CAFE** and **CATERING** on Facebook for more fun in the school holidays

<https://m.facebook.com/people/Empire-Cafe-Catering/100063636067126/>

COMMUNITY NEWS

SILKWOOD HOTEL

STANDUP COMEDY

When: **June 24 10:00PM**
Where: **SILKWOOD HOTEL**

KEL BALNAVES & AMY HETHERINGTON

JUNE 24

BOOK NOW: silkwoodcomedy.eventbrite.com.au

COLES WINTER 2023 CARNIVAL

TOWNSVILLE SPORTS PRECINCT
24th - 25th JUNE

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

ZUMBA STRUT SHAKE SHINE

TUESDAYS 3:30-4:30PM
ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

Silkwood/Kurrimine Beach Red Cross Branch

CENT SALE
Saturday 1st July 2023

Kurrimine Beach Motel
Doors open 12 noon
Draw Starts 1.30pm Sharp

Afternoon Tea
Raffle
Lucky Door Prize
Fantastic Prizes

\$5.00 Admission
All Welcome