



St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



"I believe that education is all about being excited about something. Seeing passion and enthusiasm helps push an educational message." - Steve Irwin

Term 2 Week 8 – 7th June, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, I have the great pleasure of welcoming Victoria and her family to our school community. Victoria is in Year 2 and has enjoyed her first few days at St John's.

The Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist were very special evenings, celebrated in the presence of family, friends and parishioners. I thank Mrs Daly for facilitating the program for our Parish, and I once again congratulate our sacramental recipients: Cooper, Jorji, Emily P, Tilly, Erin and Porsha.

Tomorrow, Ned, Audrey, Sean and Wyatt will travel to St Andrew's Catholic College in Cairns to compete in the Reader's Cup. For several months, these students have been reading a series of texts to prepare for this event. As a team, they will be required to answer a series of quiz questions about the books they have read. I thank Ms Irvine for supporting the children's preparation and for taking the time to travel to Cairns with them. We wish them the very best of luck.

I am extremely excited about the Dance Showcase next Friday night. The progress the students have made with their dances is remarkable. With our theme of World Dance Party we are in for a feast of multiculturalism. The evening will begin with a shared meal. We are asking each family to bring a plate of main meal food to share and, following on with our theme, we ask that your dish be from your cultural background if possible. The evening will begin at 6:00PM.

Students have also been busy preparing for our upcoming Interhouse Athletics Carnival. On **Tuesday 20th June**, we will run **high jump selection** for the finals in selected age groups during P.E. lessons, the **800m for 9-12 year olds** at 12:30PM and **ball games** at 1:45PM. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours (white or blue), and parents are welcome to stay during the lunch break (1:15PM - 1:45PM). On **Thursday 22nd June**, students will participate in **Track and Field** events including 200m, sprints, relays, shot put, long jump and high jump. Students are required to wear their house colour (white or blue). A reminder that school house colour shirts can be purchased for the uniform shop, however any blue or white shirt will do. A schedule of events will be released next week.

I must congratulate our students on the efforts they are putting into their work. When I visit classrooms, I see them working with a great amount of focus and they are taking on feedback to improve their work. This time of the year is notoriously busy as students work to complete assessments, which help teachers prepare report cards. These will be released on Wednesday of Week 10. If you would like to discuss your child's progress before then, please contact your child's class teacher by email or by calling the school office. It is working in partnership, school and parents, that our children will experience success.

Finally, I would like to thank Sharon Anthony who has kindly donated a fridge for our Preps. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

May God's Blessings Be With You,

Linda Gaia, Principal



Diary Dates

Thursday 8th June

- ◆ Readers Cup - Cairns
- selected students

Monday 12th June

- ◆ P&F Meeting -
1:30PM - library

Friday 16th June

- ◆ Dance Showcase
from 6:00PM

Tuesday 20th June

- ◆ Athletics—High Jump
Finals Selection and
800m Races

Thursday 22nd June

- ◆ Interhouse Athletics
Carnival

Thursday 22nd June

- ◆ P & F Pie Drive
Pies arrive at school

DATE CLAIMER:

Saturday 9th September

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



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Sacramental Program

The Sacramental Program has now concluded with the Sacrament of First Eucharist being celebrated on Saturday night. Congratulations to our



candidates Porsha, Erin, Emily P, Cooper, Tilly and Jorji. The next time this will be offered will be in 2025. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to help the students and their families with this special journey.



The Body and Blood of Christ

On Sunday 11th June, the Church celebrates this special feast which is about the Eucharist as a sacrament of unity. When we break bread and share the one cup we recall the last supper before Jesus died on the Cross. Like the disciples, the Mass has bonded us in a love relationship. For this reason, the Eucharist is a call to unity and community. Congratulations to the students who fully united with the Church for the first time on Saturday night when they made their First Holy Communion.



The Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Feast of the Sacred Heart always falls on a Friday. The devotion especially emphasizes the unmitigated love, compassion, and long-suffering of the heart of Christ towards humanity. The "Golden Arrow Prayer" directly refers to the Sacred Heart.

THE GOLDEN ARROW PRAYER

MAY THE MOST HOLY, MOST SACRED, MOST ADORABLE, MOST INCOMPREHENSIBLE AND UNUTTERABLE NAME OF GOD

BE ALWAYS PRAISED, BLESSED, LOVED, ADORED AND GLORIFIED,

IN HEAVEN, ON EARTH AND UNDER THE EARTH, BY ALL THE CREATURES OF GOD,

AND BY THE SACRED HEART OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, IN THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR.

AMEN.

Curriculum

The Premier's Reading Challenge has commenced, and all students have taken home their record forms. This challenge concludes on Friday 25th of August. Please encourage your child to complete this challenge and return their log to school.

Deborah Daly

Acting APRE, Leader of Learning and Teaching



P & F Spotlight!

Our next meeting is next Monday at 1:30PM in the library. Joining these meetings is a great way to increase your engagement with the school. All are welcome.

The P & F will be offering a meal deal (ham and salad roll and bottle of water) for the Athletics Carnival on Thursday, 22nd June. Orders will be sent home next week.

Justice Squad News



This week we launch our St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. We are seeking donations of no-longer-needed warm clothes and blankets as well as toiletries. Items can be dropped in the Winter Appeal boxes in classrooms or at the school office. We will be collecting items until early next term. Thank you in advance for your kind contribution to those in need in our wider community.

We will be selling frozie cups at second play on Athletic Carnival day (22nd June) for 50c each. Money raised will go towards the Winter Appeal.

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 www.stjohnssilkwood.qld.edu.au

Birthdays

Kade, Rohan, Hailey



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 – Kelsea and Nathania
- Year 1/2 – Victoria, Tess and Gabby
- Year 3/4 – Lara and Taj
- Year 5/6 – Jake and Luke



Principal's Recognition— Tayla

100 Sight Words

- Prep – Logan
- Year 1/2 – Piper
- Year 3/4 – Bodhi

Reading Awards 50 Nights

- Year 1/2 – Charlotte T. and Gabby
- Year 3/4 – Isabella, Jake T. and Taj
- Year 5/6 – Jake C. and Rohan

Reading Awards 100 Nights

- Prep – Logan and William
- Year 1/2 – Ruby F.
- Year 5/6 – Claire and Luke



COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

ZUMBA
STRUT
SHAKE
SHINE
TUESDAYS 3:30-4:30PM
ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

Circle of Security
Learning Objectives of the Training
◆ Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read emotional needs
◆ Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions
◆ Enhance the development of your child's self-esteem
◆ Honour your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure
Presented by: Community Support Centre Innisfail
Location: 13-17 Donald Street Innisfail (big orange building)
When: Weekly: 4 X Friday from 9th June to 30th June 2023
Times: 9:30AM - 11:30AM
Cost: Free (light snacks provided)
To Register: 40438 400



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
\$5.00 Admission Fantastic Prizes
All Welcome