



St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



"Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself." – Chinese Proverb

Term 3, Week 2, 19th July — 1st August 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Term 3. Last week we had the State of Origin and the Innisfail Show. The coming weeks show no reprieve from the excitement and busyness. This week, selected students will compete in the Cassowary Coast Southern Zone Athletics Carnival. We wish them all the best. Next week, we celebrate **Catholic Education Week** which will see us join our Catholic school counterparts in Innisfail next Tuesday. Mrs Daly has written about this. Be sure to read overleaf.

Today, we welcome Rachael to St John's. Rachael is in Prep. We wish Rachael a smooth transition into our school community.

Last week, our team congratulated **Mrs Daly on 20 years of service** to Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns. Executive Director Mr Bill Dixon visited St John's to recognise this achievement. We are grateful for Mrs Daly's commitment to the St John's community and proud of her accomplishments over this time.

Whilst visiting St John's last week, Mr Dixon and I spent some time in some classrooms. All students engaged well with Mr Dixon, especially the Year 1/2 students. As luck would have it, these students were writing questions to ask someone from the "olden days". Mr Dixon was grilled by the students who wanted to know about his school and home life when he was young. Both the children and I were most interested to hear that there were seventy children and one teacher in Mr Dixon's class at primary school.

Currently, parents and students in Years 5 and 6, and staff have the opportunity to take part in a Feedback Survey. This survey has previously been known as the School Satisfaction Survey. The responses given in the Feedback Survey helps guide the development and refinement of school operations and offerings. Students in Year 5/6 will be given time to complete the survey in class. I encourage all parents to complete the survey. It is important to us that you share your opinion. The survey closes on **Friday 4th August**. I will report the broad results of the survey once the data has been received.

Later this term, parents have the opportunity to attend two presentations given by Maggie Dent. Maggie holds special significance at St John's: she is the inspiration behind our Nature Play area. Known as the "queen of common sense", Maggie advocates for the healthy, common-sense raising of children in order to strengthen families and communities. She is a passionate, positive voice for children of all ages. Good Counsel Primary School and Good Counsel College have secured Maggie and have opened the events to parents of St John's, for which I am grateful. Maggie is an engaging speaker. I encourage you to attend the event/s that fit your family. See the Date Claimer (adjacent) for details.

Thank you to Mrs De Buck and Mrs Daly for being the chief organisers of our show displays this year. Be sure to check the display at the Tully Show if you are attending. I remind you that **our school will be closed next Friday, 28th July** for the Tully Show Day Public Holiday.

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

Always Reaching For New Heights 



Diary Dates

Friday 21st July

- ◆ Cassowary Coast Zone Athletics (selected students)

Sunday 23rd to Saturday 29th July

- ◆ Catholic Education Week

Tuesday 25th July

- ◆ Whole school @ Catholic Education Week celebrations in Innisfail

Friday 28th July

- ◆ Tully Show Day Holiday

Friday 4th August

- ◆ Feedback Survey closes

DATE CLAIMER:

Tuesday 15th August

- ◆ Maggie Dent - Girlhood: 0 - 8 years

Wednesday 16th August

- ◆ Maggie Dent - Boys to Men: 12 - 25 years

Saturday 9th September

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



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Winter Appeal

The collection boxes for this years appeal are looking nearly full.



There is still time to send in warm clothing, blankets and toiletries and non-perishable food items such as tins of soup if you still wish to contribute. Thank you for assisting us with this appeal – we hope to hand over these items to St Vincent de Paul at assembly in **week 4**.

Parish School Mass

The grade 1/2 class will be hosting a Parish School Mass on Saturday the **5th of August** – please make a note of this in your diaries – everyone is welcome and please bring a plate to share after the mass.

Catholic Education Week

Next week we celebrate Catholic Education Week in Innisfail. 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**'. Please join us for the Mass which will begin at 10:00AM in The Mother of Good Counsel Church on **Tuesday 25th July**.



Premier's Reading Challenge

Please remember to encourage your child to complete their Premier's Reading Challenge logs and return them to school. The reading period for the challenge concludes on **25th August 2023**.

100 days of School

We have been counting and this week we have reached 100 days of learning. We will be celebrating this milestone on Friday this week!



Deborah Daly
APRE, Leader of Learning and Teaching

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/>

2023 Interhouse Athletics Carnival

A fantastic day for all, see some fantastic photos on our back page and on Facebook. Well done to all our athletes, everyone got in and had go. Even the rain could not dampen the St John's School spirit! At the end of the day **MacKillop** came out in front at the St John's School Interhouse Athletics Carnival, with **Francis** taking out the 'War Cry' honours.

Athletics Age Champions

- 5 Years Old Girl—Kelsea Anderson (MacKillop)
- 5 Years Old Boy—William Holder (MacKillop)
- 6 Years Old Girl—Gianah Camilleri (MacKillop)
- 6 Years Old Boy—Cody Dineen (Francis)
- 7 Years Old Girl—Tess Soper (Francis)
- 8 Years Old Girl—Charlotte Dineen (Francis)
- 8 Years Old Boy—Tyler Lordan (Francis)
- 9 Years Old Girl—Emily Parisi (Francis)
- 9 Years Old Boy—Baylen Soper (Francis)
- 10 Years Old Girl—Prosha Frumento (Francis)
- 10 Years Old Boy—James Crawford (MacKillop)
- 11 Years Old Girl—Audrey McNamara (MacKillop)
- 11 Years Old Boy—Clatyton Ridolfi (MacKillop)
- 12 Years Old Girl—Scareltt Santaringa (MacKillop)
- 12 Years Old Boy—Sean Moran (Francis)

75th Anniversary Spotlight!

The St John's 75th Anniversary Dinner on Friday 8th September at Kurrimine Beach Motel will be a buffet for \$30 per person. Drinks will be available to purchase on the night. **ONLY 100 SEATS**, bookings are essential, contact Ainsley to book you seat on 0414 354 212.

Birthdays

Kisara, Emily M., Sean, Kohen & Victoria



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 – William & Lakey
- Year 1/2 – Alec & Harlee
- Year 3/4 – Kade, Jorji & Prosha
- Year 5/6 – Ned & Max

100 Sight Words

Prep—Abby & Nathania

300 Sight Words

Year 1/2 – Scarlett M. & Alessia

Reading Awards 50 Nights

Prep – Abby

Year 1/2 – Alessia, Rhyder & Cody

Reading Awards 100 Nights

Year 5/6 – Ned, Audrey & Clayton

Reading Awards 150 Nights

3/4– Emily P., Emily M., Charlotte D., Lara, Erin & Evie

5/6– Luke, Wyatt & Sean

YOU ARE A
**SECOND
STEP**
SUPERSTAR!

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

Welcome back to school and the start of Term 3

I hope you have all had a wonderful break together and the winter rain and chills didn't dampen the spirit of being with one another.

July 24th is "**International Self-Care Day**". Yes, another day to celebrate something or anything I hear you say. But this is an important one, because it is a timely reminder to every parent to remember how important they are to their family. Self-care can help us feel more able to take on the many and varied demands of parenting, so you and your children can better enjoy your time together.

Research from **Emerging Mind's Australia Institute** (2022) indicates that regular self-care practices contribute to healthy successful parenting and better health outcomes for our children. Parents who practice self-care are less likely to feel exhausted or burnt out and tend to have more positive interactions with their children. These positive parent-child interactions are key to your child's development and future mental health. So, start with being kind to yourself, find time for you and role model strength in self-care. For further information and guidance on how to be successful in this area please see **Emerging Mind's** newsletter which lists the following topics-

- ◆ Self-Care for parents and caregivers
- ◆ How to support your neurodivergent child
- ◆ Self-Care is health care

The website is <https://emergingminds.com.au/resources/self-care-for-parents-and-caregivers/?audience=family>



Warm regards,

Yours in Counselling, Miss Jo

"Let kindness be the language of your heart" Alexandra vasiliu



Kindy Corner...

Welcome back to Term 3 at Kindergarten. This term we will be exploring our community further – thinking about where we all live, the places we visit and the people we see. Our Kindergarten group is made up of families from a number of small towns around the area, so between us we will have a wealth of knowledge to share together. It is important for our children to have a sense of belonging within their wider community, and an understanding of safe practices while they are out and about.

We have started off by talking about the cane trains and making sure that the children are aware to stay away from the train lines. The group is getting really good at reading signs and have been asked to look out for the cane train crossing signs as they are out and about.

Our Term calendar has been put up on OWNA and also displayed on the locker tops at Kindergarten. Make sure you have a look at all we have on this term, which includes an excursion, science week with Mrs Gaia, Book Week dress-ups, Kindy photo day, our Open Day and a combined St Johns and Kindy family event for Father's day.

Lastly, we have plants for sale at the front of our Kindergarten. We have super strawberries – they are very strong and hearty plants, poincianas, lily pillies and jackfruits. These plants have been potted by our Kindergarten group and family helpers as part of our long term Garden Project. Please come and have a look.



Have a wonderful week,
Miss Cheryl






Congratulations Mrs. Daly on 20 Years of Valued Service!




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.

St John's School is excited to announce our battery recycling initiative. Like the 'Cash for Cans' fundraiser this will also raise vital funds for the school. If you have any old car or tractor batteries you wish to donate please contact the school office to arrange a time to drop them off to the school on **4065 9530**.



COMMUNITY
COMMON
CONNECTIONS

The Good Counsel College Parents & Friends Association presents



POSITIVE PARENTING SEMINAR

Wednesday, 2nd August
5:30pm @ GCC Auditorium
All Welcome!

Guest Speaker:
Glen Gerreyn (The Hopefull Institute)

During the seminar, Glen (a father of four himself) shares the five fundamental positive parenting tools, based on positive psychology research... an opportunity not to be missed!



Relaxing Massage

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