



St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



"There are a whole lot of things in this world of ours you haven't started wondering about yet." – from James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

Term 3, Week 4, 2nd August 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Tuesday, students and staff from St Clare's Tully, St Rita's Babinda, St Rita's South Johnstone, Good Counsel Primary and Good Counsel College and St John's gathered in Innisfail to celebrate Catholic Education Week. Seven hundred of us filled Mother of Good Counsel Church for Mass, celebrating our distinctive mission and ethos. During the Mass, Fr Kerry Crowley, our Parish Priest, drew attention to each school's logo and identified how each of us, in our own right and as a collective, are *Communities of Faith, Hope and Love*. Following the Mass, students engage in various activities: Prep –Year 2 enjoyed arts and craft, Years 3 & 4 participated in games, and Years 5 & 6 had a taste of Good Counsel College life. This was a wonderful, spirit-filled day enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to all students who competed at the Cassowary Coast Southern Zone Athletics Carnival at Lower Tully. All students displayed great sporting spirit, trying their hardest in each event. We had a number of students place in their event. Well done **Max** (12yrs - 1st Discus, 2nd Shot Put), **Clayton** (11yrs - 2nd Long Jump, 3rd High Jump), **Taj** (10yrs - 2nd High Jump), **Ruby M** (9yrs - 1st Long Jump), **Jake T** (9yrs - 1st High Jump), **Eden** (9yrs - 3rd 800m), **Senior 'B' Schools relay team** (2nd) and **Kirrama 'B' Schools relay team** (3rd). Congratulations also, to our Peninsula qualifiers; **Max** (discus & shot put) and **Clayton** (long jump).

Last week, this year's NAPLAN results were sent home to parents. The way NAPLAN results are reported has changed this year. This, together with the test being completed in Term 1 rather than Term 2, prevents us from comparing student results with previous years. Mrs Daly, Mrs Parisi and I will work with a consultant from Catholic Education Cairns to analyse our students results. The information we gain from this analysis will give invaluable insight into the learning needs of students and helps guide our planning to ensure students are provided with the support they need to be successful.

This afternoon, Good Counsel College will host a Positive Parenting Seminar presented by Glen Gerreyn from The Hopeful Institute. Gary will share five fundamental positive parenting tools, based on positive psychology research. This is an opportunity not to be missed. Bookings are not required.

Another opportunity for parents to engage in is the Maggie Dent sessions (see Diary Dates). Please note that, although specific age groups are given for these sessions, they would be informative for parents who have children outside these ages. Maggie's sessions are free, however bookings are essential. Flyers for her sessions accompany this newsletter. We thank Good Counsel College and Good Counsel Primary School for extending these opportunities to our school community.

I am looking forward to the Parish/School Mass on Saturday night. Parishioners love the vitality the children bring to the Mass and it is always wonderful to gather for supper and a cuppa afterwards while the children enjoy a game or two. Everyone in the school community is welcome to attend.

May God's Blessings Be With You,

Linda Gaia, Principal

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Diary Dates

Friday 4th August

- ◆ Feedback Survey closes

Saturday 5th August

- ◆ St John's School/ Parish Mass Hosted by Year 1/2

Tuesday 15th August

- ◆ Maggie Dent GCC Auditorium 6-8PM, Girlhood: 0 - 8 years

Wednesday 16th August

- ◆ Maggie Dent GCC Auditorium 6-8PM, Boys to Men: 12 - 25 years

DATE CLAIMER:

Wednesday 16th August

- ◆ Science Day— Innovation: Powering Future Industries

Thursday 31st August

- ◆ Fathers Day Celebrations at St John's

Friday 1st September

- ◆ Pupil Free Day

Saturday 9th September

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



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Winter Appeal

Thank you all for sending in items for the winter appeal. St Vincent de Paul are sending a



representative to receive our boxes of items at assembly this week. Please come along and see how much we have accumulated!

Parish School Mass

The grade 1/2 class are hosting the Parish School Mass this Saturday the 5th of August. Everyone is welcome and please bring a plate to share after the Mass. I am looking forward to the evening and hope to see as many of our families there as possible. This Sunday is **The Transfiguration of the Lord** so the Mass will celebrate this feast.

The Transfiguration of the Lord

This story is told in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke and recounts when Jesus took three disciples, Peter, James and John, high up a mountain. While there, he "transfigured". His clothes became dazzling white, and he was joined by Moses and Elijah, both from the Old Testament. This story tells of a display of Jesus' divine character. It was a visible sign of the power of God.



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

On Tuesday 8th of August we celebrate this special feast day. St Mary is our first Australian canonised saint. She took bold new directions in education and care of children. Our students will learn more about Mary MacKillop in their religion lessons in class next week. Her well-known saying is "Never see a need without doing something about it". What need do you see, and what can you do about it?



Premier's Reading Challenge

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 Friday 25th of August, so we only have a few weeks left. The students were reminded this week that we always have a celebration for students who complete the challenge. If all our students complete the challenge, we also become eligible to enter a prize draw which we have won several times in past years. This usually means we are given a sizable sum of money to spend on new books for our library. If your child has lost their log, it is not too late to request a new one.

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? It is now the time to call the school office on 4065 9530, or express interest online at <https://www.stjohnssilkwood.qld.edu.au/enrolling/apply-online/>

P & F Cash for Batteries



St John's School is excited to announce our battery recycling initiative. Like the 'Cash for Cans' fundraiser this will raise vital funds for the school. If you have any old car or tractor batteries you wish to donate or for more information on how you can contribute call the school office on: **4065 9530**

75th Anniversary Spotlight!

Registrations for roll call are open, email or call secretary. silkwood@cns.catholic.edu.au / 4065 9530.

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

National Science Week

On Wednesday 16th of August we will celebrate National Science Week with a whole day of hands-on activities to engage students with this year's theme:

'Innovation - Powering Future Industries'.

Students are invited to dress in line with the theme. This year we will be joined by Tully Canegrowers with a showcase about the role science and technology plays in farming.



Birthdays

Lakey & Nathania



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 – Sarnoor & Kelsea

Year 1/2 – Ruby & Mila

Year 3/4 – Bodhi & Tilly

Year 5/6 – Claire & Olly

YOU ARE A
SECOND STEP
SUPERSTAR!

Principals Award – St John's School, Cassowary Coast, Southern Zone Athletics Team

Reading Awards 100 Nights

Prep – Sarnoor & Hailey

Year 3/4 – Jorji & Benson

Reading Awards 150 Nights

Prep – Logan

Year 1/2 – Tess

Year 5/6 – Claire



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



An internal locus of control means a greater degree of internal self-control, self-motivation and the influence we have on others and our environment. It can also mean that we're likely to be more intellectually curious and active in regards our own learning. An external locus of control is the exact opposite. A person may believe that everything that happens to them is due to luck, or others, or factors beyond their control. They fail to see the connection between their own efforts and achievement and ultimately success.

It's an easy out for kids to believe that either you're born being good at something or you're not, and if you're not, there is little point in trying. Developing an internal locus of control can influence a child's concept of ability. Understanding the connection between trying and practicing and achieving a successful outcome, leads to the belief that **it's the trying, not the ability you were born with, that leads to success.** It's important for young children to recognise the importance of persistent effort. When kids attribute their success to luck or the ease of the task, they're likely to lose motivation. Attributing success to the fact that they worked hard and put in a lot of effort, leads to strong motivation.

Ways we can help our kids develop a strong internal locus of control:

- ◆ Encourage responsibility for everyday living.
- ◆ Provide opportunities for success and give them jobs!
- ◆ Praise genuinely and appropriately; be specific and honest.
- ◆ Give out messages about the importance of effort as opposed to results.
- ◆ Provide feedback immediately when a task has been completed.
- ◆ Help your child to identify how they feel when they've achieved through their own efforts.
- ◆ 'How did you accomplish that?' 'What did you learn?' 'How does it feel to have achieved something under your own steam?' 'You must feel very proud of yourself'.



When it comes to our kids, we want them to achieve and feel good about themselves based on their own conclusions rather than relying on constant praise and encouragement or over-involved parents who bail them out when their schoolwork isn't finished on time. When kids understand that trying and perseverance is something they have control over, there's little in the self-belief stakes that will hold them back and the taste of success can be very sweet indeed.

Extract from the "You Can Do It" Educational program 2022

Yours in Counselling, Miss Jo

Kindy Corner...



As is so often the case for this time of the year, our Kindergarten group are very interested in the cane harvesting occurring, and are incorporating this into their play. We have some amazing harvesters, cane trucks and trains being built in the craft area, as well as a model of a sugar mill! The children are thinking about, and then designing, planning and creating these quite independently, and showing their fantastic skills in problem solving, investigating, applying and reflecting on learning. This has been a great addition to our 'community' learning as the children share all of the things they know about our sugar cane farming community.



This term we have **Bravehearts Day** (formally White Balloon Day) in **Week 8** and we are using our thoughts about community to build our own individual 'circle of security' models. The aim of this experience is to help the children identify those people closest to them and those in the wider community who are 'safe' people to engage with if they are, for some reason, without their family members and need help. At the moment, we are identifying the



people in our families. As the term progresses and we continue with our community learning we will add people to our outer circles. It is so important our children know how to look after themselves, and who they can approach for help if need be.



Have a wonderful week,
Miss Cheryl



Catholic Education Week

100 Days of Learning @ St John's

St John's School, Cassowary Coast Southern District, Athletics Team



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.

Babinda Mauro
PICTURE THEATRE
FUTURE SCREENINGS

Margot Robbie Ryan Gosling

She's everything. He's just Ken.

Date: Fri 11, Sat 12, Sun 13 Aug
 Time: 7.30pm Adults at Kids Price

BACK TO SCHOOL REUNION
 FOR PAST STUDENTS, PARENTS AND STAFF
Saturday 16th September 2023
100 Years of Catholic Education

9.00am - Welcome and registrations
 9.30am - Mini Cent Sale
 11.00am - Fashion Parade of Past Gowns and Uniforms
 12.30pm - Melba Kup Kapers
 2.00pm - Ball games for adults (leader ball, tunnel ball etc)
 3.00pm - Dismissed

Mini fete (plant, sweet, bottle, food, and cake stalls plus mini golf, face painting and more)

St Michael's School
 (formerly St Alphonsus)
 58 Mill Street
 Gordonvale Qld 4865
 Phone: 07 4258 4100

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Relaxation	Full Body
Foot Massage	Back, shoulders, neck, legs and feet
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