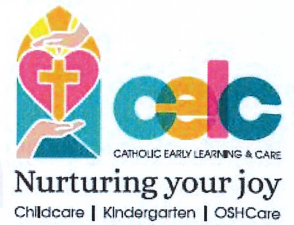


St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



"A little drop of paint lets your imagination run wild. A smudge and a smear can make magic appear."

- From a 'Beautiful Oops' by Barney Saltzberg

Term 3 Week 10 – 13th September, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow! What a privilege it was to be part of our 75th Anniversary celebrations, including **22 years for the Kindy**. On Friday night, approximately sixty students and staff, past and present, as well as parishioners gathered for a meal at Kurrimine Beach Motel. Free of formalities, the evening provided a wonderful opportunity to enjoy each other's company.



On Saturday, I marvelled as past students and their families gathered with other past students and their families. I watched young children who are yet to start their schooling journey busy themselves in the playground. As expected, current students teamed up to enjoyed the games of old and the craft tent. We had special guests and past staff mingling, and Parents and Friends, parishioners and members of the Three Saints tending to the nutritional needs of all present. Visitors spent spans of time reminiscing over an abundance of memorabilia, joined to celebrate Mass and were in awe of the amazing singing and dancing performances of our students.

The celebrations, from Friday's Meet & Greet, until the lights were turned off on Saturday night, was a true reflection of what St John's is all about and always has been all about: **COMMUNITY**, and I was proud to be a part of it. I sincerely thank each and every person who joined us and I owe a great deal of gratitude to those who made it happen. May God's blessings be with you all, always.

We are now in our final week of Term 3, and the busyness of school life goes on. On Thursday, we have selected students from Years 5 & 6 participating in the **Jim Graham Rugby League Cup** in Innisfail. Special activities are in stall for those of us who remain at school on Thursday as we celebrate **NAIDOC week**. Miss Priscilla has organised an array of activities and invited special guests, including the **Mandubarra Rangers** who will be doing a spear and boomerang display and giving a bush tucker talk. On Friday, selected students from Years 4 to 6 will travel to Cairns for the **Mary Mills Netball Carnival**. I hope all students enjoy their activities this week.

Congratulations to **Alessia** who has won the **"How Cool is Your School?"** competition run by SheMaps. Alessia was judged as having the best Year 1 entry of all students who entered in Australia. A wonderful achievement! See overleaf for more details about this competition and photo of Alessia's entry.

Last week, I emailed all families about the **new fee structure for 2024** (see details overleaf). I am grateful to Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns for approving my request for this structure. I encourage you to share the new structure with others and encourage them to book a tour of St John's to see if it is the right fit for their children.

As we head into the holidays, I wish you and your children some restful down time. I leave you with a quote from Pope Francis, *"Waste time with your children, so that they can realise that love is always free."*

May God's Blessings Be With You,

Linda Gaia, Principal

Diary Dates

Thursday 14th September

◆ Jim Graham Cup

Friday 15th September

◆ Mary Mills Netball Cup

DATE CLAIMER:

Tuesday 3rd October

◆ Term 4 begins

Thursday 12th October

◆ Good Counsel College
Orientation Day

Friday 27th October

◆ Swimming Carnival



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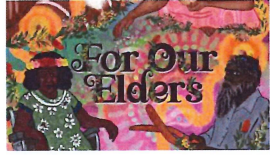


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NAIDOC Week Celebration

This Thursday we will be celebrating NAIDOC week with our students. A short liturgy followed by activities will occur in the morning. Please remember to ask your children about their experience of this. The theme for 2023 National NAIDOC Week is "For Our Elders". We draw strength from the knowledge and experience of First Nation Elders, in everything from land management, cultural knowledge to justice and human rights. Across multiple sectors like health, education, the arts, politics and everything in between, Elders have set the many courses we follow.



Marian Feast Days



The month of September is full of Marian feast days. The feast of the Nativity of Mary was on 8th of September - Happy Birthday, Mother Mary! Most Holy Name of Mary is celebrated on 12th September.

The whole month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, so this is the perfect month to teach all about this special Catholic devotion. These are 7 sorrows that Mary endured during her life on earth.

Here's the complete list-

1. Prophecy of Simeon
2. The Flight to Egypt
3. Loss of Jesus in the Temple
4. Mary meets Jesus on Road to Calvary
5. Jesus dies on the cross
6. Mary receives the Body of Jesus
7. Jesus is placed in the Tomb

7 graces are believed to be granted to those who say 7 Hail Mary's each day reflecting on her 7 sorrows.

Justice Squad — Sleepover

The justice Squad are excited to announce that we will be holding the Mini-Vinnies Sleepover next term on Friday 20th October. This event allows our students and staff to connect on a personal level with the issue of homelessness by sleeping out in the open for one night and fundraising money for the St Vincent de Paul Society's work. A guest speaker from St Vincent de Paul will attend to give a talk and run activities for the students. The sleep over is open to students from Grades 4-6.

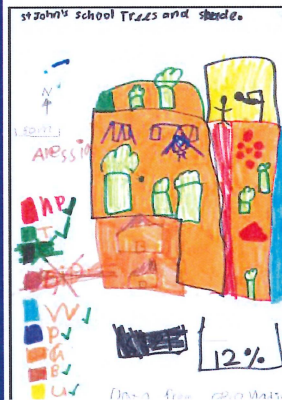
Holiday Reading

Whilst reading over the holiday is not expected homework, students are reminded that reading is a great way to relax and unwind after a busy term. All recorded nights of reading will contribute to the P&F rewards given at the end of Term 4, so remember to pack a book if you are going away!

Deborah Daly
APRE, Leader of Learning and Teaching

How Cool is Your School?

In Term 2, Year 1/2 students took part in a STEM project called 'How Cool is Your School?', run by SheMaps. The students investigated the ground cover and any shade (man-made and natural) in our school grounds, and examined satellite images of our school.



They then produced a hand-drawn map of our school, including a legend, compass rose, and scale. Well done to all eight Year 1/2 students who completed their maps for entry into the competition.

Alessia Pappalardo was selected as the winning entrant from all of the Year 1 entries across Australia.

Congratulations to Alessia whose efforts have won her a Tello Drone!

Birthdays

Noori, Ruby F. & Jace



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— Abby & Logan

Year 1/2— Alessia, Scarlett M. & Isabelle-Grace

Year 3/4— Charlotte D. & Taj

Year 5/6— Scarlett S. & Wyatt

**YOU ARE A
SECOND
STEP
SUPERSTAR!**

Magic 100 Sight Words

Prep— Gianah

Magic 200 Sight Words

Prep— Abby

Reading Awards 50 Nights

Prep— Rachael

Reading Awards 100 Nights

Year 1/2— Charlotte T.

Year 3/4— Porsha & Isabella H.

Year 5/6— Tayla & Jake

Reading Awards 150 Nights

Prep— William

Reading Awards 200 Nights

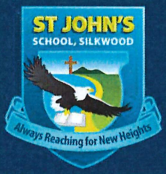
Prep— Logan

Year 1/2— Rhyder

Year 3/4— Emily M., Lara & Evie

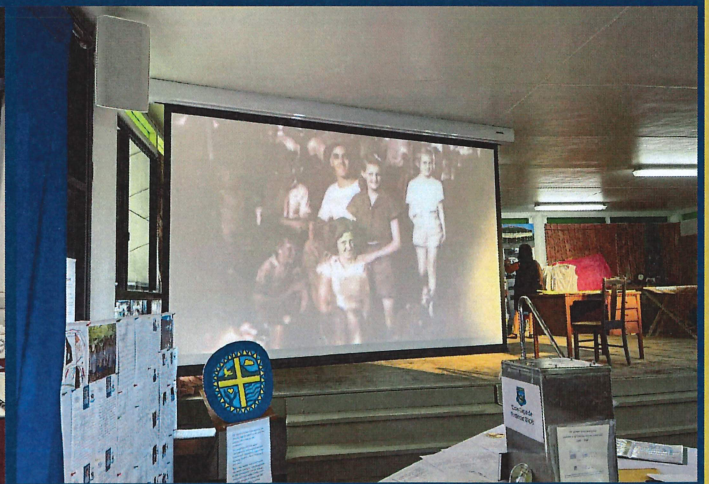
Year 5/6— Wyatt & Claire

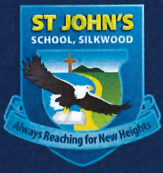




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Collections of St John's School History





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1948-2023 Roll Call



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From your School Counsellor...



Balancing Work and Family

Spring is a busy time of year for our region. The sun is shining (hopefully), our farmers are busy, our families are working, the mill is running around the clock, and we all feel the pressures of being productive. With the next two weeks of holiday break for students, I hope you all get a chance to spend time together and enjoy the beautiful weather thousands travel afar to experience.



Balancing work and family can be tricky, and for working parents, we learn how to juggle to keep all the balls in the air. 'Being With' may be bringing your children in to your workplace (if available), or finding those small micro moments to enjoy one another at different times of the day. Children do not measure our time with them as lineal, it is the quality filled small moments that provide a lifelong impact. I hope you find those small moments of joy with each other.



I will be on leave for the first few weeks of school and will return to the School Counselling role in Week 4. Wishing you all a blessed break.

Yours in Counselling, Miss Jo

Now St John's is even more affordable!



From 2024, it's even easier to send your child to St John's School, Silkwood.

2024 Tuition Fees		
	Per Year	Per Term
1 Student	\$600	\$150
2 Students	\$4,020	\$2,255
3 Students	\$1,250	\$315
4 Students	\$1,680	\$420

Our new, simple fee structure means there's a place waiting for your child at St John's - for just \$3 per day! And there are further discounts for two or more children.

To apply for a place for your child at St John's School, or to find out more, please visit our website or contact one of our friendly staff.

- Please note:
- No additional Health Care or Pension Concession discounting is available.
 - Excursion and camp fees will be listed in fees separately and are not included in the fees above.
 - Sibling discounting is capped at 30% for 3+ students in all Catholic schools in the Diocese of Cairns.

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Kindy Corner...

What a great term 3 we have had at Kindergarten! Our busy learners have built, created, imagined and discovered their way through the term, and are ready for a well-deserved break.



We have finished off the term with Child Protection Week rounding out our community exploration. We talked about all the things we see when we are out and about in our community and added these to our map. Then we talked about safe people in our community and thought about who we could approach if we needed help when out and about. Some thoughts from the Kindergarten children included Police, Ambulance, neighbours and (if we were in a shop) the 'check up person'. One of the children told the group that his mum's phone number is written inside his hat and if he can't find her he can get someone to call her using this. What a great idea! I hope our discussions have helped the children to begin to think about their community, their place in it and how to keep themselves safe.



Have a wonderful break from Kindergarten.

We will see you next term!

Miss Cheryl





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Water Bottle \$25
 USB 3 x Books \$20
 Pen \$4
 Tea Towel \$15
 Cooler \$7
 Umbrella \$30

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL SILKWOOD 75



Having a Ball @ St John's See all our fabulous Father's Day Photos on Facebook

COMMUNITY NEWS

School Holidays at the library

Innisfail Library
 Family Movie: The Super Mario Bros. Movie (Tuesday 19th September 10:30am PG)
 Pop-Up Cards: Friday 22nd September 10:30am (G+)
 Make a Bee Hotel: Wednesday 27th September 10:30am (G+)
 Teen Movie: Dungeons & Dragons (Thursday 28th September 2:00pm M)

Cardwell Library
 Start Your Native Garden: Tuesday 19th September 2:00pm (G+)
 Family Movie: The Secret Garden: Monday 27th September 2:00pm (PG)
 Spring Drama: Tuesday 26th September 10:00am (G+)

Mission Beach Library
 Make a Bee Hotel with Liz: Tuesday 19th September 10:30am (G+)
 Flower Arranging: Tuesday 26th September 10:30am (G+)
 Family Movie: Puss in Boots: The Last Wish: Friday 29th September 2:00pm (PG)

Tully Library
 Colourful Jigsaw Tree: Monday 18th September 2:30pm (G+)
 Spiritmas Suncatcher: Monday 25th September 2:50pm (G+)

Bookings Essential
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 Scan the QR code for our events page or visit <https://cassowary.spjssd.com>

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 - 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
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Presented by: Community Support Centre Innisfail
 Location: 13-17 Donald Street Innisfail (big orange building)
 When: 4 X Monday from 9th October to 30th October
 Times: 3.30pm - 5.30pm
 Cost: Free (light snacks provided) Who should attend? Parents/Grandparents or Carers of children (Babies in arms welcome)
 How to register/enquire: Call 40438 400 or scan QR Code

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
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 Gordonvale Qld 4865
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Woolworths Cricket Blast

Get into Woolworths Cricket Blast. A fun and active program for ages 4-10 of all abilities. \$100 includes insurance, registration and a pack of your choice.

Starts 7 October and played Saturday 10-11am during Term 4 and Term 1 at Kim Carroll Field

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CLYDESHIELTER
 Tully Primary School, Mars Street, Tully

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