



St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



*"Books have to be heavy because the whole world's inside them."
-From Inkheart by Cornelia Funke*

Term 3, Week 6, 16th August 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is wonderful to have some finer weather at last. Personally, I will be praying that the rain stays away especially as we head off for Year 5/6 camp next week. Sunshine would make the experience more enjoyable. This year we head off to Echo Creek Adventure Centre. Students will engage in a number of activities over the three day camp including laser tag, archery, challenge course and a four hour bush walk. We are all looking forward to the memories we will make.



Mrs Daly, Mrs Parisi and I, with the support of one of our consultants, have spent time analysing our **NAPLAN results**. The analysis this year was a different experience due to the changes in the way the results are reported. Although we were unable to measure the growth of Year 5 students because of this change, we were pleased to see a large number of students, in both Year 5 and Year 3, in the strong or exceeding proficiencies. The expertise of Mrs Parisi (Leader of Diversity), Mrs Vujcich (Diversity teacher) and our School Officers continues to support those in the developing proficiency as they build their knowledge, understandings and skills.

It was wonderful to see so many families at our recent Parish/School Mass. I am always so proud of the children when they step up to take on roles normally filled by adults. Gathering for supper following the Mass is a wonderful opportunity for parents and parishioners to enjoy some relaxed time together, and the children to gather in a social setting. Next term, our Preps will help host the Parish/School Mass at the end of Week 6.

Today we celebrate **Science Week** with a whole day of Science related activities. The theme this year is Innovation: Powering Future Industries. The students have made slime and a First Nations spinner, created a closed circuit using a Makey Makey kit, learnt about 3D printers and had their speed checked: Thank you Acting Sergeant Cameron Fell. Students have also engaged in several sugar industry related activities. Check the back page of this flyer for an impressive list of individuals and organisations who have supported the day. I extend my appreciation to those listed. A special thank you also to Mrs Camilleri and Ms Irvine for all the behind the scenes work that made the day such a success. Keep an eye on Facebook for photos from the day.

Next week is **Book Week**. You will note in "Kindy Corner" overleaf that the Kindy will have a dress-up day next Thursday to celebrate. Please note that this does not apply to the school. Rather, we will have celebrate Book Week with a dress-up day next term when we have our Book Fair. While our dress-up day will be held next term, students will engage in Book Week activities next week in library lessons with Ms Irvine.

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

Diary Dates

Wednesday 16th August

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

Saturday 19th August - Friday 25th August

- ◆ Book Week: Read, Grow, Inspire

Wednesday 23rd August - Friday 25th August

- ◆ Year 5/6 Camp - Echo Creek Adventure Centre

Tuesday 29th August

- ◆ School and Kindy Photos

DATE CLAIMER:

Thursday 31st August

- ◆ Ty Williams Cup

Thursday 31st August

- ◆ Father's 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!

Tuesday 12th September

- ◆ St John's School Open Day



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Always Reaching For New Heights





Winter Appeal

Thank you all for sending in items for the winter appeal. St Vincent de Paul were very grateful to receive so many boxes of items that will be put to good use in the local area.



The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We celebrated the feast day of the Assumption of Mary on Tuesday 15th August. The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven, body and soul, to be reunited with Jesus. In contrast to Jesus, who ascended into Heaven by his own power, Mary was assumed into Heaven by the power of her Son. Celebrating Mary assumed into heaven at Mass, brings us once again, our families and our communities that immense gift, that unique grace...that is Jesus.



Premier's Reding Challenge

The reading period for the challenge concludes on Friday 25th August 2023 so we only one week left. For several years now have a celebration for all students who complete the challenge – those that have not complete the challenge spend the time reading in the library with a supervising teacher. All students that complete the challenge also receive a certificate from the Premier of Queensland. 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.



Consistency of Teacher Judgement

On Friday 1st of September we are having a pupil free day. On this day our teachers will be traveling to St Rita's School to moderate assessment samples. All teachers teach using the same Australian Curriculum and similar assessment tasks. The purpose of getting together to moderate student samples is to ensure that we are marking our assessments to the same standard. Our school officers will spend the day at St John's with the School Officers from St Rita's undergoing valuable professional development delivered by Catholic Education Consultants on topics such as Behaviour Support and First Nations Education.



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

Volunteers Needed



The P&F committee is running a food stall at the 75th Anniversary Celebration, and will need help to make the day successful. Please call into the office to look at where you can help on the roster, or call 4065 9530. We cannot do it without you!

75th Anniversary Spotlight!

Roll Call

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

75th Celebration Dinner

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.

Sponsor a Page in the 75th Book

For just \$20 your sponsorship will be linked to one of the years between 2009 and 2023 and be acknowledged as per your request; e.g. "This page sponsored by John, Jane and Mary Do." Contact Mrs Gaia if you are interested on: 0418 888672 or lgaia@cns.catholic.edu.au

Birthdays

Tess, Tilly & Emily P



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 – Hailey & Rachel

Year 1/2 – Cody & Piper

Year 3/4 – Jake T & Isabella

Year 5/6 – Luke & Sean

Principals Award – Charlotte D & Emily P



200 Sight Words

Year 1/2 – Piper

300 Sight Words

Year 1/2 – Piper

Reading Awards 50 Nights

Year 1/2 – Victoria

Year 3/4 – Eden

Reading Awards 100 Nights

Year 3/4 – Ruby M.

Reading Awards 150 Nights

Prep – Kohen, & Nathania

Year 1/2 – Harlee

Reading Awards 200 Nights

Year 1/2 – Tess



From your School Counsellor...



The Power of Gratitude

Gratitude is a lifelong gift that supports optimism and resilience. Research tells us that gratitude is a learned behaviour, not an inherently natural one (You Can Do It, 2023). So, it's up to us to role model some thankfulness and teach appreciation.

It's a sad fact that we live in a society of instant gratification. Our Western consumer culture says we can have everything... now... this minute...and if we can't we're led to believe we are somehow deprived; or could contribute to developing a sense of entitlement view of the world. Kids who appreciate the small stuff are less likely to be defeated by adversity or dwell on the fact that life is unfair.

Dr Michael E. Bernard lists the following recommendations to support a growth mindset of gratitude:

- ◆ Start with the basics of please and thank you.
- ◆ Acknowledge and thank kids often for cooperating, showing care or thinking of others.
- ◆ Encourage a 'thankful' vocabulary and work gratitude into daily conversation.
- ◆ Volunteer as a family .
- ◆ Encourage giving to a trusted charity of choice or helping others.
- ◆ Suggest kids donate clothes they've outgrown to others less fortunate.
- ◆ Downplay presents at festive times and concentrate more on family traditions.
- ◆ Share successes and achievements and thank those who have supported.
- ◆ Encourage generosity and sharing.

Gratitude, as a way of thinking, supports optimism and resilience. Stopping every now and then to reflect on what's good about our day, helps to remind us (and our kids) 'that it is what it is' and there will always be things in life over which we have absolutely no control. And that's OK; because every day has so much on offer... and even more to be grateful for (The Bernard Group Pty Ltd 2023).

For further information please collect a parent brief from the front office Raising kids with gratitude as part of the You Can Do It Program developed by Dr Michael E. Bernard.

Yours in Counselling, Miss Jo

Kindy Corner...

The second half of Term 3 is absolutely a busy one – so please save the following dates in your calendar!



Week 6 – Friday 18th August - We will take the children over to St Johns for Science Week activities with Mrs Gaia and the Prep children from 9:30AM – 10:45AM.

Week 7 – Thursday 24th August – We have TWO exciting things. Zoo to You will visit at 10am and bring with them some Australian animals for us to have a look at; usually this includes a snake, crocodile, lizards etc. Younger siblings and playgroup families are invited to attend. Also, on the **24th August** - Book Week Dress Up day! Your child can come dressed as a favourite book character. If you do not have dress ups, we have plenty here at Kindy and will put them out on this morning so your child can choose something to wear if they like.

Week 8 - Tuesday 29th August - Photo Day! We take the children over to St Johns at 8:45AM for staff and individual photos and then get a group photo here at Kindy at about 10:30-11:00. Photo order forms will go out this week. Then on **Thursday 31st August** - We will join St Johns students for a father's day/ family event at 1:45PM. All are welcome to attend.

Week 9 – Tuesday 5th September - Kindy Open Day – For families interested in enrolling at our lovely Kindergarten to come in and have a play, explore our Kindergarten and meet the staff. If you know anyone interested in enrolling their child in Kindergarten please spread the word!

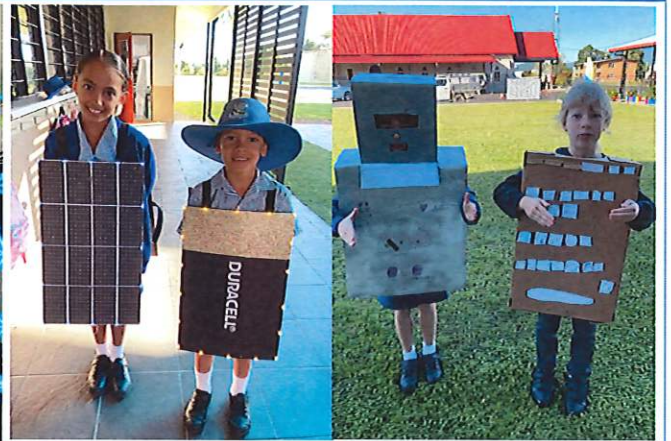
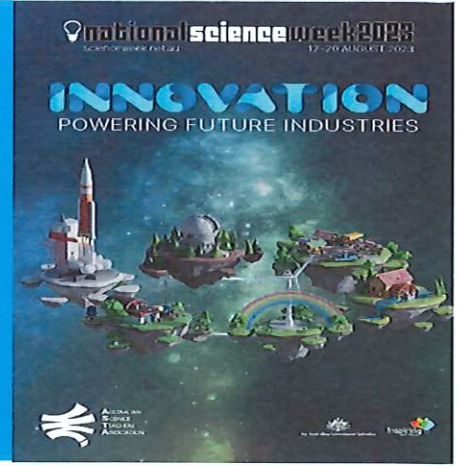
Have a wonderful week, Miss Cheryl

**Thank you to our National Science Week Supporters/
Organisations & Individuals Involved in the Science Week Day:**

- ◆ Sugar Research Australia – running activities
- ◆ Tully Sugar Ltd– running activities
- ◆ Terrain NRM – running activities
- ◆ Tully CANEGROWERS – organised various groups and running activities
- ◆ Queensland Cane Growers Organisation – attending from Brisbane
- ◆ Acting Sergeant Cameron Fell, Bryce MacDonald & Greg Shannon

SJS Science Week Day Funded By:

- ◆ Teitzel's IGA Tully for donating products used on the day
- ◆ Cassowary Coast Regional Council – Community Grant
- ◆ Australian Government – funds as part of National Science Week



Science Week
Keep an eye on Facebook for more photos

COMMUNITY NEWS

A PARENTING WORKSHOP
CHILDREN AND CHORES

A free educational workshop for parent and carers to learn about:
-How to get children involved in chores
-Appropriate chores for children of different ages
-Using a reward and chore chart

When: Friday 8th September
Time: 10am to 11:30am
Where: Community Support Centre
13-17 Donald Street, Innisfail

To register scan the QR code or call 4043 8400

SOCIAL PAINT BY NUMBERS

FREE

MONDAY AUGUST 21ST, 2023
Spaces are limited, register today by calling 40438400 or through Trybooking QR Code

Community Support Centre Innisfail
13-17 Donald St.

CIRCLES OF SECURITY PARENTING

Based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

The program will support you to:
-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
-Honor 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: 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
(formerly St Alphonsus)
58 Mill Street
Gordonvale Qld 4865
Phone: 07 4258 4100

Join us at Playgroup

Where: Community Kindergarten Silkwood
When: Every Wednesday (School Weeks)
Time: 9:00am to 11:00am

Please bring morning tea and a hat for your child/ren.
Coffee/tea provided for parents/carers.

\$2.00 per session

For more information contact Vera: 4065 9530 or the Kindergarten on 42 52 5755

Make new friends. Have fun with your children. Share your experiences.

IT'S ALMOST CRICKET SEASON SO
COME N TRY-BLASTERS
SATURDAY 26 AUGUST 10AM-12NOON
KIM CARROLL FIELDS, TULLY

Girls and Boys, 4-8yolds
Inflatable Cricket Nets
Blast games and skill drills
Heat Mascot Giveaways and more



75th
Anniversary



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.

3:00pm Welcome

3:15pm Roll Call and Photos

4:00pm Events - Open Classrooms and Kindy, Games from the past, BBQ, Hall Display including old and new Time Capsule items, Tree Planting, Kids activity tent, Car Display... and more!

5:00pm Mass and Blessing of Time Capsule

6:00-9:00pm Dinner, Music, Dancing and Performances



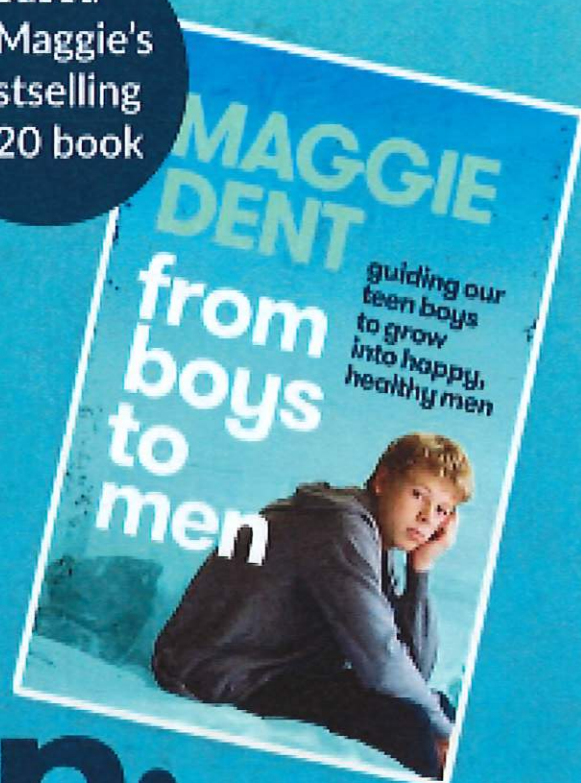
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Based
on Maggie's
bestselling
2020 book

from boys to men:



Guiding teen boys parent seminar

Join one of Australia's favourite parenting authors and host of the ABC's Parental As Anything podcast for this exploration of how to guide our teen boys safely to healthy manhood.

Wednesday, 16th Aug 2023
6pm-8pm

Good Counsel College Innisfail
66 Owen St, Innisfail QLD 4860

Tickets are free, but bookings essential
from www.trybooking.com/CJXNE



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