



# St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



*"Not trying is much worse than failing."  
- 'A World Without Failures' by Esther Pia Cordova*

**Term 3, Week 8, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers,


Firstly, I have the pleasure of welcoming Theiah-Rose, Isabelle-Grace and Skye-Amiyah and their family to the school community. I hope you create many special memories at St John's.

We have a lot happening in our school community at the moment. On the sports front, we have seven boys from Year 5/6 ready to join with St Rita's, South Johnstone for the **Rugby League Super 9s** this evening and again in Week 9 when they attend the **Jim Graham Rugby League Cup** in Innisfail. Five Year 3/4 boys head off to Cairns tomorrow to compete with St Rita's in the **Ty Williams Cup**, and we have ten students preparing for the **Mary Mills Netball Carnival** which will be held in Cairns in Week 10. We wish all participants luck.

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations will soon be upon us. Preparations are ramping up. Be sure to spread the word about the Friday night dinner and the day itself (see the newsletter insert for details). Help is still required on the Saturday. Please offer your support by adding your name to the roster.

Congratulations goes to **Clayton** who participated in the **Peninsula Long Jump** trials recently. Clayton jumped a personal best of 3.86m. Congratulations also to **Ms Irvine** who has completed her **Master of Education (Teacher Librarianship)** studies with Distinction. I know personally the commitment required to achieve this, especially with a young family, and I admire Ms Irvine's persistence to see it through and her dedication to build her professional expertise.

Next week is **Child Protection Week** which aims to promote a safe and healthy life for every child, now and into the future. The key message is **'every child in every community needs a fair go'**. As part of this week, Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns is presenting two community evenings, one in Mareeba and one in Cairns, for parents and staff. The evenings will explore the topic 'Navigating a s\*xed-up world: How can we help our children resist harmful messages from media and pop culture and aspire to respectful relationships?' I urge you to consider attending one of these sessions. See the newsletter insert for details about these evenings.

 Next week and in Week 10, teachers will be available for Parent Teacher Interviews. When a students' parents and teachers work together and support each other, student learning is supported, and achieving the very best for all students is what we strive for at St John's. Tomorrow, Parent Teacher Interview login slips will be sent home. Bookings will open at 3pm. You can book your interview time by clicking on the PTO tile on the parent portal or school website. Interviews have a 15 minute limit. If more time is required, this can be booked with your child's class teacher. Contact the school office if you have any trouble accessing the PTO booking site.

A reminder that Friday is a Pupil Free Day. Teachers will spend this day at St Rita's South Johnstone for Consistency of Teacher Judgement. This process allows teachers to cross-check how they have marked assessments with teachers from other schools, ensuring all teachers are marking assessments to the same standard. Our school officers will join in professional learning delivered by Catholic Education consultants.

I am looking forward to the Father's Day afternoon tomorrow. All dads and those who are like dads to our students are welcome. I wish you all a Happy Father's Day on Sunday.

May God's Blessings Be With You

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[www.facebook.com/StJohnsSilkwood](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsSilkwood)



## Diary Dates

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September

- ◆ Pupil Free Day

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September

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

### DATE CLAIMER:

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September

- ◆ St John's School Open Day

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September

- ◆ Jim Graham Cup

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

- ◆ Mary Mills Netball Cup





## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

It is very exciting that the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is almost upon us. We will be having an early Mass on that day at 5:00PM. The school will be organising the Mass and I will be asking students to volunteer for jobs for this special Mass.



## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 75 Boards

We are hoping to raise some money for the St John's School P&F, and the Catholic Missions with some 75 boards!! We have several boards which are at the King Reef Hotel, Silkwood Butcher, Silkwood Gun Club, Kurrimine Beach Holiday Park and at the school office. Each board will have a prize of \$75 – please drop into any of these locations to buy a square or two!

## Premier's Reding Challenge

The reading period for the challenge concluded on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Any outstanding Reading Logs must come in this week.

## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Consistency of Teacher Judgement

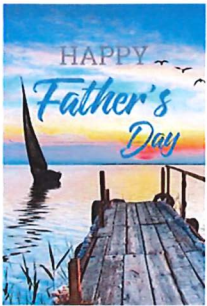
Remember this is a Pupil Free Day. Teachers and School Officers will be busy with moderation and professional development.

### A Prayer for Fathers

Heavenly Father,  
you entrusted your Son Jesus,  
the child of Mary,  
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers  
as they care for their families.  
Give them strength and wisdom,  
tenderness and patience.

Support them in the work they have to do,  
protecting those who look to them,  
as we look to you for love and salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.  
Amen



Deborah Daly  
APRE, Leader of Learning and  
Teaching

# Birthdays

Mila & Taj



## P & F

### Volunteers Needed

The P&F committee is running a food stall at the 75<sup>th</sup> 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!



## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spotlight!

### 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration Dinner—8<sup>th</sup> September

The St John's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September at Kurrimine Beach Motel will be a buffet for \$30 per adult and \$20 per child. Drinks can be purchased on the night. **ONLY 100 SEATS available**, so bookings are essential. Call Ainsley to book on 0414 354 212.

### 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration Day—9<sup>th</sup> September

St John's School, Silkwood staff, students, parents and friends invites past and present students, employees and parishioners, and the wider community to join us to celebrate the school's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

#### ◆ Roll Call:

Registrations for roll call are open:

- secretary.silkwood@cns.catholic.edu.au
- 07 4065 9530

**Check out the attached insert for all the exciting activities for the Celebration Day!**

## 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—Kohan & Nathania

Year 1/2—Tess & Kisara

Year 3/4—Emily P. & Erin

Year 5/6—Billy, Claire, Clayton & Tayla



### Magic 200 Sight Words

Prep—Nathania

### Magic 300 Sight Words

Year 3/4—Amanat

### Reading Awards 50 Nights

Year 3/4—Jace

### Reading Awards 100 Nights

Prep—Gianah & Kelsea

Year 1/2—Piper

Year 3/4—Tyler & James

### Reading Awards 150 Nights

Year 1/2—Ruby F.

### Reading Awards 200 Nights

Pre9—Abby

Year 1/2—Alec, Alessia & Cody

Year 3/4—Charlotte D. & Emily P.

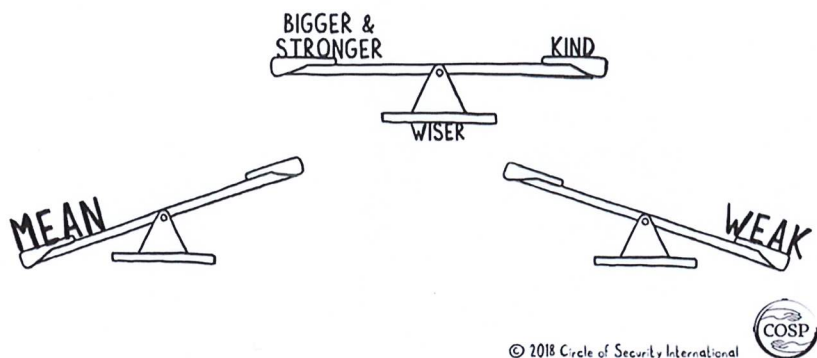


## From your School Counsellor...



### Secure Attachment

Supporting a Secure Attachment for Children starts with parenting from a balanced based. Cooper, Hoffman & Powell (Circle of Security International 2018) describe the power of attachment as transcending all cultures. The key to meeting our children's needs and being a secure base is to be the "Bigger, Stronger, Wiser and Kinder Adult, whenever possible follow your child's need and whenever necessary: Take Charge" (2018). When we are unbalanced we risk parenting from a mean or a weak position which can lead to an insecure or avoidant attachment for our children.



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For further information on the Circle of Securities Program and achieving a more balanced approach to your parenting, you're welcome to explore at <https://www.circleofsecurityinternational.com/resources-for-parents/> or contact your School Counsellor, Miss Jo for Individual sessions.

Yours in Counselling, Miss Jo

## Taking Enrolments Now!

Catholic schools are committed to the growth of the whole child by offering developmentally appropriate programs which address children's needs - spiritual, intellectual, physical, cultural, social, and emotional.

If you have a child or know of someone who is interested in enrolling their child at St John's for 2024 in Prep or another class, please contact the school office on 4065 9530.

Alternatively, an online enrolment form or expression of interest can be found on our school website-

[https://](https://www.stjohnssilkwood.qld.edu.au/enrolling/apply-online/)

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## Kindy Corner...



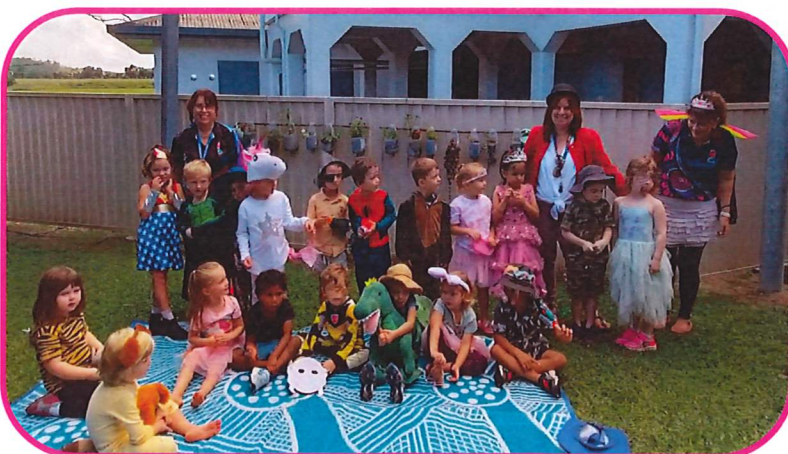
Last week, the Kindergarten participated in the 'Children's Book Council of Australia' Book Week! We offered provocations of play around some favourite books – loose parts play with 'Tap the Magic Tree' by Christie Matheson, felt story retell with 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell, puppet play with 'The Gruffalo' and a firm favourite, sand cooking our very own stews with 'Wombat Stew' by Marcia Vaughan. On Thursday we brought in our favourite books to share with one another and dressed up as favourite book characters! We also challenged ourselves over the week to read as many books as we could. The total after our three Kindergarten days was.....45!!!

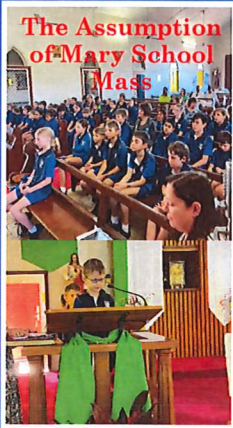


There are so many reasons why we love Book Week, and books in general. Reading together is a really lovely pastime, allowing us to slow down and connect with the story and each other. Language and vocabulary are developed while reading, and the stories can build on our comprehension of our lives and that of the world around us.

Go on, pick up a book and read to your child today : )

Have a wonderful week,  
Miss Cheryl

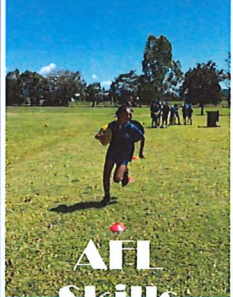




The Assumption of Mary School  
Mass



Year 5/6 Echo Creek Adventure Camp



AFL Skills Day



Science Week



# 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

**SOFTBALL FNQ IS HOSTING A**  
**Come and Try Day**

October 6th  
5:00pm - 6:30pm

Walker Road  
Sporting Precinct  
Walker Road, Edmonton

All Ages Welcome  
All Skill levels Welcome

**REGISTER NOW**  
 Phone: 0435 546 583  
 Email: [cafnqsoftball@hotmail.com](mailto:cafnqsoftball@hotmail.com)  
<https://www.facebook.com/SoftballFNQInc>

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**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 5155

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

**HOLIDAY PROGRAM COME & TRY**

For primary school age children, whether you have played cricket before or not, come and join us for an introduction to cricket skills and ball techniques through fun games.

**\$20 PER SESSION**

pay by card when you register or pay by cash on the day. Choose your option when you register your child.

**TUESDAY 26 WEDNESDAY 27 AND THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER**

**10AM-12NOON COME TO ONE, TWO OR ALL THREE SESSIONS**

**EVLORE SHELTER**  
 Tully Primary School, Mary Street, Tully

More information  
 0438 830 304 [info@evloreshelter.com.au](mailto:info@evloreshelter.com.au)

Register Now

# 75TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

BUFFET DINNER \$30

## KURRIMINE BEACH MOTEL

DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



# MEET & GREET



*75 Years*



FRIDAY 8TH SEPT 6-10PM

CONTACT AINSLEY ON 0414354212 TO BOOK



St John's School  
75th Anniversary  
Silkwood Kindy 22 years



# WHAT'S ON?

Register from 2pm  
Roll Call and  
Group Photos in  
decades from 3pm

Open  
Classrooms  
4-5pm

Car Display  
from 2:30pm -  
a collection of  
local cars on  
show.

*Catch up with  
old friends*

Souvenir Stall  
including an  
updated  
history book  
about St John's  
School

*See what the  
school looks  
like today*

Food and Drink  
Coffee Van,  
Tea and Cake stall  
BBQ Dinner  
Arancini  
Gelato  
Bar area

*Mass at St  
John's Church  
5-6pm*

Fun activities for  
the kids including  
face painting,  
lucky dips, art and  
craft and games  
from the olden  
days.

*DJ, Dancing,  
&  
Performances*

SATURDAY 9TH SEPT 2:00-9:00PM

Navigating a s\*xed-up world  
How can we help our children resist harmful messages from media and pop culture  
and aspire to respectful relationships?



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Navigating a s\*xed-up world:

**7.15** Presentation

- *Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office - Diocese of Cairns*

**7.30** Finish

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how men should act, explore healthy expressions of  
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and media, is an asset to the Campaign Strategy  
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**St Augustine's  
College**  
Lennon Hall  
251 Draper St, Cairns  
Thursday September 7  
@ 6pm  
Bookings through  
eventbrite  
[Book here](#)

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**St Stephen's  
Catholic College**  
3 McIver Road, Mareeba  
Wednesday  
September 6  
@ 5pm  
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