

St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



*"Promise me you'll remember, you are braver than you believe,
stronger than you seem, smarter than you think."*

– Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne

Term 4 Week 4 – 25th October, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to the students in Years 4 to 6 who joined me, Mrs Daly and Mrs DeBuck for the **St Vincent de Paul Sleepout** last Friday night. The night was a great mix of learning and fun. Thank you to Mrs Daly and Mrs DeBuck for organising the event, to Mr Zammit for cooking us a delicious soup and to Mr Lou Crema from Tully St Vincent de Paul for spending time with us.



Last week, our parish priest, Father Kerry Crowley joined our staff for a celebratory morning tea, recognising his 50 years of ordination. Father shared that as a young man, priesthood was far from his mind. Now, 50 years later, Father Kerry is the parish priest of Innisfail, Mourilyan, South Johnstone, Babinda, Silkwood and El Arish. Further, while we await the appointment of a new bishop, Fr Kerry holds the position of Diocesan Administrator. Under the guidance of God, his service to the Church is resolute and we congratulate him on this significant milestone.

I am looking forward to the **swimming carnival** on **Friday**. This is always a fun day that the children love. More details about the day will be sent home to parents/carers via email. All in our school community are welcome to join us for the day.

Our **Book Fair** will be open next week (see overleaf for more details). We will end the week with a dress-up day based on this year's Book Week theme: **Read, Grow, Inspire**. Students are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. If possible, bring along the book the character comes from. We always have a lot of fun with this dress-up day and I am looking forward to seeing the children's costumes.

Term 4 is extremely busy. Please note the following dates on your calendars-

- Parish/School Mass – 6:00PM Saturday 11th November – Prep hosting
- Billy Slater League Tag Carnival – Friday 17th November – Yr 5/6 will attend
- Miss Natasha's keyboard students' recital – 1:45PM Thursday 23rd November
- Pre-Prep transition and bump up morning – 9:00AM Friday 24th November
- Playgroup/Kindy/Prep/Yr1/2 Christmas Party – 12:30PM Tuesday 28th November
- Graduation dinner – Tuesday 28th November
- Christmas concert and Christmas Fair – 9:00AM Thursday 30th November
- End of Year Mass – 9:00AM Friday 1st December
- Handball finals – 10:45AM Friday 1st December

Sunday is **National Grandparents Day**. Grandparents play an important role in our lives; caring for and supporting children and sharing their knowledge, experiences and traditions with younger generations. We wish all grandparents a happy day on Sunday.

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

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Diary Dates

Wednesday 25th October

- ◆ Playgroup at Kindy 9-11am
- ◆ Water confidence classes at Tully pool

Friday 27th October

- ◆ Day for Daniel
- ◆ World Teachers' Day
- ◆ Interhouse Swimming Carnival

Sunday 29th October

- ◆ Grandparents' Day

Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November

- ◆ Bookfair in the school hall

Tuesday 31st October

- ◆ Team up program for Year 5/6 class

Wednesday 1st November

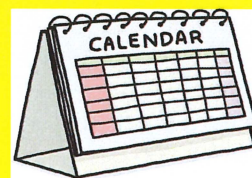
- ◆ Playgroup at Kindy 9-11am

Friday 3rd November

- ◆ Dress-up Day for Book Week: Read, Grow, Inspire!

Friday 10th November

- ◆ Crazy Sock Day! Wear your crazy socks for Catholic Mission's Socktober





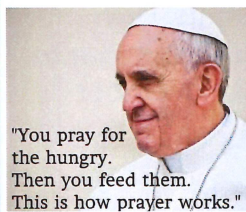
All Saints' Day is the day we honour all the Saints and Martyrs, known and unknown, who gave their lives for their belief and faith in Christ. Their holiness, dedication and courage in God and the spreading of his word provide examples to us all in the way to listen and respond to God's message. Through their lives these special people teach us to trust God and to show our love for God. We look to them as examples of how we, too, can make a difference in the world.

The Feast of All Souls is celebrated on November 2nd. On All Souls' Day we pray for the souls in purgatory awaiting final purification before entering heaven. St Monica, mother of St Augustine, knew the importance of prayer for those who have passed, and asked her son to remember her soul in his Masses. We also remember to pray for those who have no family to pray for them.

Parish School Mass - Saturday 11th November

The Prep class have begun preparing for this Mass which we hope all families will join us for. I'm sure it will be a special evening. Please make a note of it on your calendar. As usual, we will have a shared supper and there will be some activities for the children attending.

Justice Squad - Sleepover



"You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. This is how prayer works."

Last Friday night the **Justice Squad held their SVDP Sleepover**. It was a wonderful success. The students had a meaningful and informative presentation on the causes of homelessness, with activities that reinforced their learning. They were able to express their gratitude for what they have and the lifestyle we are blessed with. Following this, Lou Cremer from Tully St Vincent de Paul spoke to the children on what they can do for the homeless in our local communities. We all enjoyed a supper of delicious soup and sausage on bread. After supper we had a liturgy offering prayers for the homeless, more activities and ended the evening by watching "Evan Almighty".

Deborah Daly, APRE, LLT



Day for Daniel - Friday 27th October

Throughout this term classes are being taught the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum based on principles of best practice in child safety education. The curriculum centres around three key messages - **RECOGNISE, REACT** and **REPORT**. Through a series of lessons, students will learn how to recognise, react and report when they may find themselves in situations where they feel unsafe. **Keeping our kids safe is everybody's responsibility!**

Visit www.danielmorcombe.com.au to learn more about this important initiative. This year the National Day for Daneil is being celebrated on Friday, which is the same day as our swimming carnival, so the children will be wearing their house colours instead.



Book Fair Has Arrived!

Book Fair has finally arrived and will be set up in the hall this week ready for a fabulous week next week! Come in and browse the awesome selection of books that families can purchase and take home to read straight away. Book Fair is also a great opportunity to shop early for some Christmas prezzies. Book Fair will open from 8:15AM to 8:35AM and 3:00PM to 3:30PM every day. Classes will also be taken through the Fair to create their wish list. The Book Fair will conclude with a dress up for the students on Friday 3rd November with this year's theme-



Yippee!

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Read, Grow, Inspire!

Birthdays Rhyder & Logan



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 – Gianah & William

Year 1/2 – Kisara, Victoria, Scarlett & Harlee

Year 3/4 – Isabella & Jake

Year 5/6 – Oliver, Wyatt & Oakley



Reading Awards 100 Nights – Victoria

Reading Awards 200 Nights – Ruby F.

Reading Awards 250 Nights – Abby & Lara

Magic 300 Sight Words - Abby



From your School Counsellor...



I hope you are all travelling well in the last term for the year. The weather is warming up and summer is a knocking, generating feelings of fun and outdoor activities for us living in this part of the world. So, it is hard to imagine that internationally there are conflicts and acts of war. Watching this on our screens has the potential to be upsetting and to cause concern for safety. News coverage may be triggering to individuals who have experienced violence here at home or war in other parts of the world.

If children are exposed to coverage through the news or on social media, caregivers and educators can help children feel safe by helping them understand what is going on factually, how events do or do not affect their lives, and how to manage their emotional reactions.

Remember to keep explanations developmentally appropriate-

- ◆ Let children's questions tell you what information they need.
- ◆ Don't assume they are concerned about the same things you are.
- ◆ Avoid offering unnecessary frightening details.
- ◆ Provide brief, simple information with reassurance. One way to do this is with the use of a broadening technique for responding to questions e.g., *"It sounds like you have some concerns about what's next. Let's talk about how our school/community/country is striving to keep us safe."*
- ◆ Clarify misconceptions or misinformation.



This is good time to review your children's restrictions and protection on their devices and to share unconditional messages that they are safe and protected.

For further information, please refer to Australia's e-safety website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids> or you are welcome to contact your School Counsellor Miss Jo to discuss further.

Yours in counselling, Miss Jo

Kindy Corner...



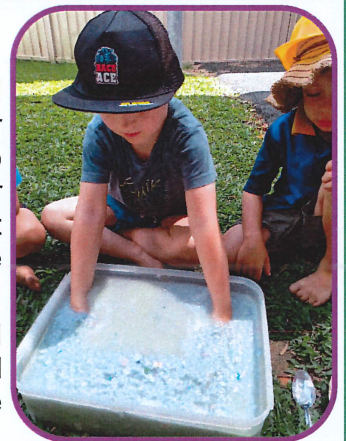
Sustainability is an important part of the Early Childhood framework that govern our practices at Kindergarten, and our staff team feel very strongly about helping the children to develop their own sustainable practices. We separate our food scraps, collect odds and ends to be reused in our craft area, or in play, and we have an amazing little vegetable garden that we care for and cook from as much as we can!

We currently have lots of green herbs growing – basil and parsley, in particular. We picked lots of these this week and made a delicious 'green pasta' with them. We even made the pasta from scratch as well! Yum.

We have had lots of sustainable fun ripping up our scrap paper, soaking it in water and then blending it up so that we could make new paper. The children pressed the wet blended paper onto a frame and squeezed out the water, before we let this dry in the sun.



By instilling these ideas and experiences into our Kindergarten routine, we hope to help create sustainable little people who think about reducing, reusing and recycling.

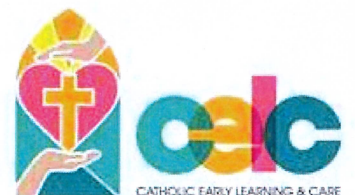


Have a Wonderful Week! Miss Cheryl

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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	\$1,020	\$255
3 Students	\$1,260	\$315
4 Students	\$1,680	\$420

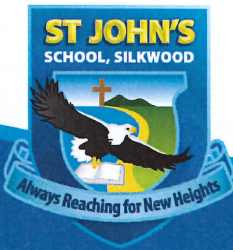
Our new, simple fee structure means there's a place waiting for your child at St John's - for just \$3 per day!

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.
- Excursions and camps will be billed to families 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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St John's is a welcoming community committed on imparting over and above an academic education by developing fundamental values in every child to reach their full potential in an ever changing world!

From 2024, St John's is even more affordable for all families! Our new fee structure (\$150 per term), will ensure all families wishing to access a Catholic Education will be catered for.

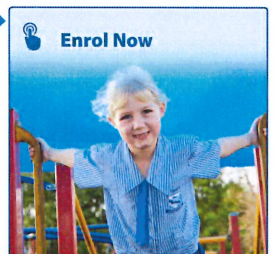
Buses collect children from Mission Beach, El Arish, Kurrimine Beach, Silkwood, No. 4 Branch and Walter Lever Estate areas.

Come in and see what St John's has to offer!

Not Catholic? Don't worry, you don't have to be Catholic to access a Catholic Education.

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Ages 5-8

Kurrimine Progress Hall
Tuesdays
Starting date:
Tuesday 24th October 1pm - 5.30pm

Materials provided - byo apron

\$10 pp
To book
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Babinda Munro
PICTURE THEATRE

FUTURE SCREENINGS

Fri 27, Sat 28, Sun 29 Oct	7.30pm Adults at Kids Price	M
THE CREATOR More Information		
Fri 3, Sat 4, Sun 5 Nov	7.30pm Adults at Kids Price	M
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Deep Tissue	Massage
Relaxation	Full Body
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