



St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



"Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today!" - Malcom x

Term 4 Week 6 – 8th November, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a lot of excitement at school over the last two weeks with many events taking place. Our **swimming carnival** was sensational. God provided us with a perfect day for being in the water and students participated enthusiastically in their races. **Thank you** to all parents, carers and family members who joined us on the day. Your attendance also makes it more special for the children. A special thank you to Danny and Shannai for helping keep our students safe in and around the water, and thank you to Brett and Jeff for feeding the crowd at lunch time. We certainly had lots of hungry tummies to feed.



Last Wednesday we held our in-house **Chess competition**. Congratulations to **Sean and Billy**, who tied to win the senior division (runner-up Max) and to **Erin**, winner of the junior division (runner-up Ruby M). Next week, these students will compete against students from Good Counsel Primary School and St Rita's South Johnstone, all vying to take home the championship trophy. Thank you to Mr Belbin for giving of his time to adjudicate our competition.

On Friday, students took on new personas as they dressed-up for Book Week/Book Fair. I am always astounded by the creativity of students and parents on these dress-up days. Congratulations to the students who were judged as having the best costumes - **Kelsea, Cody, Kisara, Lara, Sophia, Wyatt, Ned & Billy**, and our special "Hats Off" winner - **Tayla**.

This Friday, students are invited to wear **crazy socks**. This day will help raise awareness of the good work done by Catholic Mission. This agency is an international organisation that partners with communities, helping them to flourish by supporting grassroots projects, including healthcare, education, and spiritual care. The network of religious and lay missionaries operates in Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania, the Americas. Later this term, the Justice Squad will sell Zooper Doopers at selected lunch breaks. The profits from these sales will go to Catholic Mission.

Our Term 4 **Parish/School Mass** will be held this **Saturday beginning at 6:00PM**. The Mass will be hosted by our Prep students. Everyone is invited to attend. A shared supper, with activities for the children will follow Mass. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Next Monday, St John's School will hold a **thank you lunch for our P&F**. The P&F is an integral link between the school and the parent community, helping to guide the school in a positive direction and enhancing the learning outcomes of our students. I hope to see all our helpers at the lunch on Monday which will be followed by our final P&F meeting for 2023.

Finally, classes for 2024 are very close to being finalised. I will email details once this process is completed.

May God's Blessings Be With You,

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Diary Dates

Wednesday 15th November

- ◆ Playgroup at Kindy 9-11AM

Friday 10th November

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

Saturday 11th November

- ◆ Parish/School Mass 6:00PM

- ◆ Remembrance Day

Monday 13th November

- ◆ Southern Zone Sport Awards

Tuesday 14th November

- ◆ Year 1/2 Fire Education

Wednesday 15th November

- ◆ Playgroup at Kindy 9-11AM

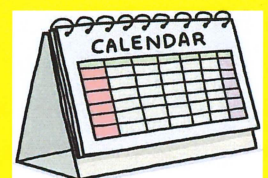
Thursday 16th November

- ◆ Lamington make and pickup day. (3:00PM pickup)

- ◆ Year 3/4 excursion

Friday 17th November

- ◆ Billy Slater League Tag day - Year 5/6 class





Parish/School Mass – Saturday 11th November



The Prep class are excited about the **Parish/School Mass this weekend**. We hope all our families will join them. I'm sure it will be a special evening. As usual, we will have a shared supper, with planned activities for the children attending. This Mass falls on Remembrance Day, so prayers will be offered for the fallen during the service.

Justice Squad - Zooper Doopers

Raising money for **Catholic Mission**, the Justice Squad will be selling Zooper Doopers for \$1.00 at breaktime on Tuesday 14th November and again on Tuesday 21st November.

Justice Squad – Christmas Appeal

This week, our Justice Squad will launch the **St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal**. For Catholics, participation in initiatives like this is based on social teachings of the Catholic Church. Rooted in Scripture, these teachings challenge us to live responsibly and build a just society. Among the Catholic Social Teachings are:

- ◇ God made each person, so every life is important and should be protected.
- ◇ God made us to be part of communities, families and countries, so all people can share and help each other.
- ◇ God wants us to help make sure everyone is safe and healthy and can have a good life.
- ◇ God wants us to help people who are poor, who don't have enough food, a safe place to live, or a community.

We will gratefully receive non-perishable food items and toiletries for this cause.



Deborah Daly, APRE, LLT



Remembrance Day - Lest We Forget

The Ode

*They shall grow not old,
As we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years
condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

Saturday 11th November marks the anniversary of the Armistice that ended fighting with Germany in World War 1. Every year at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, millions around the world pause in silence to remember the sacrifices many have made so we can enjoy life today.



Interhouse Swimming Carnival Results

Congratulations to all our competitors who swam for their team last Friday. What a fantastic day of fun and sportsmanship. MacKillop won the points trophy with a very, narrow lead. Francis definitely had the loudest war cry on the day. Super Efforts were distributed to all students who swam with assistance on the day. This year's Age Champions are:

- 6 Years - **Cody**
- 7 Years - **Tess**
- 8 Years - **Charlotte, Tyler**
- 9 Years - **Emily P, Jake T**
- 10 Years - **Tilly, James**
- 11 Years - **Audrey, Clayton**
- 12 Years - **Scarlett, Max**



Book Fair

Thank you to all who supported this year's Book Fair. Commission raised by hosting and selling stock at the fair are converted into books for our library. Dress up days are always fun too. There were some wonderful dress ups on Friday. Photos are on the back page of the newsletter.

St John's Parish Christmas Gathering

A Christmas gathering for all El Arish and Silkwood parishioners and families will be held on **Saturday 25th November following the 6:00PM Mass**. Families are asked to bring a plate to share. We hope you can join us for this community celebration. It is always a great night of dance and conversation.



Overdue Library

Books

Coming up to end of year please check for any overdue library books. We would appreciate those overdue library books be returned ASAP.



Birthdays
James, Bodhi

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 – Sanoor & Skye

Year 1/2 – Tess & Gabby

Year 3/4 – Lara, Ruby & Evelyn

Year 5/6 – Max, Clare & Ned

Principal's Award - Audrey

Reading Awards 100 Nights - Rachael & Jake T

Reading Awards 150 Nights - Hailey & Sanoor

Reading Awards 200 Nights - Kelsea, & Kohen

Reading Awards 250 Nights - Claire, Wyatt, Evie, Logan & Rhyder





From your School Counsellor...

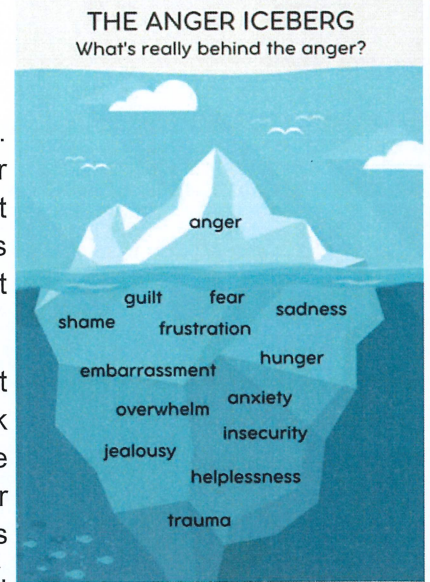
Behaviour is a form of Communication

We are mid-way through Term 4 and the weather is warming up. There is much work to be completed before the end of year holidays start. This is the time of year when we can all get a bit 'scratchy', our tolerance and patience are waning, and I am often hearing "She is just being naughty" or "He is doing that behaviour on purpose" – and that is just in my house!

We all feel a little tired come November, so it is good time to remember that behaviour is expressing an unmet need – for adults and children! Can you think of the last time you got a bit titchy? What was driving that emotion? What were you feeling first? Were you tired, disappointed, sad etc. Attached is the Anger iceberg to refer to in considering that initial emotion before anger erupted or less favourable behaviour was expressed. When we as the adults (the wiser kinder, stronger people) identify our primary emotions and have support expressing them, we are less likely to be irrational and reactive. This goes for children too, seeing past their behaviour as unmet needs and unexpressed feelings will support real change in behaviour and healthy expression for all.

For further exploration or guidance you are welcome to contact your School Counsellor, Miss Jo, or visit Raising Children Network: <https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/behaviour>

Wishing everyone patience and tolerance for the final weeks ahead.



Yours in counselling, Miss Jo

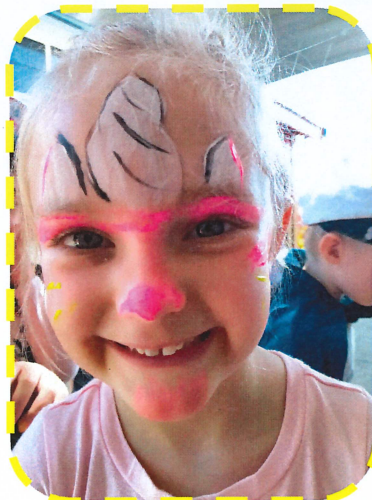


Kindy Corner...

Our last weeks at Kindergarten are so busy! As the weather really heats up we will have more water play. Please pack your child a few extra changes of clothes to accommodate this.

Take note of the following dates to ensure nothing is missed!

- ⇒ 10th November: Garden working bee 1:45 – 3:30PM.
- ⇒ 16th November: Excursion to Splash n Dunk at Mission Beach. Permission forms must be signed and returned.
- ⇒ 23rd November: Our last Jitta Art visit for the year, 9PM.
- ⇒ 24th November: Transition morning for children attending Prep at St John's in 2024.
- ⇒ 28th November: Playgroup/Kindy/Prep – Yr 2 Christmas Party 12:30PM.
- ⇒ 30th November: Our Last Day! Graduation/ break up get together 1:45PM.



Have a Wonderful Week! Miss Cheryl

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Book Fair Dress-up



Swimming-Carnival



Chess Winners

Wow!



DID YOU KNOW?

St John's School is a Catholic school community where people support each other in promoting values, knowledge and skills which contribute to the total development of each learner. Our purpose is to provide an educational climate that allows students to learn together to achieve their personal best in a united, caring and Christ-centred environment. You don't have to be Catholic to send your children to St John's School.

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