



St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



A smart person knows what to say.

A wise person knows whether or not to say it! Anon

Term 2 Week 2 – 24th April, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 2. It was lovely to welcome students back last week.

We started this term with our Interhouse Cross Country. We were blessed with dry weather, although several students managed to find all the muddy parts of the course. I was impressed with the efforts of all students, working hard to meet their individual goals. Congratulations to all age champions (see **insert**) and to MacKillop House, the overall winner of the event.

Tomorrow, we will join to commemorate **Anzac Day**, a national day of remembrance and recognition of the servicemen and women who served our country in conflicts, wars and peace keeping operations around the world, especially those who sacrificed their lives. We also remember current service personnel who proudly serve the Australian Defence Forces. St John's families are asked to gather at the King Reef Resort at 9:45am ready for the march to the cenotaph at 10:00am, which will be followed by a service. St John's are proud to host this event together with the Kurrimine Beach Progress Association. Members of the community are invited to attend. Lest we forget.

Next week, our Year 3/4 will travel to Cairns to see 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.' This theatre production is being presented by St Augustine's and St Monica's Colleges. The students are very excited to have this opportunity and their interest in Roald Dahl stories has peaked as a result. We thank our P & F for covering the cost of the tickets. It is a fantastic opportunity for the students.

I am looking forward to the Feast of the Three Saints on Sunday, 5th May. It is a wonderful celebration of faith and culture. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered their time to help at our BBQ stall on the day. I look forward to working along side you. A reminder to community members to get your raffle tickets. They are available from school families or the school office. We have many wonderful prizes which will be drawn on the night of the feast. Check them out overleaf.

I urge all parents, grandparents and carers who are able, to join the Circles of Security program being delivered by our school counsellor, Miss Jo, starting in Week 4. While Jo's priority is the well-being of our students, she is passionate about giving parents the knowledge and skills that will enable them to support their children in the best way possible. You can find more information overleaf.

I ask you to keep Father Hilary in your prayers and thoughts. He recently underwent surgery and has not recovered as quickly as he had hoped. In true Father Hilary style, he is in good spirits and is devastated that he missed our cross country.

Our Nature Play area is back in action and is getting a lot of use. We also enjoyed some League Tag fun with Mr Leon last week. Check the insert for some shots I snapped over the past week.

Peace be with you,

Linda Gaia, Principal.



Diary Dates

Thursday 25th April

- ◆ Anzac Day Parade - Kurrimine Bch
10:00am march to Cenotaph. Assemble
9:45am at King Reef

Friday 26th April

- ◆ Assembly 8.45am
Library

Tuesday 30th April

- ◆ Cassowary Coast
Cross country
Carnival

Wednesday 1st May

- ◆ Playgroup at Kindy
9:00am

Thursday 2nd May

- ◆ Charlie and the
Chocolate Factory
production. Year 3/4
to attend.

Sunday 5th may

- ◆ Feast of the Three
Saints

Monday 6th May

- ◆ Labour Day Holiday

Thursday 9th May

- ◆ Lions Vision
Screening - whole
school

Friday 10th May

- ◆ Mother's Day
Celebrations

Saturday 11th May

- ◆ P&F Social at King
Reef Resort

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APRE News

Happy Easter! Did you know the Easter season is more than just one day or one weekend and in fact we are still in the season of Easter? It extends for 50 days after Easter, ending on Pentecost Sunday. Masses of the Easter season are celebrated with festive joy and unlike the rest of the liturgical year, all the readings are taken from the New Testament. The whole season is a time of deep reflection on the mysteries of faith. Jesus is risen! Alleluia!



Project Compassion

A big **thank you for supporting Project Compassion** this year. We thank all families and staff for their generosity. Funds raised will assist many people in need across Asia and Australia.

Feast of the Three Saints

Join us in this wonderful celebration of faith - **Sunday 5th May at Silkwood.**

Parish School Mass

Please make a note in your diaries that Year 3/4 class will be hosting Mass on **Saturday 25th May at 6:00pm**. All families welcome to attend.



Deborah Daly – Assistant Principal Religious Education

This is an **incredible opportunity** to understand how the little minds of our children process things. Delivered by our school counsellor, Miss Jo, these sessions are **open to all parents and caregivers in the surrounding Silkwood community!** Call 4065 9530 to register your interest.



Circle of Security
INTERNATIONAL
Building Attachment Around the World



Caregiving Professional Development opportunity to enhance attachment security and improve relationships for parents and children

Who: For parents & caregivers in the Silkwood and surrounding community

Where: St. John's School, Harold St, Silkwood

When: Term 2 Thursday mornings 8:45am - 10:30am
(9th May; 16th May; 23rd May; 30th May; 6th June)

To register or for further information contact:
St. John's School on 4065 9530



P & F Spotlight

Have you got your tickets yet in this amazing monster raffle? Tickets are available at the school office or from any of our wonderful parents. Please support the P&F by purchasing a few tickets to be in the draw for some of the amazing prizes listed below:

- ♦ Skyrail Return trip 2 adults - Value \$186
- ♦ Paronella Park family pass - \$168
- ♦ Kurrimine Bch Holiday Pk 1 night family stay - \$155
- ♦ Hartley's Creek Family pass - \$112.50
- ♦ Herberton Historic Village family pass - \$98
- ♦ Kuranda Koala Gardens/Birdworld family pass - \$98
- ♦ Rainforestation Park - 1 adult, 1 child - \$96
- ♦ Mamu Skywalk Family pass - \$93
- ♦ Cairns Aquarium 1 adult, 1 child - \$82
- ♦ Crystal caves family pass - \$65
- ♦ Plus many more vouchers from.....Murdering Point Winery, Sapore Di Italia, Australian Butterfly Sanctuary, The Pocket El Arish.

Tickets are just \$2.00. The raffle will be drawn at the Three Saints Festival on Sunday night 5th May.

Feast of the Three Saints

Viva St Alfio!



*The Feast of the Three Saints is a wonderful celebration to be held on our school grounds on **Sunday 5th May. This year celebrating 74 years in Australia.***

The history of the Three Saints, St Alfio, St Filadelfo and St Cirino, in Silkwood began in 1950, when they were brought from Italy to Silkwood by Mr Rosario Tornabene. The feast brings people together, in celebration from all over the country!

For the complete history visit the Feast of the Three Saints **website** <https://feastofthethreesaints.com.au/>

Schedule of events on the day:

10:00am - Italian Mass co-celebrated by Fr Padre Aurelio Fragapane & Fr Kerry Crowley and the unveiling of the Three Saints,

12noon - Entertainment, BBQ, Italian sausage, ravioli, arancini, grilled fish, pizza, chestnuts, granita, gelati, Italian biscuits, sweets, tea, coffee

2:00pm - Three Saints taken from the church and positioned on the Vara, followed by a solemn procession, rosary and hymns.

3:00pm - English Mass followed by the blessing and veneration of the relics of the Three Saints

4:00pm - Cannoli stall, entertainment and festival foods continued

7:00pm - P&F raffle drawn, dynamic fireworks display, music, and dancing till 9:00pm .

From your School Counsellor.....Miss Jo.

Welcome back to School and the start of Term 2. I hope you and your family found time to be together and share some joy over the Easter and term break. It was with sadness to hear of the recent violent acts in New South Wales. With news coverage extensive and images on social media platforms relentless, our children may unknowingly be exposed to content or conversations. To navigate supporting our children regarding these violent acts, *Emerging Minds* have developed a guide for parents as an informative fact sheet when talking with children and young people. For further information please link here: <https://emergingminds.com.au/resources/talking-to-children-about-violent-events/>



As School Counsellor, student wellbeing is a priority for me. Attachment and relationships are core to human survival, health and wellbeing. To support parents, caregivers, and community members develop an understanding of attachment and relationship with children, I am offering a personalised professional development program *Circles of Security* delivered over 4 sessions this term. The first session will commence in Week 4, 9th May at 8:45am at St John's School. Sessions are sequential; babies in arms under 12 months are welcome; resources are provided; and there is nil registration fee. The St John's staff were provided with this training last term, and it is hoped we can share a language and secure attachment framework with children between home and school.

For further information please refer to the flyer displayed on the opposite page of the newsletter and register your interest with St John's administration. You are also welcome to contact me at St John's on Wednesdays or Thursdays.

Warm regards, Miss Jo

Hope in the face of difficulty.
Hope in the face of
uncertainty. The audacity of
hope! In the end, that is
God's greatest gift to us.



Barack Obama

Kindy News

Welcome back to Kindergarten for Term 2! I am absolutely sure it will be as busy and full of fun as our first term together.

Our term calendar will be added to OWNA this week. Some key dates include:

- ♦ **10th May** - An invitation to the St John's Mother's Day morning.
- ♦ **17th May** - Under 8's play morning at Kindy – All siblings and community littles are invited.
- ♦ **23rd May** - Kindy photo day.
- ♦ **14th June** - Our second Jitta Art visit.

This term we have introduced Shelly our pet turtle to the children. Everyone in the group will have a turn to take Shelly home with them for a few days. You can read Shelly's book together, and if you have time, add to Shelly's journal. Some ideas for the journal are to write about what you do with Shelly or draw a picture. You are welcome to take photos of your child with Shelly and send them to Kindy to print out and add to the journal. Taking Shelly home builds the bond between Kindy and home life, and allows the child to share some special things they like to do at home with their peers.

Regards, Ms Cheryl and Mrs Greco

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Walk with me, Mummy

Walk alongside me Mum, and hold my little hand.

I have so many things to learn that I don't understand.

Teach me things to keep me safe from the dangers every day.

Show me how to do my best at home, at school, at play.

Every child needs a gentle hand to guide them as they grow.

So walk alongside me, Mum. We have a long way to go.

Wishing all Mums /Grandmas a very
Happy Mothers' Day - Sunday 12th May



After School Club Fun!

