



St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



'Lessons in life will be repeated until they are learned' - Frank Sonnenberg

Term 2 Week 2 – 5th February 2025

Dear community members,

Welcome to the 2025 school year. It is wonderful to be back and see the faces of the most important people at St John's, the students. I give thanks to God for keeping them and their families safe over the holiday period. I especially welcome our new students Temperance, Salvatore, Michaela, Clancy, Bailey, Archie, Hazel, Sophia and Ryan to St John's. I hope you and your family make many happy memories with us.



We welcome **Mrs Rachelle Salleras** to the St John's team. Mrs Salleras will take up her position as the Year 3/4 co-teacher next week. She will teach the class five days a fortnight. **Ms Danielle Millard** is also a new face at St John's. Ms Millard is a fourth year student teacher. She is with us for three weeks this term and five weeks next term. It is such an honour to support our up and coming teachers as they learn more about and practice being in this very important role.

The weather has proven to be consistent for this time of the year. Downpours are confining us to the undercover area for play and even having some of us leave early, or not come to school at all for fear of being unable to return home. Our prayers go out to those who have been effected by the floods particularly in Ingham.

At St John's, we are guided by our four core Gospel values: **FAITH, COMMUNITY, COMPASSION, and RESPECT**. Through a process of consultation last year, community members (students, staff, parents, parishioners) made a clear statement that these are the most important values for our school. These values have been used to guide the construction of a Behaviour Matrix which describes expected behaviour in different settings within the school. Establishing the matrix as our way of being and teaching expectations provides universal support for our students. Acknowledgement of expected behaviour reinforces the priority of our Gospel values and the goodness of each student.

At St John's, we are committed to addressing student protection concerns promptly and sensitively. While students are encouraged to approach any staff member if they have worries or do not feel safe, Mrs Daly and I are the designated Student Protection Contacts. As well as being available for students to report concerns, our role is to support students, staff, and parents in fostering and maintaining a child-safe organisation. If you have any questions or concerns about student protection, see Mrs Daly or myself.

Tomorrow, students in Years 3 to 6 and staff will elect our 2025 School Captain, 2025 Francis House Captain and 2025 MacKillop House Captain. I wish all students standing for election the best of luck. In the interest of transparency, know that I will abstain from voting for any position my daughter puts her name forward for. We will officially welcome our new leaders at our Opening School Mass next Wednesday. All are welcome to attend the mass, and I invite you to stay after the mass for a **Meet and Greet**.

This Friday, we have the honour of welcoming **Bishop Joe** who is visiting to meet the staff and students and to see our school in action. Bishop Joe has spent time visiting several parishes and schools since his ordination, becoming acquainted with the diocese. He will also preside at mass in Silkwood on **Saturday night**. Details of this and a shared meal can be found overleaf. I encourage you to embrace the opportunity to meet him.

Remember, teachers will host **Parent Information Sessions** next week. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the day to day running of the classroom and expectations of your child's teacher. I encourage you to attend these sessions. Check the Diary Dates (adjacent) for days and times.

Peace be with you, Linda Gaia, Principal.

Diary Dates

Thursday 6th February

- ♦ School captain speeches 9:45am
- ♦ Private keyboard lessons - Miss Natasha

Friday 7th February

- ♦ Assembly - 8.45am
- ♦ Bishop Joe to visit St John's School

Saturday 8th February

- ♦ Mass 6:00pm. Bishop Joe to preside, followed by a shared meal in the hall. Please bring a plate to share.

Tuesday 11th February

- ♦ Prep/1/2 Parent Information session 3:15pm

Wednesday 12th February

- ♦ Opening School Mass and Commissioning of school leaders 9:30am followed by Meet & Greet Morning Tea

Thursday 13th February

- ♦ Year 3/4 Parent Information session 3:15pm
- ♦ Year 5/6 Parent Information session 3:45pm

Friday 21st February

- ♦ Cassowary Coast Southern Zone Netball & Rugby League Day

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APRE News

Beginning of Year School Mass

Our first school Mass for 2025 will be held on Wednesday 12th of February at 9:30am. All parents and parishioners are welcome to join us.

At this mass we will pray for God's blessings for this school year and commission our 2025 school leaders. We also welcome all our new students and their families.



Parish/Whole School Mass

Our first Parish/Whole School Mass will be held on Saturday 22nd February at 6pm. The Mass will be hosted by our senior classes with P-2 singing a hymn. Please stay for a shared supper afterward. Please bring a plate to share.

Sacramental Program 2025

Enrolments are being taken for the Sacramental program for 2025. The program includes the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you have a child who has been baptised Catholic and will be in Year 4 this year (or an older grade), please contact Mrs Debbie Daly - email: ddaly@cns.catholic.edu.au or call St John's School office 4065 9530 to register your interest.

2025 is the Jubilee Year of Hope

Staff hopes for 2025 include:

- ♦ ***That our school and wider community will work together to support each other***
- ♦ ***That our staff find inspired ways to bring the joy of learning to their students***
- ♦ ***That our students feel a sense of self-worth and belonging when at school.***

God's Blessings for a wonderful 2025



Bishop Joe to visit the Silkwood Parish

Our new Bishop has been visiting parishes in the Cairns Diocese. On Saturday evening he will be presiding at the Vigil 6:00pm Mass in Silkwood. All parishioners in our community and beyond are invited to attend this Mass. This will be followed by an opportunity to meet Bishop Joe at a shared meal in the Parish hall. Please bring a plate to share.

Welcome Ms Millard

We welcome Ms Danielle Millard to our P/1/2 class. Ms Millard is a 4th year student from JCU and is currently on placement at St John's for 3 weeks this term and then 5 weeks next term. She spent the week getting to know the students and led the reenactment of the story 'Wombat Stew'. We hope you love our school as much as we do, Ms Millard!



Spread the word and join us for a relaxing and friendly get-together at Playgroup. Every Wednesday our fabulous Jess will be ready to welcome you to playgroup. Playgroup operates out of the Kindy building every Wednesday morning (school weeks only). Playgroup is open to parents who have babies, toddlers and young children. It is a great way for children to learn about the world, make friends and develop social skills. Playgroup also gives mums, dads, grandparents and carers a chance to share ideas and to meet new people. Call 4065 9530 for more information.

Join us at Playgroup

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

Please bring morning tea for your child/ren
Tea/Coffee provided

play matters
Affiliated

For further details call Vera/Tammy on 40659530 or the Kindergarten on 0439 924 736



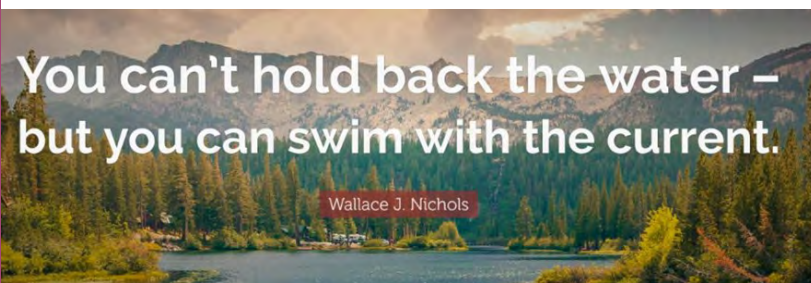
From your School Counsellor.....Miss Jo.

A warm welcome to returning students and new families to the St John's School Community 2025. We have missed the students, and it has been wonderful to see the children embracing school life with current and emerging friendships. Walking around the playground last week, it was fantastic to see such joy, cheer and positivity with students embracing and role modelling faith, community, compassion and respect.

As is known with this time of year, the weather continues to ebb and flow between hot, still, wet, wild or windy. This unpredictability can be stressful and emotionally taxing. No, we cannot control our environment, but we can manage our stress by caring for ourselves and family and learning to focus on what is in our influence. Wallace J Nichols reminds us "You can't hold back the water – but you can swim with the current".

So, I wish you well with learning new skills as you swim with the current and for some of us that means:

- ♦ Adjusting to separating from safe people and learning to be brave;
- ♦ Returning from holiday mode habits and adjusting to a new school rhythm and routines;
- ♦ When we are used to doing what we like when we like - learning to share with others, problem solve or follow directions.



Parents and Caregivers, you are the experts on your little people, if you have any wellbeing concerns please speak with your child's teacher or leadership first. Referral can be made for school counselling by them if required.

*Warm regards, Miss Jo
Working Thursday and Fridays for 2025*

Kindy News

Welcome to Kindergarten for 2025. The children have had a great first week and seem to be settling in so well. We look forward to getting to know them all better and seeing all of the wonderful things they do over the year.

Please check the OWNA app regularly to see what we are doing at Kindergarten. You are very welcome and encouraged to comment on the posts. We really value your input.

This week our Term Calendar will be added to OWNA and emailed to all families. Towards the end of the term we have four special visits and a trip out of Kindergarten. We have Life Ed Qld's Super Safe Harold show, Harmony Day with St John's Primary junior class, a workshop with Freda from Jitta Art and a visit from Roaming Wild! More information about these fun events will be provided as we move closer to the date.

Regards, Ms Cheryl and Mrs Greco



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Welcome to St John's 2025



EVERY FAMILY CASSOWARY COAST TERM 1 2025 SCHEDULE

Circle of Security (Abridged) - ZOOM
4 x Mondays 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th February 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Little People Big Worries - ZOOM
Tuesday 11th Feb 5:30pm - 7pm

Developing Bedtime Routines - ZOOM
Wednesday 12th Feb 10am - 11:30am

Circle of Security Parenting (Abridged) - Innisfail
4x Thursdays 13th, 20th, 27th February & 6th March 9:30am - 11:30am

Responding to Behaviour - ZOOM
Tuesday 25th Feb 5:30pm - 7pm

Responding to Behaviour - Mission Beach
Wednesday 26th February 9:30am - 11am

Bringing Up Great Kids - ZOOM
3x Tuesdays 4th, 11th, 18th March 10am - 12noon

Raising Resilient Children - ZOOM
Monday 10th March 5:30pm - 7pm

Little People Big Worries - Innisfail
Thursday 13th March 9:30am - 11am

Raising Resilient Children - Tully
Wednesday 19th March 9:30am - 11am

Navigating Screen Time - ZOOM
Tuesday 1st April 1pm - 2:30pm



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2025 Silkwood/Kurrimine Red Cross Branch invites you to play HOY
(Very easy to play, just like Bingo)
\$5.00 Admission includes- Lucky Door Prizes - Morning Tea

FEBRUARY 5th	JULY 2nd
MARCH 5th	AUGUST 6th
APRIL 2nd	SEPTEMBER 3rd
MAY 7th	OCTOBER 1st
JUNE 4th	NOVEMBER 5th

Kurrimine Beach Motel
ALL WELCOME 9 - 11am

COMMUNITY NEWS

PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

JUNIOR NETBALL FOR ALL AGES!

U10 Netball 9-10yrs
Starts Monday 17/02/25
Skills & modified game play
Girls and boys (2015 & 2016)
COST \$125

U12 Netball 11-12yrs
Starts Monday 17/02/25
Skills & fixture competition
Girls and boys (2013 & 2014)
COST \$200

NetSet 6-8yrs
Starts Monday 19/03/25
8 Week Program
Girls and boys (2017-2019)
COST \$125

Junior Netball is played on Monday's 4:00-5:00pm @Tully High MPC

REGISTER ONLINE NOW!

tullynetball.com.au
For registration links and more information