



# St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



*Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it.*  
Charles R. Swindoll

**Term 4 Week 2 –15th October 2025**

Dear community members,

Welcome to Term 4! I am excited for the term ahead, which we are starting off in earnest with our water confidence lessons culminating in our **swimming carnival** next Friday, 24th October at Tully Pool. This is always a fun day, and parents, family and friends are invited to come along and cheer the students on. A big thank you to the P&F, who will keep us well fed with a sausages sizzle for lunch.



Mid-term, our Year 5/6 students will head off to **camp**. This year, they will travel to Camp Paterson in Mareeba. Our three days will be action packed with activities including archery, raft building and an obstacle course, to name a few. All activities provide students the opportunity to develop teamwork, leadership and communication skills while exploring their own potential. We are delighted to join with our sister schools, St Rita's Babinda and St Rita's South Johnstone.

Our P&F is holding a **Lamington Drive** this term. Order forms will be sent home in the coming days. Any members of the wider community who wish to purchase lamingtons are invited to do so with a school family, or by contacting the school office. The lamingtons are a wonderful treat to keep in the freezer for when a visitor drops in...or for when you need a sneaky snack. Thank you, P&F for your continued support.

I am currently in my third year as principal, so it's time for me to undergo a **360 Feedback Review**. The process provides me with an opportunity to receive feedback from staff and parents, which can be used to develop and implement strategies to enhance my leadership. Parents will receive a link to the survey via email on Friday. I encourage you all to take the time to complete it.

On Friday, I will host the Cairns Catholic Primary Principal Association's term 4 meeting. We have twelve principals from across the diocese attending. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our school. To accommodate this meeting, Assembly will be held in the library this week.

Peace be with you, Linda Gaia, Principal.

## Diary Dates

### Thursday 16th October

- ◆ Water Confidence classes begin
- ◆ Good Counsel College Orientation day -Year 6

### Friday 17th October

- ◆ Assembly 8.45am in Library

### Monday 20th October

- ◆ Water Confidence classes

### Wednesday 22nd October

- ◆ Water confidence classes

### Friday 24th October

- ◆ Swimming Carnival

### Wednesday 29th October

- ◆ Year 3/4 excursion to Tully Sugar Limited

### Friday 31st October

- ◆ Crazy Sock Day

### Saturday 1st November

- ◆ Parsh School Mass 6.00pm

### Monday 3rd -5th November

- ◆ Year 5-6 camp - Mareeba



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## APRE News

This term we have a Parish School Mass on **Saturday 1st November at 6pm.**



As this is our last parish school mass of the year, it would be wonderful to see as many of our families as possible. We will have a shared supper after the mass with activities for students and siblings.

October is World Mission month. To raise money for Catholic Mission, we are having a **Crazy Sock** day on Friday 31st October.



Students are invited to wear their craziest socks for a gold coin donation. We look forward to seeing all the students' wild and crazy socks on this day.

The justice squad is selling **Zooper Doopers** for 50c every Tuesday this term at second break to raise money to go towards our Christmas donations to St Vincent de Paul.

The month of October is also dedicated to the **Holy Rosary**, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary** on October 7.



The rosary is a special way of praying for Catholics. A string of beads is used to help keep track of the prayers which are repeated in a set order.

*Deborah Daly, APRE. Leader of Learning & Teaching*

## Class in Focus - Year P/1/2

At the end of last term, Prep/1/2 had their excursion to Paronella Park. This was in line with their HASS units.

In Geography, they had been learning about the natural, managed and constructed features. The students spent some time looking for these on their tour and sketching these features.



In History, they had been looking at things from the past. The students visited the Paronella Park Museum and looked at artifacts and photos in their collection.

It was a rainy day but the students loved having their own umbrella to use. They loved the Kauri Pine walk and marvelled at the height of the trees. We tried to measure their girth with our arms, but they were too big! A highlight was feeding the fish, the eels and spotting the Irwin turtles (named after Steve Irwin).

They were also lucky to finish the day with an ice cream!

Back at school the students continued their learning by writing about their experience and painting one of Paronella Parks special features.



### Some writing samples:

'Yesterday we went to Paronella Park. We went to the turtle nesting ground. We got to feed turtles, fish and eels. We also got to see micro bats. They were in a cage. I had a lot of fun at Paronella Park.' **Abby**

'Yesterday we went to Paronella Park. We went to the waterfall and also went to the turtles. I had a good time.' **Kohen**

'Yesterday we went to Paronella Park. My favourite thing was the bats. In my opinion the class' favourite thing was the waterfall. I had a great day.' **Lakey**

'Yesterday Prep/1/2 went to Paronella Park. When we went in the man gave us a sticker each. We went to explore the park and then we got to feed the turtles and fish. I had a good time at Paronella Park.' **Jake**

'Yesterday we went to Paronella Park. We saw turtles and fish. We got an ice cream. We saw a waterfall and flowers. I had a fun day.' **Sophia**

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From your School Counsellor.....Miss Jess.

Building resilience in children is a challenging yet imperative life-long skill. Together as parents, caregivers, teachers, and our supportive school community we can all implement and encourage strategies, to foster resilience in our children. In essence, building resilience in children is about equipping them with the tools and skills they need to navigate the ups and downs of life and thrive. By fostering resilience, we empower children to become confident, resourceful, and emotionally healthy individuals.

Resilience in children, the ability to adapt and bounce back from difficult experiences, provides numerous benefits:

1. Emotional Regulation and Management
2. Problem-Solving Skills
3. Increased Self-Confidence
4. Adaptability to Change
5. Stronger Relationships
6. Mental and Physical Health
7. Positive Outlook and Purpose

Building resilience in children involves creating a supportive environment, promoting positive self-talk, teaching self-care, and fostering a growth mindset. Resilience also includes encouraging problem-solving, embracing challenges, and developing strong relationships.

**Regards, Miss Jess**

## Kindy News

Welcome to Term 4!

Our Kindergarten Term calendar has been emailed out to families and pinned to the top of our OWNA posts. Please have a look and see the things we will be doing this term, including a Jitta Art workshop, Splash Pad excursion, visit to the Book Fair, Christmas and graduation parties!!

This term we spend some time supporting those children who will be transitioning into school in 2026. It is such a big step and one we want to help our children feel confident and ready for. We will also be supporting our Kindy 2026 cohort this term with 2 come and play transition days planned on the 31st October and 14th November from 9-11am.

As the weather is heating back up please make sure to apply sunscreen to your children before Kindergarten, and make sure they have a hat to wear. We will offer lots of water play to keep everyone cool, so a few changes of clothes are also appreciated.

Regards Ms Cheryl and Mrs Greco



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# Rugby League action shots





The League Stars program appeals to the true nature of kids, in all their messy, high energy, love of fun and play. Each week, your child will participate in specially designed games that get them smiling and sweating.

League Stars kids have loads of fun with their friends, old and new, but the program delivers so much more. Each week they'll unlock more of their unique strengths, building physical, cognitive, social and emotional skills that will help them take on challenges big and small, now and in the future.

**REGISTER FOR LEAGUE STARS**  
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<p><b>WHEN:</b> 22/10/2025 - 26/11/2025  <b>TIME:</b> Wednesday 3.15 pm - 4.15 pm  <b>LENGTH:</b> 6 sessions  <b>AGE:</b> 5-12 Years  <b>COST:</b> \$89</p>	<p><b>WHERE:</b>            4 Harold St            St John's School            Silkwood            Queensland 4856</p> <p>Peri Creamer  <a href="mailto:pcreamer@nrl.com.au">pcreamer@nrl.com.au</a>            0429425722</p>
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**YOUR LEAGUE STARS COACH IS:**





**COME TO OUR**  
**BOOK FAIR!**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Week 6**  
**10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November**  
**St John's School Hall**

