



St John's School & Catholic Community Kindergarten



"Never Let the things you want make you forget the things you have!"

Term 2 Week 10 – 25th June 2026

Dear community members,

Yet another term has passed, and as I reflect, I am reminded of the many wonderful experiences we have shared over the past ten weeks. I am particularly grateful to the P&F for their efforts in supporting our students through their fundraising initiatives and for bringing the community together for a social evening, **Brainwaves and Boogies**. While the students danced the night away at the disco, parents were hard at work testing their general knowledge during trivia. This week, we held our **Interhouse Athletics Carnival**. Throughout the day, I heard countless stories of great sportsmanship, and I was proud to see all students giving their very best effort.

Congratulations to the age champions:

6 years boy - Clancy	6 years girl - Michaela
7 years boy - Matteo	7 years girl - Mayla
8 years boy - Connor	8 years girl - Kelsea
9 years boy - Jake	9 years girl - Gianah
10 years boy - Max	
11 years boy - George	11 years girl - Gabby
12 years boy - Benson	

Congratulations to Francis, the well deserved winner of the War Cry Trophy, and to **Mackillop, overall winner** of the carnival—an excellent effort by all. Selected students will now be nominated to compete in the Cassowary Coast Southern Zone Athletics Carnival next term.

Prep enrolment interviews for 2027 have now begun. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know siblings of current students, as well as meeting those who will join our school community next year. If you know of any families considering enrolment next year, please encourage them to apply as soon as possible.

The **Innisfail Show** falls on Thursday 9 July and Friday 10 July. If you are attending, be sure to visit the pavilion to view our school and kindy displays. I wish you a peaceful and relaxing break and look forward to welcoming you back in Term 3.

Peace be with you,

Linda Gaia, Principal.



Diary Dates

Friday 26th June

- ♦ Last day of term 2

Friday 10th July

- ♦ Innisfail Show Day

Monday 13th July

- ♦ Term 3 begins

Friday 17th July

- ♦ Cairns Show Day

Friday 24th July

- ♦ Tully Show Day

Tuesday 28th July

- ♦ Catholic Education Week Celebrations—Innisfail.

Thursday 20th August

- ♦ School Photo Day

Saturday 29th August

- ♦ Whole School/Parish Mass



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Curriculum News

NAPLAN results should be made available to parents early Term 3. Our preliminary results are very pleasing indeed! Student school reports for Semester One are now available on the MyCE app. Please contact the school office if you have difficulty locating your child's school report. Students brought home their Semester One assessment folders on Wednesday. Please remember that you are always welcome to meet with your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding their learning progress.



Reading Rewards



On Monday we had our reading reward time. Children who have reached 35 nights of reading this term were given an extra 30 minutes of playtime and those who have gone

over and above this, and read for 50 nights this term, were given a book prize. Well done, to all our avid readers!



Justice Squad News

Thank you all for the donations made to the St Vincent de Paul Winter appeal. We have many boxes of donations that will go towards helping those people in need this winter and they will be delivered to Vinnies over the holidays.

Mary MacKillop Saint Day



All our students participated in a special day of learning for Mary MacKillop last week. Mary MacKillop is the saint we have linked to our value of compassion. Activities included making rosary key chains and decorating a cross with patterned tiles. Students worked in mixed age groups, so that older

children could help younger ones. Mary MacKillop is well known for saying "*never see a need without doing something about it*" and this term we have had students weeding in the Kindy garden and picking up rubbish around the grounds – well done for living up to our values.



Dates for next term

Our Parish School Mass for term 3 will be **Saturday 29th of August**. Please make a note of this on your family calendar.

Deborah Daly,
APRE. Leader of Learning & Teaching

Class in Focus - Year P/1/2

In Religion the P/1/2 class have been learning about Jesus and how he called his first followers. We read the story from the bible, reenacted it, and then made some craft to compliment the story.

Jesus called Simon Peter and Andrew, then James and John. He also calls us to be his followers, so we talked about how we can be more like Jesus.



We have also been learning about Mary MacKillop and following her ways of caring and helping others.



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

The importance of family connection during the holiday break!

School holidays provide a wonderful opportunity to slow down, reconnect, and enjoy quality time together as a family. In our busy lives, simple moments of connection help children feel secure, valued, and supported, while also strengthening family relationships and promoting positive mental health and wellbeing. Practising self-care and taking moments of quiet and calm, can show our children that it is okay to be kind to ourselves, relax, and take space when we feel we need it. It is an important regulation tool, as noticing our feelings and identifying our needs is sometimes difficult with work, school, home, sport, and life pressures.



Quality time doesn't need to be expensive or highly organised.



Some simple ways to connect include taking a family walk, having a picnic at a local park, playing board games, reading together, cooking a meal as a family, creating arts and crafts, or simply sharing stories about your day. Even a technology-free family meal can provide valuable opportunities for conversation and connection.

These shared experiences help build a sense of belonging, create lasting memories, and support children's social and emotional development. As you enjoy the holiday break, consider setting aside some time each day to relax, have fun, and connect with one another and take small moments to practice gratitude and see the simple, daily joys, that make our lives special. Often, it is the simplest moments that children remember most.

Kindy News



Over term 2 we explored space in the hope of answering questions that the children had. We looked at the planets and their features, our sun, our moon and how to get into space!

While we learnt a little about all of these things, we also encouraged the children to think creatively, coming up with their own ideas of what a planet would be like with thought given to the planet's weather, vegetation and residents. To finish off we encouraged the children to create their own rocket ship craft. This allowed for the children to draw representatively and work their fine motor skills. They created some wonderful and unique rocket ships in the process. We will use some of our space craft for our show display, which will be at the Innisfail show over the holidays, so please check it out and see the children's work.

In the last few weeks we had our second workshop with Freda from Jitta Art, who shared dreamtime stories, Aboriginal symbols and a boomerang craft. The children

and staff really enjoy these times with Freda, developing our knowledge of Aboriginal culture and building a connection with local communities and stories.

We hope everyone has a happy and fun holiday. *Regards Ms Cheryl & Mrs Greco.*

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Interhouse Athletics

