St John's Lutheran School School Newsletter - 22nd March 2023



In our Prayers this week:

Richards/Coultis Family - Samuel Yr11 Coupe Family - Odessa Yr6 Cox Family – Zhy Yr2, Koen Yr4, Jekobie Yr6

Cramp Family – Haylie Yr2, Jemma Yr5 Crawford Family – Janice Yr2, Jayden

Cunningham Family – Tyler Yr4 Curtis Family - Grace Yr4, Max Yr6 D'Arcy - Jackson Yr4, Lachlan Yr7



Sunday Worship Services:

St John's Church (36 Markwell Street, Kingaroy) - 9:30 am

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Kindness is. . .

Avoiding problems can seem like an easy solution in the short term, but in the long term, it can cause more problems and create unnecessary stress. This can then result in us feeling all sorts of emotions and either not making decisions or making weak choices. It's important to address problems and deal with them in a constructive manner. Seeking God's help, breaking the problem down into smaller parts, speaking to friends, teachers or family, or finding creative solutions can help make the problem more manageable.

Remember, facing problems and finding solutions can lead to personal growth, increased confidence, and a sense of accomplishment. Don't be afraid to seek help and support from God and from those around you when dealing with difficult problems.

Romans 12:2

Don't do the same things as you see other people doing all around you, but let God's spirit change your thinking and actions so you are kind and loving towards everyone.



Weekly Wellbeing

In 2012, the United Nations launched the International Day of Happiness, which is celebrated on the 20th of March. Their aim is to recognise the importance of happiness and wellbeing as a goal for all people around the world. This year's theme is 'Be Mindful. Be Grateful. Be Kind.' Take a few moments each day to notice how you are feeling and take some deep breaths. Acknowledge some things you are thankful for. Consider what you could do to make someone else smile.

5 fun facts about happiness:

- Those who are happier are less likely to develop the common
- Floral scents make you feel happier (but beware of allergies!)
- There are 18 different types of smiles from enjoyment and elation to embarrassment.
- Playing with a pet increases feelings of happiness.
- · According to the UN's 2018 report, Finland is the happiest country in the world.

Happy Day of Happiness!!



From the Principal - Mrs Karyn Bjelke-Petersen

It has been wonderful to see our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students focus and try their very best for the NAPLAN tests that have occurred over the last two weeks. This testing has occurred earlier than previous years and we anticipate that we will receive our results for individual students earlier. I thank the classroom staff who have prepared the children to think positively about the testing experience. We are grateful for the many staff who work behind the scenes to organise the technology, catch up tests and organise the handbook packs etc.

Today is our Prep Open Day and we like to say that 'Every day is Open Day at St John's'. We welcome families to come for a tour and information session at any time.

Today's special event however is very focussed on our youngest students. If you know of friends or families who didn't make it to today's event, please suggest they get in contact with Mrs Williams so she can make a tour appointment with one of our leadership staff.

As part of our self-improvement processes, we have two ways for parents to be involved in the future directions of our school. Early in Term 2, we will be sending out information regarding a survey which will provide an opportunity for parents to give feedback on many facets of our school community. I encourage you to give up 30 minutes of your time to provide us with areas you are satisfied with and areas for us to improve in. As our school is growing and transforming, we will also be undergoing a Strategic Plan process. These planning sessions, together with the survey results will give us information to underpin the Strategic Plan. I invite interested parents to also be part of this process which we anticipate will take place over one Friday evening and Saturday later in Term 2. Staff from our head office will also be in attendance, so once the date is confirmed, I will be asking for further parent involvement and support for this.

Later this afternoon and Friday, we have a number of teachers from LEQ schools visiting the South Burnett as part of a Service Learning Tour. The participants will be visiting the Bunya Mountains and Cherbourg to learn more about our area and the Wakka Wakka people. We will host the visitors on campus for some of their sessions. It is a pleasure to be able to offer our facilities to other Lutheran staff.

Prep Open Day Thank You

Thank you to everyone who encouraged friends and family to come to our Open Day today. We have had a wonderful response and are very pleased with the number of families who visited our school this morning, and look forward to meeting more this afternoon at our other booked times. When you have handed in your Prep Enrolment Form, make sure you grab a shirt for your preppie. If you have handed in your form earlier and didn't receive a shirt, please see Mrs Williams in the office.

Just a reminder that enrolment forms for Prep need to be submitted even if your child has siblings already at school or St John's Kindy. Enrolment forms are available from the office.

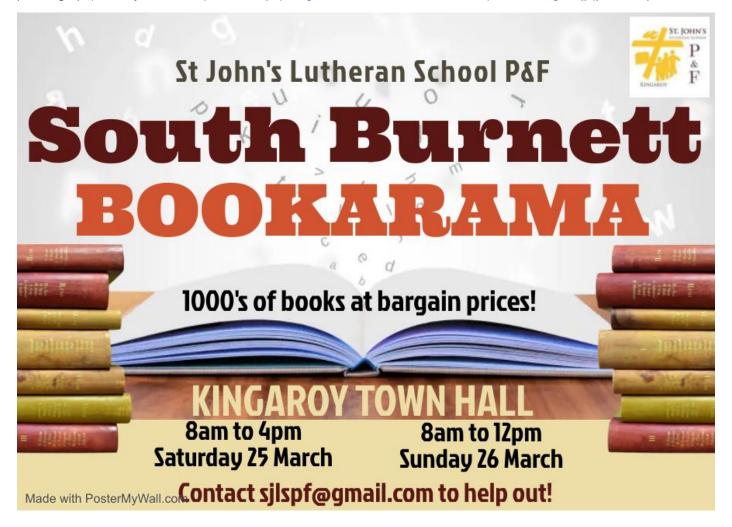


P&F News

BOOKARAMA IS THIS WEEKEND!

We welcome everyone to the 2023 Bookarama - a huge second-hand book sale at the Kingaroy Town Hall, this weekend, Saturday 8am to 4pm, and Sunday 8am to 12pm. All kids' books 5 for \$2, many other books between 50 cents and \$3 - you are sure to find some bargains! All books are also half price Saturday 3-4pm and Sunday 11am-12noon. Make sure you invite your friends, family, and neighbours along. On Saturday, you can also check out the SBRC Harmony Day activities in the forecourt.

Thanks so much to all the wonderful people who have already given their time or have signed up to help this weekend. We also would welcome more volunteers to help with setting up on Friday, during the sale, and packing up (Sunday afternoon). Email silspf@gmail.com or click this link https://forms.gle/cjiqyeD4UtfyMduU9



Live it! Youth Group

Live it! Youth Group is on again this Friday, the 24th of March, here at the hall from 5:30pm until 7:00pm with the theme "It's All About Newspaper". Students from Years 6 to 11 are welcome.

Students need to bring comfortable clothes, covered shoes, and a drink bottle.

If you would like to help out on the evening or have any questions, please let either Mr Moseling (gmos@sjls.qld.edu.au) or Mr Landherr (alan@sjls.qld.edu.au) know. See you there!



Compulsory Parent-Teacher Interviews

Interviews are being held next Tuesday, the 28th of March, from 3.15pm to 5pm and Friday, the 31st of March, from 8am to 3pm. Please note, booking cut-off is this Friday, the 24th of March, otherwise you will be allocated a time & day.

Interviews are available in time slots of 15 mins and will be with your child's teacher.

For secondary students, please make interviews with the subject teachers you wish to discuss your child's progress with. Please click the below links for Primary and Secondary booking systems. If you need assistance in booking your parent-teacher interviews, please don't hesitate to contact the admin staff.

Please click on the link below or scan the QR code to book your interview.

<u>Primary – Parent-Teacher Interviews</u>

Booking Code: e9kdy



<u>Secondary – Parent-Teacher Interviews</u>

Booking Code: 9rjes



Please note, some Secondary teachers may be present for only one of the interviews days. Please contact them by email to make alternate times if this time and day is not suitable.

Year 1M Parents have received correspondence regarding Parent-Teacher Interviews.

School Reminders and Information

Pupil-Free Day

A reminder that the last day of school for students is Thursday, the 30th of March. Friday, the 31st of March, is a Pupil-Free Day. Staff will be on site for Parent Teacher Interviews.

School Vaccinations Update

As you may be aware, Department of Health and Aged Care have announce that <u>HPV vaccine has changed to a single dose</u>, which means Year 7 only require one round of immunisations.

With this announcement we are advising that our school clinics this year are:

- 8th May 2023 starting at 1.15pm (Year 7)
- 12th June 2023 starting at 1.15pm (Year 10)

Please remember to return your school vaccination forms to the office even if you are not participating in the school vaccination program.

Fun Wednesday - Tuckshop - Wednesday, the 29th of March

Next Wednesday, the 29th of March, is the last Tuckshop Day for Term 1. There will be a special menu with a few fun treats to celebrate the end of term. Orders must be received by 9:30am on Tuesday, the 28th of March. No late orders will be accepted. Orders can be made online on the Flexischools website at www.flexischools.com.au (preferred option) or a paper order form is available from the school office.



Crazy Socks Day

This Friday, the 24th of March, is 'Crazy Socks Day'. Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS) aims is to support 8,080 children in Somalia to go to school and be safe from hunger. The 18:1 grant means for every \$1 you donate, the children also receive another \$18 worth of help! Help us to contribute, bring a gold coin donation, and let's help to get more children into school in Somalia.

Donate online at https://www.alws.org.au/what-you-can-do/donate/

Imagine if we all gave just \$1, with 521 students at our school, we could raise over \$9000 to go towards getting these children to school! We could help about 48 children!!! We can do it!!!







Primary Snippets

This week during devotion, Mrs Muller talked to us about making strong choices. Her volunteers did a great job role-playing different situations that students may be faced with every day which involve making the right choices as opposed to weak choices. Sometimes we can successfully be the boss of our own feelings, but occasionally we may need an adult to be in charge for us and that's okay it's all part of growing and learning!





Primary Dance Group

We have had a number of dedicated primary students regularly attend the dance group offered at lunch times by Miss Canniford. As an accredited dance teacher, she has given us an unique opportunity to be able to offer an extra-curricular activity at lunch breaks. This group have worked hard and will participate in the local eisteddfod in April. After gaining expressions of interest from the group, I am pleased to confirm that this group will be performing at the eisteddfod on the morning of April 29th. More information will be given to the students who have regularly attended and are practising for this event, regarding further times and requirements. If parents have any questions, please direct them, by email only, to Miss Canniford at kcan@sils.qld.edu.au

Secondary Snippets

Last Wednesday, 29 Year 8 students visited The Abbey Museum in Caboolture. The trip was organised as an initiative to support our students who are in the middle of a Medieval History unit for HASS. It was a fine day to be outside, and the museum did an excellent job of keeping our students both informed and entertained! We got to try on medieval armour, saw some priceless and interesting artefacts, and even tried our hand at a bit of archery. A special thanks to the parents for getting their children to school so early on the day, the long day was worth the effort!



Inter-House Cross Country and Fun Run

Our annual Inter-house Cross Country is being held next Wednesday, the 29th of March.

Students are encouraged to participate as best they can, completing as many laps as they can in the time allowed. Students can choose to run or walk this event. Points will be given to the sports houses for places and for completing laps.

Students can wear their house shirts, put on face paint, dye their hair, or wear something crazy to show support for their sports houses! We ask that sprays or dyes are not brought to school.

Time	Distance	Age - years			
9:00am	3/4/5km	13 to 17			
9:25am	3km	12			
9:50am	3km	11			
10:15am	2km	10			
10:35am	Morning tea				
11:15am	Prep fun run				
11:30am	2km	9			
11:50pm	1km	8			
12:10pm	1km	7			
12:25pm	Fun Run	6 (No preps)			
12:45pm	Lunch				

Dates to Remember

March 2023								
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
NAPLAN Junior Devotion Year 4-6 8:50am Prep - Year 3 10:05am	NAPLAN	Prep Open Day Playgroup 9.00am – 10.30am		Crazy Socks Day Senior School Devotion Year 7-11 8:45am	BOOKARAMA	BOOKARAMA		
27	28	29	30	31	1	2		
Junior Devotion Year 4-6 8:50am Prep - Year 3 10:05am	Parent Teacher Interviews 3.15 – 5pm	Cross Country Fun Tuckshop Day Playgroup 9.00am – 10.30am	Last Day of Term 1	Parent- Teacher Interviews 8am - 3pm				

Community Notices

