

St John's Lutheran School

School Newsletter – 20th July 2023



In our Prayers this week:

Lonsdale Family – Joshua Yr7, Amelia Yr5
Lonsdale Family – Mia Yr2, Alyssa Yr2
Lotteriet Family – Alanis Yr2
Lynch Family – Jack Yr5
Maclean – Hagen Prep
Maddern Family – Alexander Yr3, Lily Yr5
Marriott Family – Ryder Yr8
Marshall Family – Bailey Yr8



Sunday Worship Services:

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

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Kindness is. . .

As we think about our theme for the year 'Kindness is', there is no greater example than the Good Samaritan. In the Bible, the story of the Good Samaritan models the lesson of helping those in need, even when others are passing them by. It is the compassion and kindness of people that really make a difference in the world. We are all so busy that it is easy to move through our day quickly and miss the opportunity to be kind and to show love to others. This week, we encourage each other to pause and recognise the importance of looking around and noticing how we might be able to help someone out.

Bible Verse: Luke 10:27

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind. Love your neighbours as much as you love yourself.



Weekly Wellbeing

Research studies are finding that those who show kindness and compassion to others experience increased happiness, positive well-being, and a sense of connection, while reducing stress levels, anxiety, and loneliness. But the benefits of kindness are not restricted to friends and family, they are just as strong when kindness is extended to a stranger. A genuine compliment or smile to someone you don't know, paying it forward with a cup of coffee or homemade meal, volunteering or donating items to a charity or good cause (like Christmas Shoeboxes 😊) or writing a note of gratitude. Any of these actions can produce a surge of feel-good hormones to brighten our own day and are shown to increase the likelihood of others being kind – creating a kindness pandemic in our community!



From the Principal – Mrs Karyn Bjelke-Petersen

The weeks come around so quickly!!!

Action! That's what we see each day as the scaffolding is now part of the new building. Each day there seems to be more to look at as it continues to grow and change! Thank you for everyone's understanding and patience in the congestion on the pathways each day. Once the grass gets a go on again, these areas will be opened but for now, we are looking at lots of orange bunting!



Speaking of growing - please stop by and see the library! It looks amazing and we think that there may be something large growing in there Mrs T is incredible at GROWING a love of reading! We know this year's Book Week is going to be awesome also.

I am looking forward to seeing many parents at the P&F meeting next Monday evening. At the meeting, I will be giving a report on the MMG Survey results for parents. We are very grateful for the many parents who responded, as this will give us some solid data to reflect on as we move into the 5-Year Strategic Plan process.

In early August, we will begin our 2024 Prep interviews. Enrolment applications continue to grow, and I encourage current families to get their application in next week, so we can ensure your child's enrolment place. We will be notifying all families with current applications of potential interview times in August.

Similarly, our 2024 Year 7 Application for Enrolment continues to grow each day. If you are a current family and have not indicated your intentions to continue your child's education at St John's, we request you email Tracey Williams as soon as you can. The Year 7 cohort will be capped at 50 students maximum, and we will also be conducting enrolment interviews for new Year 7 students over the next few weeks. We intend to hold some Information Evenings soon to give parents an opportunity to find out what we offer in our Secondary sector. Enjoy the rest of your week!

School Reminders and Information

Banking Scammers - Banking institutions have advised Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ) that there has been an increase in scammers targeting parents regarding school fees.

Usually, the scammer contacts the parent pretending to be from their child's school and offers a large percentage reduction in school fees if they are paid over the phone immediately. St Johns do not contact parents and request payment immediately, if parents are contacted in this manner, please contact the school directly.

Prep 2024 Interviews & Enrolments - We will be holding interviews with all families who have enrolled for Prep 2024, over the next few weeks starting on Monday, the 31st of July, and continuing over the following few days. Interviews give you a chance to ask any questions you may have, or there may be things we need to know about your child, to make their transition and learning journey as smooth as possible. You will receive an email in the next few days with a booking link so organise a time. If you haven't enrolled your child for 2024, please do so asap. Please call into the school office and collect an enrolment form or package from our Registrar, Mrs Williams, or email her at twil@sjls.qld.edu.au. A reminder that your school enrolment is separate from your kindergarten enrolment.

Sickness – We have noticed there has been a significant amount of sickness still around. We ask that if your children are sick, please keep them at home. Many viruses are highly contagious, and it is important that we try and stop the spread of sickness through the classrooms. Please contact the office or use the school app to advise if your children are unwell.

Weekly Devotion Times - Every Monday, we hold Junior School Devotion, for students in Years 4-6 at 8:50am, and for students in Prep-Year 3 at 2:20pm on Monday afternoons. On Friday mornings at 8:50am, students in Years 7-11 gather for Senior School Devotion. The weekly devotion times are a time of reflection and worship. Parents are welcome to join us for weekly devotion.

Interhouse Athletics Presentation

We will present the age champions and house shield for the Interhouse Athletics tomorrow, Friday, the 21st of July, after Senior Devotion. Students from primary classes will be called down to this devotion to present them with their medals. Parents and families are welcome to attend. Please arrive at 9:15am for the medal presentation.

School Reminders and Information continued. . .

Operation Christmas Child - Working with other Christians to help children overseas.

This week in devotions, students will hear about Operation Christmas Child, and what a privilege it is for our students to be part of this wonderful project. A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal, as the children can learn about Jesus. During the challenges of life, a shoebox can bring hope into the lives of children all around the world. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name, through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child. See the impact a simple shoebox gift packed and sent with love has on a child, and how it reaches into a community.

Next week each Primary family will receive a brochure explaining the project. If families wish to pack a shoebox, these can be collected from classroom teachers. Secondary students are having a separate shoebox experience this year, led by some Secondary students. If you are unable to pack your box, you can still send items to school and give them to your class teacher. We have two weeks to pack and return our boxes, by **Monday, the 31st of July**. If you would like extra information, you can email Mrs Kotzur at nkot@sjls.qld.edu.au

Free Dress Day - Year 4K is organising a free dress day to raise money for Operation Christmas Child (shoeboxes). It will be held on **Friday, the 28th of July**. Please come dressed in something red or green and bring along a gold coin donation. Remember to wear a hat and sensible shoes (no thongs).

**FREE DRESS
DAY**

School Photos – Music and School/House Captain Photos

School photos were sent home in Term Two. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Music and School/House Captain photos are now available to be ordered online.

Parents can view and purchase these photos by going to ios.academyphoto.com.au

Enter the following shoot key.

School & House Captains – Access Key: 7HZAQ5AU

Music – Access Key: KS62XXHL

Once logged in, you can change to a different Access Key without losing the orders in your cart by clicking on "Enter another access key". This will ensure that you only pay for postage once and all photos are sent to you at the same time.

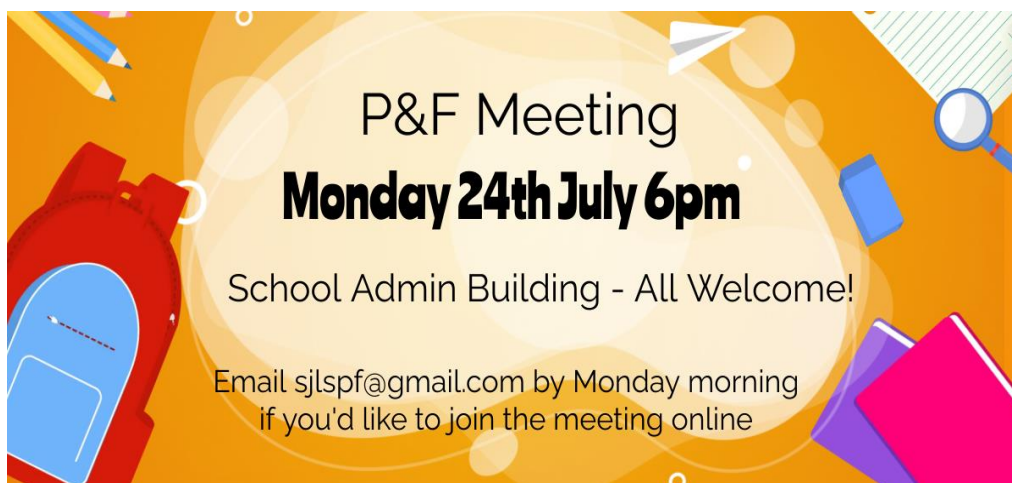
Digital Download – If you ordered digital photos but you have not received your link by e-mail, please contact Academy Photography on (07) 3801 4407 to confirm an email address for delivery.

Bookclub - Bookclub Issue 5 is due back to the office by tomorrow, Friday, the 21st of July.

P&F News

The next P&F meeting is on this Monday, the 24th of July, at 6pm at We invite all parents or caregivers of St John's students to the Parents & Friends meeting this coming Monday evening, 24th July at 6pm in the school Admin Block.

Senior students are also welcome. We will hear a great school update from the staff, discuss upcoming events to be run by the P&F, and decide on some school and student projects to support. If you can't be there in person, you can join us online - please email sjlspf@gmail.com and we will send you a link.



Secondary Snippets

The Year 9/10 Material and Technology Specialist class have started the term learning about fibres and how fabric is made. They did a burn test on a range of fibres and fabric to see how they react to fire. The results were fascinating, and we didn't set off the fire alarm. It's been a great start to the term.



The Year 8A class started the Material and Technology Specialist elective this term. We started by looking at different fibres and their uses. They then started their first project using macramé to make friendship bracelets. They turned out great, the colour combinations were impressive. On to the next project; keep watching this space to see what they create next.



The Year 7B class has started the elective Food and Fibre this term. We are doing a unit on Egg Incubation. This week they learnt about candling eggs and the reasons behind doing this. Students built their own egg candler and we tested them to see how effective they were. What a variety of these were built, they were very creative.



Sporting News

Bridge Award (Duke of Ed)

Notes have gone home to interested students today. If you would like to be a part of the Bridge Award program, please contact Mr Greame Moseling (gmos@sjls.qld.edu.au). The Bridge Award is a positive youth development program that is both fun and challenging. It offers young people the opportunity to gain new skills, improve their physical fitness, participate in community service, and develop a spirit of adventure. The Bridge Award is available to young people aged from 11½ years old. It builds confidence and resilience and is a great introduction for the many young people who progress on to the Bronze level of The Duke of Ed (from the age of 14).

There are four sections to complete:

- Service—be involved in the community and help others.
- Skill—develop personal interests and skills.
- Physical Recreation—participate in physical activity and improve fitness.
- Adventurous Journey—discover new surroundings, develop a sense of adventure, and learn about the environment.

Students design their own program around the things that interest them most. Students receive an international recognised award once they complete all of the components.



Dates to Remember

July 2023

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Primary Devotion Year 4-6 8:50am Prep – 3 2:20pm		St John's Playgroup 9am – 10:45am South Burnett Athletics	South Burnett Careers Market Day South Burnett Athletics	Bookclub Due Senior Devotion 8:50am & Interhouse Athletics Presentation		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Primary Devotion Year 4-6 8:50am Prep – 3 2:20pm P&F Meeting 6pm		St John's Playgroup 9am – 10:45am		Senior Devotion 8:50am Free Dress Day Live It! Youth Group		

Community Notices

Key chains



Wall hangings



I am a young lady passionate about creating, drawing, painting and more. Creator of hand made crafts

Thank you for your support



HAND MADE CRAFT

Sapphire Roses

PRICE LIST

Key rings

- Small _____ \$4.50
- Medium _____ \$6.00
- Large _____ \$10.00

Wall hangings

- Small _____ \$25.00
- Large _____ \$50.00

Custom orders

- Beads, name tag, etc..
- Colours

requests available

Payments can be made by

Cash – correct change only
or

Bank Transfer
CS Cowling-Scaife ITF CR
BSB: 014 630
Account number: 429867096



Available colours

Contact Caitlyn via message on 0478 667 502



St. John's Kindergarten
Kingaroy



OPEN DAY

Come and check us out!

Wed. July 26th 9-11.30am

Upcoming Camps & Events



WORK & FELLOWSHIP CAMP, LUTHER HEIGHTS

A good old fashioned working bee – lots of hard work and lots of fun too...and importantly it all help to enhance our ministry to the thousands of young lives who visit every year!

Accommodation and food is FREE!

28-30 JULY

Luther Heights Youth Camp, Cooloom

Registrations open:
4 February – 14 July
www.lyq.org.au/workcamp



SPRINGBOARD CAMP

Springboard is the perfect taster for holiday camping! This jam-packed 3 day camp offers young campers a way to sample the fun, challenge, and adventure of LYQ camps.

Years 3 - 6

20 – 22 SEPTEMBER

Luther Heights Youth Camp, Cooloom

Registrations open:
1 May – 1 September
www.lyq.org.au/springboard



CLW (CHRISTIAN LIFE WEEK) CAMP – CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

A popular five-day live-in camp experience filled with fun, friends, God, worship, challenges, activities, and growth. CLW is a chance for teenagers to escape the everyday, have a stack of good clean fun and discover more about what it means to be a Christian.

Years 6 – 12

25 – 29 SEPTEMBER

Bucca Retreat, near Bundaberg

Registrations open:
9 June – 31 August
www.lyq.org.au/springclw



REPLENISH WOMEN'S RETREAT & GRACE-LACED PASTOR WIVES' RETREAT

Sometimes you need to take a moment...or a weekend...to stop, unwind, and step away from the chaos that is your daily routine. This October, our Replenish retreat is just for you ... no cooking, no cleaning, no pressure.

Women 18+

13 – 15 OCTOBER

Luther Heights Youth Camp, Cooloom

Registrations open:
1 May – 29 September
www.lyq.org.au/replenish



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 Uniquely located high on the Boobie Range where views go on forever

Invites you to
Aussie Camp Oven Dinner Under The Stars
 Saturday 22nd July 2023 6pm to 10pm
 With a Special Presentation from an Entertaining Professional Astronomer

\$90/person (Bookings Essential)
 12 years and above

Come and enjoy a
 Three course Aussie camp oven dinner
 under the stars by the award winning camp oven cooks
The Bait Layers

Moffatdale Ridge Winery
 licensed bar providing wine and selected beers

Experience a unique
 laser guided tour
 of the galaxy, a view
 of the cosmos up close
 through large telescopes
 presented by an astronomer with links
 to NASA, JPL and the Kingaroy Observatory.

Limited Number of Tickets Available
 Pre-purchase tickets **ONLY** by 9th of July 2023
 Contact **HILLVIEW COTTAGES KINGAROY**
 on 0447 747 816 for more information and to book your tickets