St John's Lutheran School School Newsletter - 27th July 2023



In our Prayers this week:

Maslen Family – Scarlett Yr4, Riley Yr7
Maughan Family – Meili Yr2
McDonald Family – Lexi Yr2, Lyla Yr3
McDowell Family – Austin Prep
McKay Family – Sophie Yr2, Tyler Yr4
McLean Family – Charlotte Yr1, Mackenzie
Yr3

McMahon Family – Quinn Yr1, Paige Yr4 McMahon Family – Portia Yr8



Sunday Worship Services:

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

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Kindness is. . .

This week in devotions, we talked about putting others first. This is a commendable and compassionate approach to life. It involves prioritising the needs, well-being, and interests of other people before your own. This selfless attitude can be practised in various aspects of life, including personal relationships, work settings, and community interactions.

Here are some ways to put others first:

- 1. Helping others
- 2. Kindness and respect to others
- 3. Respecting boundaries
- 4. Recognising and celebrating others' achievements
- 5. Being patient and understanding

It's important to note that while putting others first is a noble approach, it's also essential to take care of your own well-being. It's okay to prioritise yourself at times, especially when your own needs require attention. By nurturing yourself, you can better support and care for others in the long run.

Bible Verse Luke 10:27

And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself."

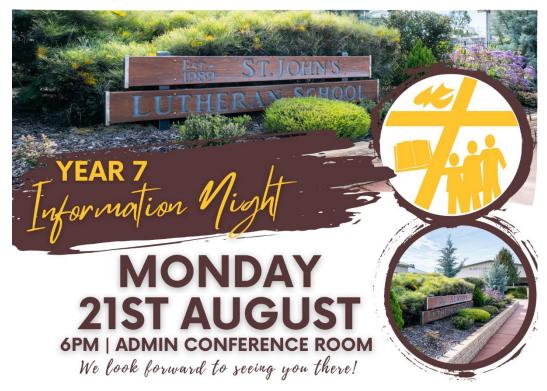


Weekly Wellbeing

Spend quality time with your children - Did you know that 75% of the time you will ever get to spend with your kids is over by the time they turn 12? By the time your children turn 18, you will have spent 90% of your time with them. Spending time with your children can have numerous benefits. It helps children to develop social, emotional, cognitive, language, and self-regulation skills. Simple activities like playing a board game, going for a walk together, doing their homework with them, or cooking a meal together can help create a strong bond and open lines of communication. So slow down, BE PRESENT, and enjoy these short, sweet years – they'll soon be over.

School Reminders and Information

<u>Year 6 to 7 Information Night</u> - There's never been a more exciting time for students to start their secondary schooling at St John's! With our educational opportunities now continuing all the way through to Year 12, students will be privileged to access new buildings, new subjects, and a growing school. We invite parents and students to our Year 6 to 7 Information Night on Monday, the 21st of August, to find out about what we offer and ask any questions.



<u>Prep 2024 Interviews & Enrolments</u> - 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. 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. All families that have put in an application for Prep 2024 should have received an email from our Registrar, Mrs Williams ,with a booking link for interview times.

If you haven't enrolled your child for 2024, please do so as soon as possible. Please call into the school office and collect an enrolment form or package from Mrs Williams, or email her at twil@sjls.qld.edu.au. A reminder that your school enrolment is separate from your kindergarten enrolment.

Operation Christmas Child -

OCC shoeboxes are due next **Monday**, **the 31st of July**. If you would like extra information, you can email Mrs Kotzur at nkot@sils.qld.edu.au

If you are unable to pack your box, you can still send items to school and give them to your class teacher.



<u>Free Dress Day -</u> 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).



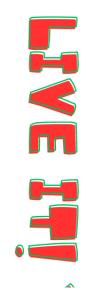
<u>Live it! Operation Christmas Child Year 6 – 11 Students</u> - Our annual Operation Christmas Child box packing evening will be held **TOMORROW**, **Friday**, **the 28th of July**. Your child will be able to create and pack a personal shoebox and make cards to accompany the boxes. Mrs Naomi Kotzur will be hosting the evening. The evening will begin at 5:00pm and conclude at 6:30pm in our hall. Mr Landherr and Mr Moseling will also be assisting on the evening.

Tomorrow night, children are required to bring a new soft toy and something to play with and these will then be added to their boxes. Students can choose to bring a photo of themselves or their family to add to the boxes also. We will be providing all the other items.

Suggestions include tennis balls, skipping rope, Lego model, mini chess set, mini board games. We will also be providing the additional boxes the students need for the evening.

Students will also be creating cards to include in their shoe boxes, as well as playing some games and learning about the Operation Christmas Child program.

Students need to bring \$5.00 - \$10.00 to assist in the sending of the boxes overseas. It all helps! If you have any questions, please contact Greame Moseling. We look forward to seeing you there! Email: gmos@sjls.qld.edu.au



P&F News

We had a great meeting on Monday night with parents and staff attending. We heard a great update about the progress at school and some feedback from the survey conducted in Term 2.

Planning is now underway for a Fun Family Movie night to be held on the oval on the evening of **Friday 1st September**. That day is a pupil-free day so our students will be well-rested! We are planning for 2 movies - families can attend one or both, and bring their blankets, folding chairs, beanbags, etc. Popcorn and other food will be available during the night. All children attending must be supervised by an adult. More details will come in the coming weeks - watch this space!



Primary Snippets

Our school theme for the year, 'Kindness is', took a rather dramatic turn at devotion this week! Students from Years 4-6 thoroughly enjoyed acting out the story of the good Samaritan - the ultimate Bible story showing how we can show kindness to others - even strangers!







Secondary Snippets

<u>Biology with Year 11 Students</u> - This week, the Year 11 Biology class has been looking at plant adaptations for minimising water loss. Students collected leaves from different species from around the school, native and non-native, to observe differences on the top and bottom surfaces of the leaves. Students painted clear nail polish on leaves, then taped sticky-tape on top. The tape pulled the nail polish off the leaf, creating a detailed imprint of the leaf surface. The microscope image shows the stomata (pores) on the underside of a citrus leaf, which controls gases coming in and out of the leaves. Interestingly, no pores were observed on top of the leaf, an adaptation to prevent water loss on the sunny side.



Sporting News

South Burnett Athletics Carnival

Well done to all the students who competed for our school at Nanango State High School on Wednesday and Thursday last week at the South Burnett Athletics Carnival.

The competition was amazing and many of our students placed or did their personal best.

Well done to our St John's Primary School team who were the overall South Burnett Athletics champions! Ya!!

Congratulations as well to our students who were the South Burnett Athletics Age Champions:

Under 11 Girls - Emma Under 12 Boys - Hamish Under 13 Girls - Amelia J

A huge effort! Well done!





<u>Interhouse Athletics Presentation</u> - Last Friday, we presented the Interhouse Athletics Age Champions and presented the house shield. Well done to all the students who competed at the carnival last term. It was great to give out the Age Champion medals to winning students last week.

Congratulations to Wivenhoe who dominated the carnival this year!





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 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.



<u>MTB Racing</u> - Last week, St John's Lutheran School sent its first MTB team to the Sunshine Coast Schools Mountain Bike Comp at Sugar Bag. We had two students competing, Will T in the Year 7/8 section and Heath K in the Year 9/10 category. Both boys competed very well in their first school competition! We look forward to expanding the MTB program with more secondary competitors and a primary team in 2024. A big thank you to Rocky Trail Entertainment for organising the event and to the parents for transporting and supporting the students.





Dates to Remember

July/August~2023						
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<u>24</u>	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		
31	1 Aug	2	3	4	5	6
OCC Shoeboxes <u>DUE</u>		St John's Playgroup 9am – 10:45am		Senior Devotion 8:50am		

Community Notices





And Information Session

Wednesday 16th August Taabinga State School Oval 4 - 5pm

Little Athletics offers programs for children aged 3-16 years in a Wide range of running, jumping and throWing events.

> Find us on Facebook or www.laq.org.au to register

> > or

Contact Kaylene 0438 625551



Tommy's a long way from Kingaroy now!





Tommy is a young stroke survivor, having suffered a stroke when 12 years old and is riding to Cape York to raise awareness of strokes, donations for research and encourage social inclusion.

Follow him at - the4points.org

Since being in Kingaroy 8 weeks ago, Tommy has ridden to Moreton Telegraph Station and is only 285kms from Pajinka, the northern-most point of mainland Australia!

Help spread the word with your friends about the trike rider who has already ridden over 7,500km across Australia. Any donations will go to The Stroke Foundation, Australia.

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, Coolum

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, Coolum

Registrations open:

1 May – 1 September

www.lya.ora.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, Coolum

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