

St John's Lutheran School

School Newsletter – 3rd August 2023



In our Prayers this week:

McReight Family – Grace Yr2
McShane Family – Ella Yr4, Remi Yr6
McVeigh Family – Paige Yr7
Mead Family – Ryan Yr6
Meehan Family – Nicholas Yr1, Zachary Yr3
Miller Family – Mitchell Yr2
Miller Family – Rose Yr3
Monteith Family – Archer Yr4



Sunday Worship Services:

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

St John's Lutheran School

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Kindness is. . .

Last week, when we had our Free Dress Day for Operation Christmas Child and put the finishing touches on our Christmas Child boxes at the Live It! Youth Group, we were involuntarily learning about compassion. Compassion is a way of living where we have concern for the situations of other people. It involves considering the perspective and emotions of another person, with a desire to help. Having compassion is developing the habit of caring for others deeply.

- Putting other people's needs above your own
- Listening first, speaking second
- Not excluding others, and always having their back
- Forgiving easily
- Valuing people and their experiences
- Being kind to others
- Being mindful of everything in your life
- Understanding that people have different opinions
- Bringing out the best in others
- Lending a helping hand if you see a need

Jesus modelled this by showing compassion for the weak and hurting. And if people were feeling anxious and confused, He gave them assurance and encouragement. Compassion is sharing the power and grace that we have received through Jesus. This week, let us share the assurance we have of God's love by showing compassion to those around us.



Weekly Wellbeing

"When they were discouraged, I smiled at them. My look of approval was precious to them." Job 29:24. Have you ever had someone tell you to smile even when you feel that there is nothing to smile about? Turning that frown upside down can not only change your day, but it can also improve someone else's. By smiling, you can trick your brain into feeling happier and more positive. It can make the person you're smiling at feel better about themselves and appreciated, because of the intention and the feeling that is behind it. Much like yawning, smiling is contagious. Think about this, by smiling at somebody at 8.30am, that smile could still be passed on by someone somewhere by 8.30pm that same day. Imagine how many people you could have a positive effect on in a 12-hour period just by putting a smile on your beautiful dial. Give it a go!

Trevenna Jorgensen – Wellbeing Officer

From the Principal – Mrs Karyn Bjelke-Petersen

What a great week this has been so far! We have started our 2024 Prep Interviews and it is always an exciting time of the year as we meet new preppies and their families. We have many current families with a preppie for next year and it is so cute to see their faces of anticipation as the younger siblings are getting closer to being 'big preppies'. For new families who are joining our community, it is usually a time for lots of questions about the process and what to expect. Our numbers indicate that there will be three prep classes next year and we are thrilled to have such solid pre-enrolment numbers already in August.



Thank you for everyone's patience around the parking concerns at the school. We know that parking demands have increased due to original staff parking now being cordoned off and adding in the contractor's cars. These numbers are all adding to the congestion. Thank you to everyone who takes the time to ensure that safety for our students is the number one concern at the two very busy times of the day. Our immediate neighbours are appreciative also of everyone being aware of not parking in driveways - thank you!

The next few weeks will see quite a few events and sporting opportunities for our students. Please make sure you take note of these dates and opportunities.

From the Deputy Principal – Mr Steven Lake

Welcome to Week 4. It has been a busy time in the secondary part of the school, with assessments and projects that are being completed, as well as testing in some subject areas. Further work has been put in by our senior secondary teachers regarding Year 12 assessments for 2024. There has been a lot of work done to prepare our students for their final year of school, even this early in the year. Mr Huth held some important subject selection meetings with our Year 10 students last week and this has given us all a clearer picture as to the subjects that our students wish to pursue in 2024.



It has been pleasing to see the progress made on our building, although it has been a relatively quiet week due to the builders waiting on some structural steel to complete some form work ready for another big concrete pour. It is exciting to see the shape and size of our new building and how it will become an important feature of our school in the future. Our students were reminded that no one is allowed on the worksite under any circumstances, except those workers who have properly been inducted. Any sporting equipment that finds its way onto the building site must remain there until a worker is able to send it back to the school.

On Monday, the 21st of August, St John's there is a Year 7 Information Evening, which will give parents and students entering Year 7 in 2024 the opportunity to engage in questioning and information about the journey into the secondary section of our school. I encourage all 2024 Year 7 families to come to this evening.

As previously mentioned, all VET type enquires need to go through Mr Collier and Mr Schmidt. Mr Huth can be a good source of information as well. There are many opportunities for our students at the Year 10 and 11 level and now is a good time to become more aware of future pathways. There have been a few different types of certificate courses and apprenticeship opportunities that have been advertised recently. Please see me as well if this is of interest to you.

School Reminders and Information

2023 Non-Government Schools Census Requirements - The Australian Government Department of Education, Skills, and Employment would like to advise all parents and guardians that it collects certain information about your child's school, its staff, and student body. Attached to this emailed newsletter is the link to find out more information about this collection process.

Public Holiday – Monday, the 14th of August, is a Public Holiday (the show holiday for Kingaroy). School will resume Tuesday the 15th.

Date Claimer –

- Book Week & Grandparents Day – Monday the 4th of September.
- Arts Showcase/Open Classrooms – Wednesday the 13th of September.

School Reminders and Information cont. . .

School Day Reminders - We have an increasing number of students waiting at the school hall prior to 8am. Just a reminder that children will not be supervised in the school grounds prior to 8am, which is the official time for the commencement of yard supervision. Students arriving between 8am and 8:30am are expected to wait in the undercover area at the hall. Students are expected to arrive at their classrooms between 8:30am and 8:40am, in time for school commencement at 8:45am. **If arriving before 8am, students need to sit in the school office.**

Year 6 to 7 Information Night

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 to ask any questions.



P&F News

Family Movie Night - Friday 1st September.

Check out our Facebook page before next Monday and vote for a movie!

There are 2 posts with 5 movies listed in each. We are aiming to have 2 movies one after the other, and families can attend one or both.

www.Facebook.com/stjohnspf



Primary Snippets

Dancefever - Our Primary school students have been getting into the groove and are thoroughly enjoying the Dancefever program on offer this term. Students are exposed to a variety of dance genres from hip hop to ballroom dancing. Dance helps children with their co-ordination, encourages them to problem solve, and improves social skills.

Parents will be invited to a Dancefever showcase of learning later in the term to see the wonderful dancing that has been happening throughout the term. Details to come!

Our instructors Jiroh and Madison do a great job engaging the students in the program!



National Tree Day - A big thank you to Thomas from Ken Mills Toyota and Qld Netball player Laura Scherian (Planet Ark Ambassadors) who helped our Year One students plant a beautiful mix of veggies to celebrate National Tree Day. Our Year 11 students also put their green thumbs to the test and were keen to help the younger students out. It was a lovely morning!



Secondary Snippets

Attention Parents of Teenagers - Are you worried about your child's online behaviour? Please see the link below to complete free courses relating to teenage behaviour online. Topics covered include Realities of Social, Screen time, and Bullying.

<https://digitalaccesspass.com.au/parent-courses/>

Remember, knowledge is power, and together, we can create a safer, more compassionate internet for everyone!

digital access pass

SJLS Work Experience Program - Year 10 is a busy time at St John's Lutheran School with SET Planning, a Work Studies subject to complete and many students embarking on external courses.


For many students, it's also an opportunity to spend time in a local workplace dealing with real people and real work challenges during the SJLS Work Experience program.

If you manage a local worksite, please let us know if you'd be willing to host a Year 10 student for five or more days (which can be at a time of year suitable to your business, and not necessarily consecutive days).



Coding Challenge -

Attention all students in Years 5-11! Ready to embark on an exciting coding challenge? Sign up now and unleash your coding prowess! Parents, check your email from Mr. Collier for enrolment details. Don't miss this chance to showcase your tech skills!



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// it's up to you...  
if (youWant() === true) {  
    youCan();  
} else {youCant();}
```

 **NCSS Challenge**
Challenge yourself to code

Recommended for upper primary to all high school grades,
newbies to advanced

Starts July 31st



Sporting News

Whip Cracking Performance at KSHS – It was a fantastic afternoon of cultural exchange on Monday with the whip cracking team working with past student Jackson Kerkow, to demonstrate and teach the Fudooka students from Japan all about the Aussie art of whip cracking. Everyone had a fun afternoon, and the visiting students were very successful at learning how to crack the whip, and even attempting double-handed. Our students did a great job and were complimented on the way they represented our school, the way they were able to teach and explain how to crack the whip, and their skill and talent. Great job, Giaan, Joshua, and Braxton. Thank you to Mr Kotzur and Mr Landherr for their continued support and encouragement of these students.



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 the components.



Other News

Staff Devotion - If you were wondering what all the giggling and cackling was before school on Tuesday, our staff devotion ended with some “old school” games. Three-legged races and egg-and-spoon races have never been so competitive. It was a lovely time spent together before starting a busy day!



St John's loves Bacon - We have enjoyed getting into the spirit of BaconFest at St John's. The administration building is looking very pink and piggy! We are also excited to have our Dance groups perform at BaconFest, on Saturday the 19th of August. There are many other ways to get involved, this year they are having the Pig Jam, and “Pigs Can Fly” Art competition (competitions are for people aged from 12 – 25). It's also not too late to sign up and be a volunteer.



Dates to Remember

July/August 2023

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
31	1 Aug	2	3	4	5	6
OCC Shoeboxes <u>DUE</u> Primary Devotion Prep – Yr 3 2:20pm		St John's Playgroup 9am – 10:45am Primary Assembly Prep – Yr3		Senior Devotion 8:50am		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Primary Devotion Year 4 – 6 8:50am		St John's Playgroup 9am – 10:45am No Primary Assembly		Senior Devotion 8:50am		

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

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



For Sale

Handmade wooden Lego Men and Woman

27cm high from recycled timber

Cost \$60 - \$10 will go to the St Johns School

and made from recycled timber.

Ring Lou - 0438158127



HAVE A BLAST

Get into Woolworths Cricket Blast

It's a fun and active program for kids of all abilities, whether it's your first time with a bat or you're a backyard Cricket star!

Term 3 All Girls Pop Up Blast Program

St John's Kingaroy

Sign up to a FREE Pop Up Blast program happening at your school this term!

Years P-6 | 4-week Program | Tuesdays After School
22nd August, 29th August, 5th September and 12th September, 3:15pm-4:15pm.

*To receive the participant pack, you will have to register via Play HQ once the program is live on the website.

For more info contact Daniel: daniel.szabo@qldcricket.com.au



Scan the QR Code to register!

PIG JAM BATTLE OF THE BANDS

\$800 CASH FIRST PRIZE + FREE RAFFLES + FREE GRAFFITI WORKSHOP
FREE BBQ + FREE SLUSHIES + FREE POPCORN + FREE GLITTER BAR

SATURDAY 19 AUGUST 2023
O'NEILL SQUARE, HALY ST KINGAROY
2.00PM - 7.30PM

To enter and view the full terms and conditions scan the QR code.

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PIGS CAN FLY

2023 Art Competition

The South Burnett Regional Youth Council are hosting the first PIGS CAN FLY Art Competition and are looking for local artists aged 12-25 years to submit a painting or drawing for the chance to win a swag of prizes.

Winners announced at the
 PIG JAM Battle of the Bands event
 O'Neill Square
 Saturday 19 August
 2pm to 7.30pm

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Little Athletics South Burnett

Season Sign On

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

PINK DAY

Saturday 12th August 2023

Kingaroy REDANTS

Come along, support the Melanoma Awareness Foundation, thank our sponsors and meet former Brisbane Bronco Andrew McCullough at 2 pm!!

Kick for Cash, Bake Stall & Footy!!

Melanoma Awareness Foundation
 Queensland Australia

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.



SOUTH BURNETT CHORALE

presents:



Love,

Light &

Latin!

Saturday 26th August, 3pm
Wondai RSL (Digger's Club)
87 MacKenzie St, Wondai



Tickets \$15, kids 15 & under free
Book online: www.trybooking.com/CKEGF
Also available at the door

Sunday 27th August, 2pm
Taabinga Homestead
7 Old Taabinga Rd, Haly Creek



Tickets \$15 Kids 15 & under free
Book online: www.trybooking.com/CKEGM
Also available at the door.

Upcoming Camps & Events



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.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, Coolum

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