# St John's Lutheran School School Newsletter - 24th August 2023



# In our Prayers this week:

Ogden Family - Evie Yr5

Orman Family - Charlie Yr9, Peekay Yr11

Packer Family – Izabella Yr2

Page Family - Charlotte Yr3

Pascoe Family - Reyn Prep

Payne Family - Hunter Prep

Pearce Family - Indie Yr1, Chayse Yr4

Peillon Family - Summer Prep



# **Sunday Worship Services:**

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

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#### Kindness is. . .

When the word 'church' comes up in conversation, we usually think about a building down the street. However, the church is really people - those people, around the world, who believe in Jesus and live a life of service and worship following Him. As a caring Christian community here at St John's school, we endeavour to follow Jesus' example in demonstrating love and forgiveness.

In life, we may all search for a sense of belonging and purpose. Hopefully, that sense of belonging can be found within our community where we support and care for each other. As a school, we say we value Faith, Friendship and Family. May each of us be encouraged to contribute our God-given gifts and talents as we live and learn together here at school.

Bible verse: Colossians 3: 12-13 God loves you and has chosen you as his own special people. So be gentle, kind, humble, meek, and patient. Put up with each other, and forgive anyone who does you wrong, just as Christ has forgiven you.

### **New Building Update**

Yesterday, the second level of concrete was poured for our new building. GFG Constructions advised a massive 600 tonnes of concrete was poured for this level. Neighbours were advised of the number of concrete trucks that would be entering the area for this part of the project. This will enable the rest of the building to go ahead at greater speed. Exciting times ahead!



## From the Principal - Mrs Karyn Bjelke-Petersen

This week (Wednesday evening to Friday evening) we welcome principals from many Queensland Lutheran schools to the South Burnett for the Principal's Retreat which is held across Qld every second year. They will be visiting the Ration Shed and the Bunya Mountains over two days of reflection, and learning about the beautiful South Burnett. We are grateful for this opportunity to reflect and connect with other colleague principals while journeying together throughout the region. It will be strange to be a 'visitor' in my own backyard, but I am also looking forward to sharing these significant areas with others.



Thank you to the families and students who attended the 2024 Year 7 Information Night last Monday evening. Some great questions were raised, and we appreciated the opportunity to be able to expand on some future plans. If you are considering options for 2024 and would like some further information, please make an appointment time to see either myself or Mr Lake.

There are a few events coming up over the next few weeks that will ensure we are all keeping busy right through to the end of term! These include the high-top challenge this week, various sporting events, Book Week and Grandparent's Day for primary students, and the upcoming Arts Evening. The newsletter has lots of information for your calendars.

There will be some significant work undertaken on the new building in Week 9 from September 5th, and there may be some extra areas cordoned off to enable safe entry and exit for trucks. The contractors have been incredibly flexible in working around the school day (arrival, departure times and lunch breaks) but these few days are unavoidable to enable the works to stay on track. It may be extra congested in the playgrounds, and the basketball court/hall will be out of bounds for a few days, but we appreciate the forward warning to enable us to plan for this.

Just forward notice that I am taking some leave that I have owing, from September 4th onwards for four weeks. Mr Lake and other leadership staff will be available, as always to keep things ticking along for the last few weeks of the term. Please forward any issues or concerns to Mr Lake, <a href="mailto:slak@sils.qld.edu.au">slak@sils.qld.edu.au</a>.

# Weekly Wellbeing

Be the Beauty in the Rough - As I was visiting the town library the other day, I was fascinated to see a solo flower pushing up through the lawn in full bloom. Despite the flower being surrounded by dying lawn, it was blooming magnificently and standing tall all alone.

This got me thinking. If a tiny little flower can put so much beauty amongst a dying lawn, how much can we make the world a better place by showing unconditional kindness towards others. Genuine, meaningful kindness can transform people's lives by increasing happiness, optimism, and self-worth. By doing this for others you may encourage them to repeat the good deeds which will contribute to a more positive community.

This week remember the solo flower in all its beauty and try to be the person that brings positivity and kindness to another's world.

Have a fantastic week.

Trevenna Jorgensen – Wellbeing Officer



#### **School Reminders and Information**

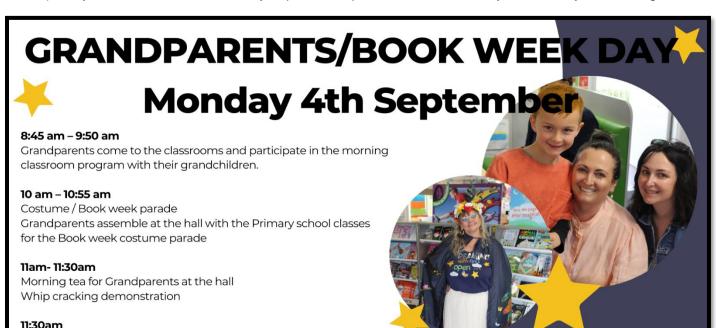
Pupil Free Day - Friday, the 1st of September, is a Pupil Free Day for St John's.

<u>Father's Day Stall</u> - A lovely selection of gifts has been ordered, ranging in price from \$1 - \$10. This stall will be open NEXT Wednesday, the 30th of August. As this day is very busy for our school, we will have allocated times set for the classes throughout the afternoon. If you would like your child to purchase a gift from the Father's Day Stall, please only send coins or a \$5 or \$10 note, to avoid lost change.

<u>Year 5 Camp</u> – Year 5 Students will be off to QCCC Mapleton Camp next Monday, the 28th of August. Students need to be at school by 7:15am to leave on the bus by 7:30am. We anticipate being back at school by 3:30pm on Wednesday the 28th of August. Parents can keep up to date on the school's Facebook page.

<u>Grandparents Day/Bookweek Day</u> – We are looking forward to having many visitors at our Grandparents/Bookweek Day on Monday, the 4th of September. This year we are providing cake to share with our Grandparents.

We are reaching out to our school community to ask if you have any takeaway food containers **WITH LIDS** (or similar) that you do not want back, could you please drop these into the office by Wednesday 30th of August.





#### Whip Cracking Champions

What an amazing weekend! St John's rocked the Australian whip-cracking championships at the Ekka.

Big congratulations to...

#### **Peewee Division**

1st Place: Harry Bartlett

#### **Juvenile Division**

1st Place: Braxton Bartlett

2nd Place: Giaan Zammataro

5th Place: Josh Lamping









#### **Library News**

A reminder that Premier Readers Challenge forms are due back tomorrow, Friday, the 25th of August. Please hand these directly to Mrs T in the library. Well done to all students who have already completed their sheets.



#### **P&F News**

Outdoor Family Movie Night

Come join in the fun on the school oval on 1st September - bring your rugs, blankets or folding chairs. \$5 (plus 50c booking fee) per family, stay for one movie or both!

5:45pm Bad Guys

7.45pm Super Mario Bros Movie

You can BYO snacks or a picnic, and you will be able to buy drinks, ice-creams and popcorn on the night.

Pre-order mini Dominos pizza on our booking page (only \$5 plus 50c booking fee). Choose from Ham & Pineapple, BBQ Meatlovers, Pepperoni or Margherita. Pizza orders must be done before Wednesday 30th August.

Ticket sales and pizza orders open now!! Don't miss out.

https://www.trybooking.com/CKUZY



#### **Primary Snippets**

<u>BaconFest</u> - Great job St John's Dance Team! You all danced beautifully, with huge smiles and lots of energy! Thanks to Miss Canniford for leading these girls.



<u>Clean Up St John's Club</u> - Thank you to the beautiful group of Year 4 students who have used their initiative to make a lunchtime "Clean Up Club".

These dedicated youngsters have collected three garbage bags full of rubbish at lunchtimes!

It is wonderful to see how much they value keeping our beautiful school extra clean!



# **Secondary Snippets**

Breakfast Club (Secondary Students only) – As part of the Christian Studies program, we invite high school students to come along to 'Breakfast Club', tomorrow, Friday the 25th of August.

Pancakes will be served from 8am in the Secondary Precinct.



### Secondary Snippets continued. . .

<u>BaconFest</u> - Pig Jam Battle of the Bands and Art Contest at BaconFest, was a fabulous free events organised by the South Burnett Youth Council. It was held in O'Neill Square and provided a stage for young up-and-coming bands to perform. Everything at this event was free - sausage sizzle, popcorn, slushies, raffles, and a glitter bar. The audience was given 6 tokens to vote for their favourite band. The Youth Council is a fantastic opportunity for young people to be actively engaged in the community. We have a number of St John's students on the committee: Maggie, Nicole, Charlise, and Kayleigh. It was also wonderful to see Ava and Nica helping out as a part of their Service Learning Project for Christian Studies.



<u>Pigs Can Fly - BaconFest</u> - Congratulations to Bonita Shea for winning the Pigs Can Fly Art competition. If you would like to see Bonita's beautiful artwork, please visit the Town Library.



Agricultural Science - It is chicken madness in Yr7B at the moment. The students set their chicken eggs in the incubator and then had an anxious three-week wait to see if they would hatch. The exciting day arrived, and they were not disappointed, we had 20 chickens hatch and a lot of excited students.

The chickens are now one week old and getting a lot of attention.



# Secondary Snippets continued. . .

<u>Year 7 HASS Excursion</u> – Today, the Year 7 HASS Classes went on an excursion around the Kingaroy CBD. The purpose of this excursion was to collect data about services and facilities, to determine the liveability of our town. Students got to see a variety of infrastructure and green spaces, and were able to examine the environmental quality available to all demographics. Students enjoyed this as it was out of the classroom, interactive, and involved physical movement.



#### **Sporting News**

<u>High Top Challenge</u> – Tomorrow, Friday the 25th of August, our Secondary students from Years 7 to 10 are involved in the High Top Challenge. This involves our school competing in Soccer, Touch, and Volleyball against other High schools from the South Burnett.

St John's is hosting the event this year. Students have already chosen their sports and have been placed into teams.

Students who are not competing will be in class.

Students who are playing soccer must wear shin guards. Students playing touch or soccer can wear football style boots, no long metal tags.

#### **Dates to Remember**

August~2023							
Thurs	Fri	Saturday	Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	
24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	30th	
	Senior Devotion 8:50am  High Top Challenge  Rugby League Gala Day (selected Students)			Year 5 Camp Primary Devotion Year 4 – 6 8:50am  Prep – Year 3 2:20pm	Year 5 Camp	Year 5 Camp St John's Playgroup 9am – 10:45am  Primary Assembly Year 1 - 3 2:30pm  Father's Day Stall	
31 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6th	
	PUPIL FREE DAY P&F Movie Night		Father's Day	Grandparents' & Bookweek Day			

# **Community Notices**



# West Kingaroy outage

Major outage on 30 August from 8am to 3pm

August 2023

#### What is happening?

As part of Ergon Energy's ongoing network maintenance program, we will be replacing several large and complex poles on 30 August in Doonkuna St. To do this safely, residences and businesses on the street will be without power between 8am and 3pm. If you must have power between those times, you will need to make your own arrangements to supply your home or business.

#### Where is the affected area?

Doonkuna St will be without power and adjoining side streets may also be affected by the associated traffic closures.

Traffic controllers will be setting up from 6.30am for road closures, allowing only local traffic movements in the area after 7am, until the end of the outage.

#### What do I need to do?

There will be traffic delays due to pole deliveries, so please allow extra travel time if you need to drive in the affected area. As well, some customers may need to make alternative arrangements to access their



properties due to large machinery restricting access. As well, some driveways may be blocked for up to 15 minutes at a time.

We will make every effort to minimise noise and delays, and would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused by these essential works.

General enquiries	13 74 66
Faults only	13 22 96
Life threatening emergencies only triple zero (000) or	13 16 70



ergon.com.au









# 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.









@ Missulli Boutique201 Kingaroy St, Kingaroy

Saturday 2nd September @
2pm {parade to start at 2:30}
\$25 per person
RSVP by 26th August
giveaways + gifts
food & drinks

TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS VISIT US IN STORE OR MESSAGE US ON FACEBOOK

## **Mission Accomplished!**

#### Tommy made it to The Tip of Australia-

The 4th Point of his challenge!

He cycled approx 9000km in total AND Celebrated his 30<sup>th</sup> birthday while he was there! What an incredible achievement!







All of this to raise awareness of strokes, achieve donations for research and to encourage social inclusion.

Tommy is a young stroke survivor, having suffered a stroke when 12 years old

Follow him at - the4points.org

Help spread the word about the trike rider who pedaled approx. 9000km and accomplished his goal.

Any donations will go to The Stroke Foundation, Australia.



#### Does your child feel overly fearful, anxious, or worried in certain situations?

Many children can feel anxious, fearful, or worried in certain situations. In most situations this is a normal emotion when faced with something threatening. Everyone can feel anxious from time to time. However, some children experience anxiety more intensely or more often than others and it stops them from having fun, going to school, or getting the most out of their life.

Take Action is an evidence-based program for 7- to 12-year-olds experiencing anxiety. Each child session takes approximately 1 hour, and the program runs over 10-12 weeks (either inperson or online). The program also includes six x 1-hour sessions for parents/carers to provide additional education and support on managing children's anxiety.

All children receive a comprehensive assessment before and after the program, and all child and parent/carer workbooks and materials to practice Take Action skills at home are provided. The project has full ethics approval from the Griffith University Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC: 2023/381).

# happy families.



#### Your free Insights



Each term you'll receive 8 new Insight articles (for the duration of 6 months), via email in pdf format to download and share with staff and parents. These emails are sent on Tuesdays.

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You and your school are receiving these for FREE for 6 months!

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