# St John's Lutheran School School Newsletter - 31st August 2023



# In our Prayers this week:

Peterson Family – Meeka Yr2, Indianna Yr5, Elsie Yr7 Petersen – Charlotte Yr6 Phillips Family – Matilda Yr4 Phillips Family – Delainey Yr4, Logan Yr6 Pickering Family – Myron Yr1 Pitman Family – Charlotte Yr5 Pitos Family – Carlos Yr3 Porter Family – Bianka Yr1



# **Sunday Worship Services:**

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

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#### Kindness is. . .

What comes to mind when you hear the term Father's Day? Maybe you think about gifts like #1 Dad t-shirts, new coffee cups, or cooking him a special breakfast. Perhaps you have memories of fishing or riding your bike together. Or maybe, like many people, the holiday provides an opportunity for you to celebrate your Father in Heaven.

On Father's Day, and every day, we pray that your spirit would be refreshed, refocused, and renewed as you "see what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" (1 John 3:1).

Thank you to everyone who supported our Father's Day Stall this week. All funds raised will go towards the Year 6 Cairns Camp. A special thank you to our school parent Krista Holznagel for once again making many wonderful gifts for our students to sell at the Father's Day stall, and to our amazing parent helpers.

We hope all our fathers and those who fulfil a father role in our lives have a happy Father's Day this Sunday.



# Weekly Wellbeing

Supporting a child through a meltdown can be challenging, but it's important to provide them with understanding, patience, and comfort. Here are some steps to consider: stay calm, create a safe environment, give space, practise breathing techniques, use soft and calm language, or use distractions and objects to redirect their attention. Remember every child is unique and what works best may vary from one child to another.

Click on the link below to watch Dr Justin Coulson's great insight into helping and supporting children having meltdowns and building resilience.

Dr Justin Coulson Q&A: Meltdowns and Resilience



#### From the Principal

Earlier this week, we hosted two representatives from NSSAB (Non-State School Accreditation Board) who have assessed our policies, practices, planning and resources pertinent to secondary schooling. This accreditation process is at the culmination of many hours of work from our secondary staff who have demonstrated their professionalism and knowledge of curriculum areas. Thank you to our secondary staff who have provided the visiting team with the evidence required. A special thank you to Stephen Huth (Secondary Curriculum Co-ordinator) and Steven Lake for their hard work in uploading all the appropriate documentation. It is a huge job and one that sets us up very well for our full school accreditation late in 2024.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, I am on annual leave for the next two weeks from next Monday. Steven Lake will be the Acting Principal at this time until early Term 4. I know there are a few events on over the last two weeks of Term 3, and I am leaving these in the very capable hands of our staff.

I look forward to hearing and seeing updates of these school events.

I am sure when I return there will be many changes to our new secondary building. I look forward to seeing the changes!

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

Pupil Free Day – Tomorrow, the 1st of September, is a Pupil Free Day for St John's and all schools.

<u>Last Day of Term 3</u> – Friday, the 15th of September, is the last day of Term 3 for St John's. School resumes on Tuesday, the 3rd of October. (Monday is the King's Birthday Holiday).

<u>Teacher Aide Appreciation Week</u> – Many, many people make up our wonderful staff. Each staff member brings their own gifts and talents to our community. This week is Teacher Aide Appreciation Week, and we particularly wish to thank our Learning Coaches (Teacher Aides) who work with our students to support their learning. Coaches not only work with the students, but also alongside the class teachers to form a teaching team.

We are extremely blessed to have so many of our Learning Coaches who are continuing with further studies – mostly working towards their Bachelor of Education, with some in their final year of study in 2024. This demonstrates that our coaches work alongside teachers who have inspired them and with students to enable them to make a difference.

Our Learning Coaches are definitely not seen as an 'extra' person in our rooms, but as an integral part of the team. We thank our coaches for the incredible difference they make each and every day in all of our classrooms.

We also take this opportunity to thank all our ancillary staff who makes up the wider team.

Our office staff, admin staff, wellbeing, tuckshop, uniform shop and grounds staff are all dedicated to making St John's the best school in the South Burnett.



<u>Scholastic Book Fair</u> - Book Fair will be running next week until Friday the 8th of September in the Library. Books will be available for purchase before school, from 8:00am to 8.45am, and after school, from 2.45pm to 3.45pm, on these days. Parents will need to help children with their purchases.

Children who won't have parents with them (Bus, Drop & Go and Daycare) are able to purchase if they have their money in a sealed, named envelope. EFTPOS facilities will be available. Our school will receive a percentage of sales to use to purchase new books for the library. Please note that there will be no re-orders on any items.



Book Fair will also be open ALL day on Grandparents Day, Monday the 4th of September.

<u>Dance Fever (Zing Activ) Showcase</u> - Students from Prep-Year 6 have been having a fantastic time each Friday with our Dance Fever team this term. Students would like to take the opportunity to present a showcase of their dancing for parents as a culminating activity for the term.

Parents are invited to attend these sessions at the hall at the following times.

Friday the 15th of September at the School Hall Prep, Years 1 and 2 - 10am Years 3 and 4 - 12pm Years 5 and 6 - 2pm

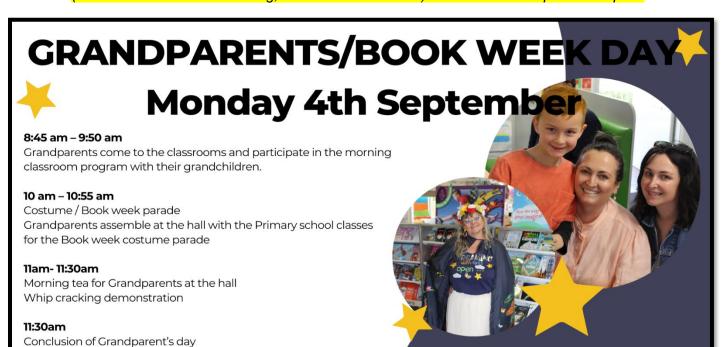


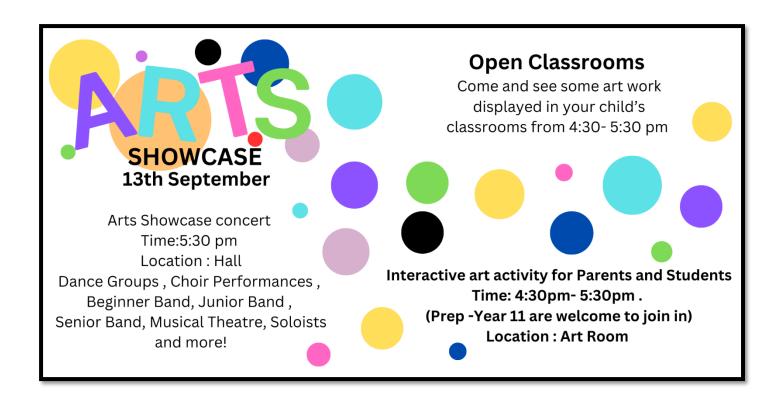
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<u>Primary School - Grandparents Day & Bookweek Day</u> – We are looking forward to having many visitors at our Grandparents & Bookweek Day next Monday, the 4th of September. This year we are providing cake to share with our Grandparents.

Due to the limited parking, we encourage families to drop off grandparents with their student/s at Drop and Go (staff & students will be assisting, chairs will be available). Parents can then proceed to park.





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

Outdoor Family Movie Night this Friday 1st September - don't miss it!

Only \$5 per family for one or both movies -

Bad Guys from 5.45pm

**Super Mario Bros Movie from 7.45pm.** 

Drinks, snacks, chocolates and popcorn are available for purchase on the night. There will be just a few personal Dominos pizzas available also if you haven't already pre-ordered.

Bring your folding chairs, blankets or rugs and join us for a fun night.

CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR MOVIE TICKETS!



# **Primary Snippets**

<u>Year 5 Camp</u> - We had an amazing time at Camp Mapleton, all students were well-behaved and supportive of each other.

More photos on Facebook if you haven't seen them already!



















<u>Kindness Challenge</u> - As part of our theme for the year 'Kindness Is' the Primary school classes have been issued with a Kindness Challenge.

During devotions last week, each class was given an A3 piece of paper full of random acts of kindness, and have been given the challenge of trying to complete as many of the challenges on it as possible. Some examples include – writing a note to a friend, sitting beside somebody you may not know well and getting to know them, as well as smiling at a stranger or holding the door open for people.

5N is already leaps ahead with this challenge and they shared some of their amazing acts of kindness with the Upper Primary classes.



#### **Secondary Snippets**

Congratulations to Year 11 student, Bonita Shea, for winning the 2023 BaconFest "Pigs Can Fly" Art Competition.



#### **Sporting News**

NRL Friendly KSHS - Thanks for a great game yesterday afternoon at Kingaroy State High School. Our Under-14 Rugby League girls enjoyed the challenge and competition!



<u>High Top Challenge</u> - A big thank you to Yarraman SS, St Mary's CC, Goomeri SS and Wondai SS for visiting our school for the High Top Challenge last Friday. The competition was close all day and the sportsmanship was fantastic.

Thank you to our ground and tuckshop staff for all the setting up and for keeping everyone fed. And our Year 10 students who refereed all day. There was plenty of great feedback about the day!







NRL Gala Day - Our Under 12 Rugby League team had a cracking day at the NRL gala day. There were big hits and tries a plenty. Thank you to Mr Schmidt for taking this crew!



#### **Dates to Remember**

August 2	2023
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Thurs	Fri	Saturday	Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed
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	BOOK FAIR Grandparents' & Bookweek Day	BOOK FAIR	BOOK FAIR  Assembly Prep – Year 3
7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	13th
BOOK FAIR	BOOK FAIR					Arts Showcase

### **Community Notices**



#### 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 in-person 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





# Queensland Youth Philharmonic Orchestra

Conductor Paul Dean

VERDI

Force of Destiny Overture

MARCELLO

Oboe Concerto
Soloist Julia Khuzaini

**GLAZUNOV** 

**Excerpts from The Seasons** 

BEETHOVEN

Symphony No. 6 'Pastoral'

J STRAUSS II

Blue Danube Waltz

2.30-4.30pm Saturday 2 September 2023

Kingaroy Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Markwell St, Kingaroy

**FREE Community Concert** 





# Highway Kid's Holiday Club

Monday 18th September to Friday 22nd September, 2023

LOCATION: 66 Edenvale North Road, Kingaroy

DAILY COST: \$10 child (Prep to Year 6)

WHEN: 9am to 3pm - BRING Packed Lunch, Hat & Water Bottle

For more Information & REGISTRATION Form visit: www.highwaychurches.com



Know the signs of



# Do you know the signs of







Visit Children's Health Queensland's new

Clinical guidelines and tools

Sepsis in children website for:

















ast breathing or long pauses in breathing

A lot of pain or very restless











with sepsis

New video series for families of children

Resources for families

Education







www.childrens.health.qld.gov.au/Sepsis



Sepsis in children website for more info





Thursday 16th November - Occupational Therapy We have an OT presenting tools & tips to make your life easier.

Thursday 7th December - Christmas!

A Christmas themed morning with entertainment to finish 2023.

Where: Orana Community Hub 24 MacDiarmid Street, Kingaroy

Lutheran

Services

Gold coin donation at the door

9:30am - 11:00am

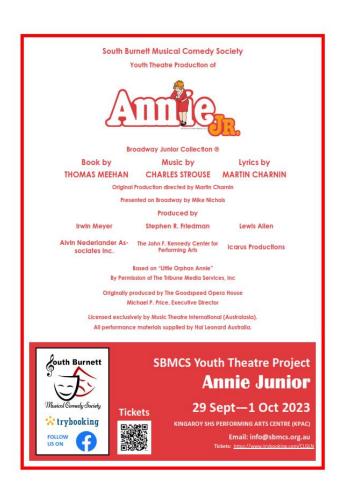
Contact: For more information phone

Lucy Finney 4162 6555

Cost:







We have invited Federal MPs across the country to read a 90-second speech written by a young person from their electorate. Speeches will be read from the **16th to 20th of October 2023** during **Youth Voice in Parliament** week. This non-partisan initiative endeavours to increase the political literacy of *all* our young voters and voters-to-be (individuals aged 25 and under).



Speeches should address the prompt "What change would make

Australia a better place for future generations?" and should be roughly around 200 words.

Speeches can be submitted via our website at <a href="https://www.raiseourvoiceaustralia.com/youthvoice">www.raiseourvoiceaustralia.com/youthvoice</a> - there are a number of FAQs and a speech template on the website, too.

Speech submissions close on **15 September**. The Raise Our Voice Australia team will then pass the speeches to the office of the MP, with the MP to choose the final speech. Speeches that aren't selected will be passed to the office of the participating Senators. We particularly welcome submissions from young people from traditionally marginalised backgrounds.

If you are happy to share this with your community, we have drafted text for newsletters below -

From the 16th to the 20th of October, Raise Our Voice Australia is running Youth Voice to Parliament week. The campaign will amplify the voices of young people from across the country, giving them the platform to share their stories and visions for the future.

Raise Our Voice Australia is inviting young people aged 25 years or younger across Australia to write a 90 second speech, answering the question "what change would make Australia a better place for future generations?" Successful applicants will have their speech read out in Parliament House by politicians in their electorate, state or territory, or on social media where the parliamentarian is a Minister.

So, if you are a young person and have an idea that you believe is worth sharing, start writing and submit your speech – submissions close 15 September.

For more information, have a look at our website <a href="https://raiseourvoiceaustralia.com/youthvoice">https://raiseourvoiceaustralia.com/youthvoice</a> for some more tips, inspiration or to submit your speech.