St John's Lutheran School

School Newsletter - 7th September 2023



In our Prayers this week:

Potter Family – Evan Prep Prain Family – Lachlan Yr5 Prendergast Family – Georgia Yr4 Price Family – Betty Prep Puller Family – Declan Yr8 Pushparaj Family – Nithin Yr5, Krithanyaa Yr1

Pye Family – Joshua Yr7, Penelope Yr5 Raffin Family – Olly Yr3, Harley Yr2



Sunday Worship Services:

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

St John's Lutheran School 84 – 94 Ivy Street

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Kindness is...

We were blessed to have so many grandparents visit our school on Monday for combined Grandparents & BookWeek Day. Grandparents hold a special place in the lives of their grandchildren. This unique connection allows grandparents the opportunity to impact the lives of their grandchildren in a positive and long-lasting way.

A Prayer for our Grandparents:

Dear Father, we thank you for our wonderful grandparents. They bring such joy and happiness into our lives. Thank you for the way they love us no matter what, and for all the special times we spend with them. Thank you for each of them who are here today and bless those who are not able to be with us. Please watch over all grandparents; protect them and care for them.

May they know your goodness, love, and peace always.

Amen.



Weekly Wellbeing

All around us there are signs of new life – leaves growing on bare branches, buds opening and flowers filling the air with lovely scent, bees collecting pollen, and warm, clear days. As Spring comes into bloom and I walk past the lavender bush at the bottom of my office stairs each day, I am reminded of the saying, 'take time to smell the flowers'.

According to some studies, smelling flowers can reduce stress and anxiety making us feel calmer, happier, and more relaxed. It can also simply mean taking time out of your busy schedule to sit, relax and take in your surroundings. Doing this, even for a few minutes, helps clear mental clutter, increase focus and gratitude, and make us happier.



From the Deputy Principal

Here we are at the end of Week 9 already. It has been extremely busy with various events, with more to come.

Firstly, I would like to send out a big thank you to our P&F committee and families on the success of the Movie Night last week. It was well attended, and everyone had a lovely night in a relaxed social setting.

Thank you to everyone who had any association with our Grandparents Day. As someone who has not previously experienced this at St John's, it was amazing to see so many families support this and have family members take the time to see what is happening in our students' classrooms. There were some amazing costumes on display, and I know that all staff and students had a wonderful experience. I would like to thank Mrs Tunstall for her efforts in making Book Week such a memorable experience in 2023.

Next week, we will have our Arts Showcase on Wednesday. This is a time to celebrate our Arts programs at St John's. There will be art displays in primary classrooms, as well as open classrooms for people to visit between 4.30 and 5.30pm. There will be interactive art displays, busking, and activities in and around the art room that families can access during this time. Following this, there will be music and dance performances in the hall starting at 5.30. Parents can view various secondary art examples around the hall. All are welcome to come and celebrate the hard work of our students.

As we can see, the new secondary building is taking shape rapidly. However, we ask that families remain vigilant during this process, as there will be times when areas surrounding the building site will be inaccessible to the general public. During these times, we ask that families follow directions, for the safety of all.









School Reminders and Information

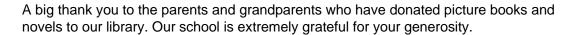
<u>Fun Friday Tuckshop</u> – Next Friday, the 15th of September, is the last tuckshop day for Term 3. There will be a special menu with a few fun treats to celebrate the end of term. Orders must be received by 9:30am, Thursday, the 14th of September. No late orders will be accepted. <u>Orders can be made online on the Flexischools website at www.flexischools.com.au</u> (preferred option) or a paper order form is available from the school office.

fun friday

<u>Last Day of Term 3</u> – Next 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>Scholastic Book Fair</u> - Book Fair will be running until tomorrow the 8th of September in the Library. Books will be available for purchase before school, from 8:00am to 8.45am, and after school till 4pm.

Parents will need to help children with their purchases.











<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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South Burnett Lutheran Parish Confirmation Classes 2023/2024

Pastor Noel Noack (Locum Pastor, South Burnett Lutheran Parish) would like to contact parents who wish to enrol their child in Confirmation Class.

The purpose of Confirmation Classes is to enable young people to grow in their Christian faith so that they will personally understand and own their faith. The preferred age for participating children is Year 7 and above.

In classes, children will be able to ask questions regarding the Christian faith. Teaching will be based on the Bible and The Small Catechism of Dr Martin Luther. It will lead students on a journey through the key teachings of the Christian Church and share the history of the Church.

Pastor Noel would like to incorporate young people from across the South Burnett Parish. It has been suggested that classes be held in the framework of day seminars and camps.

For further information and discussion contact Pastor Noel Noack on Ph 0429 046 663 or by email: noel.noack@gmail.com

P&F News

What a great night we had under the stars with our family and friends last Friday. Thank you to all those who came and supported the P&F Movie Night.



Primary Snippets

<u>Prep Vision Screening</u> – All Prep Parents should have received an email regarding Free Prep Vision Screening. The Queensland Government service offers Free Vision Screening to all children enrolled in Prep.

If your child is in Prep and you would like their vision screened, please complete a consent form on your email, or contact the office to have this email sent to you. Consent forms need to be completed by Sunday, the 8th of October.

<u>National Computer Science School's (NCSS) Coding Challenge</u> - This term, numerous students embraced the challenge of the National Computer Science School's (NCSS) Coding Challenge, a multi-week digital competition. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Annabelle S, Daniel F, Jani V, Jared A-G, Karlos C, and Nithin P for their outstanding achievements and well-deserved Participation awards.

St. John's School proudly recognizes Max C for achieving a Distinction and Joshua L for attaining Perfection with a flawless 100% coding accuracy. We commend all participants for their impressive self-learning and problem-solving strategies exhibited throughout this challenge. Kudos to their remarkable accomplishments!



<u>Prep Science</u> – St John's groundsmen, Mr Farmilo, put his Karchering skills to the test this week when he acted as the 'wind' for a Prep C Science experiment. Preppies were given the task of designing a structure that would keep a teddy bear safe when the big bad wolf (Mr F) blew it down.

It was amazing to see the variety of structures created by the Preppies. What a great experiment!





<u>Grandparents & BookWeek Day</u> – A heartfelt thanks to all parents and grandparents who made Grandparents and BookWeek Day unforgettable!! Your presence made day extra special. Please enjoy some photos taken on the day.





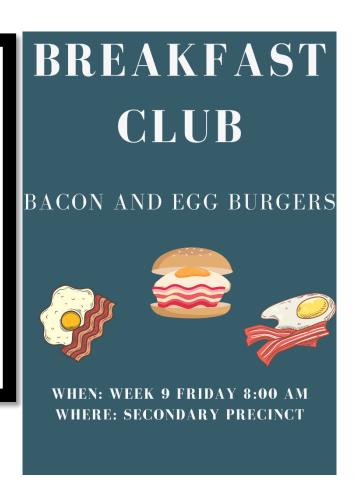
YEAR 10 AND 11 STUDENTS!



A Night in the Army Reserve

Tuesday 12 Sep 23 7.00 PM 25/49RQR Army Depot 89 Bramston Street Wondai

For further information 0408 623 621





Thurs	Fri	Saturday	Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed
7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11th	12 th	13th
BOOK FAIR	BOOK FAIR			Primary Devotion Yr4-6 8:50am Year P-Yr3 2:20pm		NO PLAYGROUP Arts Showcase
14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20th
	LAST DAY OF TERM 3	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS School Resumes Tuesday 3rd October				

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 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).





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



Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service

Do you know the signs of

in children?

Paediatric Sepsis

Visit the new Children's Health Queensland

ast breathing or long pauses in breathing

A lot of pain or very restless

Sepsis in children website for more info



Rash that doesn't fade when pressed

Fit or convulsion

eels abnormally cold to touch







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

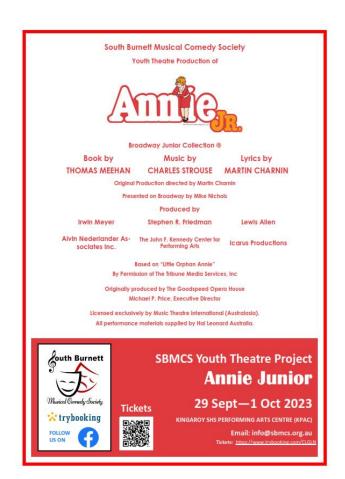
Contact: For more information phone

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 www.raiseourvoiceaustralia.com/youthvoice -

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 https://raiseourvoiceaustralia.com/youthvoice for some more tips, inspiration or to submit your speech.