# St John's Lutheran School

# School Newsletter – 12th October 2023



# In our Prayers this week:

Seaward Family - Izabella Yr4 Seiler Family – Briella Yr3, Riley Yr10 Sellars Family - Thomas Yr2 Seng Family – Lily Yr6, Sierra Yr8 Shah Family - Maryam Prep Shailer Family – Nicholas Yr8, Mia Yr10 Shephard Family – Cooper Prep Shirlaw Family - William Yr3, Gemma Prep



# **Sunday Worship Services:**

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

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#### Kindness is...

This week as we continue to explore the 7C's, we look at the guideline of co-operation. This looks at how we get along with those around us. Here at St John's, we are all in this together. We work in class together, we eat together, we play together, and we work out problems together. All of this takes co-operation, where we make a choice to think not only about ourselves but about what is good for others around us. It means respecting others, listening to them, sharing and taking turns, and giving everyone a fair go. We can achieve much more when we work together instead of going it alone.

#### Bible Verse - Ephesians 4:1-4

As a follower of Jesus, I beg you to live in a way that is pleasing to God. Always be humble and gentle. Patiently get along with each other and love each other. Try your best to let God's spirit keep your hearts united. Do this by co-operating and living at peace with each other.





# Weekly Wellbeing

Be ready to serve! This morning before school, I was given a gentle reminder from God how important it is for us to use our gifts and talents to serve others. Serving others is a simple way of making meaningful connections, showing empathy, and strengthening our community. A small random act of kindness can create a positive ripple effect on someone's day and throughout society. We have all been blessed with different abilities and talents that we could use to assist in making someone's day, week or

month more positive. Ultimately, service is a powerful way to contribute to the well-being of both individuals and the community.



Trevenna Jorgensen, Wellbeing Officer.

## From the Principal – Mrs Karyn Bjelke-Petersen

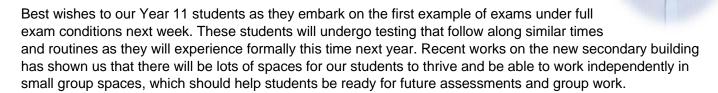
If you are following the school's page on socials, you will see what an awesome time our Year 6 students and staff are having on their camp to Cairns. Between the marine experiences and the indigenous perspectives, there are key aspects of the curriculum covered. Alongside that, the students grow in more ways including independence and resilience, socially and emotionally. Our camping program from Year 3 is part of our school that provides special memories and experiences for students that sometimes goes beyond the curriculum. We look forward to hearing of the Year 3 and 4 adventures also over the next few weeks.



Please remind your child/ren to apply sunscreen each morning. The weather is warming up and we are expecting an extreme summer season. Applying sunscreen before school and then reapplying before lunch time can assist in minimising sun damage later in life. Some parents prefer to pack a personal supply of sunscreen in their child's lunchboxes when they are old enough to apply themselves. This can be a reminder to the children to reapply it throughout the day.

# From the Deputy Principal – Mr Steven Lake

Welcome to Week 2. It has been a frantic start to Term 4 with students experiencing a renewed level of participation in various sporting events, including the 9-A-Side Rugby League competition in Murgon this week. Welcome back to Charisse Dizon (Year 11) and Mrs Springhall from their recent trip to Japan on a cultural trip associated with their studies. It will be lovely to hear about this experience in the coming weeks as they share their ideas and activities with us all.



At present, our Year 6 students are enjoying a great camp experience in Cairns. They are due to return tomorrow, and I know that they have had a wonderful time learning about themselves and their classmates through various activities and experiences. We wish them a safe return.

This Friday, our leaders will present a chapel service for our secondary students. It has been wonderful to see our students show passion and responsibility in taking the initiative in a leadership capacity. It bodes well for our future student leadership and advocacy plans for 2024. This is a final reminder for our families to continue to be vigilant in being safe around our worksites. The construction manager, Athol, came and spoke to our students last week about progress on the building and safety reminders for our students.

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

**2024 Planning - Families Leaving Reminder** - As we continue into Term 4, we would like to remind parents that if they have plans to leave our school community at the end of the year, a notice in writing is required by Tuesday the 31st of October, except if work transfers are announced after this time. Otherwise, a half term's fees will be due in lieu of notice. Staffing for 2024 is based on the numbers of students in each class. Letters should be handed in to the Registrar, Mrs Williams, or emailed to <a href="twil@sils.gld.edu.au">twil@sils.gld.edu.au</a>

<u>Uniform Shop</u> – For the next two weeks, the Uniform Shop will be <u>CLOSED</u> due to Mrs Davison being on Long Service Leave. Please order online via the school app and your uniforms will be sent home with your child. If you need to try on sizes, please drop into the school office to make an appointment time.

#### **POSTPONED - Prep Vision Screening**

During Term 3, Prep Parents were notified about free vision screening that will take place here at school. We wish to advise this has been postponed until next month. We will notify you of the date in next week's newsletter. You can still complete the consent form that was emailed to you via Seesaw; the due date has been extended.

#### Year 6 Reef and Rainforest Explorer

Our Year 6 students have arrived safely in Cairns and all look like they are having a wonderful time. You can follow all their adventures on the St John's School Facebook page.



#### Year 3 Camp Duckadang

Year 3 students head off to Camp Duckadang on the 19th of October for their first school camp! Final information and gear lists were sent home earlier this week. Final payment for this camp is DUE NOW! Please contact Tracey Williams in the school office if you have outstanding camp fees.

#### Year 4 Camp Currimundi

Year 4 students head off to Camp Currimundi from the 23rd to the 25th of October. Final information was sent home earlier this week. Final payment for this camp is DUE NOW! Please contact Tracey Williams in the school office if you have outstanding camp fees.

#### Day for Daniel - Free Dress Day

On Friday, the 27th of October, we will have a Free Dress Day for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. All students are encouraged to wear red and to bring along a gold coin donation. Day for Daniel is Australia's largest national child safety education and awareness day and as a school community we have come together to raise awareness and support this. Year 4 students will be selling cupcakes on this day for \$1. There is a limited supply, first in first served.

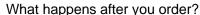


#### Year 6 Fundraiser - Jolly Soles Fund-raiser

Love a good silly sock? Love great quality and socks built to last? Our final fund-raiser for Year 6 camp will be the one for you! Jolly soles have a large range of patterns and sizes and the best part? You can order straight from the website using the link or scan the QR code below and the discount code will be automatically applied. The code gets you 25% off and adds your order to our school fundraising total.

Alternatively, you could type the code directly into the discount section at checkout. Remember you MUST ADD THE CODE and only individual pairs will earn us rewards, not fund-raising boxes, or sample packs.

You'll need to act fast; we only have until the 20th of October (end of Week 3) before orders close.



All sock orders will be delivered to the school together, packed ready to be sent to classes for distribution. Distribution will be on the 1st of November. To make it easier for us to deliver them to the correct classes, please add your child's name and class at the cart section. (e.g. Monica Bing 6L) If you have family or friends that would like to order, they can add your child's name and class or alternatively write 'Hall' and they will be able to pick them up from the hall on the 1st of November (Time to be confirmed).

Discount code: SJLS6 Discount is 25%

Closing date: 20th October 2023 Distribution date: 1st November 2023

Thank you,

Year 6 Camp Fundraising Team





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

#### **AGM Meeting**

P&F Meeting and AGM will be held on Monday 30th October at 6pm in the school admin building. We invite all parents and friends of St Johns, and senior students are also welcome to attend. We always get a great school update, and you can contribute your ideas for future projects.

#### **Christmas Ham Drive**

It's time to order your delicious Christmas Ham! And maybe one for your extended family, workmate or neighbour. SunPork Fresh Foods Kingaroy will be supplying the hams, approximately 5.5 to 6kg in size. \$55 each. Orders are due Friday 10th November 12noon. Expected pick up date is the last week of term. Preferred order method is online, using debit or credit card.

#### 2023 Christmas Ham Drive - ORDER HERE!

If you order online, you do **NOT** need to return a paper form to the school office.

#### **Bookarama**

The book donation bin will be available at the school again from this coming Monday 16th of October. Look for the large blue and yellow box under cover outside the school hall, down near the end of the car park. If you have a large number of books to donate, please email sjlspf@gmail.com to arrange to drop them directly to the book shed or arrange a collection. Watch our Facebook page www.facebook.com/stjohnspf for opportunities to help out at the book shed over the next few months. All volunteers are welcome to take some books for free!

# **Sporting News**

#### **Sporting Schools Program**

Parents were emailed, and notes were sent home to the students who were accepted into the Sporting Schools Program. Basketball (Monday), Soccer (Wednesday) and Athletics (Thursday) will all commence <u>next week.</u>

	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	
Week 2	No Sporting Schools	No Sporting Schools	No Sporting Schools	
Week 3	Basketball (Year 3 to 6)	Soccer (Year 3 to 6)	Athletics (Year 1 to 4)	
Week 4	Basketball (Year 3 to 6)	Soccer (Year 3 to 6)	Athletics (Year 1 to 4)	
Week 5	Basketball (Year 3 to 6)	Soccer (Year 3 to 6)	Athletics (Year 1 to 4)	
Week 6	Basketball (Year 3 to 6)	Soccer (Year 3 to 6)	Athletics (Year 1 to 4)	
Week 7	Basketball (Year 3 to 6)	Soccer (Year 3 to 6)	Athletics (Year 1 to 4)	
Week 8	Basketball (Year 3 to 6)	Soccer (Year 3 to 6)	Athletics (Year 1 to 4)	
Week 9	No Sporting Schools	No Sporting Schools	No Sporting Schools	

<u>Swimming Week</u> Our Swimming Week for students in Prep to Year 4 will run from Monday, the 6th of November to Friday, the 10th of November. More information will be provided soon.



### **Summer Carnival**

On **Friday, the 20th of October**, our Year 4 to 6 students will be participating in the Primary Schools Summer Carnival. This is a great opportunity for our students to compete socially against other schools. Students will be leaving St John's Lutheran School by bus at 9:00am sharp and returning by 2:30pm. Students need to ensure they have a hat, comfortable sports shoes, sunscreen, and plenty of water and food. Canteens will be operating at each of the venues. Contact Mr Moseling at gmos@sjls.qld.edu.au if you have any questions.

Sport	Venue		
Oz-Tag	Kingaroy Junior Soccer Grounds		
Kanga	St Mary's CC		
Newcombe	Taabinga SS		
Ultimate Disk	St John's LS		

# **Sporting News continued**

During the school holidays, Charlie E in Year 5 competed at the Pony Club Qld State Championships Sporting Gymkhana. Charlie came 1st in her age group at this event. Congratulations for all your hard work!





Congratulations to Emma T who competed at the Aquathlon at Currimundi earlier this week. Emma had to swim 100m followed by an 800m run. It was a tough event, and it was great to see Emma come away with third place. Well done! Congratulations also to the students from local schools who competed as well.

# **Primary Snippets**

1M has been a hive of activity during Christian Studies lessons. Each student created an art piece as they learnt about each day of creation. Now their classroom looks extra bright and beautiful. Well done 1M!



#### **Primary Lego Competition**

If your primary school aged child would like to submit an ORIGINAL Lego creation to our online competition for 2023 this is a reminder that entries close on the 20th of October.

Please submit a photo of your child's entry to Mrs Murphy at smur@sjls.qld,edu.au ready for judging by the Year 6 leadership team. Thank you to those who have submitted entries so far – they look fantastic!



# **Secondary Snippets**

The Year 9/10 Material and Technologies Specialist students have worked very hard to finish off their aprons for Mr Sampson. Mr Sampson set criteria for an apron for Manual Arts. Students investigated the design process from design sketch to final product.

I am really proud of what they produced. They handed over their product to Mr Sampson and explained the details of their design. I think they turned out even better than Mr Sampson expected, well done!









#### **Dates to Remember**

$October\ 2023$									
12 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	18th			
1Z"		14"	15"	10"	1741				
	U-9 Footy League - Murgon					St John's Playgroup 9am – 10:30am Year 4 – 6 Assembly			
Year 6 Can	np - Cairns								
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday			
19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	25th			
2024 Prep Orientation	2024 Prep Orientation			2024 Prep Orientation	2024 Prep Orientation	2024 Prep Orientation			
						St John's Playgroup 9am – 10:30am			
						Year 1 – 3 Assembly			
Year 3 Camp - Duckadang									

# **Community Notices**





Come along for a hot cuppa, morning tea and a guest speaker in a relaxed setting with friends

Thursday 20th July - Fill your cup! Keeping your mental health in tip top shape. Come expecting to laugh!

Thursday 17th August - Travelling
Feel stuck or itchy feet? Hear tips & seniors travel ideas locally & afar.

Thursday 28th September - Preventative Health We focus on important health issues as your age & how to prevent them.

Thursday 19th October - Connect Fest Seniors month is all about connections and celebrating you!

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

ost: Gold coin donation at the door

**Time:** 9:30am - 11:00am

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**Contact:** For more information phone Lucy Finney 4162 6555

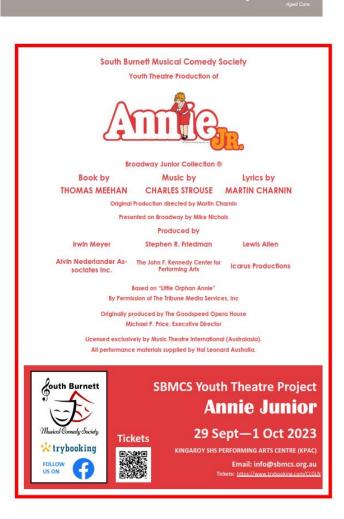
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Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service











# KINDY

Kindy is free from 1 January 2024.

Kindy is a 15-hour a week (or 600 hours a year) government-approved educational program delivered by a qualified early childhood teacher.

Free kindy is for children who are aged at least 4 years by 30 June in the year before they start school.

Families will benefit from free kindy whether they attend a sessional or long day care service.



www.qld.gov.au/freekindy



# Does my child start kindy or school in 2024?

Born in the blue months, your child goes to school. Born in the red months, your child goes to kindy.

