

St John's Lutheran School

School Newsletter – 19th October 2023



In our Prayers this week:

Simpkins Family – Ashtin Yr 10
Simpson Family – Tanner Prep
Sloan Family – Madelyn Yr1, Rosalee Yr4
Smith Family – Mileah Yr6
Smith Family – Zara Yr1
Soller Family – Gabrielle Yr2
Squire Family – Amity Prep
Stallwood Family – Joshua Yr6, Lachlan Yr8



Sunday Worship Services:

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

St John's Lutheran School

84 – 94 Ivy Street

PO Box 506

Kingaroy QLD 4610

Phone: 0741623988

Email: office@sjls.qld.edu.au

Kindness is...

This week, our focus shifts to the Communication guideline as part of our exploration of the 7C's. Effective communication involves expressing our thoughts and emotions in a way that can be understood by others, while showing kindness. At St John's, we are a community that works together to learn, grow, and connect. Whether it's in class, during mealtimes, or playtime, good communication skills are vital to fostering healthy relationships. This entails respecting one another, active listening, sharing ideas, and collaborating to support each other.



Weekly Wellbeing

In the safety talk on a flight, we are told to put on our own masks before helping others. If we are struggling to breathe during an emergency, we won't be able to do anything for anyone else. The same is true in life. When we are tired, sick or frustrated, our energy levels drop and our ability to be nice or thoughtful to others takes a nosedive! How can we give when we don't have anything left to give? Self-care – looking after yourself, sleep, downtime, doing something that feeds your soul – is necessary to fill your own cup. As author Eleanor Brown says, *"Self-care is not selfish. When you take time to replenish your spirit, it allows you to serve others from the overflow. You cannot serve from an empty vessel."*

Ruth Muller, School Counsellor.



From the Principal – Mrs Karyn Bjelke-Petersen

It was lovely to receive this email early this week from a family who were holidaying in North Qld while our Year 6 students were on their Cairns camp last week. Congratulations Year 6 students on your fabulous behaviour on camp.

It is pretty special to have made a young family's day by your interactions and behaviour. Overall, our staff who were on camp were very happy with everyone's behaviour and we thank you all for making it such a wonderful experience for our campers and staff.



Hello,

I wanted to take a minute to express our shock into how...PLEASANT the group of Year 6 camp students from your school were in FNQ this week.

My husband and I, and our toddler, were out doing the Mossman Gorge walk on Tuesday morning this week (10th Oct) and came across a large group of well-behaved kids on the walk. The main stand out point was on the bus on the way back to the information centre where a boy very politely asked us if we were having a good trip and a good day...my husband and I looked at each other in shock as to how polite and well-spoken the boy was. He also commented on how cool my son's hat was that had a digger on it. He really made our day - it started a conversation between us that we hoped our son would be so polite and well-mannered to the public on his school camp one day.

Well done on shaping the next generation! We're from the Gold Coast so don't see it very often around home! Wish we got his name so we could personally say what a champ he is - keep it up buddy!

It was so lovely this morning to welcome some of our '24 preppies for the first Transition Morning. We have four more mornings planned and it is a great opportunity for our newest students to visit one of the Prep classrooms and for parents to get the latest updates regarding processes for the last part of the school year.

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 twil@sjls.qld.edu.au

Carpark Reminders

We are conscious of the congestion surrounding the school during peak hours, and we prioritise the safety of our community while minimising our impact on our neighbours. We appreciate the council representatives' visit to discuss potential solutions, and we view this as a positive step forward. Our school is experiencing significant growth, and it's essential to consider future expansion while prioritising safety. Lastly, we commend our families for their vigilance when driving in and around our school and avoiding blocking neighbours' driveways.



We acknowledge that the waiting period for Drop and Go can be extensive. We request your patience as we ensure all children are safely escorted to their respective vehicles.

Additionally, endeavouring to arrive at the school after the end of day bell rings can aid in minimising congestion in the car park and Drop and Go areas. If you are unsure where and how Drop and Go operates, please call the school office.

Drop and Go Zone - The Drop & Go Zone is behind the Bus Zone beside Adermann Park. Please note this is not a parking area. Parents are permitted to use the Bus Zone as well, but only before 8:30am and after 3:10pm provided the buses have departed. Children must exit vehicles on the footpath side of the vehicle only. Please make sure that, if you use this area during the times mentioned on the signs, you do not park and get out of your vehicle. Keep your vehicle moving forward as cars in front of you depart the area. A list of afternoon Drop & Go students will be compiled during the morning roll call.

In the afternoons, Drop & Go students will go directly to the far gate. Supervision of this area finishes at 3:15pm, and children who have not been collected by this time will be asked to wait outside the office area, so parents can collect them from the office.

Car Park - Thank you for your co-operation so that traffic remains manageable. Other procedures to remember that are safety issues –

1. The car park is one-way traffic only.
2. The speed limit is 8km an hour.
3. No children should be set down on the bitumen unless the car is parked in a marked parking space.
4. Only park in a marked parking space.

Upcoming Important Dates

- Secondary – Celebration of Learning – Monday 20th November 2023 - 6pm
- Primary – Celebration of Learning – Monday 27th of November 2023 - 9am

Uniform Shop – For the next two weeks, the Uniform Shop will be **CLOSED** 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.

Year 3 Camp Duckadang

Year 3 students headed off today to Camp. We hope you have an amazing time! Look out on our school Facebook page for photos.

Year 4 Camp Currimundi

Year 4 students head off next week to Camp Currimundi from the 23rd to the 25th of October. Final information was sent last week.

Free Dress Day!

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 at the tuckshop. There is a limited supply, first in first served.



World Vision – Free Dress Day

We have been sponsoring Adriana at school, since 2014. She lives in Indonesia and is 10 years old. This term we are holding a Free Dress Day to raise money for Adriana, to help her live in a safer, healthier environment in which she will learn and grow. On Friday, the 3rd of November, students and staff are encouraged to wear free dress and bring a gold coin donation to support Adriana! Thank you to our school community for your ongoing support for Adriana.



Meet Adriana!



Past Student News

Congratulations to many past St John's students who were recently presented with certificates at the KSHS Speech Night. Special acknowledgment to Charlotte Landherr also (Prep to Year 9) for being awarded the 2023 Senior Dux award. This is the result of hard work and dedication to her studies, and we wish all past students the very best as they complete their final weeks of senior schooling.

Year 6 Fundraiser - Jolly Soles Fund-raiser

Do you love wearing fun and quirky socks? If so, Jolly Soles is the perfect place for you! They offer a vast range of patterns and sizes, and the best part is that you can order directly from their website using the link provided. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code below to automatically apply the 25% discount code. By placing an order, you'll be contributing to our school's fundraising efforts for the Year 6 Camp. Once your order is confirmed, all sock orders will be delivered to the school together, packed and ready for distribution to classes on November 1st. Please add your child's name and class to the cart section to ensure smooth delivery (for example, Monica Bing 6L).

[ORDER YOUR JOLLY SOLES SOCKS HERE!](#)

If you have family or friends interested in purchasing socks, they can add your child's name and class or write "Hall" and collect the socks from the hall on November 1st (time to be confirmed).



Discount code: SJLS6

Closing date: 20th October 2023

Thank you, Year 6 Camp Fundraising

Discount is 25%

Distribution date: 1st November 2023

P&F News

P&F Meeting and AGM will be held on Monday, 30th October, at 6pm at 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. You are welcome to nominate to become a member of the P&F Executive committee for 2024.

Christmas Ham Drive Don't forget 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. Pick up probably the last week of school. Preferred order method is online, using debit or credit card. www.trybooking.com/CMFLT. If you order online you do NOT have to return a paper form to the school office.

Bookarama The book donation box is now in place! 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!

Primary Snippets

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 **tomorrow** 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!



Year 6 Camp

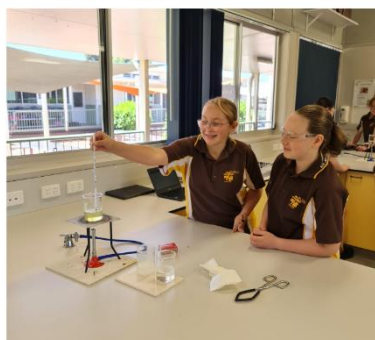
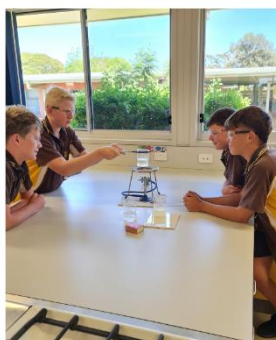
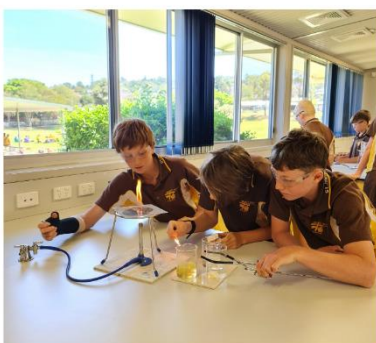
Last week 46 Year 6 students were lucky enough to spend the week in Cairns snorkelling and exploring the Great Barrier Reef and some other fantastic parts of Far North Queensland. They travelled by plane, train, bus, army duck and boat, and witnessed some fantastic crocodile and fish feeding. They learnt a lot about marine life as well as rainforests, ecosystems and animal habitats and behaviours. It was a fun-filled week and they all returned exhausted but had a fantastic time!



Secondary Snippets

Year 7 Science

Investigating melting points of various solids to prove particle theory.



Sporting News

Summer Carnival

Tomorrow, **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 **EXCEPT** Kingaroy Junior Soccer Fields. Please also ensure you pack at least 2 water bottles for you child.

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

Dates to Remember

October 2023

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th
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				Year 4 Camp		
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th	31 st	1 st November
	Free Dress Day Day for Daniel <i>Wear something Red.</i>			P&F AGM Meeting 6pm		St John's Playgroup 9am – 10:30am Year 4 – 6 Assembly

Community Notices



Orana Aged Care

Presents

Seniors of the South Burnett

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

Cost: Gold coin donation at the door

Time: 9:30am - 11:00am

Contact: For more information phone Lucy Finney 4162 6555



Lutheran Services

Dementia Support Group



Share some quality time and swap information with those who are caring for loved ones with dementia and short-term memory loss.

Our group meets monthly, offering support and advice covering a broad range of topics to those and their loved ones on the dementia journey.

The discussion is led by Lucy Finney, our Client Services Advisor, who has a passion for Dementia and supporting families.

A relaxed get together sharing our experiences in a non-judgemental environment. All welcome.

Where

Orana Aged Care & Retirement Living
Community Hub (enter via admin building)
24 MacDiarmid St, Kingaroy

When

First Wednesday of every month
10am-12pm
Morning tea provided

For more information please phone Lucy Finney, Client Services Advisor on 07 4162 6555

w.lutheranservices.org.au



Lutheran Services
Aged Care

Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service

Do you know the signs of SEPSIS in children?



Visit the new Children's Health Queensland Sepsis in children website for more info



Queensland Government

South Burnett Musical Comedy Society

Youth Theatre Production of



Broadway Junior Collection ®

Book by THOMAS MEEHAN Music by CHARLES STROUSE Lyrics by MARTIN CHARNIN

Original Production directed by Martin Charnin

Presented on Broadway by Mike Nichols

Produced by

Irwin Meyer Stephen R. Friedman Lewis Allen
Alvin Nederlander Associates Inc. The John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts Icarus Productions

Based on "Little Orphan Annie"

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Michael P. Price, Executive Director

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SBMCS Youth Theatre Project
Annie Junior

29 Sept—1 Oct 2023

KINGAROY SHS PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE (KPAC)

Email: info@sbmcs.org.au

Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/CLGB>

Tickets



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.



Ask your
local kindy
provider about
free kindy in
2024

www.qld.gov.au/freekindy

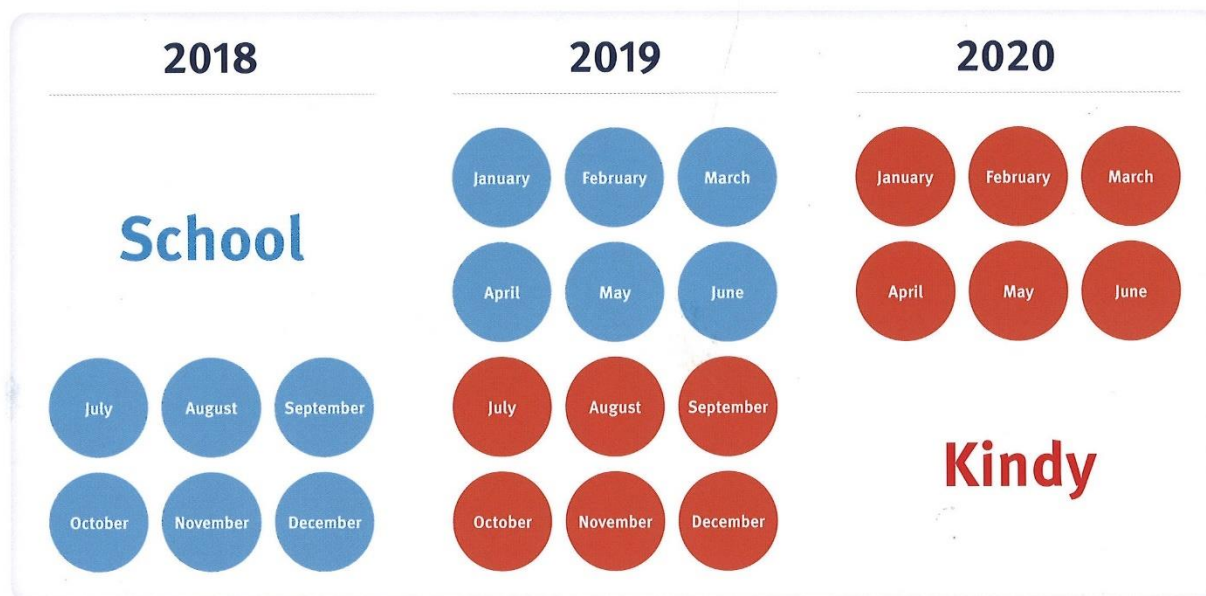


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Does my child start kindy or school in 2024?

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

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



www.qld.gov.au/kindycalculator

KiNDY