

St John's Lutheran School

School Newsletter – 26th October 2023



In our Prayers this week:

Steinhardt Family – Elizabeth Yr6
Steinhardt Family – Levi Yr8, Briar Yr10
Stevens Family – William Yr4, Annabelle Yr6
Stevens – Angus Yr2, Ava Yr5
Stewart Family – Shania Prep, Leslie Yr4, Sarah-Jean Yr7
Sullivan Family – Avie Yr3, Anika Yr5
Tatnell Family – Edison Yr1
Taylor Family – Quinn Yr4



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

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Kindness is...

The Christmas season is quickly approaching again, and we are challenged with the daunting task of buying gifts for everyone... before Christmas Eve. Balancing between what we all want and what we need can be tricky. At Christmas, we celebrate God's ultimate gift to us ... Jesus. Each of us needs his grace and forgiveness. This Christmas, may each of us be inspired to respond by giving generously from our hearts to supply what our loved ones truly need. Also, may we think of the countless millions of people all over the world who are doing it tougher than us, some just struggling to find their next meal. Australian Lutheran World Service offers 'Gifts of Grace', where we can purchase items of support for families overseas and present that gesture to someone as a gift for Christmas. Check out the gift catalogue that will be going home this week!

Bible Verse: Matthew 25:40 Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.



Weekly Wellbeing

We can probably all relate that sometimes allowing children to attempt new tasks by themselves is more mess than help, especially in the kitchen. However, letting them have a go teaches children such great independence, and is a vital skill that they will need as they grow and become adults. Teaching children to take responsibility from a young age for their belongings, their commitments, and, importantly, their choices and behaviours, is so beneficial.

Often the easy option is to do the task for our children. It may be quicker, less mess, and done more effectively; however, we are taking away a teachable moment and a chance for them to grow and gain some independence. Whether it be guiding your children to pack their own school bag, start making their own lunch, take responsibility for their schoolwork and due dates, or allowing them to be in charge of cooking dinner for the family one night, it is going to be a chance for them to grow and improve their skills. No matter how big or small the task, allowing your children to show their independence is beneficial and an opportunity for you to encourage them, boost them up, and empower them to know their capabilities.

From the Principal – Mrs Karyn Bjelke-Petersen

This Friday, we celebrate World Teacher's Day. This is a special day where we treat our staff with staff breakfast to say thank you for the job they do each and every day. Even though this day is titled for 'Teachers', we also recognise and acknowledge our learning coaches and ancillary staff on this day. Our staff work together in the classrooms, administration and other areas such as tuckshop and grounds as a team. We are very blessed to have the committed and hard-working staff that we have and the work they do for our next generation.



Our last campers arrived back tired but happy late yesterday. From all accounts, they have had a wonderful time, with the weather being kind to them so they could enjoy some beach time and some great activities to develop teamwork. Camps are part of our school program that many students remember for years to come, for the funny things that happen and the skills they learn. Thanks to our staff who give up the extra time, away from their families, to make camps the positive experience they are. Mr Mo - please don't ask him how many days he has attended camp over the years he has helped out. From last count, I think he was up to a whole year of his life on camp! He must love his job!

Over the last week or so, we have welcomed the 2024 Preppies across 5 mornings as part of the Transition program. It was lovely to see so many excited little faces eager to become 'Big Preppies'.

The last few weeks are sliding past rather quickly, and it is hard to think we only have 5 more weeks of school after this week. There is a lot happening in these last few weeks so take note of all the events we have on. I hope to see many of you at the P&F meeting and AGM, next Monday evening in the admin building.

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

Movember at St John's

This November, male staff at St John's are participating in Movember, a charity aimed at changing the face of men's health. The charity focusses on mental health, suicide prevention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer. We doubt whether our moustache will be as good as Tom Selleck, Merv Hughes or Ned Flanders, but keep an eye out for some great (or not so great) facial hair. Photo updates to come in the following weeks.

If you're able, please follow the QR code to donate to our St John's team. We greatly appreciate your support.



MOVEMBER



Prep Vision Screening

Prep Vision screening will now be held on Monday, the 20th of November.

Upcoming Important Dates

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

These special events go for approximately 2 hours.

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, supervision for these areas is until 3:15pm.

If you are unsure where and how Drop and Go operates, please call the school office. If you would like your child to begin using Drop and Go, please contact the office if you have any questions, or advising the staff that it's your child's first day using it, so we can notify the staff on duty to assist your child.



Day for Daniel – Free Dress Day

Tomorrow, Friday, the 27th of October, we will have a Free Dress Day for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. All students are encouraged to wear **red** to raise awareness.

Year 4 students will be selling cupcakes on this day for \$1 at the tuckshop. There is a limited supply, first in - first served. All funds raised will be donated to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. 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.



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!



Transport Assistance

The NSSTAS provides financial assistance for families transporting students to non state schools in Queensland. Please click on the link below to check your eligibility.

[Non State School Transport Assistance](#)

P&F News

P&F Meeting and AGM will be held next Monday, the 30th of 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.

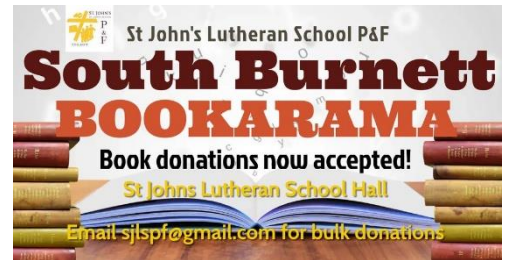
P&F News continued...

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 the link www.trybooking.com/CMFLT or QR code.

If you order online you do NOT have to return a paper form to the school office.



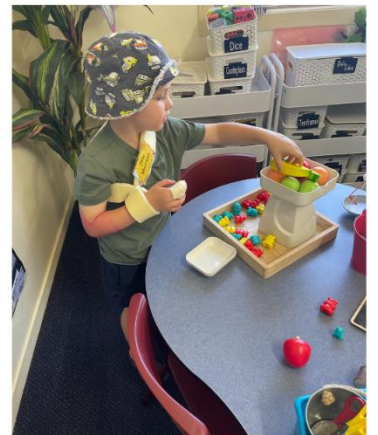
Bookarama The book donation box is now in place! Look for the large blue and yellow box under cover outside the school hall, down near the end of the car park. If you have a large number of books to donate, please email sjlspf@gmail.com to arrange to drop them directly to the book shed or arrange a collection. 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

Over the last two weeks the Prep Orientation and transition process for our 2024 Prep students has taken place. Our new Preppies spent the morning in classrooms exploring the new learning environment and (most importantly) the playground - as they begin to think about what being a 'Big Preppie' might involve.

We can't wait to see your smiling faces on campus in 2024 ready for lots of fun learning!



Secondary Snippets

Study Time

Students from Years 7 – 11 are welcome to come along every Tuesday & Thursday from 7.30am in L2 Classroom to access assistance from Mrs Springhall and Mrs Roberts for catching up on work/assessment. We look forward to seeing you there!



Secondary Snippets continued...

Drama

The Year 9 & 10 Drama class were excited to see Frankenstein by Shake & Stir Theatre company yesterday in Brisbane. They even had time for a quick trip to the Museum.



Sporting News

Last Friday, students in Years 4 to 6 spent the day playing Ultimate Disc, Oz-tag, Kanga Cricket and Newcombe against other schools in the district. The students had a great time and placed well. A big thank you to all the teachers, students, host schools and convenors for a successful day!



Dates to Remember

October/November 2023

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> World Teachers Day			P&F AGM Meeting 6pm		St John's Playgroup 9am – 10:30am Year 4 – 6 Assembly
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
	Free Dress Day World Vision – Gold coin donation.					St John's Playgroup 9am – 10:30am Year 1 – 3 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?



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

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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



Boys who turn 13-18 in 2024 are able to nominate to be eligible to make a 2024 Qld Representative School Sport Netball team (13-15 years OR 16-19 years) by following the information on the attached survey.

- Boys 13-15 and 16-19 years netball survey is now open. <https://survey.qed.qld.gov.au/n/er0hXw3>
- Interested boys in these age groups for 2024 can submit their 1-2 minute video clip of their highlights to be considered for QRSS selection.



**SOUTH BURNETT
CHORALE**



Songs of the Season

Annual Christmas Concerts

4pm Sunday, 19th November

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church
37 Gipps St, Nanango

Tickets \$15: www.trybooking.com/CMPSW or at the door.

4pm Sunday, 26th November

Kingaroy Church of Christ
254 Haly St, Kingaroy

Tickets \$15: www.trybooking.com/CMPSY or at the door

Coming soon:

Lessons and Carols, Kingaroy Anglican Church 16th December

Kingaroy Netball Boys State Age Teams 2024

We are looking for boys turning 12 - 18 in 2024, interested in playing at the State Age Carnivals. It is a great experience, players come from all over Queensland to play against each other over 4 days.

Senior Carnival (15 - 18years) - 6-9th April at Western Districts Netball Association

Junior Carnival (12-14years) - 29th June to 2nd July at Downey Park Netball Association.

Come along to the following sessions to learn some skills and play some netball

**Boys only sessions - Wednesday's 25th Oct,
1st and 8th November 4-5.30pm**

**Or Tuesday's 4.30 - 6pm with the other teams
on 24th and 31st October and 7th November**

Email kingaroynetball@yahoo.com.au if
you would like any other information



School Crossing Supervisor

The Department of Transport and Main Roads invites you to apply for the position of School Crossing Supervisor at Kingaroy Primary Schools.

- Casual rates start at \$33.27 per hour, (maximum of 1.5 hours per day)
- You will need to be available mornings and/or afternoons on all school days
- You will need to work in all weather conditions and wear full Personal Protective wear.
- If you are successful TMR will provide:
 - Health Assessment
 - Blue Card (for working with children)
 - Training
 - All personal protective equipment
- Department of Transport and Main Roads is an equal opportunity employer

If interested, please contact Nina Kenning at
nina.d.kenning@tmr.qld.gov.au
Phone 0428 340 464 or 5482 0332



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



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Limited spaces available - book your spot today.



Needing help for your business to thrive and grow?

If you are starting out in business or are well established, want to grow your business or need some support to employ staff we can help you with:

- Free mentoring and business support services.
- Access to grants and financial assistance information.
- 'Back to Work' Support payments of up to \$20,000 are available for eligible employers who hire eligible unemployed Queenslanders. Ask about the range of free short courses that support businesses to recruit and retain employees.
- Referrals to other Government agencies including the Queensland Small Business Commissioner advocacy and support service.
- Inform on upcoming business events, seminars, and forums.
- Subsidised training and incentives including apprenticeships and traineeship information.
- Opportunities to supply to the Queensland Government

This is a collaboration between the Dept Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training Darling Downs Southwest Region (DYJESBT DDSW) and Kingaroy Chamber Commerce Industry Inc (KCCI).

Where: The KCCI HUB, Kingaroy Street, Kingaroy Qld 4610 from 9am and 2pm
Book in for a FREE appointment at ddswdssbt@desbt.qld.gov.au
An officer will be in touch to confirm your booking.



Queensland Government



Jumping Ant Arts Inc. |

Encouraging the Arts in the South Burnett

Annual members' exhibition

Your invitation to the official Opening

Friday 3rd November 5:30 – 7 pm

Kingaroy Regional Art Gallery

Jumping Ant Arts' members are exhibiting

With mixed-media Brisbane artist Noel Miller

Free entry. Nibbles and drinks provided.

On Display from 31st October to 22nd November

Exhibiting Artists of Jumping Ant Arts:

Sam Blanch
Diana Bolton
Judith Brook
Melody Cook

Susan Devitt
Darryl Jones
Carmel Nott
Fay Stumm

Fran van Vegchel
Paul van Vegchel
Suzi Wells
Catherine Woodham