

St John's Lutheran School

School Newsletter – 16th November 2023



In our Prayers this week:

Van Schyndel Family – Oliver Yr4, Eliza Yr2, Isaac Prep
Venn Family – Lindsey Yr7
Walmsley Family – Cooper Yr5, Elliot Yr3, Isaac Prep
Walters Family – Harrison Yr10
Walters Family – Jayce Yr7
Walters Family – Oliver Yr1
Ward Family – Caitlyn Yr5, Cloe Yr4
Warner Family – Ja-Marl Yr6



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...

Sometimes it can be hard to find joy in the busyness of life... only a couple of weeks of school left, holiday time, everything that has to be done before Christmas. Then there's New Year, we actually don't want to think about that yet! Life happens as we go along each day. Some things we have control over, other things we don't. But we can choose our reaction to how things are. In the middle of all this, may each of us remember that God loves us, no matter what, and so we can find an inner peace in believing that we are okay, and that things will be okay too. Just maybe not exactly as we had planned.

Proverbs 15:13 says, 'A cheerful heart brings a smile to your face; a sad heart makes it difficult to get through the day.' Smile and choose to be joyful and share that with everyone.

**KEEP
CALM
BECAUSE IT'S ALMOST
THE END OF THE
SCHOOL YEAR**

Weekly Wellbeing

As Term 4 starts to wind down, the weariness of the past year is beginning to hit. Patience is thin, tiredness and anxiety are growing, tempers are a little frayed. It's a normal response and we are all ready for a break, but there are some ideas that can help us refresh and reset from day to day. Mindfulness activities are designed to help us pause, breathe, and slow down for a while. Focused moments of gratitude, whether written or in thought, help us remember the positives. And physical activity is beneficial, strenuous to release energy or slow for relaxation. The [Wellbeing Activities Booklet](#) released by the Australian Government has some wonderful activities for children – and adults might just benefit from them too!

Ruth Muller – School Counsellor



From the Principal – Mrs Karyn Bjelke-Petersen

I know the end of the year gets busy for parents and guardians also. I would like to remind you of a few protocols that support each child's safety in and around school.



We provide supervision for students from 8am only. For many years, our duty staff started at 8:15am and to be able to ensure adequate supervision of students on school grounds we moved this to an 8am start. Unfortunately, we continue to have children arrive earlier than 8am. The arrangements for children arriving before 8am:

- Parents must sign in students at the office
- Students are to sit quietly in the office.
- Before school duty staff will then escort them to the hall at 8am

Students are not to be on site prior to 8am without parent authorisation. Our school day starts at 8:45am and if children are brought in earlier than 8am, it is a very early start to their day. Please consider how your mornings can be structured so your children can arrive after 8am.

If your child uses the bus services to and from school, please discuss the Bus Code of Conduct with them. There have been occasions when the students have displayed unsatisfactory and unsafe behaviour on the buses. While we have addressed this on a number of occasions with students, we are asking for parents to discuss the safe behaviour required for bus travel. This includes:

- not yelling out on the bus
- not moving around while the bus is moving
- no eating food while on the bus

We would appreciate it if parents can run through these basic rules to support the school's efforts in improving general behaviour and making bus travel safe for all students.

School Reminders and Information

Junior Secondary Transition Day

**YEAR 6 TO 7
Transition Day**

**WEDNESDAY
29TH NOVEMBER**

We cordially invite Year 6 students who are preparing to transition into Year 7 in 2024 at St. John's to attend our Transition Day on Wednesday, November 29th.

Students will attend an information Q&A with Mr Eisenmenger, and then participate in mini specialist lessons, to find out about all things Secondary.

Please wear free dress and meet at the hall by 8:45am for a meet and greet. Our current Secondary Students will be providing a sausage sizzle for our 2024 Year 7 students on the day. It will be a great opportunity to connect with all students and ask questions you may have.

We look forward to having the 2024 Year 7's join us!

Christmas Free Dress Day

The last day of school, Friday, the 1st of December, will be a Free Dress Day – come along dressed in something Christmassy!! Don't forget a hat and sensible shoes.

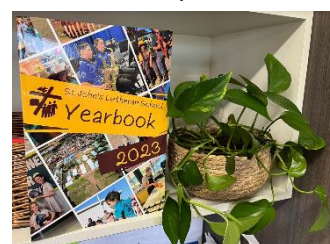


Progress Reports

Teachers and staff are very busy at the moment collating progress reports information and we anticipate that these will be ready in the last week of school.

Yearbook 2023

Yesterday, we sent home the Yearbook for 2023 to the families who have paid for these as part of their school fees. If you would like a copy, you can purchase these from the school office. They are \$20 each.



Fun Friday – Tuckshop – Friday the 24th of November

On Friday the 24th of November, there will be a special menu with a few fun treats to celebrate the end of term approaching. Orders must be received by 9:30am, Thursday, the 23rd of November. No late orders will be accepted. Orders are available now on the Flexischools website at www.flexischools.com.au (preferred option) or a paper order form is available from the school office.

Upcoming Important Dates

Prep to Year 4 Classroom Showcase – Tuesday, the 21st of November – 3:30 – 5:30pm
Secondary – Celebration of Learning Years 7 – 11 – Thursday, the 23rd November – 6pm
Junior School Captain Speeches – Friday, the 24th of November - 9:30am (after Secondary Devotion in the hall)
Year 6 End of Primary School Celebration Church Service – Sunday, the 26th November - 5pm
Primary – Celebration of Learning Years 5 & 6 Students – Monday, the 27th November – 9am
Year 9 Poets Café – Monday, the 27th November – 5pm – School Office
Announcement of Junior School Captains- Monday, the 27th of November – 9am (at Celebration of Learning)
Year 6 to 7 Transition Day – Wednesday, the 29th of November
Announcement of House Captains – Term 1, 2024

Back to School - Uniform & Book Shop Opening Times

<i>Last Week of School</i>	Monday 27th December 2023 - Friday 1st December 2023	8:00am – 9:30am 2:00pm – 3:00pm
<i>Week Before School Starts</i>	Monday 15th January 2024 - Friday 19th January 2024	Mon 8:00am – 2:30pm Tue 8:00am – 1:30pm Wed 8:00am – 1:30pm Thu CLOSED Fri 11:30am - 3:00pm
<i>First week of school</i>	Monday 22nd January 2024 <u>AND</u> Wednesday 24th January 2024	Monday & Wednesday 8:00am – 9:30am

Movember at St John's

Movember is now in full swing; we've passed the halfway mark and we're seeing some cracking mo's. Unfortunately, men will die on average 4.5 years earlier than women, and for reasons that are largely preventable, so a massive thank you to everybody who has donated to this worthy cause. We've smashed our initial goal of \$1,000 and we're currently at \$1110. Can we reach \$1500 by the end of November? Scan the QR code if you'd like to donate to the team, remember that donations can be anonymous. Special shout-out to our mo-sisters, Jan Hicks and Danielle Albinger, who've mo-ved 36km and 77km already this month.



Movember - St John's Team



Library News

Library Lessons

Library lessons will soon be winding down for the end of the year. This week was the last opportunity for borrowing. Next week will be the last week of lessons, but there will be no borrowing. All books are to be returned by next week, please. Students who currently have desk books will need to bring in something from home or access books from their teacher's classroom libraries. There will be no library lessons in the final week of school.

Puzzles for the Library

Mrs T is on the hunt for donations of jigsaw puzzles please. 1000, 500, 300 and 100 pieces. The students are thoroughly enjoying doing these as one of the lunchtimes activities in the library.

There are three puzzles on the go at the moment, plus another in the staff room. If you are cleaning out in readiness for incoming Christmas gifts, Mrs T will gladly take unwanted puzzles off your hands.



Primary Snippets

Prep Only - Vision Screening

If you would like your Prep Student to have their vision screened, please complete the consent form using the link below. Prep Screening will take place next Monday, the 20th of November.

[Prep Vision Screening Parent Consent](#)

The following video explains the benefits of having your Prep child's vision screened – ["What is Prep Vision Screening?"](#)

Primary Swimming Week

Students and staff would have slept well on Friday night! We had a great week at the pool with the Preps to 3's. A massive thank you to all the parents who helped out and the wonderful coaches and Kingaroy Pool staff.



Prep to Year 4 Showcase

Parents and families are welcome to attend an End of Year Celebration in your child's classroom. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with other school families, do Christmas craft, and look back on a busy, hardworking year with your child. Families are welcome to pop into the classroom from 3:30 to 5:30pm on Tuesday the 21st of November.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Year 6 Happenings

Last Friday, the Year Six students enjoyed a special treat. This was in recognition of the kindness and inclusivity that they have shown towards their classmates. Well done, Year 6!



Our Year 6 classes also had a fun filled afternoon yesterday doing some political campaigning. Their task was to choose an issue affecting the school and/or wider community, and convince the audience to vote for their cause. The referendum was run complete with electoral rolls and confidential voting.

Mrs BP and Mrs Murphy enjoyed hearing your convincing arguments. Well done, Year 6!



Secondary Snippets



Dates to Remember

November 2023

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd
				Prep Vision Screening (Last week of Sporting Schools)	Prep to Year 4 Classroom Showcase	St John's Playgroup 9am – 10:30am Year 1 - 3 Assembly
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th
Secondary Celebration of Learning – 6pm, Hall	Junior School Captain Speeches – 9.30am, Hall		Year 6 End of Primary School Celebration 5pm, Hall	Celebration of Learning Years 5 & 6 Announcement of Junior School Capatins 9am Year 9 Poets Café 5pm, Office		Year 6 to 7 Transition Day

Community Notices

Join CTC Youth Crew's farm tour to

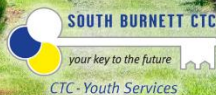


3-4pm Thursday, December 7 2023

Afternoon tea and transport will be provided

This free tour is for 12-24-year-olds only

To register, email katem@sbctc.com.au before November 30 or call 4162 7788 for more information



This is a CTC Safer Communities Program Initiative for 12-24 year-olds. This project received grant funding from the Australian Government through the Safer Communities Fund Round 6 Early Intervention grants stream.



Free workshop

1 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers
Kingaroy, QLD



This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



Wednesday
21 February, 2024
8:45am to 2:30pm



Kingaroy & District RSL & Citizens Memorial Club
Cnr Markwell & Short Streets
Kingaroy QLD 4610

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



Interpreters available upon request

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit:
www.positivepartnerships.com.au
lhunt@positivepartnerships.com.au



For help, call:
1300 881 971

This initiative is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education through the Helping Children with Autism package. The views expressed within this program do not necessarily represent the views of the Australian Government or the Australian Government Department of Education.

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

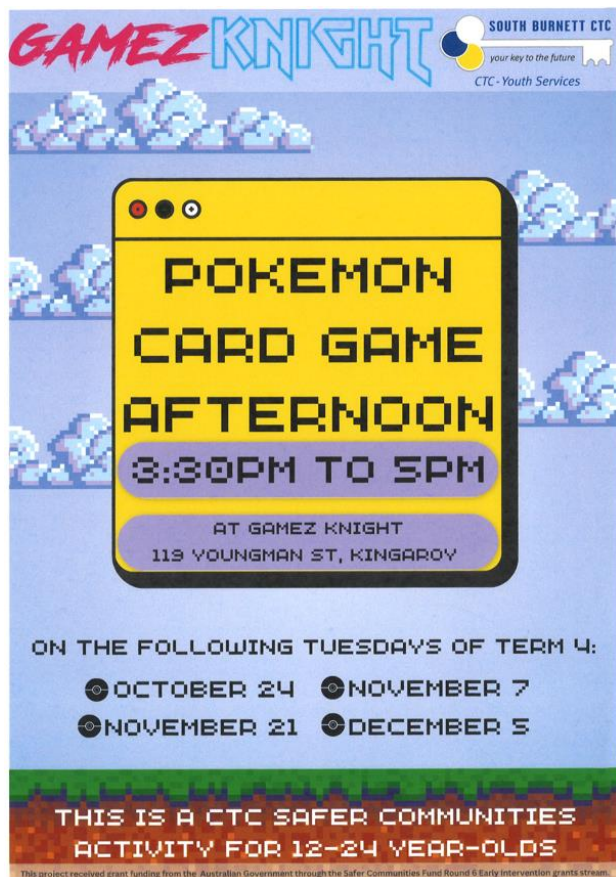
Cost: Gold coin donation at the door

Time: 9:30am - 11:00am

Contact: For more information phone Lucy Finney 4162 6555



GAMEZ KNIGHT SOUTH BURNETT CTC
your key to the future
CTC - Youth Services



**POKEMON
CARD GAME
AFTERNOON**

3:30PM TO 5PM

AT GAMEZ KNIGHT
119 YOUNGMAN ST, KINGAROY

ON THE FOLLOWING TUESDAYS OF TERM 4:

● OCTOBER 24 ● NOVEMBER 7
● NOVEMBER 21 ● DECEMBER 5

THIS IS A CTC SAFER COMMUNITIES
ACTIVITY FOR 12-24 YEAR-OLDS

This project received grant funding from the Australian Government through the Safer Communities Fund Round 6 Early Intervention grants stream.

**Sth. Burnett
Chorale** **SOUTH BURNETT
CHORALE** **ANCA**
AUSTRALIAN
NATIONAL
CHORAL
ASSOCIATION



*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

SCO
INVITES YOU TO AN EVENING OF MUSIC FROM
FILM & FANTASY

6:30 PM | **SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER** | **KINGAROY TOWN HALL**



TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:
WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CMKRV
KINGAROY OFFICE CENTRAL
AT THE DOOR ON THE NIGHT

**Adults \$25
Concession & Students \$15**

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Christmas Food Drive
LET'S MAKE IT A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY

DONATE AT BILL HULL CAR CENTRE
-11 AVOCA STREET, KINGAROY-

YOU CAN ALSO DONATE AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES:
KINGAROY SHOPPINGWORLD (OUTSIDE WOOLWORTHS),
IGA KINGAROY, BURNETT TODAY OFFICE, KCCI BUSINESS HUB,
RYKE FUEL OR AT ANY SOUTH BURNETT POLICE STATION

Here are the most needed items:

- Spreads - vegemite, jams, honey
- Dry pasta, noodles, rice, sauces
- Coffee, tea, milo, soft drinks & sugar
- Long Life Products -milk, juice, custard
- Canned food -meat, vegetables, fish, fruit
- Nibbles - chips, pretzels, nuts, lollies, chocolates
- Baby products - nappies, wipes, baby food
- Christmas items - puddings, mince pies, shortbread, bon bons, candy canes, christmas cakes, decorations
- Toiletries

ACCEPTING DONATIONS UNTIL FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

DONATIONS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED VIA SOUTH BURNETT CTC & EVA'S PLACE EARLY PREGNANCY SUPPORT