

St John's Lutheran School

School Newsletter – 23rd November 2023



In our Prayers this week:

Button/Du Plessis Family – Leilah Yr5,
Alinae Yr8
Weier Family – Jack Yr5
Weldon Family – Fletcher Yr6, Hunter Yr8
Weller Family – Daniel Yr4, Samuel Yr8
Westbrook Family – Sophia Yr6, Emmalee Yr8
Wicks Family – Hayley Yr4
Wickson Family – Ellise Yr1, Rhylee Yr4
Wiedemann Family – Parker Yr6, Greyson Prep



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...

As we near the end of the 2023 school year, our theme "Kindness is" remains as relevant as ever. Leading a prayerful life, even when we're exhausted at the end of term, in transit for the holidays, or waiting patiently for Christmas Day, is especially crucial. Demonstrating kindness towards others can help us embrace life with inner strength and peace. Jesus' prayer for us is that we remain united and act with love, reflecting God's true nature. As the holiday season approaches, let us relinquish past grievances and live each day to the fullest, trusting in God's plans for tomorrow. May God's peace and joy be a tangible presence in your life.



Weekly Wellbeing

It's in every one of us!!!

Christmas is nearly upon us and it's a wonderful time of year. We get together to celebrate the birth of Christ by giving gifts to loved ones just like the three wise men who travelled to the stable to give gifts to the new King. This year I would encourage you all to remember those less fortunate, those that are suffering, those that don't have loved ones to be with or nearby. It's a scientific fact that the act of helping others sends a message to the brain to release oxytocin. This chemical courses through your body and boosts your mood. The bonus is that it also has the added effect of counteracting the stress hormone called cortisol. Below is a link to a Christmas story about how "It's in every one of us to be kind".

[John Denver & The Muppets Medley](#)



From the Principal – Mrs Karyn Bjelke-Petersen

We are looking forward to tonight's Secondary and Monday's Primary Celebration of Learning to recognise our students' achievements in areas such as academic, sporting and cultural. These evenings are always lovely events to recap on the year past and the various ways students contribute to our school. Of course, not everyone can be an 'A' student, but it is important also to congratulate each student for their efforts in trying their best. When I meet potential new students, I often reiterate that while we can't all achieve the top marks or awards, what is important is our attitude and commitment to learning in class. I have been reading over many student progress reports over the last week and it has been pleasing to see so many comments from teachers congratulating students on their efforts and behaviour in class to be the best they can be. We look forward to seeing many families celebrating our student achievements at the end of year school events over the next week.



One aspect of these events are the announcement of the next year's school captains in both Primary and Secondary. Mrs Murphy, Mr Lake and I had the pleasure of interviewing the Primary candidates late last week. Mr Lake and I also met with the Senior candidates. The students all presented themselves so well, spoke confidently, and even though they all can't be captains, they are all worthy candidates of being part of next year's leadership team. Sometimes it is not an easy decision to put your hand up for a leadership role, but the students were very impressive as a whole.

Our Year 10 and 11 students have their final day tomorrow until 2024 when they return as Year 11 and 12 students! Enjoy the break and we look forward to seeing you all in January, ready and rested to undertake your senior years.

Staffing 2024

We will be able to inform families of the staffing line up for next year in the final newsletter of the year next week. Please keep this process in your prayers as we put together the year level teams and await final contracts being signed by new staff.

Mrs Marg Jeffrey has sadly tendered her resignation from 2024 onwards. Marg has blessed this school community over many years and will be missed from a full-time role. She has indicated, however, that she will be available for relief teaching from time to time.

Mrs Julie Woolf returned to St John's two years ago after a few years away on the coast. Julie had a number of years' service prior to that at St John's. Julie is also joining the retirement queue and has also let us know that she may be available for contracts if they fit in with travel plans, etc.

I am sure you will join me in wishing Marg and Julie every blessing for their 'retirement'. I am not sure, but I can't see either of these ladies sitting around for long as I am sure they will have projects on the go!

Mrs Sarah Norris & Mr Luke Norris are in the process of relocating closer to family and will not be on staff in 2024. We are sad to see both Sarah and Luke heading off, but wish them God's blessing at this time of transition for them and their children.

Mrs Deb Kerr has applied for a year's leave to explore other avenues. Thanks, Deb, for all you have done for the Year One students, staff and families this year. We hope you return to us in 2025 (that sounds scary!) after a lovely change of scenery!

Mrs Janet Million We thank Mrs Janet Million for stepping into the role as Instrumental teacher for the Beginner Band this year. Mrs Million has gifted her love of music, and the joy that making music together brings, with these students. Her expertise, patience and knowledge has been very much appreciated.

Miss Hannah Chambers has also tendered her resignation recently and we are very grateful for Hannah's contribution to the classes she has worked in over the last few years.

Dear Lord

Please watch over these staff members as they are about to transition to new phases in their lives, new places of work, and new towns. We thank you for their service to St John's community and the gifts they have shared with so many students in their time here. Please bless them at this time. Amen

For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.' " Jeremiah 29:11.31

From the Deputy Principal – Mrs Steven Lake

Week Eight sees our Years 10 and 11 students leave us on Friday. They leave for their break having started work on Year 11 and 12 units of study. It is exciting to see us finally move into a complete P-12 school in 2024. This week sees us come together for the Secondary Celebration of Learning on Thursday evening. It has been wonderful to see the achievements of so many of our students across academia, as well as culture and sport. We congratulate all our students who try their best. It will also be lovely to participate in the Primary Celebration of Learning next Monday.



Our new building continues to develop, and every day shows a little more progress towards completion. Recent rain has slowed this progress slightly with outside works, but it has seen more progress inside the building. We are looking forward to further updates into 2024.



This is a good time to remind all our Prep to Year Nine students that school finishes at the end of next week. As such, students should be working and following directions right up until we finish. Some students have let their high standards drop and we would like everyone to continue their studies, behaviour and class activities to the best of their ability. It will be good to finish our year on a high. If families are leaving this year, please be reminded to return any resources that have been borrowed from the school, including books and technology.

Next Wednesday is the Year 6 to 7 Transition Day. Students in Year 6 who will be attending St John's in 2024 are invited to attend a day of activities which will give them a taste of what life will be like in high school. No uniform is required for this day. Parents should have already received information about this day, but if you have not, please contact us as soon as possible.

I would like to take this time to say thank you to the St John's School community for welcoming me over this past year. I feel so blessed to be part of such a caring school community and I look forward to continuing to be part of this vibrant community in 2024. God's blessing and safe travels over this summer and Christmas break.

School Reminders and Information

Back to School Information

In the coming days, we will be sending existing and new families an email with 2024 Permission Forms, Parent Handbook and other important information. Please make sure you read this carefully and complete the online 2024 Back to School Information Forms.

Sickness

We've become aware of an increase in local cases of COVID and whooping cough. A reminder to parents to please refer to the "Timeout". Please be aware of the symptoms and exclusion periods as per the provided by the public health unit. [Timeout Poster - Keeping your child and other kids healthy!](#)

Upcoming Important Dates

Secondary – Celebration of Learning Years 7 – 11 – Tonight, Thursday, the 23rd of November – 6pm
Junior School Captain Speeches – Friday, the 24th of November - 9:15am (after Secondary Devotion in the hall)
Year 6 End of Primary School Celebration Church Service – Sunday, the 26th of November - 5pm
Primary – Celebration of Learning Years 5 & 6 Students – Monday, the 27th of November – 9am
Year 9 Poets Café – Monday, the 27th of 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

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. Year 10 & 11 report cards will be handed out tomorrow and the remaining of school students will be sent home next week.

Back to School - Uniform & Book Shop Opening Times

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| <i>Last Week of School</i> | Monday 27th December 2023 | 8:00am – 9:30am |
| | - Friday 1st December 2023 | 2:00pm – 3:00pm |
| <i>Week Before School Starts</i> | Monday 15th January 2024 | Mon 8:00am – 2:30pm |
| | - Friday 19th January 2024 | 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

We are nearly at the end of Movember and the top lips are getting harrier by the day! We've smashed our initial goal of \$1,000 and we're currently at \$1355. Thank you for all your donations to this cause. Please scan the QR code or click on the link if you'd like to donate to the team, remember that donations can be anonymous. Special shout-out to our mo-sisters, Jan Hicks who has clocked up 50kms and Danielle Albinger who has mo-ved km and 103km this month. Darren Farmilo has also clocked up 113kms.

Movember - St John's Team



P&F News

Christmas Ham Collection

Your delicious Christmas Hams will be available for collection on Monday 27th November between 2-4pm. Find us in the undercover area outside the school hall, down near the end of the car park. If you have some free time, extra helpers would be very welcome!! If you can't collect your ham at this time, you can arrange for a friend or family member to collect on your behalf, or email us at sjlsfp@gmail.com to make other arrangements.

P&F Presentations

The P&F are very happy to be able to make a small financial contribution to support those students who have been and sport representatives at Wide Bay level or beyond. The students are: Nicole Gunston (AFL), Emily Bolden (Athletics and Tennis), Flint Knight (Athletics), Kate Gadischke (Cross Country), Taliyah Cameron (Netball and Touch Football), Mason Fuller-Sandys (Rugby League and Touch Football), Jekobie Cox (Rugby League) and Hudson Murphy (Rugby League and Touch Football). Certificates will be presented to these students at the Celebration of Learning events.

Library News

Puzzles for the Library

A big thank you to our school community who have been very generous donating puzzles to our school library. It will keep the students and staff very busy! Thank you again!

Thanks for a great year in the library. Don't forget that all books need to be returned this week please. And don't forget to keep reading through the holidays!

Music Notes

Senior Band - students will be required in formal uniform to perform at tonight's Secondary Celebration of Learning. Band students need to be at school at 5:20pm to set up.

Junior band – students will be required to perform at the Primary Celebration of Learning on Monday morning. Please arrive at school promptly to allow enough time to set up. Event will begin at 9am sharp. Students need to wear formal uniform.



Students were informed during instrumental lessons.

Primary Snippets

In the Library this week, Secondary students were "recruited" to help Year 1 with their Library craft. It was great to see the support for the younger students with their nativity scenes.



Year 2P have started Christmas craft this week. One piece was a collaborative art project completed with their family at the Primary Showcase on Tuesday afternoon.



Primary Choir visits Orana

This morning, students from Years 2 – 6 who are in the Junior Choir had their annual visit to Orana. Students sang many songs to entertain the residents. It was very warmly appreciated, bringing some of the elderly folk to tears. All choir members are commended for giving up two of their lunch breaks each week to practise as part of the choir. Thank you to Mrs Heather Hirsch and Mrs Rosanne Ross for all your hard work this year working with the Choir members, and thank you to Mrs Shelley Murphy for being the MC for this morning's presentation.



Secondary Snippets

Lions Youth of the Year Program

Will you be at least 15 and under 19 on 30th of June 2024?

Would you like to:

- enhance your prospects for entering tertiary education and gaining employment?
- develop new friendships and networking opportunities with other like-minded students?
- optimise your leadership and citizenship qualities and play a constructive role in the community?
- gain experience in presenting yourself to prospective employers and speaking in a public forum?

then consider entering the Lions Youth of the Year Program. If you would like more information, please come, and see Mrs Springhall L1/L2 office or email jspr@sjls.qld.edu.au



Sporting News

High Top Challenge Term 4 2023.

The Year 7 to 9 students will be involved in a High-Top Challenge to be held at St Mary's Catholic College this Friday, the 24th of November. Students will be playing Oz tag, Basketball and Soccer against other local High-Top schools. We will be leaving St John's by bus at 9:05am and returning by 2:15pm.

Students playing Soccer need to wear shin guards; the school has a supply, but not enough for an entire team. Students playing Soccer and Oz tag can wear moulded sole shoes. All other uniform is as normal. There will be a canteen operating; however, we do advise students to bring snacks and plenty of water. Students who have not nominated for this event will be expected to be at school. Year 10 and 11 will be as normal.

South Brisbane Futsal Competition

Last Wednesday, Vance S, Thomas F and James E competed with other students to make a South Burnett team at the South Brisbane Futsal Competition. Feedback was all students played exceptionally well. Congratulations to these students and all members of the team.



Dates to Remember

November / December 2023

| Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
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| 23 rd | 24 th | 25 th | 26 th | 27 th | 28 th | 29 th |
| Secondary Celebration of Learning – 6pm, Hall | Fun Friday Tuckshop Junior School Captain Speeches – 9.15am, Hall High Top Challenge Last Day Year 10 & 11 Students | | Year 6 End of Primary School Celebration 5pm, Hall | Celebration of Learning Years 5 & 6 Announcement of Junior School Captains 9am Year 9 Poets Café 5pm, Office | | Year 6 to 7 Transition Day |
| Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
| 30 th | 1 st Dec | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th | 5 th | 6 th |
| Year 6 Excursion Year 7, 8 & 9 Excursion | Last Day of Term – Prep to Year 9 Free Dress – Wear something Christmassy! | School Holidays | | | | |

Community Notices

Dinner Under The Stars

In Aid of RACQ LifeFlight

Date: 9th March 2024

Kingaroy Men's Shed
Geoff Raph Drive, Kingaroy
(near Kingaroy Airport)
3.00pm 'till Late

MC: Dennis Cotter

Games for the Kids
Provided by Bunnings

2 Course Dinner

Catered by: THE BAITLAYERS
Camp Oven Cooks & Caterers

\$40.00 12 & up

\$20.00 5 - 11

Free 0 - 4

Sponsor's Auction

Raffles



Entertainment By:
Amos & Friends

BYO chairs, blanket or a small table



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL CONTACT SUSAN AT
KINGAROY OFFICE CENTRAL ON PH: 41621941

OR LOOK FOR

'DINNER UNDER THE STARS KINGAROY MEN'S SHED 2024'
ON STICKY TICKETS



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7th November 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Kingaroy Men's Shed 'Dinner Under the Stars' fundraising event 2024

On the 9th March 2024 the 'Dinner Under the Stars' event will be held at the Kingaroy Men's Shed on Geoff Raph Drive, Kingaroy starting at 3.00pm

We are seeking support from South Burnett Businesses and Community Supporters to assist with our fundraiser for RACQ LifeFlight.

All profits from this event go to RACQ LifeFlight. In March 2023 we were ecstatic to be able to hand over a cheque for \$10,061.00 to RACQ LifeFlight.

RACQ LifeFlight's core purpose is to save lives across our Region and Communities. With helicopters and fixed wing aircraft, this vital service transports sick and injured patients across Queensland offering the assurance that emergency medical care is available to anyone, anywhere and at any time. RACQ LifeFlight is a not for profit that relies on the public to raise approximately 30% of its funds to help keep the Organisation running. The South Burnett relies heavily on RACQ LifeFlight to transport residents to hospitals in Toowoomba and the Sunshine Coast. Each flight costs approximately \$25,000.

The Dinner Under the Stars Committee is made up of a group of people from the community as well as Kingaroy Men's Shed members. The Dinner Under the Stars event was started to raise funds for RACQ LifeFlight with the Kingaroy Men's Shed hosting the event.

On behalf of the Event Committee, we offer our thanks and appreciation for your support.

Kindest Regards,

Eric Ford

Eric Ford 0474 110 314

President

Lorraine Keenan – 0437 000 558

Minute Secretary Event Committee Dinner Under the Stars

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Join CTC Youth Crew's farm tour to

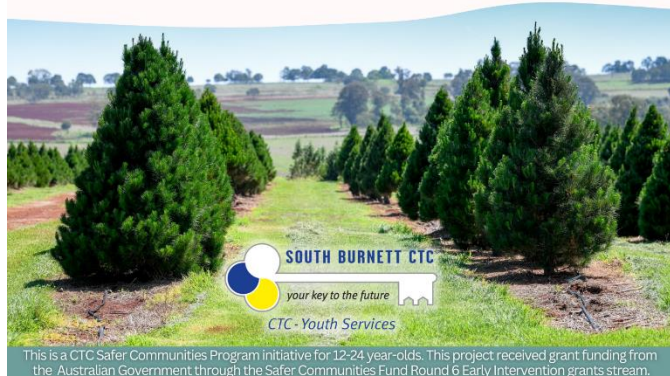


3-4pm Thursday, December 7 2023

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





INVITES YOU TO AN EVENING OF MUSIC FROM

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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

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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

GAMEZ KNIGHT

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.



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