

St John's Lutheran School

School Newsletter – 8th March, 2017



In our Prayers this week:

Clarke Family - Tavian Yr 4
Clegg Family - Nathan Yr 8
Connelly Family - Pyper Yr 6
Conomos Family - Georgina Prep
Cornell Family - Alysa Yr 3, Charlise Yr1
Corsan Family - Jasper Yr 2, Arlo Yr 1

Sunday Worship Services:

St John's Church (36 Markwell Street, Kingaroy) 9:45am



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Growing Deep

To grow healthy relationships you need to treat others as you would like them to treat you.

Simple, yet so important. Each of us is special and valued in our school community.

God encourages us to love Him and love each other.

That can be difficult at times, especially when people are or act differently to you. Seek to understand them and value and celebrate diversity.



Community Corner

Thank you to everyone who attended the LEM Phonics information session yesterday. We hope you found this session helpful and informative.

No Junior School Devotion next Monday

Please note that because of school photos next Monday, the 13th of March there will be no Junior School Devotion. Instead there will be a Whole School Devotion on Tuesday, the 14th of March at 8:40am. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday Night Life – Sunday, 19th of March

All families are invited to come along and share in this devotional time, as our Year 4KR Students explore the theme “How we are Special and Unique”. This service will be held on Sunday, the **19th of March, at 5pm**, in the School Hall. Please bring a plate of food to share for a time of fellowship after the service.

Live it! Youth Group – Woodworking

Last Friday our Year 6 and 7 students had a great night creating wooden ornaments out of old tree branches. There were some brilliant pieces made. A big thank you to Mr Kotzur, Mr Brauer, Mr Landherr, Bethany Kotzur and Mr Black for giving up your afternoon to work with our students.



Free Dress Day – Relay for Life

This **Friday, the 10th of March**, we are holding a free dress day with a gold coin donation to support the St John’s School Relay for Life campaign. All funds raised provide vital resources for the Cancer Council’s research, prevention, information, and support services. Please wear free dress, but remember to wear a hat and sensible shoes (no thongs).

Secondary Snippets

Students should be working on assessments that are due over the next few weeks. They should be reminded to ‘revise and study’ for test and exams, not just do the set homework tasks. Revision may include rewriting or rereading notes, creating a diagram or talking through questions with a peer. There are extra hints on the Study/Life Skills pages in your child’s diary. Did you know that if you revise or review the notes within 24 hours, there is a 90% chance of remembering them, but only a 30% chance after 3 days!

World Day of Prayer - Four of our Year 9 leaders attended the World Day of Prayer at the Catholic Church last Friday. It was a great experience to be able to participate in this service and pray specifically for the Phillipines and their communities. The students were wonderful ambassadors for our school, as always!

Rostrum Voice of Youth – The heats for the South Burnett Rostrum Voice of Youth Competition will be held at St John’s Lutheran School on Monday, the 20th of March, at 7pm. This will be held in L1 and L2 in the Junior Secondary Precinct and all are welcome to attend. We have 12 students participating in the competition this year. We strongly encourage Year 6 students to attend, especially if they are considering participating in this public speaking competition next year.

Music Notes

All students in the instrumental music program will be having their photos taken next week, on Monday the 13th of March. Please make sure your child has black pants, black shoes, white socks and a long-sleeved collared white shirt. They will also need their instrument for the photo. If your child started playing this year and is not in band, they will still get a photo. All guitar students will also have a photo taken. **Could all music students please meet Mr Sharp in the music room at 8:15am, fully dressed in your band uniform.**

School Fees

Just a reminder that Term 1 School Fees were due for payment by last Friday, the 3rd of March. If you have not paid your fees or made other arrangements, please call in to the school office to organise payment.

SCHOOL FEES – DISCOUNT FULL YEAR

The 5% discount on tuition fees for payment of your full year's fees for 2017 is due by the 31st of March. Please see Mrs Williams if you would like to consider this option.

Compulsory Parent Teacher Interviews – Term 1

Tuesday the 28th of March and Friday, the 31st of March

Prep to Year 9 parent/teacher interviews are held at the end of Term 1, and are compulsory for all students, as we would like all families to be informed about their children's progress. Teachers will be available on **Tuesday, the 28th of March, from 3:15pm to 5:30pm**, and also on the pupil-free day **Friday, the 31st of March, from 8:15am to 2:30pm**.

Please note: Interviews for 6WL and 3A have been organised for an alternative day due to staff absences. These have been arranged with each class individually.

Prep - Yr 6 - Interviews are in time slots of 15 minutes.

Year 7, 8 & 9 – Interviews will be held in a rotational system. Five families will attend concurrently in 30 minute time slots. Within that period, you will have an interview with Mrs Springhall, Mrs Roberts and Mr Wilson.

Mrs Bjelke-Petersen and Mr Moseling are also available as Chaplain and Secondary Co-ordinator to discuss general behaviour and attitude concerns/questions. Parents will rotate to the next teacher every 6 minutes. Interviews for other Junior Secondary teachers' subjects are available on request and we will endeavour to schedule these in the following half hour block.

Please contact the office as soon as possible if you have not yet booked your parent teacher interviews.

A timetable will be sent home.

School Photos – Next Monday, the 13th of March

All students at school should have received their personally named photo order packet last week. All packets need to be **returned to the office ASAP**.

1. All photo packets must be returned **even if not ordering photos**.
2. All students will have their photos taken, both class and single, whether or not they are ordering photos.
3. Family photo packets are separate. If parents want a family photo (2 or more family members at school), family photo packets are available for collection from the office and **must be returned to the office**. As the Kindy has organised their own photos this year, anyone who wishes to have their Kindy child included in a family photo will need to pick their child up from Kindy and take them up to the photo area from 1:30pm.
4. There is a money-back guarantee if parents are dissatisfied with a photo they have paid for.
5. Payments can all be in one pack. If paying by credit card, payments can be bundled into one payment to avoid extra credit card charges. Just write on the envelope which payments are included.

Due to the transition period for our new school dress, all girls from Prep to Year 6 are required to wear their polo shirt and skort (not the old or new style dress) for school photos this year.

Uniform Requirements –

Girls from Prep to Year 6 - skort, gold polo shirt (not house shirt), brown socks and black shoes.

Boys from Prep to Year 6 - shorts, gold polo shirt (not house shirt), brown socks and black shoes.

Year 7, 8 & 9 Students - formal uniform, brown socks and black shoes.

Music Students -

Music students should wear their black and white band uniform to school, (black long pants, white long-sleeved shirt and black shoes). The school has vests, ties, etc. which will be supplied to the students on the day. Please meet in the music room at 8:15am. Students can then change back into their school uniforms.

Bus Students

It has come to our attention that families have been turning up late to the bus in Wondai, delaying the whole bus. Please make an effort to turn up to the bus on time to assist all children in getting to school prior to the roll being marked for the day.

Found

A black blazer was found in the school hall after the 6WR Sunday Night Life Service on the 19th February. If this belongs to you, please enquire at the school office.

Book Club

Bookclub Issue 2 went home last week. Orders are due in to the office by next Monday, the 13th of March.

From the Classroom - Prep M

Prep M have been spending time getting to know each other and building relationships this term. We have been learning new games each week from the Play is the Way program, which is a gross motor program focusing on values, inclusive behaviours and team building. The two Prep classes combine each Friday for outdoor rotations, incorporating Play is the Way and other outdoor games. We have also been combining with Prep J for an indoor/outdoor program two mornings each week. During this time, we focus on motor development, social skills, problem solving and tactile (messy) play. The children have settled beautifully into Prep and we are now seeing their individual personalities shining through. They are enthusiastic learners who are always ready to take on new experiences and we are amazed at the wonderful work we are seeing every day.

We have commenced working on numbers 0-10, phonics (letters and sounds), and have learnt the first 12 sight words. We will now practise and consolidate these before moving on to the next group of words. In Science, we have been focussing on pets and the needs of living things. We have had some very cute and interesting pets visit, as well as local Wildlife Warriors Tina and John, to tell us about caring for native wildlife, and our local Vet Trinity to tell us how she cares for sick or injured animals. In Geography, we have been exploring maps and even had a visit from a real life pirate, Captain Blackbeard! We made maps for our treasure hunt, where we dug up golden treasure. We met our Year 6 Buddies and they were just amazing with our gorgeous Preppies. Whew! No wonder we are so exhausted, we have had a very busy and fun start to our year. Our Preppies are superstar learners!



Students of the Week

1B - Eloise Brauer, Seth Christensen, Emmett Logan

1W - Mackenzie Bennett, Chelsea Ford, Lilly-Rose Koy

2J - Charlise Bliesner, Santino Kuchtin

3M - Kyle Josai, Zak Such

4KR - Ella Fogarty, Rory Crumpton, Harrison Walters

5CM - Lucas Nicholson, Wilson Iszlaub, Abigail Sanders

6L - Darcy Brady, Pita Tidmarsh, Paris Hollands

1D - Jayden Pfeffer, Hayley Brown

2H - Lincoln Norris, Nicholas Shailer, Tulliah Monteith

3A - Alysa Cornell, Geneva Koch, Hamish Tucker

3S - Mia DeJong, Eliza Iszlaub, Zane Turner

4PR - Lachlan Zischke, Shayla Shelton, Abigail Brownsey

5N - Bonita Shea, Jack Koch, Ian Gakuo

6WL - Jack Slabber, Elliana Hyde

Prep Open Morning - Wed 29th March

To assist parents with their decision-making about starting Prep in 2018, we have our annual Prep Open Morning on Wednesday, the 29th of March at 9:00am. If your child was born between the 1st of July 2012 and the 30th of June 2013, they are eligible for Prep in 2018. If you know any families who may be considering St John's for their child's education in 2018, please contact them and encourage them to attend this morning, where they can come in, look around and ask questions about the Prep program offered here.

Please meet in the undercover area outside the school hall at 9:00am for a tour of the school. Morning tea will also be provided.

Prep Enrolments – Families Currently At St John's

If you are a current family with a child who is Prep eligible in 2018, please call in and see Mrs Williams at the office and ask for an enrolment form to complete and return as soon as possible. This helps us establish our enrolment information for 2018. Thank you.

Kindy Fundraiser

Visualise your garden covered in fragrant spring blooms and then make it happen by supporting the St John's Lutheran Kindergarten's spring bulb fundraiser. Flowering bulbs are easy to grow, difficult to kill, and could make the perfect Easter gift. Please visit the Kindergarten or contact a Kindy parent to view a brochure and help raise some much needed funds. Orders close Friday, the 17th of March, and deliveries will be made within the first two weeks of Term Two.

Health Alert

There has been a reported case of chicken pox within the school community. Even if your child has been vaccinated they can still exhibit flu like symptoms and develop red spots that are contagious. Please check with your doctor if you suspect that your child or family members are showing any symptoms of chicken pox. Children must be excluded until blisters and spots have cleared.

Year 3 Excursion - Cherbourg Ration Shed

The Year 3's went to The Ration Shed at Cherbourg on Tuesday. It was a brilliant day as students engaged with Aboriginal cultural and learnt more about the local history. They even got to paint and take home their own boomerang. Thank you to all the parent helpers and the wonderful staff at The Ration Shed. A great day was had by all!



Uniform Shop

Next Monday, the 13th of March the uniform shop will be open at 8:15am after Staff School Photos. If you require any uniforms for photo day, they can be purchased after this time.

South Burnett Under-12 AFL Trials

Congratulations to Zach Knight and Curtis Goodger who made the South Burnett Under-12 AFL Team. We wish them well as they compete at the Wide Bay Trials in coming weeks.

South Burnett Secondary South Burnett Trials

Best wishes to the 17 students who will be participating at the South Burnett Secondary South Burnett Trials this afternoon, participating in Soccer, Touch Football, Netball and Basketball.



Sporting Schools

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Sporting Schools Program this Term. This week was the last week for Sporting Schools for Term 1. Please look out early next term for information for Sporting Schools in Term 2

St John's P&F Trivia Night - "Through the Decades"

Bookings are coming in thick and fast for the St John's P&F Trivia Night on **Friday, the 24th of March**, so don't forget to reserve your table of six for a fun-filled night out, which raises funds for our school's ICT Program. The theme for the evening is "Through the Decades" and wonderful entertainment will be provided on the evening by the "MISFITZ". For information or to organise tickets, please contact sjlsfp@gmail.com or nomination forms are available from the office.

Inter House Cross Country

Our annual inter-house Cross Country is being held on Thursday, the 30th of March. Students who are aged 11 to 15 compete in a 3km event, students aged 9 to 10 compete in a 2km event, students who are aged 7 to 8 compete in a 1km event. Preps and 6-year-olds will complete a fun run circuit. Students who are 14 and 15 years old are able to nominate for the 4km event, which is necessary if they would like to compete at the South Burnett Cross-Country. Students are encouraged to participate as best they can, with points being given for places and for completing laps. We look forward to seeing you there!

PROPOSED TIMETABLE - Please arrive 20 minutes before your child's event, to ensure you don't miss it. Please remember that students are to wear their house shirt for the Cross Country.

Time	Distance	Age - years
9:00am	3km and 4km	13/14/15 and 14/15
9:25am	3km	12
9:50am	3km	11
10:15am	2km	10
10:35am	Fun Run	Prep
10:45am	Morning Tea	
11:15am	2km	9
11:40am	1km	8
12:00pm	1km	7
12:20pm	Fun Run	6
12:30pm	Presentations	
12:45pm	Lunch	

Skipping Display

All parents of students in Years 1-9 are welcome to come along on Friday, the 24th of March, to watch their students display some of the skills they have learnt in skipping this term. Please see times below.

Year 7,8,9	8:45am – 9:25am
Year 1	9:25am – 9:55am
Year 4	10:00am – 10:45am
Year 5	11:15am – 12:00pm
Year 6	12:00pm – 12:45pm
Year 2	1:15pm – 1:45pm
Year 3	1:45pm – 2:25pm

BP Shield

Last Wednesday, our students participated in the BP shield with other high schools in the district. It was a well-run day and we thank the Kingaroy State High School staff for the planning and organisation of the event. We again combined with Wondai SS and Proston SS to compete as combined schools and we finished third overall. Our students had a great day and participated well in their teams. Congratulations to our Under 13 Boys Newcombe team who placed first in their division. Our chess team also finished second.



Walk-a-thon

A huge thank you to all staff and students who participated and who helped to organise this wonderful fundraiser. Thank you for making the effort and for showing up on the day to complete the course. The total profit made from the Walkathon was approximately \$5000. The Price and Okesene families would like to make a special mention to the Chilcott family for their generous donation, as well as every member of our school community who contributed. God bless you all.

Dates to Remember

<i>March 2017</i>						
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
6	7	8 Playgroup 8am	9	10 Free Dress Day 2:30pm School Assembly	11	12
13 School Photos	14	15 Playgroup 9am Meals on Wheels	16	17 Live It! Youth Group	18	19



Looking for Prep in 2018?

Does your child's birthday fall between 1st July 2012 and 30th June 2013....If so they are eligible for Prep 2018

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