Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term Three! We especially welcome our new families and new staff members, Kaylene Kelleher and Bill and Carole Mulcahy, to St John’s. This term has many events and activities, which includes NAIDOC Week, School Photo Day, Year Twelve Formal, Bishop’s In-service Day, Athletics Carnival, St John’s Race Day, Year Eleven Information Night, Opti-MINDS, Queensland Core Skills Test (Year Twelve) and the Year Six trip to Canberra. All these activities and events are a part of being at St John’s and it is good to see so many families support them. It is important to become involved in your child’s education where possible, to take an interest in what is happening in their lives.

All of what happens at St John’s, in regards to the education we offer and provide, has at its heart, the shaping of character (Spiritual, Physical, Cultural and Academic) - this is our core business. All the experiences and opportunities have a common purpose: to build good women and men, great people who will be good fathers and mothers, partners, good husbands and wives and good citizens. This is not to diminish the value we place on academic mastery, but rather to emphasise that the gaining of wisdom is the true goal. As we shape character, we equip our students to use knowledge and understanding as influenced through their experiences and values. Each part of a St John’s education is important. Sport, music, drama and outdoor education are as much about teamwork, perseverance, commitment, courage and fairness as they are about fitness, relaxation and adventure. Christian Community Service is about selflessness. Spirituality is to feed your soul and the school houses (Marian, Xaverian and Theresian) provide a home where a student is cherished, loved and understood. As we move through the 21st century, the ways of expressing these qualities of Christian education will change and must change. It is important that for our children’s sake, we are aware of the vast changes that are occurring in our world which, no doubt, will affect our lives and education, however to remember that our core Christian values are our strength and remain constant.

In the book of Proverbs we are instructed to get wisdom. Wisdom in other words is not a free gift. We are told to develop it. We are then required to seek meaning in life, to understand that life is not a series of events. Life is a series of learnings. Wisdom is the depth of soul that enables us to understand what must remain in our lives when everything else - the job, health, the security and the excitement goes. As Lin Tang says, “the Wisdom of life consists in the elimination of the non-essentials.”

**Events in this month**

**Tuesday, July 14**
Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.15 - 7pm

**Wednesday, July 15**
School Photos

**Wednesday, July 22**
Academic Awards Semester One: Full School Assembly 11 am

**Friday, July 24**
Years 12 Formal - Explorers Inn

**Wednesday, July 29**
Bishop’s In-service, Pupil Free Day
Children’s Liturgy is held during the 8.30am Sunday Masses on the third and fourth Sundays of the month in term times at All Saints Catholic Church, Corner of Feather & McDowall Streets in Roma. All children are very welcome, no equipment is required. Morning Tea will usually follow the Mass on the fourth Sunday of the month.

Dates for this month’s Children’s Liturgy include this Sunday 19th July and next Sunday 26th July. Next month, they will be on 16th and 23rd August. We look forward to seeing our St John’s students at Mass.

Mrs Anne Moloney

SAVE THE DATE!!

Friday 11 September from 6pm in the P&F Multi-Purpose Centre we are holding a Fathers Day Footy Night, where sporting memorabilia will be auctioned. Please come along and enjoy a night of socialising; we will have the footy on the big screen, and movies for those children who don’t want to watch the football...further details will follow.

REMINDER

Year 10 SET plans will be held during Week Three (27-28, 30-31st July). Parents and students are encouraged to attend an Information Night that will be held on Thursday night 13th August. More information will be sent out this week.

“Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light on my path,” Psalm 119:105
It is what we believe spiritually that carries us through life.
It is the well of wisdom from which we are meant to draw-
“The Truth will set you free.” John 8:32

Yours sincerely,
Nicholas Lynch
Principal

News From The Resource Centre

Book Fair Update

Our Resource Centre team are extremely pleased with the success of the Book Fair. The final tally of combined book and stationery sales was a fantastic $9,627 which means that 35% of these sales can be utilised to purchase valuable resources for the library. It is also our pleasure to announce the winners of our Book Fair competitions. Congratulations to Holly Coonan, Bodhi Ricketts and Angus Stinson who were the lucky winners of the Scholastic book vouchers for the colouring competition and Natalia Lippert who was our closest contender for guessing the number of Minties in the jar.

A huge thank you to the St John’s community including students, families and staff who supported the fair and contributed to its enormous success.

Jenny Eeles
Teacher Librarian

Woolworths Earn and Learn 2015

St John’s is once again participating in the Woolworths’ Earn and Learn Program to help us gain additional educational equipment. This runs from Wednesday 15th July until Tuesday 8th September, 2015 and it is simple to participate. When you shop at Woolworths, you can collect Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn and Learn Sticker Sheet. There will be one Woolworths Earn and Learn Sticker provided for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Once a sticker sheet is completed (60 stickers), simply place the Sticker Sheet in the St John’s Collection Box either at our Resource Centre or locally at Woolworths.

We look forward to your continued support.

Jenny Eeles
Teacher Librarian
During the holidays, not only did we see Queensland smash New South Wales in the State of Origin, there was also plenty of awesome Rugby League being played by many of our own St John’s boys. One student’s outstanding performance, at the State Carnival on the Gold Coast, during Week One of the holidays has earned him a spot in the Queensland Under 12 Rugby League team. A massive congratulations goes to Shaun Packer for being selected to represent his state in Darwin in August. This is a huge achievement and we are very proud of his efforts. Shaun is extremely dedicated to his Rugby League and on the field shows a positive and never give up attitude. No doubt Shaun will do St John’s and Roma proud. We wish Shaun all the best for Darwin and look forward to hearing about his experience. Go Shaun and Queensland!

*Michaela Wehl – Rugby League Coordinator*

The 2015 St John’s Family Race Day is not far away and tickets are now available from Kimlins Camping World in McDowall Street, for just $30 each. We encourage parents, family and the whole community to support one of our major fundraisers for the year which is a great family day out. All welcome!

Whilst Mum, Dad, Grandparents and Friends enjoy a bite to eat and a few refreshments inside, there are always plenty of activities outside to entertain the children. A canteen is also available outside with plenty of hot chips, burgers, pies, sandwiches and drinks, for the younger ones: a sweet stall in the play area will also be available.

Once again, this would not be possible without the generosity of the local businesses in Roma so please support them as they support us!

**SPORT SUCCESS**

**MARK 29th AUGUST, 2015 IN YOUR CALENDER!!!!**

**GOLD SPONSORS**
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Once again, there will be Fashions on the Field on the day. Categories include: Junior Male and Female, Senior Student Male and Female, Best Dressed Couple and Best Dressed Lady.

So for a great day out, come along to a day of racing and socialising and help support your school. All proceeds from the luncheon go to St John’s School. If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Debbie Green on 0428 188 894.

**PLATINUM SPONSORS**
- Mounts Machinery, Kimlins Camping World, LJ Hooker, McDonalds Roma, Goodyear Roma Tyre and Battery and the Callow Family
Hi all,
Hopefully you have had a wonderful holiday.
Track & Field Carnival High Jump events will be help at First Break on the secondary oval for the next week and a half. Leaders will set up and pack up the high jump equipment. Only students who nominated to participate in High Jump will be eligible to compete.
Age groups will compete on the following days:

**Monday 13th** – Under 15 Boys (Jake Williams, Max Johnstone, Jamie Crawford, Joshua Perske, John Coleman, Angus Donaldson, Ben Upton & Ashley Holt) & Girls (Keely MacLachlan, Ainsley Lambourne & Cheyenne Scott)

**Tuesday 14th** – Under 14 Boys (Jordan Jukes, Jack Jones, Lachlan Martyn, Keegan Simpson, Daniel Padbury, Jarrod Rogers, William Hartley, Fletcher Cameron) & Girls (Amelia Gane, Holly Thom, Juliette, Acutt, Bridie Nebe, Calista Hanna, Sophia Tilbury)

**Wednesday 15th** – Under 13 Boys (Connor Thomas, Darcy Proud, Lucas Crawford, Riley Hewitt-Bryant, Ben Hall, Henry Reardon, Jack Sullivan, Coby Fechner, Caleb Wehi, Reghan Ellevsen) & Girls (Logan Connell, Hannah Lacey, Hannah Hughes, Meg McGrath)

**Thursday 16th** – Under 12 Boys (Shaun Packer, Ethan Graham, Joshua Carroll, Franz Lalu, Dylan Schefe, Patrick McCoy) & Girls (Caitlin Hafemeister, Chelsea Weyman-Jones, Kellie Melcer, Olivia Bowden, Haylee Cherry, Christina Douglas, Eleanor Sands)

**Friday 17th** – Under 11 Boys (Adam Shaw, Tristan Lorenz, Kody Yates, Stephen Patch, Logan Walsh, Lewis Callow, Bill Reardon, Malcolm Anderson, Thomas McCoy, Macauley McCay, Jack Wright, Patrick Cole) & Girls (Demmi Yates, Abbey Martyn, Eleanor Hanly, Zoe Skuse, Jasmine Moore, Brooke Boland, Samantha Holt)

**Monday 21st** – Under 10 Boys (Connor Lacey, Hamish Cameron, Peter Ward, Samuel Pierre, Billy Duff, Brayden Crawford, Finn Neil, Jack Moran, Isaac Kruger, Lachlan Murray, Luke Dean, Charlie Steginga) & Girls (Briony Burns, Kissea Cruz, Isabel Lucas, Reyna Core, Tully Stone, Sophie Fawckner) & 16 Boys (James Bernard Balagbis, Alex Connell, Harry Gane, Thomas Campbell, Wade Anderson, Mitchell Hunter, Brandon Swan, Connor Bach-Green, Matthew Lambert, Thomas McNulty) & Girls (Courtney Hassall, Kate Martyn, Brittany Irwin, Kaitlin Lane, Hope Ferguson, Brooke Mitchell, Kathleen Smith, Emma Haaijer, Nancy Allen)

**Tuesday 22nd** – Open Boys (Joseph Packer, Hayden Packer, Owen Williams, Daniel Lynch, Oliver Peak, Regan Tucker, James Lee, Elliot Lewis, Benjamin Taylor, Andrianne Gisma) & Girls (Mariah Thom, Kate Upton, Kaitlin Sands, Alex Cherry, Sarah Cicero)

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*Danielle Gillam*

*Sports Coordinator*
Please note the Academic Awards Assembly for Semester One which was to be held this Wednesday is postponed to next Wednesday 22nd July.

Full school assembly 11.00am.

We acknowledge the original inhabitants of this land, the Mandandanji people, and show our respect for their ancestors and traditions.