Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I have been reminded of the worth of the teaching profession to our society by three recent events.

As is my custom, I visited the class of a teacher to observe teaching first hand. Imagine my surprise, when, instead of sitting unobtrusively in the back row and observing, I was given a small group, to run. I was in awe of the preparation and planning for learning and safety that went into the teacher’s 50 minute lesson. And, she does this six times a day!

The second event occurred at a launch; I asked another guest with an unusual surname whether he was related to the legendary 1970s Psychology lecturer, Ali Landauer. He replied that he was his son and asked me what his father had taught me. I was stumped for a moment, but then told him that it is often the case that we don't recall what great teachers taught us, but we do recall how they made us feel.

The third event that prompted me to contemplate the craft of teaching, the science of learning and the vocation that is education was when, as a Past President of the Catholic Secondary Principals Association (WA and SA), I was asked to respond to a Teachers Registration Board query about whether we thought that future teacher registration should be limited to those with a five year tertiary qualification, as, in fact, is the case in Finland. Currently, teachers require a four year qualification. Many teachers at the beginning of 2000 had three year qualifications. Of course, during the 1970s, many teacher training courses were only two years in duration. Finally, we interviewed for the position of a teacher. Like the rest of the panel, I was in awe of the qualifications, achievements and passion for teaching that each of the applicants could bring to the role.

Nowadays, teachers aspiring for leadership roles will have a Masters in Leadership qualification, a teaching qualification, an undergraduate degree in their discipline, and will have completed the Catholic Education Accreditation. In addition, they may well have: a Bronze Medallion, a First Aid Qualification, a Heavy Rigid Drivers Licence, asthma training, epilepsy training, anaphylaxis training, defibrillator training, fire extinguisher training, a Working with Children check and ongoing professional development for their Teachers’ Registration and Accreditation to Teach. They probably coach a sporting team (need qualifications and training), a dance team and still find time to give timely feedback to their students and their parents. In many cases, they also find the time to raise their own family.

It is commonly held that schools nowadays take on much more than the three “Rs”: reading, (W)‘riting and (A)‘rithmetic.

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**Principal’s News**

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**Events in this month**

**Monday, September 7 - 10**
Years 11/12 Exam Block

**Tuesday, September 8**
P & F Meeting - 6.15pm

**Saturday, September 12**
St John's Working Bee

**Saturday - Saturday, September 12 - 19**
Year 6 Canberra Trip

**Monday, October 5**
Labour Day Public Holiday
There is a vacancy on the St John’s School Board. If you would like to join the team, please phone Jenny Ford on 46229002.

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**Current NEWS!**

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**Lost Property**
There have been several cases of jackets, jumpers and other items of school clothing going missing. Could parents check their children’s belongings and return to the school if they have any items of clothing or school uniforms which don’t belong to their children?

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**Moonlight Fair**
*Multidraw Booklets*
Multidraw tickets have been sent home with students today. Please return your used or unused tickets by October 14.

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**P & F News**

**NRL Grand Final Raffle**

**PRIZE VALUE $1400**
Tickets to the 2015 NRL Grand Final Accommodation in Sydney, Sunday Night Return Flights, Brisbane to Sydney
Tickets ONLY $2.00 each available from St John’s School reception (correct change appreciated)
Winner will be announced at the Father’s Day Footy Night, September 11 2015.

*Rachel Skuse*
*P & F President*

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**St John’s Working Bee**
*September 12*
Come along and help prepare our gardens for spring. “Many hands make light work!”

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**Reflection**

You are the light of the world… Let your light shine in the sight of all, so that, seeing your good works, others may praise God”
Matthew 5:14, 6

*Nicholas Lynch*
*Principal*

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**HISTORY**

**Year One**

Year One students are learning about artefacts and discovering the stories that each artefact tells. We have been on a virtual excursion through a house built over 100 years ago, discovering how families stored their food, what furniture they had in their kitchens, dining rooms and bedrooms, and what they did as there were no bathrooms inside! We have learned about flour bins and gramophones, and posed questions about sewing machines, musical instruments, and how people communicated before telephones.

Year One is fascinated about the past, and enjoys comparing objects from the past with their modern-day replacements.

*Narelle Freeman*
*Year One Teacher*

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**School Board**

There is a vacancy on the St John’s School Board. If you would like to join the team, please phone Jenny Ford on 46229002.
**Did You Know...?**

Did you know our mobile app will let you add Notes Due instantly to your calendar? Just click on the Note and look for the + sign in the top right hand corner. Press the + and the Notes Due date is automatically added to your phone’s calendar. You can then set reminders for yourself. Some phone models may not allow this feature.

*Rebecca Lynch*

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**SAVE THE DATE!!**

On Friday 11th September from 6pm in the P&F Multi-Purpose Centre, we are holding a Father’s 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.

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**Leftover Yearbooks**

If you would like a 2013 or 2014 Yearbook, please call into reception this week! Ready for collection.

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**Woolworths Earn and Learn**

Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers finishes this Tuesday September 8. Please bring in your stickers and sheets to St John’s before Wednesday September 16 (Week 10). Thank you for your support.

*Sarah Mehay-Dewar*

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**RomA and District Eisteddfod**

21-23 October

Eisteddfod entries close THIS WEEK! Please consider entering the poetry or reading sections. Entry forms can be obtained from the school office, or by emailing romaeisteddfod@gmail.com or carmel.treasure@twb.catholic.edu.au Please contact Mrs Treasure via email if you have any questions. Primary children should have brought home a note with more detailed explanations about the Eisteddfod this week.

*Carmel Treasure*

**Primary Performing Arts**

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**Junior Vicki Wilson**

On Sunday 6th September, the St John’s Junior Vicki Wilson netball team travelled to Toowoomba. The team, coached by Kaitlin Lane, managed by Sue Tiley & umpired by Danielle Gillam, was made up of girls from Years 7-10 - Chloe Tiley, Meg Cherry, Olivia Struber, Hannah Hughes, Hannah Lacey, Isabelle Dart, Sarah Tully, Jessica Harland, Bethanie Edwards & Keely MacLachlan. They played exceptionally well all day winning four out of five pool games, making it into the Division Two semi finals. After winning two more games, the girls played off for first and second position against Fairholme College. At full time the score was tied at 10 all which meant that both teams came out as winners.

*Danielle Gillam*

**Sports Coordinator**
Years Seven/Eight

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During Term Three, Years Seven and Eight students have been developing their skills in using a number of programs to create a variety of presentations. Students learned how to record themselves and add background music which was then saved as an MP3 file. This file was uploaded to Microsoft MovieMaker where students added images, transitions and credits then exported it to an MP4 which is a video file.

The next project required the students to make a presentation about a wild animal using a program called Moovly. Moovly enables you to incorporate video, images, text and animations. Once the presentations were completed, they were either uploaded to Youtube or saved to the school server as an MP4.

Thinglink was the third program to be investigated. After researching a capital city, students created a presentation using Thinglink. They chose an image depicting their chosen city then uploaded it to the Thinglink site.

The aim of the unit is to give the students a wide variety of tools that they can use when required to make a presentation.

Steve Swires
It has been a busy term in Mathematics. We have had two major assessments that we have been undertaking in the last few weeks. ‘Rodeo Round-Up’ focused on planning a trip to Longreach for a rodeo, using a variety of timetables. Students have been interpreting bus, train and plane timetables as well as calculating costs regarding the best travel option for a family to travel from Brisbane to Longreach. Students have had to take into account the mode of transport, departure and arrival times, duration of travel and the cost of travelling.

Our second assessment, ‘Shiver Me Timbers’, investigated the loss of heat from different body types, represented by different volumes of water. Groups placed 200ml of 37.5°C water in a beaker. This simulated someone with a large body type. Groups then placed a thermometer in the water and read and recorded the temperature. They placed the beaker into the tub of cold water and recorded the temperature of the water in the beaker every minute for ten minutes. Results were recorded in a table. Groups repeated this process using 150ml water to simulate an average body type; 100ml to simulate a small body type and 200ml water in a stubby holder. The stubby holder simulates a large body type in a wet suit.

We then used the results of the first three ( uninsulated) experiments to create a comparative line graph and then used the results from the two 200ml experiments to create a comparative bar graph. This was a very interesting activity from which to draw conclusions.

It is not long to go now until we depart for the Canberra trip. Just a reminder about joining the St John's Canberra Trip 2015 Facebook page, which will be updated daily with exciting news regarding our whereabouts. We wish all the Year Six students and their teachers a safe and enjoyable trip.

Have a great week
Geraldine Roberts
This term, year 9 Hospitality focused on ‘Gourmet Foods’. This encouraged students to think about the visual impact that food has on our individual senses. Throughout the unit, students developed their skills in practical cookery, garnishing, plating, decorating and other presentation techniques. Inspired by the TV shows ‘Masterchef’ and ‘My Kitchen Rules’, students were able to view the process undertaken by amateur chefs in producing meals to meet the brief but also include textures, flavour combinations, cooking techniques and presentation styles. Students were able to cook various meals working on all these elements.

- Sponge Cake Decorating
- Gourmet Sandwiches
- Pasta Bake
- Gourmet Family Pie
- Chicken Lasagna
- Spice and Herb Cookery
- Mini Cheesecakes

Students were then asked to create a gourmet pasty to present as their assessment. Here, students researched what specifically makes food ‘gourmet’ and what techniques could be used to present this. Style, shape, flavour combinations, finishing techniques, garnishing and plating were all important elements of producing a high quality product.

Emma Podbury
Teacher
As you are spring cleaning over the September school holidays to make way for new Christmas gifts, please spare a thought for this year’s Moonlight Fair Craft and Collectables Stall. This year, we are incorporating ‘pre-loved’ collectables into our stall, as those of us who like craft often enjoy redecorating our homes. We would greatly appreciate donations of good quality collectables, for example, figurines, cup/saucer/plate combinations, vases, pretty much what some would call ‘dust collectors’! Please search your cupboards and also gain the support of relatives; your donations will be most appreciated and add another dimension to our stall. Returning this year, will be a wide range of scarves, earrings, headbands along with other beautiful craft.

Yenda Emery, Bernadette Makim and Katarina Silvester

The Marian One Plant Stall

Moonlight Fair preparations are in full swing for many stalls, especially our well-patronised and popular Plant Stall which will be hosted this year by Pastoral Care group Marian One. Marian One families and teachers are hoping you can show your support for their initiative by dropping off any pots, empty or potted-up with plants, cuttings, or donations of potting mix to the school office. It would be great if you could ask all your green-thumbed friends to help out too. We have already had some thoughtful families dropping in some lovely pots they no longer need which can be potted up by students. Seedlings have started popping up all around the gardens at school in response to the warmer weather and students have been demonstrating their green thumbs by transplanting some of these ready for the stall. Thank you in anticipation for your support,

Marian One, Mr Alexander De Petro, Mrs Sarah Nerva and Mrs Anne Moloney.
All Saints First Reconciliation

Charlie, Henry, Alice, Amy and Faith

Aric, Erl Nino, Ciara and Tristan
Join Us This Friday

St John’s P & F Presents

Father’s Day Footy Night
(Don’t forget your wife and children)

Friday, 11th September 2015
6.00pm at St John’s School

- Big screen with the first qualifying final being shown
- Bar operating and food provided
- Children’s Entertainment - $5 per child; includes movie and snacks, babysitting available. Hosted by the Basketball team and Breakfast Club
- Memorabilia to be auctioned off, including:
  - Cowboys signed footballs
  - Rabbitohs and Roosters Jerseys
  - Jenie Fawckner art piece
- Ladies Area (if you’re not too keen on watching the Footy)
- There will be heaters if the night gets chilly

St John’s
Future in Faith

Family Fun Night
St John’s School
Moonlight Fair
For a Great Family Night

When: 16th October 2015
Time: 5:30pm - 9:30pm
Rides: $4.00 each or grab an armband for $20.00 (unlimited rides)

Showbags, cakes and sweet stall, craft and collectables, plants and lots more.
We acknowledge the original inhabitants of this land, the Mandandanji people, and show our respect for their ancestors and traditions.