Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Pick up / Drop off Zone

At the recent Parents and Friends meeting, an issue arose about the Primary drop off and pick up zone, particularly in the afternoon. The frustration of parents became clear when some parents have unknowingly parked in this area and left their car to find their child. A reminder to all who use this area, it is not a waiting or parking area. If your children are not ready or aren’t present, for the benefit of those parents and students who are ready, please drive around again and don’t block the pick up area as this leads to frustration of many.

Exam Block and Assignments

Parents often feel stress and uncertainty as to how they can help during this period. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Keep Calm: The last thing you want to do is transfer your apprehension and pressure to your child. Remind your children they are not the first people to experience pressure of assignments or exams.

2. Establish Routine: This is essential. A dedicated study location is important as is a regular time allocation to study. For many students, short periods of concentrated effort (30 – 40 minutes) followed by reward breaks seems to work well. It is equally important to balance study with free time to exercise and refresh - walk the dog, take a swim, go for a run. The main area of concern is students not being organised and leaving assignments to the last minute. (This means a late night.) Often assignments from other subjects can be due at the same time; so students need to organise and plan their time well.

3. Diet and Sleep: are also important. Try to fuel the body with nutritional food rather than high sugary carb injections. Also, encourage eight hours sleep a night. Hitting the books through the night will eventually catch up with you.

Moonlight Fair

Our annual fundraiser takes place this Friday. I know the organising committee, parents and students have put in a lot of time and effort to get this year’s Fair happening. There are 40 stalls, plenty of rides, (at a very reasonable and family friendly cost $20 per arm band unlimited access to 14 ride/activities). It would be great to see as many families as possible. You are also welcome to help set up for Moonlight Fair (starts at 6 pm on Thursday) and/or be part of the Clean-up (Saturday Morning) at 7:30am. If you are able to help, it would be a great support for the organising committee and very much appreciated.
Current NEWS!

CHILDREN’S LITURGY

Children’s Liturgy is held in Roma during the 8.30am Sunday Masses on the third and fourth Sundays of the month during term times at All Saints Catholic Church, on the corner of Feather & McDowall Streets. All children are very welcome; no equipment is required. Morning Tea will often follow Mass on the Fourth Sunday of the month. This term’s dates for Children’s Liturgy during Mass are 18th October, 25th October, 15th November and 22nd November.

Anne Moloney

Moonlight Fair
Multidraw Booklets

Multidraw tickets have been sent home with students. Please return your used or unused tickets by October 14. We also have available at the front office some deluxe picnic blankets. $40 each (please bring cash only with correct change).

Year Seven HPE

This term in Physical Education, students in Year Seven are beginning to look at their progression from childhood to adolescence. They are investigating a range of physical, emotional, social and intellectual changes occurring during adolescence and considering why and how these impact on their identity. This unit of work aims to help students address the increases in adult expectations as they transition towards independence, as well as exploring the development of self-values and beliefs. The unit of work also covers the benefits of diversity and the impact of social inclusion on well being during the adolescents' transition. By the end of this term, students should be able to make recommendations for themselves and others about coping with the adolescent transition. Students are also learning to play European handball. European handball is a fast game that combines the skills of netball, basketball and Gaelic football on a futsal-sized court. Year Seven students are enjoying the challenge of playing an unfamiliar sport and adapting their skills as best they can.

Doug Amiss

Reflection

Holiness is not getting good marks on a heavenly report card. It is becoming Godlike - as kind, as just, as merciful, as loving - as we can be. There must be no limit to your goodness, as our God’s goodness knows no bounds,” Jesus teaches in the Sermon on the Mount.

Sister Joan Chittister

Nicholas Lynch
Principal

Loud Shirt Day

Friday 16 October

Shirts must be sunsafe and worn with sports shorts. Gold Coin Donation (collected in Form meeting) Also on sale: Zooper Doopers @ 50c each First Break: Primary students at the tuckshop Secondary students in assembly area

Money raised to support Hearing Awareness Centres
Our Opti-MINDS students are working overtime to put together their Opti-VISIONS for the 20/20 Youth Forum on Saturday 17 October at the University of Queensland, St Lucia. Ideas have to fall under the categories of environment, humanitarian, community, health, transport, animal welfare, education, energy, food/produce and must bring about sustainable change for the better at a local, regional, national or global level. Our four teams have generated brilliant concepts to present:

**Social Science Division 1** (Christy Douglas, Eleanor Sands, Senugi Dissanayake, Drew Partridge, Kin Abriol and Hannah Gunthorpe) have created ‘Messages from Kids to Kids in Drought’. They will set up a booth at the forum where student participants in the Opti-VISION Forum from around QLD and WA can record messages of hope and support for kids on farms in drought to view.

**Language Literature Division 2** (Amy Shaw, Sarah Hall, Georgia Pearson, Kate Morris and Grace Harvey) will present their idea for schools to hold an annual Book Swap, similar to that at St John’s during Book Week. For each book that a student brings in, they will be given a token which will allow them to gain a book of their choice from those which have been collected at school. This idea helps to recycle valuable resources.

**Language Literature Division 3** (Lucy Barsby, Kaitlin Sands, Bridget Treasure, Rachel Zerk, Rachel Brennan, Mariah Thom) have decided to investigate the question, ‘From a social justice perspective, can the money spent on attending a Senior School Formal be justified?’

**Science Engineering Division 2** (Connor Thomas, Ronan McEvoy, Ned Evans, Darcy Connell, Amy York, Arabella Neil and Brock O’Rourke) have come up with the idea of earning money for charities and disadvantaged communities through Bitcoin, the digital currency earned when a computer is connected to the Internet and solves problems.

Students will present these ideas this coming Saturday for all finalists from across Queensland and Western Australia at the University of Queensland. Good luck to all Opti-MINDS finalists!

*Bernie Makim*

*Yenda Emery*
CBSQ BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Girls’ Basketball Report:
St John’s girls’ basketball team travelled from Roma to Brisbane to compete in the CBSQ annual basketball tournament, unfortunately the girls lost all their games, but they kept their spirits high and attitudes positive. Most games were very close, with only a couple of points between the teams coming down to the final minutes of each game. All of the girls made a huge effort towards putting in as much determination and positive energy as they could. You could see the girls were focused and taking their time to put their shots up, which paid off throughout the rest of the games. Also, the amount of work that was put in to make each game better was unbelievable. Defence was definitely one of our strongest points and the support that came from girls sitting on the bench who were constantly cheering on the team was great to see. We would have to say that for us the 2nd last game was the game we played the best, everybody worked and kept pushing themselves even though many were tired and sore; we were filled with determination. We had so much fun in Brisbane as we did get the chance to go bowling with Mr Hurl’s boys’ team and even do a little bit of shopping. We would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Barrett, Miss Topic and Miss Casey for the constant support they have given us over the year. Thank you for having so much faith in the team and thank you for the time and effort you have put into the team. We would also like to thank the parents who drove students down to the tournament, and for their support and encouragement; we couldn’t have done it without you.

Boys’ Basketball Report:
The St John’s under 18 boys’ basketball team had their most successful CBSQ to date. The team started the tournament against Benowa; it was a very close game throughout, with both teams exchanging leads. In the third quarter, Benowa began to pull away but St John’s rallied in the fourth quarter to cut the lead to four points. Unfortunately, St John’s ended up losing a hard fought contest. After set backs against Mardsen and Villanova, St John’s went on to defeat Windaroo, St Brenden’s and Groves. In all three victories, St John’s took control of the games early and led wire to wire. Harry Gane showed off some slick post moves, leading the team in scoring and Bryan Lie’s defence was nothing short of outstanding throughout the entire tournament. This year, the entire team really worked hard to improve and it paid off at the tournament. The keys to victory were team defence, rebounding, running the offence, getting quality shots and improved free throw shooting. If the team sticks to these principles and works on their press break, they have the opportunity to do even better next year.

Patricia Barrett
Congratulations

Congratulations to Ross Penrose on winning the Jim Baker Medal for Excellence in Vocational Service.

Desperately Seeking Cuttings for our Moonlight Fair Plant Stall!!!

Please, please, please raid your garden, or friends and families’ gardens, for plant cuttings that can be dropped off at the school on Friday or brought to the Moonlight Fair for sale on the night. Thank you in advance! Marian One (via Mrs Anne Moloney)

Did You Know

Did you know you can share the app with friends and other school parents by clicking on the Tell Friend button located on the home screen? You can share by email, Facebook, Twitter or SMS.

Working Bee

There will be a working bee on Thursday October 15 at 6 pm for the setup of the Moonlight Fair. There will also be a clean up on Saturday October 17 starting at 7.30 am followed by a barbeque lunch.

Head lice

Please be sure to check your children for head lice and any signs of eggs.

Students feature at Roma Red Cross Flower Show

A wonderful afternoon of fashion, singing, Devonshire tea, flowers and vegies was hosted by Roma Red Cross on Saturday at the Cultural Centre. Three of our senior students did an admirable job displaying a variety of outfits in the fashion parade which was a main feature of entertainment for the afternoon. The parade culminated in bridal and flowergirl frocks which were beautifully displayed. Congratulations to the students who entered categories in the Flower Show schedule. Particular mention should be made of the students’ commendable entries in the Arrangement of Spring Flowers category. St John’s Kids Garden Club was awarded First Prize for their Bi-colour Rose from the rose garden near the flag pole and the Three Cuts of Spring Flowers from the garden near P-6 assembly area. Their prize was a bag of rose food which will come in handy as the roses are blooming beautifully at the moment and using up a lot of energy. They also received a cute owl hanging ornament that the Garden Club members will decide where to hang when they meet this Friday. St John’s Kids Garden Club is a lunch time activity for students in Years Three to Six who meet at the flagpole on Fridays after eating at First Break. Please join us.

Mrs Anne Moloney
Focus on English

Year Four English

This term, Year Four students are exploring the structure and language features of poems. We will be mainly looking at humorous poems. Some of the features we will be identifying are similes, metaphors, alliteration, puns, nonsense words, spoonerisms, hyperbole and neologisms. We will be reviewing poems based on these features. We will also be working in groups to review popular children’s songs.

Michaela Wehl

Focus on Maths

Year Three Maths

This term we will learn to count to and from 10 000. We will solve problems using efficient strategies for multiplication and revise the turn-around of these problems. We will be working with money and revising how to represent different amounts of money and correctly count out change from financial transactions. We will be setting up ‘paper’ shops selling items from catalogues and brochures. We will be working with time and telling time to the nearest minute and making our own analogue clocks. We will also be busy designing and making models of 3D objects and identifying symmetry within our school environment.

We are all working hard in Mathematics and trying to give 100% with all of our activities. All in all, this is a very busy term for Year Three.

Mrs Purssell, Ms Wright and Mrs Shields.
The Moonlight Fairies Need You!

The Moonlight Fair is fast approaching and preparation is underway for a bigger, flashier, more glittery, more gooey fairy stall than ever! Our stall is only ever a success because of the generous donations of parents, so once again we are asking for cash donations to go towards purchasing all manner of exciting items for our stall.

If you are able to provide a donation, please send it to the office clearly marked as a donation for the Moonlight Fairies stall.

Thank you in anticipation of your assistance!
The Years Eights have had an exciting year in Science. They have explored the ins and outs of the human body and the living units of life organised together in body systems. They have melted marshmallows by designing and building their own solar ovens. They have analysed the energy changes involved in Wile E. Coyote and Road Runner’s antics. They have made crystals on strings and completed a number of experiments to determine the difference between physical and chemical changes.

This term, the students will become geological experts, exploring the universe around us as well as the ground we stand on here on Earth. Students will explore why we have day and night, why the seasons change, how the moon impacts the tides and what goes on in the galaxy around us. Students will then study how rocks form, will be able to classify igneous and sedimentary rocks and will then look into weathering and erosion of the land. This will then be linked in with industry uses, so students can understand why and how we mine for coals and gases.

This term, the students will have a written examination as their formal assessment. A reminder that students are expected to complete set homework in a timely manner, and are to read over their notes and slides for regular revision.

With so much in the news at the moment about new astronomical discoveries, we encourage students to explore the internet and keep updated on what is happening in the universe around them!

**FUN FACT!**

An average mobile phone has more computing power than the computers taken on the Apollo 11 mission to the moon!

*Miss Mason and Miss White*
At the end of last term, Prep students participated in their first classroom liturgy. They were able to create a sacred space, build a prayer table and share various responses to sacred texts. Parents were welcome to attend and shared in a morning tea. Our Preps have recognised and connected with Jesus’ teachings about love, compassion, empathy and forgiveness. Students have learned to appreciate the Bible as a book of stories about Jesus’ life.

We thank all of our parents who were able to make our special morning but also Malcolm Freeman, Sheree Hurle, Katarina Silvester and Courtney Waldron who were brave enough to have an active role in our liturgy at the last minute.
Students are studying rights and freedoms, in particular, the Civil Rights Movement in the United States and Australia. Underlying issues and the roles of key individuals are explored as our societies were redefined through struggle and sometimes, violent protests. For those of us born in the fifties or sixties, it is hard to comprehend how different the world was when we were small children. Our rights and freedoms continue to be redefined today and one can only imagine what the picture of civil rights will be in another fifty years.

It is hoped that students will get a sense of the determination and courage that drove the pioneers of the Civil Rights Movement and an appreciation for the rights and freedoms we enjoy in Australia today. The assessment item this term will evaluate the effectiveness of the Freedom Rides of 1965 in contributing to the success of the 1967 referendum.

Steve Winnett
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.
School Based Apprenticeship/ Traineeship Opportunities

- The Roma Pool is looking at putting on a trainee in AQUATICS as a lifeguard/pool attendant
- Apprenticeship in Commercial Cookery

If this is something that you may be interested in, email your resume to Miss Nelson on Katie.nelson@twb.catholic.edu.au

A note from Stephen Hoffman at Golden West

Golden West Apprenticeships is seeking to pre-qualify the best possible candidates for upcoming apprenticeships/traineeships at the end of the 2015 school year and into early 2016 - as this is traditionally a time when there is strong uptakes by host employers.

Ideally the students best suited for this opportunity:
- know that they want an apprenticeship/traineeship and in what field;
- have undertaken work experience in their preferred area so they aren’t joining on ‘green’;
- have the relevant aptitude for an apprenticeship or traineeship; and,
- appear to be committed to completing an apprenticeship or traineeship within their district (remembering that an apprenticeship can take four years!).

Students with these qualities should be advised that they can register their interest for positions by sending their resume direct to my email address - shoffman@goldenwest.org.au - so I can further progress these opportunities for them.
Bristow Defence Industries maintains a fleet of AS332 Super Puma helicopters in Oakey QLD on behalf of the Singapore Government. We are currently seeking applications for our apprentice program commencing in January 2016. Successful applicants will receive training in all aspects of their trade culminating in the issue of a Certificate IV in Aeroskills - Avionics.

Desirable Qualities:
- Successful completion of Year 11 Maths & Physics, or an approved Aeroskills pre-vocational course with theory results of at least 75%
- A demonstrated interest in aviation
- A demonstrated interest or aptitude for an Electrical/Avionics trade
- To be a team player
- An ability to set & achieve goals
- Own transport to work & to Brisbane for theory training

Applicants are to submit a hand-written letter of introduction (up to one page), plus: an electronically prepared application addressing the above criteria; a current resume; records of their highest academic achievement; references or referee details; any Aeroskills pre-vocational training results. Submit your application either by post or email (with scanned letter of introduction) to:

Base Manager
Bristow Defence Industries
P.O. Box 158 OAKEY QLD 4401

bdi-recruitment@bristowgroup.com

Applications close: 26th Oct 2015

Selected applicants will attend written aptitude testing in Toowoomba on Saturday 21 Nov 2015 from 9:30am to 1:30pm.
Candidate interviews will be conducted in Oakey between 30 Nov and 3 Dec 2015 between 8:00am and 6:00pm. Dates and times will be confirmed in individual correspondence.

To be considered for employment you must have the legal right to live and work in Australia and be able to supply proof of Australian Citizenship or Permanent Residency. Relocation assistance is not offered for this opportunity.
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Place your order by: Friday 30th October

Delivery: Week of 23rd November 2015

Please return this form and payment to
Attn: Trish Flower - MANGO DRIVE- St John’s School Office
By: Friday 30th October 2015. (SORRY ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE)

For further information contact:
Trish Flower – 0428268303
Email – megadig@bigpond.com

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Come and play Junior Basketball this summer

Boys and girls of all abilities welcome to play.

Fridays Afternoons 3-6pm
Venue: Maranoa PCYC (Roma)
Sign on Friday 9 October 2015
Term 4 (Summer Season)
Under 9s (ages 6-8) at 3pm, Under 13s Mixed @ 4pm,
Under 17s Mixed Competition @ 5pm
$5 per session (must be a PCYC member)

Contact Details: 0407692445 or log on to Facebook Maranoa Basketball Association.
Loud Shirt Day

Get Loud for Deaf Kids

Details of Our Loud Shirt Day

Date: Friday 16th October 2015

Details: Wear a loud Colourful Shirt to St John's to show your support for deaf children and families.

Can't take part?
Donate to our Loud Shirt Day by visiting

www.loudshirtday.com.au