Dear Parents and Caregivers,

“Relationships are all there is. Everything in the universe only exists because it is in relationship to everything else. Nothing exists in isolation.” (Weatly 2002)

When we consider our daily lives, so much of our happiness and success depend on how we relate with our self, our family, our peers and our colleagues, others in the community, our environment and even with God. Healthy relationships build self-esteem, create a sense of belonging, develop respect for others, compassion and improve mental and emotional health. (You will notice four of the Mercy Values – Respect, Justice, Compassion and excellence are linked to relationships at St John’s)

In the movie ‘Cast Away’, Tom Hanks’ character while stranded on a deserted island creates a face on a ball, named ‘Wilson’, as if it were a person. This gesture illustrates how important relationships are for personal care (wellbeing). For a person to have a healthy relationship with others, they must have a positive sense of self and be accepting of their individual strengths and challenges.

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**Events in this month**

- **Monday, August 22 - August 26**
  - Book Week

- **Saturday, August 27**
  - St John’s Race Day

- **Sunday, August 28**
  - Regional Final Opti-MINDS

- **Monday, September 5 - September 8**
  - Years 11 & 12 Exam Block

- **Monday, September 12 - September 17**
  - Year 6 Canberra Trip

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**Reflection**

“There is no such thing as care for the self that does not include care for the other. When we sweep the front stairs or cut the lawn in front of our house, it raises the level of the neighbourhood for everyone else.”

Raphael Hirch

Yours sincerely,
Nicholas Lynch
Current NEWS!

SAVE THE DATE!!
Our annual Moonlight Fair is gearing up to be a great night on Friday, 21st October from 5.30pm. Please come along and enjoy a night of entertainment with St John’s has Talent, busking and roving Choir as well as our legendary rides and stalls guaranteed to be a night of FUN for the whole family. A Bar will be available for adults, EFTPOS and a Courtesy Bus will be available on the night. A second-hand book stall is planned, so if you have an unwanted books, could you please drop these off at the Library.

Jenny Eeles
Moonlight Fair Committee Member

Senior Certificate II in Business students will be selling chocolate and vanilla cupcakes every Monday and Friday at first and second break in front of the tuckshop for $2 each or 2 for $3 from the 15th of August to 16th of September. All money raised is going to Drought Angels.

Uniform Shop
We are currently out of stock of the following:
- Sports Polo Size 16 and Small
- Sports Shorts Size 10
- Prep Boys Shirt Size 6
- Culottes W6
- Girls Blue Blouse Size G8 and W12
- White socks Size 14-16
- Boys Felt Hat Size 56, 57 and 58
- Tights Lycra Size 7 - 10 years

Gabby Barron

St John’s Students Meet Governor General

The Cupcake Kingdom
Drought Angels
Meeting the needs of those who feed
First Communion

Celebrations
There was cause for great joy in our Catholic community over the weekend. Many of our St John’s students took the next step in their faith journey by celebrating their sacrament of First Communion at All Saints Catholic Church. We commend these students for their hard work and dedication in preparation for their sacraments. The students were very thankful to their families and friends for supporting them as they took this step.

Fathers Jamie and Salvador and Sr Nora are pictured with the students after the ceremony and before they celebrated with a fabulous cake and morning tea.

Regards,
Mrs Anne Moloney

Year Nine English

During Term Three, students have been adjusting their leggings and sharpening their swords to explore one of William Shakespeare’s best known tragedies “Romeo and Juliet”. This timeless tale is still enjoyed in today’s classrooms as Romeo and Juliet fight against the odds to be together, amidst the rivalry of their feuding families; Montague and Capulet.

After a few scenes, it is impressive to see the students’ tongues become accustomed to the Shakespearean language, as their enthusiasm for the characters heightens. Classes have also been examining the conditions for the actors during the Elizabethan era and viewing a traditional performance on stage at The Rose Theatre.

Can you answer these R&J quiz questions?
1. In which city is the play set?
2. Which character performs the wedding ceremony?
3. How old is Juliet in the play?

Kate McAuley
Senior Teacher

Year Three History

This term during History lessons, students will learn what has stayed the same and what has changed in Australia and our local community. We will be exploring how colonisation impacted the Australian Aboriginal people and how this influenced later events.

Students will examine the past and present relating to the workplace, toys and even the Olympics. We will learn more about how the Olympics originated and what has changed and developed over time. This unit will also allow us to develop our comprehension skills as we spend time during class ‘reading to learn’ regarding past and present events.

Annie Wright
Year Three Teacher

SCHOOL FORMAL

PHOTOS
Photos taken at the School Formal have been available to view in the school library for the past few weeks. Please finalise orders by the end of this week.

Orders can be made by dropping an email or note to Mrs Silvester.

kdsilvester bigpond.com
Electronic images are $10 each.
The Open Division Language Literature Team Three: Georgia Pearson, Yla Abulencia, Caitlin Hafemeister, Brock O’Rourke, Amy Shaw, Eaden Pavia and Trent Sellars (Facilitator: Mrs Emery)

The tuckshop will be operating with funds going to support the St John’s Equestrian Team. There will also be an Opti-MERCHANDISE Stall.

If you have any energy after the St John’s Race Day, our teams would appreciate your support from 9.30am in the Drama Room (Science Engineering) and the Year Seven Room (Language Literature and Social Sciences) for their Long Term Presentations.

Opti-MINDS Coordinator
Yenda Emery

This Sunday 28 August at St John’s, our four Opti-MINDS Teams will join nine other teams from St George and Charleville to participate in the 2016 Opti-MINDS Creative Sustainability Challenge. Students have been working for six weeks on their chosen Long Term Challenge and will also face a Spontaneous Challenge.

We are sure that the following students will present ‘Unashamedly Excellent’ performances at the Regional Final and we wish them well.

Division Two Language Literature Team One: Darcy Connell, Arabella Neil, Madeleine McInerney, Grace Harvey, Amy York and Peyton Horn (Facilitator: Cathy Perkins)

Division One Language Literature Team Two: Senugi Dissanayake, Hannah Coffey, Zofia Abulencia, Roderick Packer, Thomas McDonald, Adam Shaw (Facilitator: Mrs Emery)

Division One Science Engineering Team Four: Kissea Cruz, Sean Dawes, Jeslyn Federico, Jeffery Lunney and Mia Otto (Facilitator: Miss Fuller)

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Positive Education Days Years 8, 9 and 10

Week Five was a big week for Positive Education at St John’s, with students from Years 8, 9 and 10 participating in Positive Education days off campus, centred around the importance of building ‘Mental Fitness’. We listened to amazing and practical brain facts from Kate and Pete from Building Resilient Pathways (ask your children to show you the brain training tricks with their hands!) and explored the definitions of the 24 VIA Character Strengths. Beautiful artwork was created for secondary classrooms and we matched the Fruits and Gifts of the Holy Spirit with the strengths. We explored concepts of self-control and mindful thought with chocolate, created blessings boards, set goals for self-care and examined growth mindsets. We also spotted strengths in others when creating ‘travellators’ out of newspaper in teams.

Cathy and I received beautiful ‘thank you’ emails from Year 8 students, detailing what they liked about the day, and even some suggestions for improvement! It was wonderful to see that the expression of gratitude and thankfulness is filtering down into actions beyond the explicit teaching of Positive Education. Thank you to Cathy Perkins, all teachers and students who contributed to making these days successful.

Bernadette Makim

Coordinator of Positive Education
Hello everyone,

We would like to start off our first House report by saying a huge thank you to the past Prefects Mikhaela Roldan, Nancy Allen and Emma Haaijer. They did an excellent job during 2015/2016 and they have set the platform for the new Prefects. The three new Prefects for Xaverian are Thomas McNulty (Head Prefect), Gerard Treasure (Cultural Prefect), Ben Upton (Sport Prefect). As we enter the business end of the term, we would like to reflect on the remarkable few weeks the school has had.

A highlight of the term so far was to see all the Xaverian students come together for our annual Xaverian House Mass, celebrated on the feast day of our patron saint, St Francis Xavier. This was a great opportunity to remind ourselves of our core Xaverian values, which were embodied by St Francis. Special thanks to Fr Salvador who presided over the Mass; he has a special connection to St Francis Xavier, as he comes from Goa in India, where St Francis Xavier travelled as a missionary. Goa is also where the Basilica of Bom Jesus, holds the mortal remains of St Francis. We think it’s safe to say that Fr Salvador is now a proud member of the mighty Xaverian House!

It was really great to see all the Xaverian Crocodiles come and participate in the annual Track and Field Carnival. The effort from everyone competing and cheering was amazing, in particular the relay teams who competed on the day. We are very excited to work with the Xaverian cohort for the remainder of our Prefect tenure. Another major part of our term was the Krispy Kreme Day, this was a major success and was an excellent way to kick-off the school’s fundraising for the new Prefects. Well done to the Marian team!

We are really looking forward to the coming three terms in particular Term One of 2017 when it is Xaverian’s opportunity to fundraise for the newly proposed Year 12 senior area. Over the course of the term, we will hosting a number of different fundraisers including a Zooper Dooper Day, a Disney Dress up Day and a Milkshake Day!
It would be really great to see all the students from Xaverian from Prep to Year 12 participating in extra-curricular activities and getting their points cards signed. These activities range from Christian Community Service, all school sports teams and even Homework and Science Clubs. Points cards will be available to collect in each form room. This is a really important part of the inter-house competition and is a good opportunity to win the Spirit Cup.

A big reminder that this week is Book Week! This is a great opportunity for all students to dress up as their favourite book character on Friday 26th August. For example, The Cat in the Hat, Harry Potter or even Cinderella are all great examples, but feel free to come as your own character. There will be plenty of activities taking place during the week including storyline online in the shed, “Who Am I?” every morning throughout the week and much much more!!

Also in the coming weeks we have the Olympic ceremony, which includes the Olympic relay, parade of nations as well as the Olympic oath and anthem. This will be a very exciting event and we encourage everyone to participate in the events planned.

Finally, this Saturday 27th August is the St John’s Race Day so come down to Bassett Park for a fun filled day for the whole family! Gates open at 11am and the first race will commence at 1:30pm. We hope to see you there!

If you ever need an event advertised, want to ask us questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us in person or you can contact us through our school email:

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Ben Upton: ROMuptonb@twb.catholic.edu.au
Mr Thomas Moore: Thomas.Moore@twb.catholic.edu.au

Kind regards
The X-MEN
Fancy a holiday for DAD this Father’s Day?

The *St John’s Parent & Friends Committee* are offering Dad the ultimate prize this Father’s Day.

1 x $1000 Maranoa Travel voucher to use as you please

Tickets are $10 each. On sale now!

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Tickets are available at the St John’s School Office. The winner will be notified by phone.

Secure your ticket today and you might be well on your way to your dream holiday or supreme fishing destination.

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The St John’s Race day Committee would like to thank all of their sponsors

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We acknowledge the original inhabitants of this land, the Mandandanji people, and show our respect for their ancestors and traditions.
**28/08/16**

APEX ROMA’S PARK OPENING

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

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Gold Coin Entry

Raffle prizes to be won

Jumping Castle, and Clowns

BBQ Lunch and Fairy Bread

Teddy Bears Parade

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Apex Park
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Contact Tash on 0418298423

28/08/16
11AM start
SIGN ON NIGHT
Free Sausage Sizzle

Come and join us for some family fun and a free sausage sizzle to see what swimming club is all about. Our club welcomes both recreational and competitive swimmers of any age.

Swim Club is held every Thursday evening and we offer two free trial sessions, the dates of the trial nights are: 8th & 15th of September.

Swim Club is a fantastic and fun way for kids to keep active and stay healthy. If you have any questions please come and ask or email romaswimmingclub@hotmail.com.

Children 7 and under are free.

When: 8 September 2016
Time: 5:30pm
Where: Roma Swimming Pool

SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!