Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Welcome to the busiest term of them all, so much to complete in such a short time, especially for our senior students.

Dr Pat Coughlan has announced today that there will be an Acting Principal for 2017:

Principal for 2017:
Dear Colleagues,
I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Donaugh Shirley to the position of Acting Principal St John’s School Roma for 2017.

Donaugh is a very experienced educator and Principal in the Diocese. She is currently the Head of Primary at Mary MacKillop Catholic College Highfields. She was the founding Principal of Mary Mackillop Catholic School Highfields and led the process of beginning the school which has now begun moving towards a full P-12 school. Donaugh was previously Principal at Taroom.

Donaugh brings a wealth of experience in successfully leading school development with a focus on improving student outcomes and teaching to achieve that improvement. She has served the Diocese on many committees where she willingly shares the wisdom gained from her experience. We thank Donaugh for her generosity and willingness to serve the St John’s School community as Acting Principal and look forward to the contribution she will make.

I take this opportunity to thank Mr Nicholas Lynch for his leadership of and commitment to the St John’s community over the previous six years. Nicholas leaves a legacy of a strong and supportive community, a school which is distinctively Catholic and highly regarded for its educational achievements. We wish Nicholas every success in his new role as Principal of St Joseph’s College Toowoomba. During 2017 recruitment will occur for the Principal position from 2018.

I am sure you will all welcome Mrs Shirley and support her in her time at St John’s in 2017.

End of Year Dates
Presentation Night 2nd November
Graduation Mass and Dinner (Yr 12’s) 17 November
Yr 12’s last day 18 November
End of year Mass and Yr 10 and Yr 11’s last day 25 November
Christmas Concert 28 November Monday
Last day for students P-9 Tuesday 29 November
Last Day for teaching staff 30 November
Office closes December 16

Uniform Reminders
Summer Uniform takes effect in Term Four and Term One (2017). If Secondary boys wish to continue wearing long trousers, they need to be wearing a tie. No tie is needed with shorts.
The tracksuit top is for wearing with the sports uniform – not the formal uniform.
It is important to communicate with the school if there is a problem with the uniform on a particular day; this can be done via a note signed by the parent(s).
Current NEWS!

**Prep Program 2017**

Parents/Caregivers are invited to bring your 2017 Prep student along to experience an afternoon in Prep.

**When:** 1.30pm - 2.30pm

**Term Four**

Wednesday - 26th October
Wednesday - 2nd November
Wednesday - 9th November

**Where:**

St John’s Prep Room

**Please bring a hat and water bottle.**

A fruit snack will be provided.

**RSVP:**

School Office (46221842) at least two days before each session.

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**St John’s Working Bee**

St John’s Annual Working Bee will be held Saturday 8th October 7am - 11.30am. Please contact the School Office with your offers to help so we have an idea of numbers. Also needed - shovels, rakes, hoes and blower vacs.

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**Reflection**

Life is not unique. We suffer, love, change, strive and die. What is unique is the way we each go about it.

Some struggle all the way; others, the emotionally adult amongst us, learn to accept every turn in the road with grace and hope.

Joan Chittister

Yours sincerely,

Nicholas Lynch

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**Project ICE**

Students in Years 7-12 had the opportunity this week to attend a session run by the Project ICE True Grit consortium. The project exists as a response to the National ICE Taskforce’s final report that indicates the need for education in the community. Presentations specifically written to target high school students are being run to provide information about ICE, how it affects people, what are the consequences of using (physically, psychologically and legally) and supports available. A panel of people including the Head of the Hospital, the police, counselling specialist and a legal representative were part of the presentation that students will attended on Thursday, October 6th. These sessions are booked at other schools in our area and are also being presented to various community groups. There is a session open for anyone in the community to attend on Thursday, 6th October at 6.30pm. A sausage sizzle (gold coin) will be provided. This event will be held at the Jubilee Hall, Roma State College - Senior Campus.

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**Year Three Science**

During the unit ‘Heating Up’, students will explore different types of heat sources and how heat moves from one object to another, through a series of collaborative inquiry-based learning activities. Primary heat sources (that transform different energy sources to heat) and secondary sources (that transfer heat they have accumulated) are investigated and heat exchange between materials until they reach the same temperature is covered. During assessment, students will work in groups to create a scientific report to give advice on how to best heat up water. Students will then answer questions related to the investigation as well as consider if the investigation was fair.

Annie Wright

Year Three Teacher
**Homework Club**

Homework Club will start again next week, Tuesday 11th October. Homework Club runs from 3pm until 4 pm and all students from Prep to Year 12 are most welcome. Students should make sure that they bring their own equipment and come ready to work. This term, Homework Club will run until Week 6 (Tuesday 8th November).

Change of Venue: This term, Homework Club for P-6 students will be held in the classrooms upstairs, above the Handball Courts. Mrs Densley and Mrs Emery will meet students outside the library as normal and we will all move upstairs together. Students can be collected outside the library at 4 pm.

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**Roma Junior Cricket**

**Sign On Day**

**Saturday, 8 October 2016**

Roma & District Cricket Grounds opposite the Big Rig.

8am until 10am

Under 8, 10, 12 and 14

$75 registration fee [covers affiliation fees and insurance levy].

All Under 8 players receive a Cricket Australia kit.

Mark Brennan

Secretary/Treasurer

Roma & District Cricket Association

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**Parenting Exceptional Children**

Please see the flyer for the Parenting Exceptional Children group which will be run during Mental Health Week. The Guest Speaker is Rohan Ballon, Community Nutritionist, who will be covering the following topics:

- Healthy eating for families including nutritional requirements across life stages
- Common nutrition issues for families
- Practical eating strategies
- Managing mealtime behaviours
- Nutrition for school children

**To register, please contact Katie or Tracey at Anglicare on 4620 4000.**

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**ANGLICARE**

**Parenting Exceptional Children**

Come along to a monthly support group for parents of children with special needs. The session will feature a guest speaker who will discuss a different topic each month, followed by opportunities for parents and educators to share thoughts and have conversations.

Each session aims to help you:
- Connect with others
- Share experiences
- Gain insight
- Learn new skills
- Be heard.

Bring your children along for supervised activities while the session is running. Dinner will be provided to all.

**When:** Wednesday 12.10.2010

**Where:** Anglican Church Hall

**Bungil St**

**Time:** 5pm-7pm

**Goal:** FREE, this includes the kids activities and dinner

**Guest speaker:** Rohan Ballon

Community Nutritionist

To register please phone Katie Ferrier on (07) 4620 4000.

1300 60 610 anglicaresq.org.au
Year One

Religious Education

This term, the students will be engaging in Bible readings, class discussions and role plays to gain a greater understanding of how the Bible is a source of wisdom. Each week, they will listen to Old Testament stories about how God was active in the lives of the people of Israel. They will also explore the New Testament and investigate the similarities and differences between the four Gospels and explore the Christmas story. The culminating event for the year will be the season of Advent when the students will discuss how Advent is a time of waiting and getting ready for Christmas.

Mark Brennan
Year One Teacher

Year Eight

History

Year Eight students will be learning about Shogun Japan this term. Students will investigate the way of life under the Shogunates, including the social, cultural, economic and political aspects. In particular, we look at the role of the Tokugawa Shogunates and the imposition of their feudal system. We will also be exploring the theories behind the decline of this medieval way of life, throughout the modernisation and westernisation of Asian nations.

Miss Kynoch and Mr Sellars
In Year Ten Biology this term, students are investigating genetics, paying particular attention to the make-up of DNA and how we inherit our characteristics from our parents. Students will also spend time looking at genetic technology such as CRISPR, cloning, gene editing and genetically modified organisms and the ethics involved with this rapidly growing field of Science.

Physics students will be exploring Newton's Laws of Motion and Energy. Students apply mathematical thinking into their calculations of speed, acceleration, force and energy conversions. Students will look into factors influencing speed and acceleration, as well as looking at inertia and how it is applied to real life scenarios. They will be completing an assessment piece on car safety this term, linking in their knowledge of Newton's Laws.

In Chemistry, students will delve into the trends of the periodic table and chemical bonds. They will look at bonding between molecules and within molecules. They look at temperature, concentration and surface area of reactants as well as the addition of various types of catalysts to different chemical reactions. Students will explore categories of chemical reactions, balance these chemical equations and learn to predict their products. In Term Three, students had the opportunity to explore the rates of reactions by designing and conducting their own experiment.

If you have any concerns or are interested in finding out more about the Science subjects that are offered in Year Eleven and Year Twelve, do not hesitate to contact us.

Beth Mason, Doug Amiss and Shalindi Jayasuriya
As previous Canberra trippers will attest, the week Year Six recently spent in Canberra was exciting, educational, inspirational and exhausting! Our days were busy and long as we tried to see and do as much as possible in our five days in the nation’s capital.

Our first stop on the trip was Dubbo where we visited the zoo for a ‘behind the scenes’ early morning walk. The simangs didn’t fail to entertain! It was then on to the Old Dubbo Gaol to explore the history of this fascinating place.

After lunch, we continued on our way to Canberra, arriving Sunday evening. The next five days saw us visit Parliament House, Questacon, the Royal Australian Mint, Australian War Memorial, National Museum, National Gallery of Australia, Australian Institute of Sport, Museum of Australian Democracy, CSIRO Discovery, Telstra Tower, Government House, Electoral Education Centre and Cockington Green. In our spare time, we squeezed in a bit of indoor rock climbing and mini golf and popped down to Perisher for a day of fun in the snow!

Highlights of the trip were meeting the Governor General, Sir Peter Cosgrove, and our federal representative, David Littleproud. Both spent quite a bit of time talking to us and answering questions. Creating huge snow boulders on snow day was another memorable moment!

A big thank you to Mr Brennan, Mr Colbert, Miss King and Miss Cochran for accompanying us on the trip. We hope they have as many wonderful memories of the week as we do!

Michelle Chinnery
Year Six Teacher
The Roma and District Eisteddfod will be held at the Cultural Centre in Week 2 this term, October 12, 13 and 14.

The program is available via email – contact romaeisteddfod@gmail.com for your own copy. Paper copies will be available from the school office from Friday 7th October. If your child is performing a solo or with a friend you will need to consider times carefully. Ensure you allow enough time to pick your child up from school, making sure you sign students out at the office. Students will need parental supervision while at the hall. Mrs Treasure will be at the Cultural Centre to accompany performers on the piano, but will not be able to supervise students while they are waiting for their turn to perform.

All Primary Classes are performing as Choir Groups. They have been working hard on their performances, and we are very proud of them all.

Students will walk to and from the Cultural Centre with their class teachers. If your child is already at the Centre because of a previous performance please inform the class teacher.

Listed below are the APPROXIMATE times for each class groups performance. We are only guessing times – as there are so many variables involved during children’s performances! Parents who would like to watch their child but have work commitments may like to find a friend who can text or call as each sections is about to start.
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2. RSC Junior Campus Yr 1  
3. St John’s Prep Keleher  
4. Mitchell State School Prep  
5. St John’s Yr 1 Angus  
6. Wallumbilla State School Prep  
7. St John’s Prep Croaker  
8. Mitchell State School Yr 1 |
| St John’s Primary Choir | 10.30 am (If the above section flows smoothly – there is a chance this section will start before 10.30 ! It is hard to estimate how long 8 choirs with very young performers will take.) | 1.Mitchell State School Yr 5/6  
2. Wallumbilla State School Yr 5/6  
3. St John’s Primary Choir |
| St John’s Primary Choir | 12 midday | 1. St John’s Primary Choir |

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2.RSC Junior Yr 3  
3.St John’s Yr 3 Shields  
4. Wallumbilla State School Yr 1/2  
5.St John’s Yr 2 Brennan  
6.Mitchell State School Yr 2/3  
7.St John’s Yr 3 Wright |
| Year 3/4 and Four Choirs | 10.30 am (If the above section flows smoothly – there is a chance this section will start before 10.30 ! It is hard to estimate how long 7 choirs with very young performers will take.) | 1.St John’s Yr 3/4 Pursell  
2.St Johns Yr 4 Pretorius  
3.Wallumbilla State School Yr 3/4  
4.St John’s Yr 4 McPake |
| Year Five and Six Theatre Performance | 12 midday | 1.St John’s Yr 5 Lewis  
2.St John’s Yr 6 Chinnery  
3.St John’s Yr 5 King  
4.St John’s Yr 6 Fuller  
5.St John’s Primary Choir |
The full cohort of our Year Six students took part in a workshop conducted by the Queensland Ballet Company entitled ‘Lest we Forget’ to commemorate 100 years since the First World War. Students were able to orientate and explore for themselves, through physical engagement, the distances between the countries involved in the major Gallipoli conflict. They worked in unison to create the Catapult Party as in the Dawn service.
After listening to The Last Post they then built on some basic movement framework to add some of the emotions felt by those impacted by the conflict. The students were totally engaged in the workshop, which not only provided a new perspective for them, but also allowed them to increase their respect and understanding of those involved. The work they produced was a credit to them.

Sarah Nerva
Drama Teacher

Our second workshop for student aged 12+, focused on combining the skills of both ballet and tap. This workshop explored techniques in both genres through a range of exercises and repertoire. The workshop was based on the ballet ‘Strictly Gershwin’. This production was a spectacular tribute to George Gershwin and the big band era of the thirties. It evokes the silver screen magic of Astaire and Rodgers while fusing both ballet and tap in stylised movements.
The students then learnt the choreography to the opening number of the Second Act ‘Rhapsody in Blue’ from Strictly Gershwin, choreographed by Derek Deane. Here, the fusion of ballet and tap were displayed whilst showcasing stylised movements of the 1930s.

Emma Podbury
Dance Teacher
## Opti-MINDS Pie Fundraiser 2016

Please return your form and complete payment to school by **Wednesday, 19th October**

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Student/Family Name _____________________________  Class/PC:_________  Contact Number:___________________________

The entire order will be placed under your name and it is your responsibility to collect the money and ensure people on your order receive their pies.

Pies are made by Mitchell Bakery. St John’s takes responsibility for collection of the pies from Mitchell and having them available at the school tuckshop on the morning of the delivery date. Time for collection to be advised.

*Many thanks for your support of the three St John’s Opti-MINDS teams attending the State Opti-MINDS Creative Sustainability Challenge Final in October 2016.*
We acknowledge the original inhabitants of this land, the Mandandanji people, and show our respect for their ancestors and traditions.
You are invited to the Hodgson Hall BBQ, Christmas Tree & Dance (Not Live Music)
Saturday, 10th December 2016
BBQ 6pm, $15.00 per person
BYO Chairs
Christmas Tree 7.30pm, Children to 12 years, $15.00 per child includes Tree, Meal & Ice Block.

RSVP for BBQ by Saturday, 03rd December 2016
Please bring a salad or a sweet for the BBQ to share
Bar will be operating

Names, Children’s Ages & Money to: Ang Lorenz: 0428 229 003
By Friday, 25th November 2016

共同体咨询

马纳纳地区委员会邀请网球场小组、俱乐部和任何与该运动有关的人参加一个关于在巴塞特公园拟建的网球场的咨询会。

会议将是与议员讨论当地其他感兴趣事项的好机会。

日期: 10月11日
地点: 巴塞特公园露营地
时间: 5:30pm

委员会鼓励关键利益相关者参加此次会议，例如:
• 马纳纳网球协会
• 马纳纳PCYC
• 马纳纳篮球
• 学校网球场组织
• 学校教职员工
• 家长及监护人

更多信息请拨打1300 007 662或访问www.maranoa.qld.gov.au。
Hey year nines! What are your plans for 2017? Spend your second semester of year 10 on exchange with WEP and gain skills and memories for life!

Here to help you make your student exchange dreams a reality, is our Early Bird Special!

Apply for a semester or year-long exchange before 30 November 2016 and receive $500 off your program fee to:

- Argentina
- Austria
- Belgium
- Chile
- China
- Finland
- France
- Hungary
- Italy
- Mexico
- Netherlands
- Spain
- Thailand

REQUEST A FREE INFO PACK!

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World Education Program Australia

AUSTRALIA DAY NOMINATIONS CLOSING SOON!

2017 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Nominate your friends, family or workmates for an Australia Day award in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year Award
- Young Citizen of the Year Award
- Community Event of the Year Award
- Cultural Award
- Sports Award
- Junior Sports Award
- Member Contribution Award
- Achievement Award
- Andrea Murray Memorial Award

Nominations close Wednesday, 30 November 2016.
Free one day workshop for parents and carers

Workshop: 16-17QLDCOPC1  
Location: Chinchilla QLD

Like all school-aged students, young people on the autism spectrum benefit from strong, positive relationships between home and school. Positive Partnerships use evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers.

This workshop is suitable for parents, full time carers and grandparents.

**What will you gain?**

The Positive Partnerships parent/carer workshop intends to:
- Increase understanding of the impact of autism on learning
- Introduce a planning tool that can be used to share an understanding of your child
- Explore ways to work in partnership with your school
- Share information about how to access support both inside and outside of school
- Provide an opportunity to network and share strategies with other parents/carers

**Workshop details**

**Venue:** Club Hotel Chinchilla  
131 Heeney Street  
Chinchilla QLD 4413

**When:** One day workshop – Wednesday 2 November 2016  
9.15 am – 3.00 pm (Registration from 8.30 am)

Online registrations open on Wednesday 21 September 2016 and close two days prior to the workshop.

If you have an email address and access to a computer please register directly through our secure website [www.positivepartnerships.com.au](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au).

**You will receive a confirmation email of your registration.**

If you have any enquiries phone the Positive Partnerships Infoline 1300 881 971 or email parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au.
The Roma Turf Club presents the

Santos GLNG Caulfield Cup

Bassett Park
Saturday 15 October 2016
Free entry

Free children’s entertainment –
jumping castle, merry-go-round and more
Free sausage sizzle

The first race of a five race program will commence at 1:30pm

santosglng.com