Principal’s News

Best Wishes Year 12s

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Year Twelve graduating class of 2016 for their wonderful contribution to St John’s School. I would like to wish them all the best in their remaining exams and also for their Retreat in Week Seven.

No doubt this group of students will feel a variety of emotions over the remaining days, as they realise it will be the last time they will be together as a group. A number of them have been at St John’s for 12 years, which is a significant part of their life. Others have arrived more recently, but as a group, they have always melded together and have made a significant impact on our school. I personally have had a close bond with my Mathematics B class and have been impressed with their commitment to work, their dedication to achieving their full potential and the respect which they have shown me.

In the next week, as we approach the Graduation Ceremony, there will be many opportunities for the Year Twelves to reflect on their time at school and to contemplate their future. I urge them to take some time to be thankful for the opportunities that were given to them at St John’s, to be thankful for the friendships that they have made and to be thankful for the efforts that significant people in their life have made for them.

Best wishes Year 12s; enjoy The Retreat, the Graduation Mass and the Graduation Dinner.

Yours sincerely
Mr Penrose
Deputy Principal

Events in this month

Events

Monday - Friday, November 7 - 11
Year 12 Exam Block

Friday, November 11
St John’s Remembrance Day Ceremony

Monday - Wednesday, November 14 - 16
Year 12 Retreat

Thursday, November 17
Year 12 Graduation Mass and Dinner - 6 pm

Monday - Thursday, November 21 - 24
Year 11 Exam Block

YEAR FIVE

Religion

This term, we have explored the book of Psalms. We identified some life experiences communicated in a variety of Psalms. We explored the relationship between the psalmist and God as revealed in a variety of Psalms. The students created their own Psalms on a topic of their choosing. We also explored different types of prayer such as meditative prayer and Marian prayers. We will begin exploring the story of Christmas and Mary’s role in this story.

Danielle King
Year Five Teacher
Positive Education in Year Nine Physical Education

Some very astute and thoughtful Year Nine students have come up with the following concept for their PE assignment: ‘We have an idea which is called the Positive Box. The Positive Box works similarly to Secret Santa in Year Six. Instead of letters containing ‘Merry Christmas’, it contains compliments and praise for the receiver of the letter. The box will be situated in the library tomorrow.’ – how wonderful! These random acts of kindness are all about boosting positive relationships and ‘charging up’ the Connect element of the ‘wellbeing battery’.

It was also a pleasure to see Year Ten students skipping and playing with younger students last week as they enacted their plans to get younger students moving and playing for better health.

Little pebbles create big ripples – our Positive Education culture is blooming!

Bernadette Makim
Coordinator of Positive Education

Year Three
ENGLISH

This term, we have really enjoyed participating in the unit, ‘Little Poets’. By viewing and listening to poetry, we have explored language features such as alliteration, rhyme, rhythm and onomatopoeia.

We have used this new understanding to create our own fun poems! One of our favourite books of poetry was Ronald Dahl’s ‘Revolting Rhymes’. These poems were really funny and allowed us to see just how much fun we can have with poetry. For our assessment, we will create our own poem and we will identify the language features used in a familiar poem. We have also been consolidating our understanding of grammar including collective nouns, prepositions, suffixes and prefixes.

Annie Wright
Year Three Teacher
2017

If your child/children is/are not returning to St John's in 2017 (other than Year 12s), can you please let us know – phone 46221842 or email roma@twb.catholic.edu.au

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesday 8th November from 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm to coincide with the final Prep Transition Day.

To start 2017, the Uniform Shop will be opening on 9th January through to the 20th January between the hours of 10 am - 2 pm.

Gabby Barron

Position Vacant

2 JUNIORS REQUIRED
COOMBER BROS JEWELLERS
RETAIL POSITIONS
Starting January 2017

Must be able to work Saturday mornings and some school holidays
Please drop your resume into our store.
Kate Martyn & Jordie Ellevesen are currently employed in this position if you would like to know a little more about it, please feel free to ask them.
Applications close 25th November 2016.

Regards
Carol Schefe

Red Food Day
Thursday 17th November is Red Food Day!

YEAR ONE
Geography and Science

In Geography, the students have been learning how to identify the features of different places. We have been discussing how different activities make different places distinctive. For example, the library has books and this helps make it a library. We wouldn't play catch or running games in the library, but we would play those games somewhere like the oval because it has a large open space. The students rearranged a classroom and designed a backyard while thinking about how the space could be arranged to suit a specific purpose. The students enjoyed designing their dream bedrooms and came up with some very creative uses for the space.

In Science this term, we have been learning about materials and about making physical changes. The students were challenged to make a tower out of spaghetti and marshmallows. They had lots of fun trying to build their structures.

Mark Brennan, Claire Angus and Toni Densley
Year One Teachers
Your Child’s Wellbeing at St John’s School

Information Session this THURSDAY

The week has arrived for the Positive Education parent information session!

Bernadette Makim (Coordinator of Positive Education) and Cathy Perkins (School Counsellor and Psychologist) will run one MORNING session this Thursday 10 November at the Viv Bruton Room at 9:00 am. Please note that the twilight session has been cancelled due to lack of RSVPs.

The session will run for approximately 60 minutes and will cover an overview of the Positive Education culture at St John’s School, which is centred on culturing wellbeing and helping students from P – 12 to thrive.

It’s not too late to RSVP to the email below! If you cannot attend at 9am on Thursday 10th, but would still like information on Positive Education at St John’s, please email bernadette.makim@twb.catholic.edu.au.
All about the Family in Senior Home Economics!

This term in Senior Home Economics, students have been studying the unit, ‘Working Class Wo/Man’ which considered the changing family structures over the last six decades. We relied on Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs to understand what an individual requires from their family and community to reach ‘Self Actualisation’- a term used to describe someone reaching their full potential.

We considered the nuclear family structure where mum, dad and an average of 2.4 kids was the ‘norm’. We then compared that structure to now where societal factors have changed the way that families operate. This included the role of the woman as they received more opportunities regarding tertiary education, equality in the workplace for higher positions, the legalisation and acceptance of divorce, as well as the introduction of the contraceptive pill and the IVF procedures which have allowed women to control the age at which they have children.

Locally, we considered events that have impacted on the family here in Roma. This included how the mining industry and fly in fly out (FIFO) working roles have affected family structures. We analysed this based on the overall wellbeing of the family; financially, emotionally and socially. Overall, this has been a very practical unit with lots of discussion. We wish the Year 12s all the best as they sit their final Senior Home Economics exams! Year 11s will now extend their family unit into sustainable housing designs to suit different family types.

Miss Nelson- teacher
Dear Parent/ Caregivers,

Your child has expressed an interest in being part of the 2017 School Musical “The Wind in the Willows”. We are looking forward to working with a small cast of both Primary and Secondary students on this iconic and timeless show.

In order to allow students ample time to get to know their characters, auditions for speaking parts will be held during Week Seven of this term. Due to the nature of the show, we are conducting auditions based on the year level in which your student will be in 2017.

We have included below some of the key practice times. Students and parents need to note these in their diaries and calendars, as attendance will be crucial.

**Important Dates:** These may be change depending on progress made!

**Auditions**
- **Mon 14 Nov (First Break):** Years 4 & 6 Only - singing and movement for the parts of woodland creatures.
- **Tues 15 Nov (First Break):** Year 5 Only - singing and movement for the parts of woodland creatures.
- **Wed 16 Nov (3:30-5:30):** Years 7 -12 and any outstanding 4-6 students from Monday and Tuesday auditions. Auditions for main cast and minor roles. *(Students in Years 4-6 will be notified at the end of the first audition)*  
- **Friday 18 Nov (3:30-5:00):** Call backs

**Performances**
- April 27, 28, 29

**Dress Rehearsals**
- April 19, 20, 24, 25, 26

**Weekend Rehearsals**
- (Likely a Sat and/or Sun afternoon)
- **Wednesdays 3.30 – 5.00** From Wk Two until performance
- **Thursdays 3.30 – 5.00** From Wk Two until netball and football training begins

Regards,

Sarah Nerva  
Secondary Teacher

Ashleigh O'Connell  
Secondary Teacher

Ross Penrose  
Deputy Principal

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**PARENT SIGNATURE:**

**Email address:**

(Student/ Parent/ Both) We will email updated rehearsal schedules, etc

Please indicate if you are willing to assist the production team in any way. (costume, set, makeup, publicity, front of house)
Please visit www.communities.qld.gov.au/childsafety for a list of gift ideas.
We acknowledge the original inhabitants of this land, the Mandandanji people, and show our respect for their ancestors and traditions.
Encourage and promote these foods and drinks.

These foods and drinks:
- are excellent sources of important nutrients
- are low in saturated fat and/or added sugar and/or salt
- help to avoid an intake of excess energy (kilojoules or calories)

Do not let these foods and drinks dominate the choices and avoid large serving sizes.

These foods and drinks:
- have some nutritional value
- have moderate amounts of saturated fat and/or added sugar and/or salt
- can, in large serve sizes, contribute excess energy (kilojoules or calories)

These foods and drinks are to be supplied on no more than two occasions per term.

These foods and drinks:
- lack adequate nutritional value
- are high in saturated fat and/or sugar and/or salt
- can contribute excess energy (kilojoules or calories)
From January 1st 2017, the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will be available in the Maranoa. If parents or guardians have questions regarding their child’s eligibility for the NDIS please ring the NDIS hotline on 1800 800 110 or visit the NDIS website at www.ndis.gov.au

JZONE
Roma Church of Christ
Kids Program from Grade 1 to Grade 6
5:30 till 7pm
119 Curry Street Roma
Pauline Bain 0447 050 284 / epbain@hotmail.com

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Five things you need to know about the NDIS in Queensland

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is the new way of providing individualised support for people with disability, their families and carers. The NDIS is the insurance that gives us all peace of mind. Disability could affect anyone and having the right support makes a big difference.

The NDIS provides eligible people a flexible, whole-of-life approach to the support needed to pursue their goals and aspirations and participate in daily life.

1. What?

The Commonwealth and Queensland governments have agreed on how the NDIS will be rolled out across Queensland. In Queensland, the NDIS will be operating state-wide by July 2019. The NDIS already has early transition sites in Townsville and Charters Towers for children and young people (0-17 years) and all eligible participants from Palm Island.

2. When?

The NDIS is a big change and will be progressively rolled out in Queensland over three years from 1 July 2016.

People will move to the NDIS at different times depending on where they live. The NDIS will be operating state-wide by July 2019.

3. Where?

- Townsville
- Mackay
- Tocumwal

4. How?

The National Disability Insurance Agency is working closely with relevant Commonwealth and Queensland government departments to ensure a smooth transition to the NDIS for people with disability, their families, carers and providers.

5. What can I do to prepare?

If you currently receive disability services you will be contacted before your area transitions. If you are not currently receiving services you will be able to apply to access the Scheme when the NDIS is available in your area. Check the information and resources available at www.ndis.gov.au/qld.

Visit our website at www.ndis.gov.au/qld

Call us on 1800 800 110
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