Dear Parents and Caregivers,

During this week, schools have been contacting parents to alert them of a recent trend. There is a concern for the growing number of ‘pop up parties’ originating via social media messaging. Authorities report there is harm occurring to young people (including those under 16 years) at these events. The party details are circulated on social media, with the location of each one being advised with very short notice. While careful not to cause panic amongst parents, St John’s acknowledges that many young people are also attending safe parties. It is important parents are aware of current trends which may affect their child.

There is a number of recommendations to ensure young people can safely attend local gatherings:

- talk to your children and be mindful of where they are
- be vigilant around monitoring all of your child’s social media accounts (consider there may be multiple accounts) and look online at any events your child wants to attend
- investigate any party your child is attending and be satisfied about where your child is and who they are with. If a party location is unknown one or two weeks prior to a party date, this may be of concern
- be mindful that at some of these pop up parties, there may be underage alcohol drinking and/or drug use.

With my own children, I am very conscious that there are adults present. Don’t be convinced only by your child saying that there is supervision because their understanding of adult supervision and mine or yours are sometimes conveniently different. It is good to seek out other parents of children who will attend the same party, as often they can have a different story. Last year, the Roma Police ran a session on social media; I have put in a few websites that will be helpful to parents.


www.esafety.gov.au
‘Ghost app’ is a blanket term for several apps available on the market that enable users to covertly hide information on their phone or tablet.


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**Events in this month**

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

**Friday, November 25**
Years 10/11 Finish at 10.30 am

**Monday, November 28**
Christmas Concert, P & F Centre from 6 pm

**Tuesday, November 29**
Last Day of school, Prep - Year Nine

**Monday, January 23**
First Day of school 2017
Current NEWS!

School Finishing

Dates

- **Tens/Elevens**  
  - Friday November 25  
  - Finish at 10.30 am

- **Preps-Nines**  
  - Tuesday November 29  
  - Finish at 3.00 pm

Uniform Shop

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*

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.

Tuckshop

The last tuckshop of the term will be this Thursday 24th November.

We will not be doing tuckshop on the last day of school Tuesday 29th.

Also a huge thank you goes to all the volunteers who have contributed their time to the tuckshop over the last 12 months. We wish you all a safe and happy holidays.

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**Reflection**

“Happiness”, Helen Keller wrote, “is not attained through self-gratification but fidelity to a worthy purpose.” Happiness is not about money. It is about who we are and what we do with our life for the sake of the rest of the world.

Yours sincerely,

Nicholas Lynch

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School Zones

The school zone sign shows:

- maximum permissible speed
- time periods in which the speed limit applies.

Children’s Crossing

A driver’s guide for children’s crossings:

- Travel slow enough so you are able to stop if required.
- Stop if a pedestrian is on or waiting to enter the crossing.
- Do not proceed until all pedestrians have reached the footpath or centre median.
- Crossings divided by a centre median are separate crossings.
- Do not stop within 20 metres of crossing approach and 10 metres on crossing departure or as signed.

Enquiries: Superintendent of Traffic, Toowoomba. Ph: 46316333

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Queensland Government
Four Things We’ve Learnt This Year

This year in Prep we have learnt:

- for alphabet. We have learnt all of the letters and sounds to help us with our reading and writing.
- for Beginning to read. We have learnt how to use picture clues to help us read.
- for Counting and everything that comes with it. From subitising to adding and subtracting.
- for Details. We learnt the importance of adding details into not only our drawings but also our writing to make it as interesting as possible.

One Blue:

Religion: We have learnt about the important messages contained in the Old Testament.

English: We have learnt how to use a Story Map Tool to help us in planning out stories and the importance of punctuation.

Science: We learnt how to conduct a fair test and how to report the results of our experiments.

History: We learnt how life has changed over time and the differences between life in our Grandparent's time and life now.

One Maroon

Religion: We learnt about all the important messages contained in the Bible.

English: We learnt how to write fantastic and imaginative stories.

Maths: We learnt about coins and money and had fun shopping at our classroom shop.

Geography: We learnt about how we use space and how different environments and spaces are used for different purposes.

Two Blue & Two Maroon

In Year Two this year we’ve...

• taken on the role of being Captain Kindness. We take turns wearing the special badge and writing good things that happen during the lunch breaks.
• performed at the Roma & District Eisteddfod. All our efforts paid off when both classes received a place in the final.
• really enjoyed coming together to participate in Reading Groups. We have become independent and were able to take ownership for our learning.
• become more efficient in using digital technology and used it to create and explore.
This Year in Three Blue

In Three Blue this year we looked at the characteristics of a superhero and how we could develop these within ourselves to ensure we had a positive and successful year.

We learnt to be **strong**. To never give up and to always be proud of our work.

We learnt to be **smart**. To share our knowledge with each other and to try our best, by always listening to the teacher and working hard.

We learnt to be **brave**. To take risks, tackling new and difficult tasks.

We learnt to be **protective**. To stand up for each other and help each other out.

It has been a fun year of learning new and exciting things!

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**Four Blue & Maroon**

1. Learnt how to use personification and similes when writing a story;
2. Learnt about forces of push and pull and how to launch a rocket;
3. Learnt how to safely drop an egg by spreading the energy and slowing the rate of the fall;
4. Enjoyed learning about bilbies and how to create a persuasive text on how to save the bilby;

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**Five Blue:**

1. Saturn is the second biggest planet, but it is also the lightest. If there was a bathtub big enough to hold Saturn it would float in water.
2. What we can do to help conserve the environment and ways to protect our native animals.
3. Hardships faced on the Australian gold fields and how they were overcome.
4. Exploring our character strengths and how we can use them to help achieve our best.

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**Five Maroon:**

1. How to do double digit multiplication, add fractions and create a budget
2. How the Indigenous Australians sustained the land
3. Information about Spanish culture
4. How light travels and how laws are created

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**Six Maroon**

1. Don't rely on technology because it can and will fail. Have a back-up plan ready!
2. We've become more persistent, persuasive and punctuated writers.
3. Reward follows effort.
4. Keep calm and use your character strengths!
Four Things Our Form Group Achieved in 2016

Marian One
1. Enjoyed our PC lessons every week.
2. Worked hard on our assignments and completed (almost) everything on time.
3. Represented Marian in sports and swimming.
4. Gave our departing Year 12s a fitting send off.

Marian Two
As a collective, Marian Two has achieved a great number of goals in 2016. We successfully prepared and ran the Haunted House at Moonlight Fair, created a meaningful poster in support of the Anti-Bullying Campaign, welcomed and farewelled members of our class, and started to focus more on gaining House points.

Marian Three
• Celebrated birthdays with a Marian bookmark and Flake
• Acknowledged achievements of Form members: Week Eight Term Four - all shirts tucked in!
• Helped to keep the Year Seven area litter free
• Welcomed new members throughout the year

Marian Four:
1. A winning Book Week door
2. Yummy nachos and milkshake stalls at the Moonlight Fair
3. 100% attendance
4. Invented the Marian secret handshake

Theresian One
1. Max Glasby developed the ‘Max Awards’, a short film competition to help young directors hone their film making skills.
2. Maddie Bonsey was awarded the inaugural St Therese of Lisieux Award due to her dedication to helping those around her.
3) Peyton Horn delighted audiences at the eisteddfod with her cello, violin and vocal performances.
4. Katie Barsby entertained us as Dorothy in ‘The Wizard of Oz’

Theresian Two
1. Iced tea stall - some students contributed considerable time and effort
2. Jokes - daily competition to build relationships between year levels
3. Three members elected to leadership positions
4. Select students did a fantastic job on the Book Week do

Theresian Three
1. Enjoyed building relationships between the year levels with bonding games
2. Baked cakes and worked the ‘Cake Stall’ at the Moonlight Fair
3. Participated in ‘Weekend Catch Ups’ and celebrated individual achievements
4. Enthusiastically sang and danced in House Assemblies

Theresian Four
1. Making new friends in T4 this year.
2. Saying good bye to Miss Southee and welcoming Mr Dobrota.
3. Sharing our strengths as a form group with each other.
4. Working as a tight group during Book Week, Moonlight Fair, planning gifts and being there for each other.
**Xaverian One**

1. **Positive Communication** – We have a positive comments and achievements board in our Pastoral Care classroom, in which students can show their appreciation of others in our class. This has been a very interactive process, with students commenting on the helpful and friendliness of others as well as congratulating each other on academic achievements.
2. **The importance of Celebrating** – In our form class we not only celebrate the sporting, cultural and academic achievements of our students, but also their birthdays. Students are very proactive in reminding and orchestrating a birthday song for all of our Xaverian One birthdays.
3. **Teamwork and Prayer** – Every morning, our students volunteer to say the morning prayer. It has been a great experience as Pastoral Care teachers to watch our students develop their public speaking skills by volunteering to participate in this spiritual task.
4. **Mental Wellbeing and Time Management Skills** – Throughout our Pastoral Care lessons, students have been practising mind activities to strengthen their overall mental wellbeing, memory and organisational habits.

**Xaverian Two**

1. Practised mindfulness and focussed attention in the mornings by colouring mandalas and prints
2. Contributed as a team to the Moonlight Fair Lolly and Face Painting stall
3. Looked at character strengths and how we can apply these every day to what we do
4. Produced yet another Xaverian Leader for 2016/2017

**Xaverian Three**

We made new friends from other years.
We bonded as a supportive group.
We examined our learning styles.
We examined our wellbeing to help us cope with the stresses of life.

**Xaverian Four**

Throughout the year, Xaverian Four has focused on creating a positive and safe environment, where everyone is accepted and appreciated. This has been successfully achieved through four new items introduced to our Pastoral Care group-

- **X4 Instagram Feed** - The x4 Instagram Feed has given students an opportunity to learn more about each other as well as inspiring each other and working together to create something positive.
- **X4 Wall of Appreciation** - Each week, students in X4 write messages to each other on the wall of appreciation, letting each student know that they are appreciated and cared about by their peers.
- **Morning Mindfulness** - Students in Xaverian Four participate in regular mindfulness activities such as colouring in or meditation. This has given all of our Pastoral Care students opportunities to cultivate mental spaciousness and achieve a mind-body balance.
- **Cohesion** - From a Pastoral Care teachers point of view, this year I have seen what was last year a disjointed group of students come together to be a very close knit unit. Members of Xaverian Four often describe our Pastoral Care group as an extended family and are regularly seen supporting each other and looking out for each other both in and out of the classroom. This has been a major achievement for us this year, and as their Pastoral Care Group teacher I could not be more proud of them.
2016 Christmas Concert

Monday 28th November
Secondary Oval
Arrive at 5:30pm for a 6pm start

Sausage sizzle, chocolate and
glow in the dark items
will be available for sale.

A fun-filled evening for
family and friends. There may even be a
visit from someone special.

Thank you for supporting our students and
joining us in celebrating the end of another
year.

Prep Blue: ‘Mrs Santa Claus’
Year 1 Blue: ‘Christmas Star’
Years 3/4: ‘We Wish you a Merry Christmas’
Year 3: ‘Christ the King of Christmas’
Year 6: ‘Jingle Bells’
Year 1 Maroon: ‘Santa Claus is coming to town’
Year 9 students: ‘Grandma got run over by a
reindeer’
Year 4: ‘The night before Christmas in Aussie
land’
Year 2: ‘Sleigh Ride’
Year 5: ‘12 days of Christmas – Aussie style’
Flute and viola duet: ‘Winter Wonderland’
Prep Maroon: ‘Do you hear what I hear?’

Sausage Sizzle and a
special visitor!
Water Fun Day 2016

The water fun day will run on Monday Week 9, November 28. Students are to wear a sun safe shirt, shorts and a bucket hat (no caps allowed). They are also to wear enclosed shoes. Any student not wearing sun safe clothing including a hat, will not be participating in the day’s activities. All students clothing this day will get wet, so we ask that you please send dry clothing for students to get changed if necessary. Students are asked to bring a towel. Normal lunch times will occur. Activities will be run by staff and student leaders.

Theresian will be selling Zooper Doopers during break times for $0.50

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Altar Servers for All Saints Parish Roma.

We are currently looking for any young people to assist Father Jamie Collins during the 2016 Christmas Celebrations. This could then to continue onto the 2017 Easter Celebrations. To become an Altar Server, the sacrament of First Eucharist must already have been received.

Being an Altar Server is an important part of the Mass or any special service that may be held.

While one purpose is to assist Father Jamie or any visiting Priest, there is also the first thought of being able to serve God.

The intention is to train Altar Servers with the guidelines of Saint Stephen’s Guild of Australia. Fr Jamie and Mr David Bowden will prepare the students. When trained, All Saints Parish Altar Servers will be invited to join the Saint Stephen’s Guild.

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Please contact any of the people listed below or print and fill out the form below with the required information and return to the school office.

I would like to be considered for the Ministry of Altar Server at All Saints Parish Church, corner of McDowall Street, Roma, Q 4455.

My name is:.........................................................D.O.B.............

My Address is:.................................................................

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Phone:..........................email: ........................................

For further information please contact Father Jamie Collins or David Bowden Mobile: 0429 664 275.
email: nedwob12@bigpond.com or Mrs Anne Moloney at St John’s School email: anne.moloney@twb.catholic.edu.au
If you have any second-hand uniforms to sell, or you would like to buy some second-hand uniforms; we are holding a stall at school on Tuesday 6\textsuperscript{th} December from 3.30pm to 5.30pm in front of the Primary Toilet block. Should you have uniforms to sell, we ask that you deliver them to the stall on the day. All proceeds of the sale of donated uniforms will go to the P & F and used for a nominated charitable fund. SHOULD YOU WISH TO COME AND SELL YOUR UNIFORMS AND KEEP THE MONEY FROM THE SALE, THEN YOU MAY DO SO BUT YOU WILL NEED TO STAY AT THE STALL UNTIL YOUR ITEMS ARE SOLD, we will not be responsible for these sales.

Should you wish to enquire if a certain size is available on the day, please call 0428 837585 after 3.30pm

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE

WHEN: TUESDAY 6\textsuperscript{TH} DECEMBER 2016

3.30 – 5.30PM

IN PRIMARY AREA – IN FRONT OF TOILET BLOCK
Season 2017 Annual General Meeting & General Meeting

Annual General Meeting – Agenda

1. Opening & Welcome: Thomas Moore – St John’s School Rugby League Coordinator
2. Apologies: Michaela Wehl
3. Attendance:
4. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting: N/A
5. Correspondence: Roma and District Junior Rugby League AGM 16/11/2016
6. Presidents Report: N/A
7. Election of Office Bearers:

    Patron:

    Executive
    President:
    Vice President:
    Secretary:
    Treasurer:

    Committee:
    Registrar:
    Coaches Coordinator:
    Referee’s Coordinator:
    Uniform Coordinator:
    RDJRL Delegate:

    Auditor:

8. Meeting Close:
General Meeting – Agenda

Opening & Welcome:
Apologies: Michaela Wehl
Attendance:
Minutes of Previous General Meeting: N/A
Correspondence: List tabled at meeting; Matters covered as other agenda items

General Business:
1. Rationale for St John’s School Rugby League Program
2. Season Structure 2017
   a. Age Group Coordinators
   b. Link between School and ‘Club’
   c. Evenly distributed talent.
3. Expectation of Student Behaviour
4. Sign on Days
5. Insurance
6. Home Grounds
7. Blue Cards
8. Game Day Procedures
   a. Duty Officer
   b. Sports Trainer
   c. Canteen Coordinator
9. Uniforms
   a. Shorts and Socks for 2017
   b. Training T-Shirt – Is this something that the parent body wish to continue?
10. Other

Meeting close:
Happy holidays and safe travels.

School Resumes
Monday, January 23

We acknowledge the original inhabitants of this land, the Mandandanji people, and show our respect for their ancestors and traditions.
Don’t miss out on the latest blockbuster in the Harry Potter franchise: Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them! The movie premiere will be held on Thursday, 1 December 2016 at Cinema Roma, fundraising for Apex Roma. Doors open at 6.30pm and the movie screens at 7.30pm.

Prizes for best dressed wizards, witches and beasts! Ticket price includes drinks (soft drink plus wine and beer for 18 plus), food platters and movie tickets. Prices are $30 per adult, $25 concession and kids $20. see you there Harry Potter!
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?

1 July 2016
- Townsville
- Mackay
- Toowoomba

30 June 2017
- Ipswich
- Bundaberg
- Rockhampton

1 July 2018
- Logan
- Cairns
- Brisbane (North and South)
- Fraser Coast
- Caboolture / Strathpine
- Maroochydore
- Gold Coast
- Robina

30 June 2019

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

Merry Christmas

RSVP for BBQ by Saturday, 03rd December 2016
Names, Children’s Ages & Money to:
Ang Lorenz: 0428 229 003
By Friday, 25th November 2016

Please bring a salad or a sweet for the BBQ to share
Bar will be operating