Farewell Mr Lynch
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As this is the final newsletter for 2016, and also my last newsletter, I would like to thank all those who made my time at St John's such a memorable and pleasant stay. I would also like to thank those students, staff and parents who attended a farewell assembly last week. As my time at St John's comes to an end, I hope that the future is bright; I also refer back to the changing paradigm of education.

The Future

The way we teach and learn is changing more rapidly now than at any time since the Industrial Revolution. Just five years ago, if we had transported a person from 1750 to 2011, they would have been in awe of all the changes present in our world. The miracle of modern medicine, air travel and the digital world would have been markedly different. Everything would have changed dramatically, except for education. A classroom of 2011 would have been virtually indistinguishable from the classrooms of 1750.

It was only during the Industrial Revolution, the period of massive mechanisation, that schools evolved into places where students were separated on the basis of age or gender and separate subjects began to be studied. Prior to this, education generally consisted of apprenticeships or guilds where older, more accomplished mentors passed on their particular skills. The Medici benefactors of Florence, during the Renaissance, facilitated the wonderful re-birth of the Arts that gave us Michelangelo, Da Vinci, Donatello and others. These men were apprenticed to masters for years to perfect their skills. Sadly, I think we will never again see artists of the calibre of Michelangelo, simply because no one will ever spend as much time as he did, honing skills in such a discrete discipline.

Since then, major changes have occurred with how we set up classrooms, how we teach and how students learn. Nowadays, we expect students to master many more skills. Just 40 years ago, these skills were narrow and defined; ask any of us who studied Latin. This was called a ‘classical education’. The skills that will be required of our current students are far broader and are not subject based, but rather are what has become known as ‘soft skills’.

Top 10 Skills required for work in 2020
1. Complex problem solving;
2. Critical thinking;
3. Creativity;
4. People management;
5. Coordinating with others;
6. Emotional intelligence;
7. Judgement and decision making;
8. Service orientation;
9. Negotiation;
10. Empathy.
NEWS

Visits to Endeavour Roma Learning and Lifestyle

For three terms this year, students from both primary and secondary have visited Endeavour Roma Learning and Lifestyle on Wednesday afternoons. The ladies at Endeavour are so welcoming, always had a fun activity or game to play and quite often offered us a beautiful afternoon tea as well. Last week, was our last visit for the term, so we had a Christmas party! We ate delicious food, had a dance, took fun photos and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. We have really loved our visits to Endeavour this year and encourage anyone to join us for 2017. It is impossible to walk home without a smile on your face after visiting these beautiful ladies.

Bernadette Makim and Jenn Fuller

Reflection

The blessing the St John’s students sang for me at my farewell:

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back
May the sunshine warm upon your face
The rain falls soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Yours sincerely,

Regards
Nicholas Lynch

THE GREAT ST JOHN’S MINI SPELLING BEE

Last Wednesday, the inaugural Great St John’s Mini Spelling Bee took place. Students from Year Four and Five competed to show their spelling skills and word knowledge. The words came from the extensive list Year Four students have worked on this year as well as some extremely challenging words from The Great Australian Spelling Bee. “Aggregate, Insolvency and Memorandum” were some examples of words that were spelt correctly. The audience was amazed at the skills of our students, as was our esteemed announcer, Mrs Treasure. Congratulations to Sophie Partridge from Year Four Blue for being our winner. Every student who competed should be very proud of themselves and we’re looking forward to seeing more amazing spellers in 2017.

Donna Barsby
This is my last article for the newsletter as Coordinator of Positive Education at St John’s School, as I finish my employment at this wonderful school and head south to Goondiwindi for 2017.

It has been such a joy to work in this role and help teachers and students to cultivate happiness and success across the year and begin to mould ‘Pos Ed’ into the frameworks, values and culture of St John’s School. The importance of emotional health has been celebrated this year at our school, which is both exciting and wonderful.

Last week’s final Pastoral Care lesson for the term, focused on gratitude and how we can REALLY get the best out of saying thank you to someone, by answering three quick questions:

1. How did the person’s kind or helpful action make things better for me?
2. What did they have to give up to take the action? What effort did they show for me?
3. Why might they have taken that action for me? What might they think or feel about me?

Scientific research has demonstrated that we can really enhance the experience of gratitude giving and receiving by considering these questions and in doing so, increase our levels of happiness.

At this special time of year, when we give thanks for our many blessings and for the year that was, you might like to consider these three questions.

Something for which I am most grateful is the support that Positive Education has received this year at St John’s School, as well as the fact that it will continue to bloom – there are so many exciting ideas in the pipeline. Miss Jennifer Fuller will take on the role of COPE for 2017. I would like to sneak in a goodbye and thank you to the wonderful St John’s School community for the last five years. I have become a better person for my time here in the classroom, in Learning Support and in the role of COPE – for that, I consider myself truly blessed and I am indeed, very grateful.

Bernadette Makim
Coordinator of Positive Education
CREATING A SACRED SPACE

Year Four

As part of Circle Time in Term Four, Year Four Blue and Year Four Maroon students have created a sacred space for a walking meditation. In a similar fashion to the Year Five creation from 2015, students have constructed a walking labyrinth. The following text was written by the Year Four students, outlining the purpose and process of labyrinth.

– Bernadette Makim, Coordinator of Positive Education –

Why have a labyrinth?
We created a labyrinth so that people at St John’s can relax and can focus on one thing. It is a space to share our faith. It could help us focus when we are studying.

Who created it? Who can use it?
Year Four Maroon and Year Four Blue created a walking labyrinth. Anyone who is stressed or wants to be alone, or needs quiet time or wants to talk to God can use this labyrinth.

What is a labyrinth?
A labyrinth is a symbol and it helps to relax you. It is not a maze because it has no dead ends and it does not have walls, so it is easy to find your way out. It enables us to do walking meditation.

When was it created?
It was created in Week Six, on Thursday 10th November 2016.

Where is it located?
It is located near the Prep room, next to the statue of Mary, the St John’s sign and the front gate.

How was it made?
We used spray paint, rope, wooden pegs, stones and TEAMWORK to create the labyrinth. Over the holidays, Mr Vickery will look after our labyrinth so that it will be there for us to use when we return in 2017. Thank you very much Mr Vickery!

“I felt happy when I was meditating in the labyrinth once we finished it.” – Indi Schefe

“Making the labyrinth was a great way to build our teamwork higher. We solved some problems to make it better.” – Lauren Packer

“I felt stressed out before I entered the labyrinth, but after I came out I was relaxed.” – Tim Edwards
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 6th 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 6TH DECEMBER 2016

3.30 – 5.30PM

IN PRIMARY AREA – IN FRONT OF TOILET BLOCK
McGOVERN RESOURCE CENTRE

A reminder that all Library and Text books are to be returned at the end of Term Four each year. Could you please check that your child/children has/have returned these?

If a book is damaged, please return it to school so we can try to repair it.

If there is an issue with the return of library or text books, please contact me on 4622 1842.

Jenny Eeles
Teacher Librarian
22 November 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers, players and community members

It is with great pleasure to announce that Maranoa Netball Association will take over the running of the Roma and District Schoolgirl Netball Competition from 2017. Maranoa Netball Association was established in 2011 with the aim of giving rural children the opportunity to represent their region at local and state carnivals. Since its inception in 2011, Maranoa Netball has had notable success on and off the court and are looking forward to running a local junior competition in 2017.

Maranoa Netball Association has worked with various school representatives and community members and decided for the success of junior netball in 2017 a junior subcommittee would be formed. This committee will work alongside the Representative Committee for 2017. The MNA Junior Subcommittee will be responsible for organising and communicating the information regarding the junior competition for 2017. The junior committee members for 2017 are as follows:

- Peter McBeth – President – Surat State School Teacher
- Kate Gordon – Vice President – Injune State School Parent
- Sue Anderson – Secretary – Injune State School Principal
- Anna Lucas – Secretary/Uniform Coordinator – St John’s School Parent
- Natalie Packer – Treasurer – St John’s School Parent
- Pauline Bain – Fixtures Coordinator
- Wendy Steinhardt – Coaches Coordinator – previous Roma State College Parent, with assistance from Nicole Box and Kirsten York
- Melissa Graham – Media and Sponsorship Coordinator – Wallumbilla State School
- Kerry Emery – Canteen Convenor – Wallumbilla State School

Obviously with the change from school sport to club sport there will be some changes that you should be aware of for 2017. So what can you expect in 2017?

- Age groups – under 6, 8, 10 and 13 with the option for under 15 depending on numbers, if the under 15 competition does not go ahead, these players will be welcome to play on a Thursday night in the ladies’ competition.
- Players – All players will nominate their interest to play. They will be split into equal teams according to their preferred playing position and playing ability. This will hopefully ensure a strong competition, with evenly matched teams.
  - Please note that the subcommittee will do their best to ensure as many players form outlying areas are placed in the same team for travel purposes.
- Approximate Cost – $100 per player, this will include all court hire fees, administration costs, equipment costs and a playing shirt.
- Uniforms – all players will be given a playing shirt; each team will have a different shirt so that they are easily identifiable. Players will be able to wear any bottoms they feel comfortable to play in.
- Location – All games will be played in Roma at the PCYC Recreation Centre, except for Under 6’s who will play at the Roma State College Middle Campus.
- Length of season – it is envisaged that the season will go for 15 rounds, with the first round of fixtures being held on the first Saturday after the Easter break.
Maranoa
Netball Association

- Time frames – All games will be played on a Saturday morning, commencing at 8.30 am and finishing by no later than 3.00 pm.
- Training – Due to teams having players from all over the region in them, training will occur either before or after their game on a Saturday morning.
- Important Dates:
  o First sign on Day – 25 February 2017
  o Second sign on day – 4 March 2017
  o Grading days – 11 March, 18 March, 25 March 2017
  o First fixture game – 22 April 2017 (first Saturday after Easter break)

In order for us to have a head start on the competition next year, we ask that you complete the expression of interest to play netball in 2017, that is attached to this letter. This will give us an indication of the amount of coaches and managers we will require.

As you are aware these competitions do not run without umpires, coaches and managers. If you are interested in umpiring, coaching or managing a team can you please complete the form below and return it to the MNA juniors email address listed below.

If you would like to keep up-to-date with what is happening with the Juniors please email mnajuniors@outlook.com and ask to be placed on the email list, and like Maranoa Netball Association on Facebook.

If you have any questions regarding the competition for 2017 or would like more information, please email mnajuniors@outlook.com. We look forward to working with you all to keep netball strong in the community in 2017.

Yours sincerely

Kath

Kayleen Hall
MNA President

Peter McBeth
MNA Juniors President
**MNA Juniors**

**2017 Season Players Expression of Interest**

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**MNA Juniors**

**2017 Season Volunteers Expression of Interest**

Name:  
Address:  
Email:  
Mobile Number:  

I wish to volunteer to: (please circle/highlight your choices)

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Please complete this form and return to mna juniors@outlook.com by Friday 9 December 2016.
Calling All

Shepherds - Angels - Kings - Mary & Joseph

to take part in the Parish Celebration

of the Christmas Story

Once again this year, the children are invited to take part in the presentation of the Christmas Story during the 7pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

If your family will be here for Christmas, and you would like your child to be involved, there will be some rehearsals for them to attend during the days before Christmas.

If you would like your child/children to be involved, please contact Fr Jamie at the Parish Office or Mrs Anne Moloney.

I would like ...................................................................................................................

to be involved in the presentation of the Christmas Story during 7pm Mass on Christmas Eve. I understand there will be:

• A short meeting after 8.30am Mass on Sunday December 18 to cast the children in their roles;
• Rehearsals on Thursday December 22 and Friday December 23, at 10am in the Church;
• The Christmas Story will then be presented during 7pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

Signed..........................................................Contact Number........................................

Mrs Anne Moloney                     Fr Jamie Collins

anne.moloney@twb.catholic.edu.au        4622 1075
Happy holidays and safe travels.

School Resumes
Monday, January 23
Prep to Yr 7 & Yr 11

Tuesday, January 24
Yrs 8, 9, 10 & 12

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

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

RSVP for BBQ by
Saturday, 03rd December 2016

Please bring a salad or a sweet
for the BBQ to share
Bar will be operating
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
- Moreton Bay
- 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/qlq

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

Call us on 1800 800 110
This summer the Maranoa Regional Council Libraries will be hosting the Summer Reading Club. Come along to your local library or read a lot of books for your chance to win great prizes!! Check out and borrow the ‘Recommended Reads’ on display at the Library to help get you started.

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<td>Victor’s Party</td>
<td>Summer Reading Club Party. Prizes for the most read books!</td>
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# Maranoa School Holiday Fun!

**Roma**

**December 2016 - January 2017**

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<td>Christmas Craft in Studio 5</td>
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<td>Healthy Holiday Cooking BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL</td>
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<td>Community Gardens 89 Bowen St</td>
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<td>Christmas Badge Making BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL</td>
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<td>Roma Library 36-44 Hawthorne St</td>
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<td>Thursday, 15 Dec</td>
<td>Movie at Roma Cinema “Trolls” - Rated G BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL</td>
<td>9.30am - 11.45am (screening time starts at 10.00am)</td>
<td>Cinema Roma 37 Hawthorne St</td>
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<td>High School Basketball Games/Competition</td>
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<td>Coffee Skills &amp; Food Hygiene $20 per person (lunch provided) BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL</td>
<td>9.00am - 4.00pm</td>
<td>Roma TAFE College Timbury St</td>
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<td>Movie Night</td>
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<td>Let’s Get Crackin’ - Summer Workshops with The Crackup Sisters</td>
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For more information visit [www.maranoa.qld.gov.au](http://www.maranoa.qld.gov.au) or phone your Local Development Officer on 1300 007 662

**WHO CAN ATTEND?** Young people between the ages of 10 to 25 years. Some activities are open to younger children; however **CHILDREN UNDER 10 YEARS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT**. Activities held within a Library facility require children aged under 12 years to be accompanied by a responsible adult. Age restrictions have been set for safety reasons and must be strictly adhered to. It will be taken that any child under the age of 18 who participates in any programmed activity has parental/guardian permission to do so. **WHAT IS THE COST?** Free unless stated otherwise. Please bring correct money if possible as change may not be available. **CODE OF BEHAVIOUR** For the enjoyment of all, participants will be expected to behave in an appropriate and respectful manner. Activity Coordinators have the right to ask any person to leave their activity if they feel it necessary.

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