Thank you very much for everyone’s support and participation at the school swimming carnival. It was great to see students so involved, cheering their team mates on from the pool deck and others who barely got a break from the water throughout the day. The ‘Rumble in the Jungle’ theme appeared to be a great success.

Congratulations to Xaverian who were the winning team on the day with 629 points, followed by Theresian on 579 points and Marion on 430 points.

**Age Champions**

- U10 Brayden Crawford & Brydi Taylor
- U11 Hugh Fowles & Emily McNulty
- U12 Toby Taylor & Haylee Cherry
- U13 Lucas Crawford & Sarah Upton
- U14 Cooper Tucker & Caitlyn McNulty
- U15 Jamie Crawford & Chloe Tiley
- U16 Thomas McNulty & Kathleen Smith
- Open Owen Williams & Alex Cherry.

For all the photos go to the website Gallery and click on the link.
Swimming Carnival 2015

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

At last Tuesday's Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting, we had our President Mrs Gabby Barron deciding not to seek another term as President. Gabby has been involved in the Parents and Friends' for thirteen years. On behalf of the school community, we thank Gabby for her tireless work and efforts to ensure a good outcome for the students at St John's. Gabby was a driving force behind the new school uniform and helped the St John's Parents and Friends be in a stronger financial position. There will be a time later on in the year when we can thank Gabby more appropriately.

Our new President for 2015 is Mrs Rachel Skuse (mother of Zoe and Maddison). Rachel is strongly supported by the Vice President Mr Grant Lorenz (father of Braith and Hunter), Treasurer Mrs Katrina Burns (mother of Briony and Riley) and Secretary Mrs Angela Millard (mother of Jemma and Molly).

The full list of positions is as follows:

- President: Rachel Skuse
- Vice President: Grant Lorenz
- Secretary: Angela Millard
- Treasurer: Katrina Burns
- Moonlight Fair President: Andrew Harvey
- Moonlight Fair Treasurer: Barb Slater
- Moonlight Fair Secretary: Gabby Barron
- Race Day Convenor: Debbie Green

Thank you to all who attended and supported the Parents’ and Friends’.

Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, February 18**
- Ash Wednesday & Welcoming Mass / Student Council Induction

**Sunday, February 22**
- Children's Liturgy 8:30am All Saints Church

**Tuesday, March 3**
- Years 8 & 10 Immunisations

**Thursday, March 5**
- Confraternity Trial Shalom College - Bundaberg

**Treatment of others.**
I often wonder what happened to that proud Australian boast that this was a nation built on a fair go for all, where the battler always got a leg up and we always wanted the underdog to prevail. That was our country in the past, but the way we treat the least powerful among us nowadays, means that we can no longer claim that those attributes are intrinsically Australian.

All of the religions and philosophical traditions of the world have a similar code as the golden rule taught to us by Jesus: “Treat others as you would like to be treated.” If we were downtrodden and excluded, we would want to be offered a friendly hand and a kind word. I continually wonder whether history will judge our lucky country's harsh, un-Christian stance on refugees in the same way we now look back in shame at the Stolen Generation. This also applies to schools where students are treated differently due to the cultural background, accents, choice of terminology and the colour of their skin or have different beliefs. It is important that students learn from their parents the best way of handling issues that arise. Role modelling is crucial; our teachers also should model acceptance of differences and take a harsh stance on students who discriminate or bully others. Behaviour like this contravenes all that St John's stands for and as a school we need to be ever vigilant to ensure this doesn't creep in at St John's.
Notice

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop is now located at St John's School. It is open from 7:45 - 8:45am every Monday morning and 2 - 5pm every Thursday afternoon.

Bus Changes
Please note - if there is a change to your child's bus schedule, advise the school by letter or phone call. If we are not informed of any changes, your child will be put on the bus/not put on the bus as scheduled.

School Fees
Term One School Fees, an information letter and our 2015 School Fee Schedule are being posted home this week. Due date for fees is 27th February. For any queries regarding your school fee account, please email romaccounts@twb.catholic.edu.au

Milkshake Fundraiser
Milkshakes will be sold to help raise funds to assist the students travelling to France in Term Two. Milkshakes can be purchased for $3 each on the following days:
Wednesday 25th (primary students)
Friday 27th (secondary students)

Equestrian Meeting
An Equestrian Meeting will be held on Thursday 19 February in the VB Room.
If your child is interested in becoming a part of St John's Interschool Equestrian Team or you would just like some more information, please come along.

Reflection

“The miracle of life is not to walk on water. The miracle of life is to walk on the green earth in the present moment, to appreciate the peace and beauty that are available now.”
Thich Nhat Hanh

Yours sincerely,
Nicholas Lynch

Principal

Mr Grant Lorenz
Mrs Rachel Skuse

Tuckshop

Tuesday tuckshop will start up again on 24 February. We only have just enough people, so again, if you're able to help in any way, even in the morning to help count money, please let us know or just drop in.
If you are available to help with tuckshop but haven't received a volunteer form, please email Rachel Skuse - rachel.skuse@twb.catholic.edu.au

Change - When doing your tuckshop bags, if it is at all possible, could you please give the correct money? If children require change, we wrap it in alfoil and return it to the children in their brown paper bags. However, sometimes between school and home the change goes missing or is accidentally thrown in the rubbish bin before play time. Please remind your child to look for the coins wrapped in alfoil.

The next P&F meeting will be on 10 March at 6.00pm. Discussion on TUCKSHOP will be on the agenda and this will be an opportunity for you to share your ideas. This year, we are calling for any interested parties to come along as it is the last year for Anita and Rachel as Tuckshop Convenors.
The Good, the Bad and the Fungi
Year Six Science

Year Six Science this term is all about microorganisms .... the good, the bad and the fungi! We have marvelled at these microbes under microscopes and cultured some pretty scary looking specimens in our petri dishes! Last week, we looked at yeast in action when we made our own pizza dough.

At the moment, every cupboard and spare centimetre of bench space in our classroom is taken up with our mould experiments. We have designed our own investigations to find out how moisture, light and temperature affect the growth of mould.

This week, the fun continues when we start to look at food safety and the role microorganisms play in our kitchens!
On Friday 13th February Father Edgar Boglosa visited the Pilipino student from Prep to Year 12. During his visit he played his guitar and taught the students some songs. The students really enjoyed Fr Edgar’s visit.

Children’s Liturgy

Children’s Liturgy will be held during the 8.30am Sunday Masses at All Saints Catholic Church, cnr of Feather and McDowall Streets in Roma. It is held on the third and fourth Sundays of the month during term times. All children are welcome; no equipment is required. Morning Tea will usually follow Mass on the Fourth Sunday of the month. This term’s dates:
- 22nd February (and morning tea)
- 15th March
- 22 March (and morning tea)

Kitchen Garden Project

In Week Two, students weeded, dug over, planted, mulched and watered our school’s new kitchen garden with herbs and vegetables ready for use in the Home Ec kitchen. Everyone enjoyed looking back at the finished product. They can’t wait to see the efforts of their labour when the plants grow and are used in student cooking.

The garden bed was established at the end of last year as part of the Mercy Day activities. Particular attention was given to creating a barrier to keep students and the resident rabbits from the produce. “When it’s all finished and everything will be growing it will be all worth it.”

Lachlan Burke

Year Three Science

Over the past few weeks, Year Three students have been deeply engaged in a Science unit called ‘Our Place in Space’. We began the unit by examining texts about day and night and brainstorming differences between day and night and recording our thoughts to questions such as: How do we know it is day? What might we see if it is day? Once students recorded their ideas, they shared these ideas with the class to discuss similarities and differences. We discovered that people often have different perspectives on topics and this is a useful way to learn. Students participated in an interactive activity ‘Day Sky/Night Sky’ from the Skwirk website.

After exploring day and night, we moved on to investigating shadows. We clarified students’ understanding of shadows by asking questions’s – What is a shadow? What is needed to make a shadow? How do shadows change?

Then, we went for a walk around the school so students could observe shadows. After our walk, teachers explained to students that the earth rotates around the sun and when the sun is directly overhead, people and objects cast very small shadows. Teachers also explained that when the sun is low on the horizon (morning and afternoon), that is when long shadows are cast. Students learnt more about this by participating in a ‘Light and Shadows’ activity on Scootle.
This term in Geography, Year Ten students are studying Environmental Change and Management. We will be investigating catchments and where people live within catchments, the water cycle and how we use water. Students will research how water is used throughout the world, human impact, and how natural conditions can create scarcity and water stress.

Students will study the Murray Darling Basin and then go on to write a comparative study between the Murray Darling Basin and another significant river system such as the Nile or the Amazon. Maxwell Johnstone and Thomas McNulty are examining a three-dimensional model of a mountain with contour lines. Caitlin Taylor is constructing an alternative model that will show erosion and a change to the water catchment.
In the next issue

Primary

- Prep - Writing
- Year Two - Reading
- Year Four - Maths
- Small Town Culture

Secondary

- Year Nine - Drama
- Senior - Business
- Dean of Technology - Introduction & Role
- Theresian House Report

We acknowledge the original inhabitants of this land, the Mandandanji people, and show our respect for their ancestors and traditions.
HEALTHY LIFESTYLE
A Program for Families

Get your family active and eating well

The healthy lifestyle program for families called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health – is taking registrations now for a group to start in Roma and St George in Term Two.

The FREE program is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight for their age.

The program is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of everyday life.

It consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each. The first 9 sessions are held weekly within the school term. Ongoing individualised family support is offered through the second half of the program ending with one final group session.

Some of the topics covered include nutrition skills, relationships with food and eating, changing family lifestyle behaviours and making healthy eating affordable. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

The program is funded by the Queensland Government and being delivered by the Queensland University of Technology.

If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com.au

Roma Junior Touch Sign Up

Roma Junior Touch is starting on Monday 23rd February, so come and join the fun. All age groups are welcome (from under 8s to under 12s) to have fun, learn the rules and play the game. Children must be aged 5 and above. The touch grounds are located at the eastern end of Bungil Street. Play starts each Monday at 5:00pm and ends at 6:00pm. Come along, be active, have fun and you might even find some new friends. Remember to bring some water & slip, slop, slap. All parents are most welcome to attend and assist. Junior Cost – Nil. Any queries please direct to shaneferry01@bigpond.com
**Roma’s Easter in the Country**

**EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5TH**

**LOCATION**

Roma Swimming Pool, McDowall Street, Roma

**RACE TIMES**

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**RACE DIVISIONS**

* To be eligible for major prizes all competitors must be employees of the business.

**PRIZE MONEY**

FOR OPEN & INDIVIDUAL TEAMS!

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**PRESENTATION**

Presentations will be held at the **White Bull Tavern** at approx. 11:30am. All participants have the chance to win from the fantastic random draw prizes.

**REGISTRATION & INFORMATION**

For more info or to register visit the Easter in the Country Website www.easterinthecountryroma.com.au or contact; The Race Director: Wayne Bryant Ph: 0428 221 334 email: maranoatriathlonandmultisport@hotmail.com