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**St John's P & F Association
General Meeting**

Date: 18/10/22

Viv Bruton Room

MEETING OPENED: 6.10 pm

PRESENT: Anita Crawford, Leesa Murray, Caron Brindley, Kiara Williams, Jim Brennan, Kylie Sabine, Olivia Murphy

APOLOGISES: Ally Watson, Katrina Barden

SECRETARY ADVISE OF ANY CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Kimberley Challenor in regards to information for Graduation Dinner – 41 students @ \$95 each.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Anita Crawford

Nothing to Report, discussion further in General Discussion

TREASURERS REPORT

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Caron Reported on the outstanding Tuckshop accounts to be paid

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends

The Religious Life of the School has been an enriching during the culmination of term and the first three weeks of term four.

Twenty- six students made their first Communion this Sunday 16th October at All Saints Parish Church commencing at 8.30am. The sacrament of communion (Eucharist) is seen as the heart of Catholic faith and life. Catholics believe that during the consecration in mass Jesus is made present on the alter amid those gathered for worship in the form of bread and wine. Receiving the sacrament of communion allows our young parishioners to be deeply involved in the mass, sharing in the risen Lord. I thank St John's staff Toni Densely, Melissa Irwin, Rhianna Tierney, and Sophie Twidale for the extensive preparation of students under the guidance of Fr Tom Duncan. All families are most welcome to attend this celebration.

During week ten of term three, our Year 12 students engaged in their annual retreat program with staff at Cooby Dam near Toowoomba. The intention of the three days with staff was to enhance student faith and spiritual formation and, in many ways, is one of a significant number of culminating experiences for students as their schooling experience at St Johns draws to an end. Students listened to staff share experiences around the themes of "masks that we wear," "signposts that shaped our lives," "storms in our lives" and "Recognising God's Face." Students then reflected personally and shared their thoughts and experiences in a safe and supported environment. I was impressed with the maturity and engagement of our young men and women who demonstrated enormous personal growth and is a testament to the collective work of students, parents, and staff over the last thirteen years of their schooling. A special thanks to Ryan Doig, Aaron Brown, Sam Valentine, Sarah Flesser and Donagh Shirley for the outstanding preparation and presentation of the retreat.

During week three of term students from Year eight (21 October, nine (20th October) and ten (19 October) will be involved in separate retreat programs. The retreat experience allows for reflection and a deeper experience of developing spirituality.

Congratulations to St John's staff member Meg Lyons who has been selected as a finalist in the 2022 Queensland Tennis Awards. The selection is recognition of Meg's outstanding contribution to tennis in Roma and the South- West Queensland Region. Meg is in the final of the **Most Outstanding Teacher Award** section and will attend the award ceremony at Queensland's Parliament House (Brisbane) on Wednesday 26th October. As a school we are very proud of Meg's contributions to tennis and sport which have benefited many students.

There have been numerous events occurring recently where students have achieved outstanding success.

This week secondary students attended the **Queensland All Schools Touch Football Carnival** on the Gold Coast. Three teams attended this year – U15 Girls, U15 Boys and U18 Mixed teams. The u/15 boys won three of their six games and girls sides participated well in their respective matches, whilst the Open Mixed Team won six of eight games to finish 10th of sixty-one teams. Staff reported that the students showed true determination and their hard work paid off over the week demonstrating the Spirit of St Johns. I extended my sincere thanks

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to Sam Valentine, Matt Creeley, Hayley Ownsworth, Leisha McNulty, Jodie Duff, Nathan Walsh, and Ryan Laverty who coached, managed, and supported the teams.

Junior secondary male and female basketball teams travelled to the Gold Coast last week (October 13-16) to participate in the Champion Basketball of Queensland tournament. The students competed in eight games prior to finals. Thank you to Mr Justin Wheatley, Matt Wilkie and Ms Bridget Bright who accompanied the teams as coaches and managers.

Congratulations to the students who participated in the **Roma and District Eisteddfod** this week. It was so pleasing to see so many students from St Johns involved again this year through choirs in Year 3-6 and is an affirmation of our Performing Arts Program at St Johns. I consider the Performing Arts to be an integral and essential component of both the curriculum and co-curricular life of the school and look forward to sharing the results in the next newsletter. I thank all the teachers and Ms Carmel Treasure for their collective efforts in preparing the students.

The School Awards celebrations will be held week seven of term four

The following dates, times, and venues relevant to specific year levels for 2022 are:

Year 5- 12 and Perpetual Award Recipients – Tuesday 15th November commencing 6pm at the Cultural Centre

P-4 classes – Wednesday 16th November at 9am commencing at the school P&F Shed

School staff begin the process of constructing class lists for P-7 for 2021 in the coming weeks. The process involves existing teaching staff initially drafting class lists using their intimate knowledge of students. The construction of classes is based on ensuring there is a balance of gender, ability and need within each group. Each class grouping will be reviewed by our Learning Support Staff and finally by P-2 Coordinator, Natalie Beattie, Assistant Principal, Melissa Irwin, Deputy Principal, Ryan Doig, and myself. Parents will be informed of their children's respective classes and teacher by letter, which will be sent out with reports at the end of the school year. Parents wishing to provide any specific information to inform class construction should do so in writing **no later than Friday 11th November**. I request that all correspondence is emailed to my assistant Jenny Ford. It is important to emphasise that requests for specific teachers will not be a consideration in construction of class lists. Staffing of classes will not occur until after class lists have been completed.

Parents and carers are requested to contact the school if you child **will not** be returning to St John's in 2023. This can be done by emailing Jenny Ford (Assistant to the Principal) or informing office staff by phone. The provision of this information allows the school to plan class sizes and staffing efficiently.

This week we received feedback on the confirmation of all Year 12 assessment for General Subjects undertaken this year. The feedback has confirmed student results for internal assessments applied by the school across all subjects. This is wonderful news and I congratulate all students and teaching staff for their collaborative efforts. Year 12 students will commence their final assessments and external exams commencing week 4 (24th October) and conclude week 7 (15th November). Year 12 students will only be required to attend school for their designated exams between week 4-7. Students are permitted to study at home between exams or alternatively supervised study facilities will be provided at school. All Year 12 students will return to school for the final three days Wednesday 16th to Friday 18th November.

Last week interviews for Early Years Middle Leader (P-3) were conducted. The successful candidate was current P-2 Coordinator and Welfare Coordinator P-3 Natalie Beattie.

The position of Curriculum Leader for Humanities and Technologies has also been recently advertised. Additionally, the school has secured a Food Studies and Hospitality Teacher for 2023. The VISA application for a Physics and Chemistry Teacher is currently being processed.

The school has received a quote for the construction of a new multi- purpose court, at a value of \$233,000 dollars. This is to replace the court demolished for the construction of the JTBLC

God bless,

Jim Brennan

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ITEMS OPEN FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION

Approved Representative Champions Fund for Interschool Equestrian students attending – Mya Lorenz, Hannah Bryen, Lacie Bryen & Isabelle Bond. kylie to send Belinda an email to ask for it to be put on fb

Approval to pay invoices

Caron reported that the Race Day ommittee have raised \$21,421.90 for 2022.

Graduation Dinner for Year 12 students – 17th Nov at Explorers Inn. 41 @ \$95 per student. P&F to pay for this.

Moonlight Fair - 10th March, 2023. Leesa plans to form a sub committee to begin the organising. Asked Jim to meet with the teachers on a professional learning day next year to give teachers information around the Fair and speak to them about stalls.

Kiara asked about end of year activities. Jim to get back to us.

Leesa asked what the committee had planned to do with our \$\$ for 2023. Basketball court funding possibly. Possible Bus upgrade. Oval across the road is not included in the funding, another option for P&F.

AGM date 15th Feb, 2023.

MEETING CLOSED @ 6.55 pm

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