



St John's College Nambour

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Principal's Message



Dear Johnnies Community,

ANZAC Day is with us again and sadly no march for our students again this year. Most places will have a reduced Dawn Service, I encourage you to attend one or at least give some quiet reflective time in your home, or like last year, join your neighbours at your own dawn service.

We conducted a beautiful ceremony this morning honouring all who have served, and especially those who have died in war and those who have had to live with the consequences of living through the horrors of war.

I must make a special mention here of our Aboriginal service men and women who served our country without recognition and returned from the great wars, still not being classified as an Australian citizen. I shudder at the fact that we thought it was ok to serve and die for the country but not ok to recognize people as citizens of this country, especially when their families had been here for many thousands of years.

Last Monday, I had the privilege to attend and be part of the service at the funeral of Cardinal Edward Idris Cassidy, my uncle Bill. I wrote a few weeks ago that he was ill, and he unfortunately passed away over the Easter weekend. I have added some pictures of the funeral and a link to the televised and recorded YouTube of the funeral. May he rest in Peace, Amen.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RqPpTx_edC4

Funeral of Cardinal Edward Idris Cassidy



ANZAC Day

Chris Gold
Principal

Celebrating a Strong Catholic Identity

Student Formation – Year 12 Retreat

The term began for the Year 12s with three gorgeous days at Luther Heights, Coolool for retreat. We could not have asked for better weather or company to continue the holiday feel. The three days allowed our students to step away from sports, homework, and family, so they could have the physical and mental peace to enjoy uninterrupted hours of contemplation. The friendly and inquisitive atmosphere led naturally to the rise of wonder and alertness to the whisper of God. While on retreat, students met others they would not normally befriend and stood in solidarity as others expressed their difficulties that cause anxiety and fear. Our theme this year was "Launch out into the deep" taken from Luke's Gospel and the 12s were challenged to step out of their comfort zone and into the fear zone. We are very lucky to have St John's staff who are willing to take risks and this year's personal testimony was given by Mr Chris Gold. By taking supported and calculated risks, we find out more about our authentic self. We are looking forward to journeying with the students for the rest of the year and have great expectations of them as the leaders of the College.





ANZAC Day Liturgy

This morning the whole school was led by the Prayer and Ritual Committee as we celebrated ANZAC Day in anticipation of the day on Sunday. Thank you to Charlotte Simpson who played the Last Post and the Reveille, and the Chapel Band who sang both the New Zealand and Australian National Anthems. It is disappointing that we will not be continuing the St John's tradition of marching on Sunday in Nambour, but our Chapel band will be singing at the Nambour RSL Sub-Branch Dawn Service. We wish Bailey Sullivan, Mackenzie Woodward and Dottie O'Donnell the best of luck.



Fiona Baker
Assistant Principal - Formation and Identity

Fostering a love of Learning and Teaching

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held next week, at the following times:

Tuesday 27th April - 3:30pm to 7:20pm

and

Thursday 29th April - 3:30pm to 7:20pm

Interviews are allocated **8 minutes** duration.

Bookings will close at

8.00am on Monday April 26th (Tuesday sessions) and
8.00am Wednesday 28th April (Thursday sessions)

Students must be at home with their laptop to conduct the online interviews.

The booking process has been simplified and access to PTO is via the Parent Portal with no further sign-in required. Log into the Parent Portal or BCE Connect and click the PTO icon.

Please note:

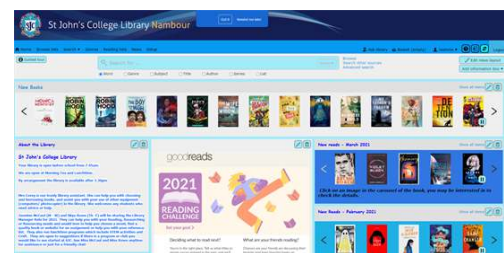
- Only parents who have access to the **Parent Portal/ BCE Connect**, will be able to make a PTO booking for their child.
- Only one booking per student per parent per teacher, but more than one parent can attend. PTO prevents double-booking of teachers by parents. If both parents are unable to attend the meeting together, one may contact the school to arrange an alternative meeting.
- Only time slots that are **available** are shown. Time slots that have been booked are no longer displayed.
- Ensure you confirm the booking time in PTO by clicking on the 'add' button.
- Once all bookings are made, you can download or email a **report** of your bookings.
- Bookings can be made up to 8.00am the day before the interview.
- Bookings can be changed up to 8.00am the day before the interview.

If you encounter any problems using PTO please contact the school office on 5441 5666 or email snambour@bne.catholic.edu.au.

Library

Welcome Back!

Did you know that you can access our exclusive St John's Library Page via your student portal using the Oliver application?



It is a great resource that keeps you updated with all the latest library news. You can search our catalogue for books or assignment resources. Check out what new books have arrived. Rate books you have read and so much more.

If you are interested in learning more, come into the library and ask our friendly staff.

Read on!

Mrs Corey, Miss McCaul and Miss Rowe

Supporting a Connected Community

Raising Girls

Raising girls in today's modern world can be a difficult path for parents and carers to navigate. These days, girls are transitioning to puberty a lot earlier than they used to and the physical, psychological and emotional changes they experience are challenging. As a result, by mid-adolescence, girls are twice as likely to develop mood disorders, more so than boys.

Some parents and carers may feel uncertain about how best to support their daughter through the ups and downs of adolescence and how to keep the lines of communication open. With the rise of social media and technology, mental health difficulties in girls are increasing as often they are faced with online images that make it difficult to see themselves as acceptable. Ensuring a daughter's opinions are heard and her views listened to, will go a long way towards making her feel loved and supported as she tries to establish her own identity.

In this edition of SchoolTV, adult carers will attain a clearer picture of what girls are wanting from their adult carers and how best to support them through adolescence. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this month's edition, and we always welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to this month's edition

<https://stjohns.qld.schooltv.me/newsletter/raising-girls>

Happy Reading

Brendan Macauley

Guidance Counsellor

Social Action Committee Easter Visits

Thank you to the students and their families for making a difference to over 800 aged care residents in our district. Students and their families delivered the eggs and easter bonnets on Easter Saturday. Unfortunately, we were unable to visit the residents this year however, we look forward to keeping in touch with them through our Year 11 and 12 R&E classes.

From Estia Health Nambour

Thank you so very much for dropping off the Easter Basket of goodies for our residents.



We had a fabulous weekend, full of love and chocolate.

Thank you so much to all the students who worked on these.

The cards were very well received, the residents just loved them.



Thank you card from the residents.

Easter at the Daily Bread

'because love'

Thank you to the volunteers who responded to the call and served meals to the "guests" at the Daily Bread over the Easter break.

Approximately 40 people volunteered over the two days and served over 70 meals. Thank you to the students who brought eggs and decorated the tables. Thank you also to the Social Action committee students who individually wrapped eggs and distributed them to the "guests".



"for I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked, and you gave me clothing, I was sick, and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

Matt 25: 35-36

Monday Team



Wednesday Team



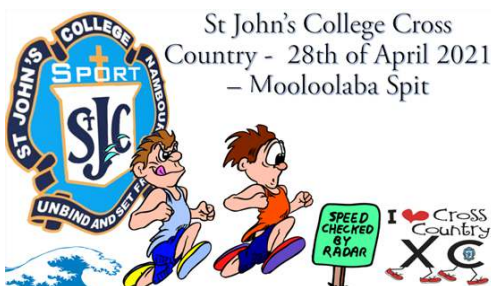
Decorated Table



Next Daily Bread

Monday 3rd May and Wednesday 5th May 4-6 pm.

2021 Cross Country Carnival



After COVID cancelling the 2020 Carnival, we are very much looking forward to one of our favorite sporting events on the calendar, the Cross Country Carnival, being held next Wednesday 28th April.

This is a compulsory school day with all students expected to attend. Students are expected to attend in their sports uniform, sports shoes and sports hat and don't forget to also bring swimming apparel, towel, a water bottle and sunscreen (and cash for the BBQ or a packed lunch)!

A Carnival Schedule and Event Map will be provided via email. If you require further information don't hesitate to contact the school on 5441 5666.

John Calvo
Sports Coordinator

Surfing

Congratulations to Australian champion Layne Baldock on winning gold at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships. Her gold place was in the U17 girls short board division. She made it to the quarters of the women's longboard and the semis in the open women's short board division. Layne has been involved in the school surfing program since Year 7 and has worked very hard to improve and develop her surfing including winning our school championship last year. She has

become a great role model for our surfers particularly the girls as her efforts have been well rewarded.



Layne Baldock

Rod Kriz
Surfing Coordinator

Rugby

After much anticipation Rugby officially commenced on Wednesday evening with a terrific start to our season. Our players have all trained hard in the leadup and showed some amazing skills and determination for their first round of matches.

Teams

1st XV v 1st Matthew Flinders	Score: 3-19
Under 15's v Victory College	Score: 22 - 12
Under 14's V James Nash	Score: 62 - 0
Under 13's v Matthews Flinders	Score: 39-12

1st XV

After a strong pre-season, our 1st XV were hopeful of a successful result to start the season against Matthew Flinders. With a number of injuries and illnesses to key players, the boys had to push themselves to their physical limits and despite a gutsy and courageous performance, Matthew Flinders came away with a 19-3 victory. Congratulations to Luke Murray, our fearless 2nd rower, who received the Best on Ground for SJC in this fixture.

Under 15

A terrific start to our season tonight. The game featured all the traits we hope to build our season on: tenacity in defence, hard running, character when the game turned against us, an attacking mindset and the "never give up" attitude. Departing this afternoon with only 14 players, it certainly felt like the odds were stacked against us, but all we called for in our first game was 'effort', and this is exactly what we got from all 14 players. Thank you!

Under 14 Rugby Round 1 – SJC v James Nash

An impressive start to the Rugby season for St. John's Under 14 team. Concerns about low numbers and only two training sessions were soon forgotten as the boys dominated the opposition from the start. It was great to see some of the more experienced players using their initiative to make sure they guided the newcomers. Mrs. Graham and Mr Lendrum walked away very proud to be associated with a group of players that showed such a supportive attitude and encouraged each

other the whole game. We look forward to an enjoyable season ahead.



Under 13's

The St John's College Under 13 Rugby Team showed a lot of grit and determination during their match against Matthew Flinders. For many players, this was their first game of rugby for St John's and, for some, this was their first ever game of rugby. Although Flinders were victorious, it was clear that the Johnnies players were not going to back down and, through sheer determination, they scored twice against a very good team.



Student Spotlight – Coby Davitt-Barnard

Year 7 student and talented musician, Coby Davitt-Barnard will feature live on ABC Radio Maroochydore on Saturday as part of their Anzac Day celebrations. ABC Radio will play one of his original songs first, followed by a short interview. He will then play a song he wrote when he was 10 years old titled "Gallipoli". Please make the time to tune in and listen, the program is scheduled for 9.30am. Well done Coby on sharing your musical talents with the Sunshine Coast.

St John's students sing at Sunrise.

This Sunday at the rising of the sun, three student musicians from St John's College will represent the school at the Nambour RSL Dawn Service. Dottie O'Donnell (Year 9), Bailey O'Sullivan (Year 11) and Mackenzie Woodward (Year 11) will bring the power of song to the dawn service at Nambour this year. The students will perform acapella the national anthems and the solemn hymn 'Abide With Me'. Dottie, Bailey and Mackenzie are all members of the College Chapel band and are highly committed members of the school's music program. Congratulations!

College Business

Tuckshop Volunteers



TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Tuckshop Convenor: Sharon Brady | Contact: 0411 583 169

WEEK 2, Term 2 2021				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
26th April	27th April	28th April	29th April	30th April
ANZAC Day Public Holiday	Carrie	School Cross Country Event	Volunteers Required	Volunteers Required

Contact Details

Dear Parents and carers,

Please login to 'My Details' in the Parent Portal to check that your details are correct or to update your contact details if you have moved, this will ensure that you receive all communication from the College.

The Week Ahead

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Monday 26th April	ANAZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 27th April	Morning: Surfing All Day: Cricket T20 Blast Afternoon: Parent/Teacher Interviews (bookings essential)
Wednesday 28th April	All Day: School Cross Country (all students to attend) Afternoon: Rugby Matches 1st, 2nd & Intermediate A Netball Training Drama Production Rehearsals
Thursday 29th April	All Day: Year 10 RYDA Afternoon: Parent/Teacher Interviews (bookings essential) Y7-9 Intermediate Girls Netball Training
Friday 30th April	All Day: Year 11 RYDA

Note: Please check Team App for full updates on Sports Training and Match Information.

Community News

Department of Transport and Main Roads

Are you teaching a learner driver?



Discover how to teach your learner driver good driving habits and the first steps towards gaining their licence. Hear from industry experts at this free workshop run by Transport and Main Roads.

When: 13 May 2021

Where: Maroochydore

Book now: Bookings are essential.

Call 0417 733 906

Free
workshop



Gallery

