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Principal's Message



Dear Johnnies Community,

Thank you to everyone involved in the Parent/Teacher/Student learning conversations last week. Please ensure that you contact Mark O'Connor with any feedback, as we search for the best way to conduct these conversations in a changing environment.

Mark, Brett and I are involved today at the Cluster meeting discussing the impacts of the ACARA review and what that means for our school and the delivery of curriculum. Every time we have a change in curriculum it will create some tension and negativity. The greatest issue for me is that very little consultation occurs with schools, principals and teachers. Decisions are made from an organisational point of view with intellectuals, politicians and theorists who are out of touch with what is needed in schools.

I request your prayers for Sister Catherine Hefferan, a good friend and a spiritual inspiration to me over the past six years. Catherine is very ill with a cancer of the brain and some skeletal areas as well. I will visit Catherine next week and offer what support I can.

NAPLAN is upon us again and I urge you all to encourage your students to approach this seriously. All schools are judged by their overall performance. St. John's is consistently above State and National averages, and we intend to continue this as well as improve it, especially in our numeracy results, which despite good results, have been falling slowly below where we would be satisfied.

Our Maths teachers have been busy preparing our students, and much of the good work around preparation and organisation has been done by John Cathcart, Arlo Goozee and our Maths and English teachers. NAPLAN is important also as

a diagnostic tool for students, to help them improve for their future education.

The Board meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday and prospective members should make contact with me prior to attending a meeting. This week we had to cancel the P&F meeting due to illness of members and families and I look forward to the next meeting on Tuesday 8th June.

Just a quick note to remind parents that as the weather is now cooler, appropriate uniform items need to be worn. The sports jacket is not to be worn with the formal uniform. Boys should be wearing ties and seniors should be wearing their blazers. Students in Year 10 wishing to stay warmer are quite welcome to purchase a blazer. A visit to Marie in the uniform shop will be helpful, as we need to order blazers.

Chris Gold
Principal

Celebrating a Strong Catholic Identity


Positive Parenting Seminar

"In a family, parents, grandparents and children feel at home; no one is excluded. If someone has a problem, even a serious one, even if (they) brought it upon himself, the rest of the family comes to (their) assistance; they support him." Pope Francis.

Being a parent is the hardest, yet most rewarding job in the world. Every child is different and needs to be loved in different ways. What may have worked for one child, does not mean it will be successful with another. We understand these difficulties and would like to offer support to our parenting community. We have a seminar planned for Wednesday 23rd June at 5.00pm – 6.00 pm. Our guest presenter, Glen Gerreyn is a positive and dynamic speaker who makes his audience feel positive about their parenting, empowered to back themselves and comfortable in taking a stand as a parent when the occasion arises.

We invite all parents to take up this fantastic opportunity and top up your 'parent toolbox'. More information is located on the Parent Portal and via email.

Global Rosemary 'marathon' for end of COVID-19



POSITIVE PARENTING SEMINAR

Save the date!
Wednesday 23rd June
5.00 – 6.00 pm

St John's is offering a free parent seminar for our parenting community. Our presenter is Glen Gerreyn, a dynamic speaker who has been working with our Year 11 and 12 students.

CONTEXT


As a father of four, Glen understands first-hand how parenting can indeed be one of the toughest jobs in the world. He also knows how rewarding it is to see one's children growing up feeling love, assured, and closely bonded with their parents.

SHIFT

In this one-hour seminar, Glen shares the five fundamental positive parenting tools, based on positive psychology research. You will leave feeling equipped with the skills to better connect with your children and to empower them to tackle a complex world. Our first responsibility as parents is to enjoy our kids. How you think about being a parent deeply shapes how your child will see the world. When you are enjoying your children you are teaching them that the fundamental engine of what makes a family thrive and flourish is joy, not angst, depression, despair, or destitution, but joy.

Topics Covered Include

- How to help your child find a vision
- The rules of encouragement
- How to be where you are
- Teachings your children how to fail
- How to say you're sorry
- Making the home a refuge




The Hopeful Institute delivers solutions for the whole school community through powerful seminars that shift individual thinking and inspire audiences to navigate the complexity and disruption of contemporary society. Each of our programs are research-based and geared around supporting your schools existing wellbeing programs and enriching the lives of people in your school community.

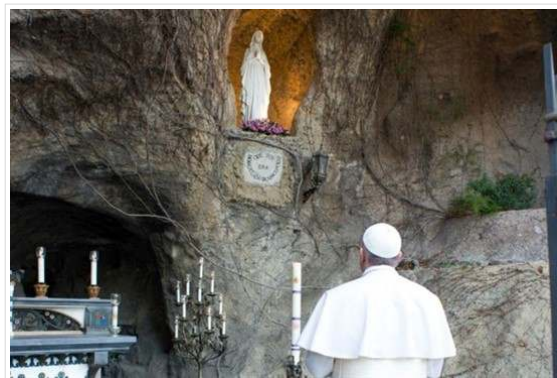
ALAN BERNARD
Executive Director/Co-ordinator

Over the past twenty years Alan has shared his message of hope and love in a unique way across the world speaking with students, parents, teachers, and staff. He has written 10 books and is a frequent speaker at conferences and seminars. He has authored five books and created the 'Man of Honour' personal development course.

Alan has a unique ability to capture the attention of thousands, while deeply affecting individuals. To reach more than 100,000 people in the education and training sectors, Alan has created a unique program. With the unique ability of creating highly interactive seminars, Alan continues to offer audiences profound experiences of meaning and lasting positive personal, professional, and motivational positive change.



All parents will receive an email via Edsmart with further information. If you would like to attend please RSVP via Edsmart no later than Friday 4th June.



Pope Francis is requesting that during the month of May the entire Church invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic and, in a special way, he is inviting all of us to pray fervently for those most closely affected by it. The month of May will be dedicated to a "marathon" of prayer, to ask for the end of the pandemic.

The initiative is being conducted in the light of the biblical expression: "Prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God" (Acts 12:5).

Together with the prayer of the Holy Rosary, each day of the month is characterized by a prayer intention for the various categories of people most affected by the plight of the pandemic: for those who have not been able to say goodbye to their loved ones, for all health care personnel, for the poor, the homeless and those in economic difficulty and for all the deceased.

In Australia, St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney will lead the Marian prayer on the 16th May 2021.

Visit the Vatican News website to view daily prayers throughout the world.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

<https://www.comunicazione.va/en/servizi/live.html>

The Rosary can be accessed via the Pope's prayer app or visit the link below.

<http://www.clicktoprayerosary.org/>

<https://www.popesprayer.va/crisis-health-rosary/>

Tracey Langford
Campus Minister

Fiona Baker
Assistant Principal Formation and Identity

Laudato Si'

Pope Francis issued his encyclical *Laudato Si'* in June 2015. The release of *Laudato Si'* was a historic event, as Pope Francis issued a powerful message on our moral responsibility to care for creation. Like the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, the *Laudato Si'* Goals are both a vision and a plan. They name the major challenges of our times and point to an integrated program of action to respond at all levels.



- Response to the cry of the earth
- Response to the cry of the poor
- Ecological economics
- Adoption of simple lifestyles
- Ecological education
- Ecological spirituality
- Community engagement and participatory action

We are encouraging our students and staff to recycle poppers, bottles and cans using the Blue Bins provided by Urban Depot. We are using the monies raised to support our community garden where we are growing food that can be used in our school community and eventually contribute to food for our local soup kitchen.

Slowly we can make a difference to our environment and reduce landfill. Did you know that one the biggest threat to our oceans is Plastic Pollution? (Key Facts About Plastic Pollution - Greenpeace USA)

Fostering a love of Learning and Teaching

NAPLAN 2021

St John's College will again be participating in NAPLAN Online this year, which commences next week! The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a series of yearly standardised tests which simply assess our students' reading, writing, language and numeracy.

As the testing is now completed in an online format, students must ensure they arrive to school prepared with a **fully charged**

laptop and cable headphones (no wireless headphones, airbuds etc). The test does prompt students with auditory cues so it is important that all students bring earphones.

The testing will be completed as follows

Date	Test	Periods 1&2	Periods 3&4	Periods 5&6
Tuesday 11th May	Pre-NAPLAN Trivia Session	-	-	Year 7 & 9
Wednesday 12th May	Writing Task	Year 9	Year 7	-
Thursday 13th May	Reading Task	Year 9	Year 7	-
Friday 14th May	Conventions of Language Task	Year 9	Year 7	-
Tuesday 18th May	Numeracy Task	Year 9	Year 7	-
Wednesday 19th May	Catch-up Tests	-	Year 7 & 9	-

We understand some students may have anxious feelings towards the tests, however, parents please remind your students to treat the NAPLAN days like any other school day.

We look forward to commencing the testing next week.

Library News

CHESS CLUB

Playing chess results in better brain function, improved memory and cognitive abilities, strategic thinking and attention improvement...

...AND its fun!

The Johnnies Chess Club takes place every Friday second break in the library.

All welcome.



Read on!

Mrs Corey, Miss McCaul and Miss Rowe

Supporting a Connected Community

The Daily Bread

Go and do likewise (Luke 10:37)



The Daily Bread Soup Kitchen is a loving community service that exists to give people a hand up, not just a handout. The Daily Bread aims to serve those in need and link guests to other services such as Orange Sky Laundry, Sunny Street Health Care and Suncoast Christian Care and other welfare agencies. Next Monday 10th May Natalie from Hair Aid will be offering Free Haircuts before the 5.00pm dinner.

Another big week for the St John's College volunteers who turn up twice a month to serve at the local soup kitchen in Nambour- The Daily Bread. The Year 10 Hospitality cooked up two mains and two desserts and as always the feedback on the quality of the food was exemplary. St John's College has resumed serving a dine-in meal as well as takeaway, making approximately 40 meals.

St John's continues to show up even when we have been rostered on a public holiday- twice in two months! Like the Samaritan who stopped along the way, our team does not expect any recognition or gratitude. We are moved and called to expand our hearts to embrace the outsider: the one who is different. Thank you for not looking the other way, passing by, ignoring situations- being there for the other and being neighbor to all.

Next Daily Bread for St John's College is Wednesday 2nd June and Monday 7th June.



**Tracey Langford
Campus Minister**

Touch Football

Help wanted!

St John's College is considering nominating two teams for the Sunshine Coast All Schools Touch Football Championships. These are being held on Sunday 25 July, 2021.

We need to submit one qualified referee for each team we nominate. If there are any parents available to assist in this regard, please contact Brett Jones via email (brett.jones@bne.catholic.edu.au)

Thank you.

District Cross Country Carnival

On Wednesday 5th May our District Cross Country Team competed at the Big Pineapple District Carnival.

The day was off to a fantastic start and all of our students gave 100% effort. After the event was put on hold for an hour due to wet weather conditions our remaining competitors had to dig even deeper to tackle a wet course, all doing St John's extremely proud.

St John's College were awarded 2nd place overall (only narrowly missing out to Sunshine Beach).

The Regional Carnival will be held 2nd June – more information to follow.

Congratulations again to the 2021 District Cross Country Team.



State Water Polo Championships

The Queensland U19 Water Polo Schools Championship were held last Thursday to Sunday. Three students represented the College as part of the Sunshine Coast regional team. Eight regions were represented, from North Queensland to the Darling Downs and South Coast. Kiera Dunbar and Lucy Wolfenden featured strongly for the girl's team who, after four days of tough competition were edged out of the Bronze medal by Metropolitan East.

Matthew Bonser has trained with the Queensland Academy of Sport and the skills learnt were on display against older, stronger players over the four days. Matthew plays centre forward, a position which is often under intense physical pressure, to perform notably. He was named in the Queensland meritorious team. Due to co-vid, this team will not compete in Australian titles this year but Matthew represents the College with his inclusion in the team.



John Cathcart
Water Polo Coach

Equestrian

St John's has had some wonderful results in Equestrian competitions during term 1 and the beginning of term 2.

Last term, Mack Rudder competed in the Victory College Interschool competition in Gympie and received a 3rd and a 9th overall in his classes.

Over the ANZAC weekend, we had three riders compete with excellent results at the St Andrew's Interschool competition, and all placed in their classes. Congratulations to Shae Potter, Caitlin Hopper and Mack Rudder for their participation.

Caitlin Hooper competed on May 2, at QSEC (Queensland State Equestrian Centre for the South-East Queensland Regional Interschool Championships). She received some qualifier points for her overall score and competed proudly for SJC on her two horses Nero and AppleJack.

We look forward to more great results from the equestrian team over the coming months.

Miss Skye Rowe – Equestrian Coordinator

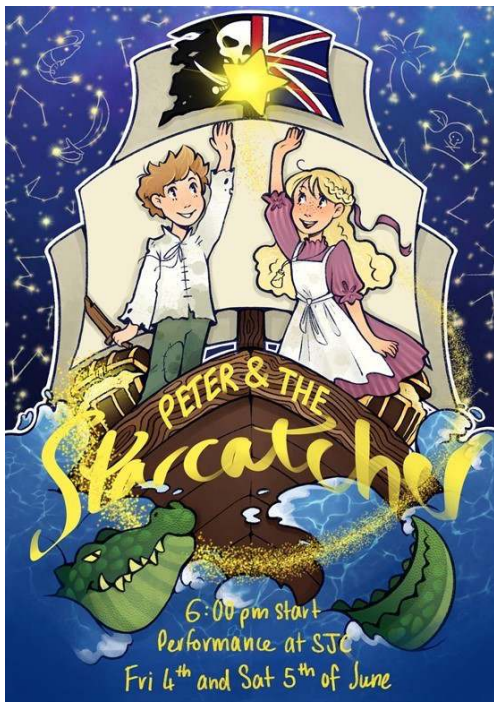


2021 Bill Turner Cup

On Tuesday 4th May our junior Football players attended the annual Bill Turner Cup. Our players pushed themselves to their limits, worked cohesively as a team and showed a genuine Johnnie's spirit. Well done to all our players!

Peter and The Starcatcher

Parents, Students, Carers and Friends you are all invited to attend the upcoming School Production of Peter & The Starcatcher. Please save the date, more details to come!



Embracing change and continuous improvement

Careers

At St John's College we believe it's never too early to start planning your future career, which is why we have a dedicated Careers Team. For more information regarding our Careers please visit the Parent Portal or the purpose built Careers Website. Alternatively please reach out to Bernadette or Kim at sjccareers@bne.catholic.edu.au or via the Appointments Calendar.

College Business

Immunisations

The Year 7 and Year 10 Immunisation School Clinic will be held at St John's College on **Thursday 20th May 2021** from **8.45am to 12.30pm**.

Forms were given to all Year 7 & 10 students in February. Students that completed and returned their forms last Term, will be vaccinated.

Tuckshop Volunteers



WEEK 4, Term 2 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10th May	11th May	12th May	13th May	14th May
Angela	Volunteers Required	Tania	Peita K	Volunteers Required

The Week Ahead

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Monday 10th May	Afternoon: Netball Matches Rugby Training
Tuesday 11th May	Morning: Surfing
Wednesday 12th May	Day: Y10 Careers Session NAPLAN Afternoon: Rugby Matches 1st, 2nd & Intermediate A Netball Training Drama Production Rehearsals
Thursday 13th May	Day: Y10 TAFE Trade Taster NAPLAN Afternoon: Y7-9 Intermediate Girls Netball Training

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

Departing School Early

Dear Parents/Students,

Please be reminded of the process if students need to leave school early due to illness.

Students must present to the office where staff will contact mum/dad.

Students please do not call your parents yourself.

Students will then need to sign out at the Student Counter and wait in sick bay until mum/dad arrive.

Thank you.

School Photos

The school photos have arrived and have all been distributed to students during PC (except for the sibling photos which are available for collection from the office).

If you have any concerns with your photo's please contact Academy Photography direct on 1800 816 224.



Staff News

We are pleased to welcome to the team Carolina Cordova Cruz! Carolina is replacing our Finance Manager, Gaye Holland who is on extended leave. Carolina has a wealth of finance experience and has worked within BCE for over 5 years. Welcome to the St John's community

Carolina.

Gallery

Chess Club



Equestrian



The Daily Bread

