



St John's College Nambour

*Unbind and Set Free*

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## Principal's Message



Dear Johnnies Community,

A huge shout out to our Year 7 and Year 9 students for their attention to the NAPLAN tests online. As stated last week, it is a very important test for all. Firstly, it is a diagnostic tool for teachers to dig into to identify gaps in our learning in literacy and numeracy. Secondly, whether we like it or not, our

school is compared to State and National benchmarks, and we are compared to "like" students. As a college, we have always performed well, and it is time to lift the bar and perform even better in the areas that we are weakest. Well done students, parents and teachers for taking this rather controversial test seriously.

In the words of "The Game of Thrones", "winter is coming". It was great to see students observing the college uniform expectations regarding formal and sport uniforms. There were only a few students who elected on some occasions to wear the sport jacket with their formal uniform. This is not an expected practice and students will have to remove the jacket. The college jumper is the expected warm piece of clothing to be worn with the formal uniform. Blazers are compulsory for seniors, and optional for students in Year 10. Ties are to be worn during Terms 2&3.

Congratulations to our netball teams on their fine performances and spirit last Monday. It was great to see such a well-run competition with our many teams enjoying the contest, working together and playing with spirit. The 15's rugby team had an eventful half a game, as the storm forced the abandonment of the game. Unfortunately, being down 10-7 at half time means that this result will stand. I don't understand the logic of that decision, but we will just need to win next week.

On Friday May 28th we will hold the official opening and blessing of the Hospitality buildings. This event was postponed

during COVID last year and we are looking forward to the event during assembly on this day.

**Chris Gold**  
**Principal**

## Celebrating a Strong Catholic Identity

### Unbind and Set Free

We have a rich tradition to draw from and our school motto is quite amazing. Year 7 students are learning about how the Good Sam Sisters, back in 1985, changed the college's name from St Joseph's College to St John's and chose the last line from John's Gospel story, the Raising of Lazarus as the motto. They could have chosen, 10:10, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." or 13:34 "love one another" or even 14:6 "I am the way, truth and life." But instead, they chose a scriptural verse that is an action and relies on everyone playing a part. Our teachers often comment that our job, is to unbind our students from preconceived ideas, negative thoughts, self-imposed limitations and thinking that holds them back. Each year as they journey with us, we hope to have taken away those layers of restrictive cloth. In reality, we are only doing what every parent does and this unbinding, especially when the cloth seems endless and fixed, needs many hands. The most important hands belong to parents. As you find yourself unbinding and setting free your child, please know you have the support of the Johnnies Community. Our parenting seminar is just another way we can supported you are you unbind and set free your child.

**POSITIVE PARENTING SEMINAR**

Save the date!  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
5.00 – 6.00 pm

St John's is offering a free parent seminar for our parenting community. Our presenter is Glen Gerrey, 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.

**MAIN SPEAKER**  
**DEFINITION AND CO-FOUNDING**  
Over the past twenty years Glen has shared his message of hope with over a million people around the world, speaking with students, parents, teachers, employers, sporting groups and community leaders. Glen's work has been featured on ABC news and on national TV and radio. He's authored five books and created the "Man of Hope" character development course.

Glen has a unique ability to capture the attention of thousands, while deeply affecting individuals. So much more than being able to inspire, is the elusive art of being able to connect deeply to the nation in that time. There are Glen's undeniable gift. With the unique ability of emotional logic, he has the capacity to connect. Glen continues to offer audience profound experiences of meaning and clarity, building connections, challenging boundaries and including positive change.

**RSVP via edsmart by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June**



Bonding Time - The Nativity in Townsville: Jan Hines



Pietà – Michelangelo



Our Lady of the Southern Cross:  
Paul Newton

**Fiona Baker**  
**Assistant Principal Formation and Identity**



The Good Samaritan Life is a Ministry of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan and you are invited to use this resource for prayer reflection and formation.

<https://www.goodsamaritanlife.org.au/>

**May - The Month of Mary**

Catholics hold Mary in a unique place as Mother of God and Mother of the Church. Throughout the ages, more poems, hymns, statues, icons and paintings have been produced on Mary than any other woman in human history.

Continuing our dedication to Mary we will look at her images through a process known as Visio Divina, a form of divine seeing in which we prayerfully invite God to speak to our hearts as we look at an image of Mary.

1. Choose an image of Mary – either one of these below, or a favourite one you might have.
2. Gaze at the image wordlessly, noticing its form, structure, colour, light/shade, mood. Simply be present to the image and allow it to speak to your heart, without any particular agenda.
3. If you were in the image, where would you place yourself?
4. If you had to describe the image in a sentence or two, silently to yourself, what would you say?



Madonna and Child- Unknown Artist The Annunciation – Hi Qi

Hail Mary

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women

and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Images:**

aboriginal mary - Bing images

He+Qi+annunciation (400x391) (bp.blogspot.com)

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Portrait Gallery | Paul Newton - Portrait Artist

Retrieved 14/5/21 from

**Tracey Langford**  
**Campus Minister**

## Fostering a love of Learning and Teaching

### Library News

Getting the most out of your SJC Library...

...we have more to offer than you know!

Do you love to read, but sometimes have trouble finding a book?

Do you read so much you are constantly looking for new authors to try?

Do you sometimes wonder if our school library has a book that you want?

If you answered 'YES' to any of these you HAVE TO get acquainted with **Oliver**, our library system.



Oliver allows you to do many things including:

- Rate books.
- Write reviews.
- Reserve books.
- Make book requests.
- Create a favourites list.
- Borrow E-books and Audio Books.
- (even over the weekend)
- It will even create personalised recommendations for you based on what you have read in the past!

Sound pretty good?

If you think so, come in and ask our friendly library staff to show you how to use Oliver to your full advantage.

**Read on!**

**Mrs Corey, Miss McCaul and Miss Rowe**

### YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament

Every year, the YMCA provides an opportunity for students across the state to make a difference by representing our local community through the YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament. We are very proud to announce, Year 12 student Tessie Savage was the successful applicant for 2021 and is now the Youth Member for Nicklin. Members participate in a six-month program and work within a dedicated committee experiencing parliamentary operations and advising politicians. Tessie has hit the ground running with her committee, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, working towards creating a bill raising the age of criminal responsibility involving children, and

deliberations concerning domestic and family violence. Tessie met with Dr Chris Sarra, the Director-General, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, who gave the committee information regarding the Cultural Heritage Act. She has also met with Robert Skelton MP for Nicklin who will be working with Tessie on the Nicklin Youth Advisory Council (NYAC) to gain an insight of the problems young people face today on the coast.

Tessie follows the footsteps of our previous 2020 Captain, Jasmin Peak, who has shared some wonderful tips and advice. We look forward to future updates and wish Tessie all the best for her year of service to the Sunshine Coast community.



**Amanda Tollner**  
**Inclusion and Diversity Program Leader- Humanities and Religion Teacher**

## Supporting a Connected Community

### AFL Returns to St John's

It is great to see AFL return in 2021 after a hiatus in 2020.

This term our Junior Boys are participating in an AFLX Competition at Siena Catholic College. AFLX is essentially a small sided form of AFL played on a rugby field. Our boys played their first game on Monday evening, in front of an enthusiastic crowd under the guidance of Mr Williams and Mr Kriz. It's great to have Mr Williams join our staff as he has brought along a true enthusiasm for the Australian Indigenous game.

There was a great effort by our boys against a really strong opposition taking on school of excellence Mountain Creek High. While St John's College didn't take out the win, the boys demonstrated high level of skill and knowledge of the game, managing to outscore Mountain creek in the last quarter which only emphasized their continued efforts throughout the game.

Cooper Hulsman kicked 2 goals in the second quarter, Dom Fais kicked 2 goals in the third quarter and Lewis Harry kicked 2 goals from strong overhead marks in the last quarter. Mali Stoker and Sam Jaboor were outstanding in defense all night, while Ben Chick and Oliver Dolan balled hard against a really strong Mountain Creek mid-field, with Oli kicking the goal of the night, a 35-meter banana from the pocket – great goal!!! Special

mention goes to Ke'ana Williams and Jayden Bradley who made it to the Quarter finals. Most importantly it was amazing to see our more experienced players cheer on and support our novice players.

This term will also see Junior Girls and Boys Carnival days and the commencement of training. We welcome new players and really encourage students who have not played AFL to get involved.

Mr Corboy is taking the lead with the carnival days and is also encouraging students to attend lunchtime training on Shadforth.



## Rugby Results

This week's Rugby matches saw some great results and an unfortunate reduction of playing time due to wet weather conditions. Well done to our teams and we look forward to next week's results!

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|------------|---|--|
| SJC U13    | v | Victory College  |
| 40         |   | 0  |
| SJC U14    | v | Siena Catholic College (Due to inclement weather the game was called off at half time.)  |
| 7          |   | 10   |
| SJC U15    | v | Victory College (Due to inclement weather the game was called off just before half time) |
| SJC 1st XV |   | Bye  |

## Surfing

Congratulations to our two finalists in the open division of the District Surfing competition. Layne won the Championship and Jake was an extremely close third in his final. This is quite remarkable as both students are only in Year 10 and are competing against two schools of excellence, Coolum High and Sunshine High. Both schools have former students competing at elite level in the World Surf League.

Well done Layne and Jake!



**Rod Kriz**  
**Surfing Coordinator**

## What's Happening in the Arts?

The Arts are alive and well at St. John's. This week, the Arts Committee organised and held this term's 'Music on the Piazza'. Fortunately, it was a sunny day and we were able to see and hear the performances clearly. Our musicians: Alanna, Caitlyn, Phoebe, Jess and Ruby played both familiar pieces and original compositions. Thanks to Phoebe and Georgia for organising and to our musicians. We look forward to 'Music on the Piazza' next term.

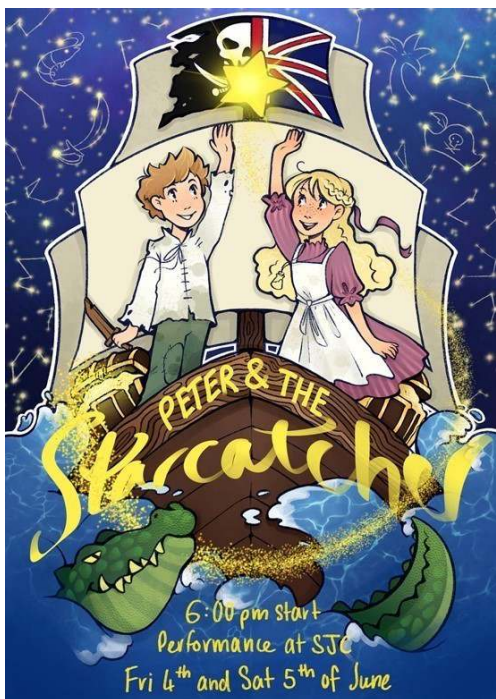


**Kathryn Kiernan-Molloy**  
**Arts Teacher**

## Peter and the Starcatcher

The cast of Peter and the Starcatcher are excited to present our SJC production on the 4th and 5th June. Tickets will be available next week. Audience numbers are very limited due to Covid-19 restrictions. The students have been rehearsing Wednesday afternoons and will have a full day rehearsal this Sunday. Thanks to Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Driscoll for searching through multiple op shops on the look out for costume items for the play. We appreciate their time and organisation. Mrs. Thompson and a small group of students have been making some very interesting props! Thank you to Murray in ITD who has made us wooden trunks for the production. We are very

grateful to all staff members for assisting or volunteering so that this performance can happen. We couldn't do it without you!



**Kathryn Kiernan-Molloy**  
Arts Teacher

## 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](mailto: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.

If you wish to change your consent decision or have any questions you will need to contact Ozcare directly (please do not contact the school) on **email:** [sbvp@ozcare.org.au](mailto:sbvp@ozcare.org.au) or **phone:** 5413 8460.

### Tips for Immunisation Day:

- Talk to your child about the importance of immunization
- Ensure your child has a good breakfast
- Make sure your child tells the nurse/teacher if they feel unwell or nervous
- It is important that your child is feeling well on the day

### Tuckshop Volunteers



### WEEK 5, Term 2 2021

| MONDAY              | TUESDAY             | WEDNESDAY           | THURSDAY            | FRIDAY              |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 17th May            | 18th May            | 19th May            | 20th May            | 21st May            |
| Volunteers Required | Volunteers Required | Volunteers Required | Volunteers Required | Volunteers Required |

### The Week Ahead

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|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Monday 17th May</b>    | <b>Day:</b> Y10 Cheese Making Workshop<br><b>Afternoon:</b> Netball Matches<br>Rugby Training<br>Junior AFL   |
| <b>Tuesday 18th May</b>   | <b>Day:</b> NAPLAN<br><b>Morning:</b> Surfing   |
| <b>Wednesday 19th May</b> | <b>Day:</b> NAPLAN (catch up session if required)<br><b>Afternoon:</b> Rugby Matches<br>1st, 2nd & Intermediate A Netball Training<br>Drama Production Rehearsals |
| <b>Thursday 20th May</b>  | <b>Day:</b> Y7 & Y10 Vaccinations<br><b>Afternoon:</b> Y7-9 Intermediate Girls Netball Training   |
| <b>Friday 21st May</b>    |   |

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

## Community News

Jasmin Peak, one of our dedicated 2020 School Captains is hosting a Biggest Morning Tea event this Saturday 15th May! The event will take place outside of Member for Maroochydhore, Fiona Simpson's office from 10.00am to 11.30am. If you are in the area please stop by and help support this worthy event.



## Gallery

### What's Happening in the Arts?

