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## Principal's Message



Dear Johnnies Community,

This week has literally flown, and we now only have three weeks till the end of term. This means two things are approaching: assessment and holidays. It is so important to keep our students focused on their studies despite the plethora of other activities and the impending holidays.

This weekend will see the Musical Peter and the Star chaser performed on campus, Friday Night, Saturday matinee and Saturday night. The two evening performances are sold out but there are still some tickets available for the matinee.

It was a great pleasure to learn that all rugby teams have made the top four in Division 1. This is a great step up for our boys and coaching staff and is the fruition of the last couple of years of training and skill development. Thank you to the parents and carers for your amazing support as well.

The netball is coming to the finals as well and we will have quite a few teams in these finals. I wish all our teams the very best of success over the next two weeks.

As an aside, I must report my deep concern for the vaping trend across Australia. We have not been immune to this unhealthy and possible life-threatening trend, that is also illegal. The following Government page should be read by all parents:

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/e-cigarettes-linked-to-severe-lung-illness>

There are several resources at our disposal for educating young people, but it is also a must watch for parents and other carers in our community. Our young people are vulnerable to all online activities and as social media ramps up with new ways for our young people to avoid detection, we must be ever alert and yes, we must provide greater oversight of mobile phones and their uses.

Students should be well and truly working towards assessment and exams to end the term. I have been pleased with the application to work so far this year and the fruits of their labours will be in the results. Good luck and good studying to all.

**Chris Gold**  
**Principal**

## School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Plan

St John's College's 'School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Plan' has recently been updated. You will find this document on the College's Website at the following link.

<http://www.stjohns.qld.edu.au/OurCollege/SiteAssets/Pages/Policies/2017%20-%202022%20Student%20Behaviour%20Support%20Plan.pdf>

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

## Celebrating a Strong Catholic Identity

### Year 10 Event: PoTENTIAL



Our Year 10 students had an amazing experience at the BCE student formation PoTENTIAL on Thursday. The theme for the day was High Hopes and through two awesome presenters, Chris Tomway from Australia's Got Talent in 2016 and the

recipient of the 2015 NAIDOC Youth of the Year award. Chris has ties to Badu, Boigu and Darnley Islands in the Torres Strait and is a self-taught guitar virtuoso in the making. Chris has just released his first album. The students also experienced various workshops on Social Justice (Caritas, Catholic Mission + Vinnies), Tradition (Chris Tamwoy) and a prayer Art Installation (Catholic Identity Team). The students also heard from Esther Abiya, a Year 12 one of our BCE schools who was forced to flee the Democratic Republic of Congo. Esther's story is inspiring and worth looking up. The sixteen students who attended all commented that the experience has changed their idea of what they can achieve, and they are looking forward to taking action: 'Action speaks louder than words'.

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

## Fostering a Love of Learning and Teaching



*Year 7 Da Vinci Team*



*Year 9&10 Da Vinci Team*

Congratulations to our four Da Vinci Teams, who competed at the State Finals this week. All teams should be very proud of their efforts, the students walked out of the all-day challenge very positive about the experience.

The da Vinci Decathlon is an academic competition designed to challenge and stimulate the minds of school students. Students compete in teams of eight across 10 disciplines: engineering, mathematics and chess, code breaking, art and poetry, science, English, ideation, creative producers, cartography, and legacy.



*Yr8 Da Vinci Team*

Our Year 8 team placed 2nd in the Cartography discipline and our Year 10 team placed 2nd in the Ideation discipline.



*Yr10 Caitlin Hopper & Imogen Mollee*

Well done to all involved.

**Brett Jones**  
**Deputy Principal**

## National Reconciliation Week Event

We were excited to be invited and to attend the Scarborough Southern Cross Catholic College Reconciliation Week event for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Over 200 students from 22 Catholic schools attended this gathering last Thursday.

Students explored the theme of Reconciliation Week – “More than a word, Reconciliation takes action” by participating in three group activities on the day. Jarlo, Jorja, Holly and Eva took the opportunity to talk to students from other schools but also completed the group activities which involved painting, etching and creating words of action reflecting on the 2021 theme. A special opportunity during the day was listening to Wakka Wakka elder, Eric Law: Vietnam Veteran, Government official, pioneer teacher and later Superintendent of Cherbourg and a teacher in Murgon and Kingaroy. From 2007, Eric was the chairman of the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Education committee and still helps students to this day. In intimate small groups, Eric spoke profound wisdom for the students to consider regarding the future of reconciliation. Students were filled with hope and energy after this particular session and a sense of healing was acknowledged.

We were very grateful of Southern Cross's hospitality and BCE representatives for organising the day with the clear message

of connecting to culture and building strong community relationships to help value unity and diversity.



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

## Library News

### The mystery of the missing puzzle piece...

#### Have you seen it?

We are so close and yet so far away!

A keen group of students have been sending themselves silly day in and day out to complete the holographic Harry Potter puzzle, only to find the final piece missing!!!

**Help us find the missing piece, complete the puzzle and reclaim our sanity.**

This term in the library there have been several students collaborating on our perpetual holographic Harry Potter puzzle. There has been a particularly special group of Year 7's who have taken ownership and committed to meeting up every break to conquer the 500 pieces. It has been very heart-warming to watch them work together, form new friendships and fill the library with laughter.

Next on the agenda 1000 pieces.



**Read on!**  
**Mrs Corey, Miss McCaul and Miss Rowe**

## Supporting a Connected Community

### Monday Night Netball

As the final week of normal rounds passes, we can take a moment to reflect on a very successful season for all involved. We had twelve teams competing in the competition, the third largest number of teams for any school in the competition and a mighty effort considering we are one of the smallest schools involved. Of those we have six teams competing in semi-finals, with three narrowly missing out.

Throughout the season we have had five teams coached by student coaches. On all accounts these students have led their teams professionally, arriving to training and games organized and motivated. It is often a daunting task for our students, some as young as Year 10, to lead their junior peers but all should be proud of their efforts. Without such volunteers we would not be able to field so many teams.

Thank you to our parents for their role as taxi driver, sports psychologist and motivational coach, to name a few. I big thank you goes also to our SJC staff members who gave up their family time to coach, score, cheer and motivate our students. A special mention goes to Amanda Chippendale and Liza Costa who have taken on our A squad teams and attended extra competitions and the pre-season training camp in support of those students. An extra special mention must go to Kate Shimmin from the Sunshine Coast Lightning who has not only coached our Firsts girls but played a significant role in coaching our other teams at training and supporting our student coaches in their role. Kate has been amazing to work with and we cross our fingers that she stays on the Sunshine Coast to continue her role in 2022.

I would like to encourage all players and spectators to support those teams who have made finals. A bus will be available for teams, coaches and umpires involved. Any spectators needing a lift to the courts needs to register their spot on the bus at the student counter by Friday afternoon.

Monday night semi-finals: (please note some changes due to initial calculation errors)

#### 4pm:

Court 1	<b>Junior A</b> v CSC Red
Court 14	Flinders Inter 4 v <b>SJC Inter C1</b>
Court 8	Burnside Bandits v <b>SJC Junior C</b>

#### 5pm:

Court 8	<b>SJC Inter B</b> v Coolum High Gold
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#### 6pm:

Court 4	CSC Teal v <b>SJC Thirds</b>
Court 6	<b>SJC Seconds</b> v CSHS Gold

**Rebecca Barrett**  
**Netball Co-ordinator**

## Rugby News

Wednesday night's Rugby matches saw the last of the fixture matches for the season. All teams will now move onto semi-finals. Our season has been about good communication which is crucial to a successful game whether executing a line up, tracking opposition for tackles or supporting piers to bring the ball forwards, teamwork.

## Semi-Finals Time

All semi-finals will be held at Matthew Flinders Anglican College next Wednesday 9th June. Below are the times and venues for the Semi Finals

U13	4.15pm v Good Shepherd	Field 2
U14	5pm v James Nash or MFAC	Field 2
U15	6pm v Good Shepherd or St Andrews	Field 2 or 3 (TBC)
1st XV	6pm v MFAC	Field 1

God Luck to all our teams. We would love to see as many of our St John's community supporting our four rugby teams.

## Vinnies Winter Appeal

Thank you to our Johnnies families for donating to our annual winter appeal supporting families in need within our community. We will continue collecting donations until the end of Term 2.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



**Tracy Langford**  
**Campus Minister**

## 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

### Finance News

#### Paying your school fees is about to get a whole lot easier!

Did you know you can pay via the Qkr App anytime, anywhere. Click here to view the Qkr download instructions.

We have also added a link to the Parent Portal which will take you directly to our secure payment website (Bpoint), please click here to access.

You will need your Customer Reference Number when paying by either of the above methods. This can be found on the statements which are emailed to account holders at the beginning of each term.



### Tuckshop Volunteers



#### WEEK 7, Term 2 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7th June	8th June	9th June	10th June	11th June
Angela	Volunteers Required	Tania	Kristie C	Nambour Show Public Holiday

### The Week Ahead

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<b>Monday 7th June</b>	Day: AFL School Girls Competition Afternoon: Netball Matches Rugby Training Junior AFL
<b>Tuesday 8th June</b>	

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<b>Wednesday 9th June</b>	Day: Y9 Experience USC Afternoon: Rugby Matches 1st, 2nd & Intermediate A Netball Training
<b>Thursday 10th June</b>	Afternoon: Y7-9 Intermediate Girls Netball Training
<b>Friday 11th June</b>	<b>Nambour Show Public Holiday</b>

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

## Community News

### St Joseph's Needs Our Help!

Grade 5 students from St Joseph's Primary need your help. They have made the final of the Sunshine Coast Council's Get Ready Schools competition, but now need community votes to help them win!

To check out their disaster preparedness video and to vote just go to 2021 Sunshine Coast Get Ready Schools Competition | Sunshine Coast Regional Council. Scroll to the bottom and click on the **Vote Now! Community Voting** tab. Voting closes June 7.

Alternatively click on the QR code below.



### Retirement Celebration

Staff and Students are invited to attend a retirement celebration for ex Stella Maris Principal and long standing BCE employee, Trevor Doyle.

### Retirement Celebration

Please make plans to join us for a celebratory morning tea for

**Trevor Doyle**

To celebrate Trev's successful career, 38 years with BCE, and his transition to retirement.

**Date:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
**Venue:** Breezeway - Burke Street  
**Time:** 10:00am  
**RSVP:** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June to Kylie  
[kylie.brown@bce.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kylie.brown@bce.catholic.edu.au)



## Gallery

### Monday Night Netball



### poTENTIAL



### National Reconciliation Week Event

