Dear Parents, Friends and Carers,

Arts Week has again been a great success and full of amazing talented children displaying work and performing. The Art Show in the new building, street performers, lunch time performances and Friends of Room 12 were the highlights of this week.

On Monday night we showcased the talents of all art students and it was quite amazing to see the talent across year levels and across art styles. I must congratulate Ms McCaul and Mrs Thompson on preparing these students so well. Further, I must pass on hearty congratulations to our Year 11 Hospitality students who prepared and served the food on the night and of course to Ms Persich and Mrs Dowling for their tireless efforts to make this happen. Shalene, our Art/Hospitality teacher-aide was also instrumental in the move to the new art rooms and the setting up and taking down of all the displays.

The Year 11 & 12 works were very impressive and the students who were awarded prizes on the night include: Senior Art: Alice Ashby; Senior people’s Choice: Jed Hanrahan; Junior Art: Rachele Coates and Junior People’s choice: Shanay Hutchings.

The 12th (correction from last week) Friends of Room 12 Musical presentation is on tonight at the Nambour Civic Centre. This is a favourite night of mine as we showcase the amazing musical talents of your children under the direction and motivation of Pat Wilson. It is a night not to be missed. There are still a few tickets left that can be purchased on line at the Centre or on the night if you take the chance of a ticket being available. This is our second year of having “Friends” at the Civic centre as it far more comfortable, the sound system does justice to the performers and everyone can see. Tonight we also welcome back Tim Lollback (Graduated 2009) as our guest artist.

Another occasion of significance is the Annual Awards Night to be held on Thursday night October 30th. This is our premier night to celebrate our academic, artistic sporting and community achievements. This is the night when all the hard work is celebrated and acknowledged. We are very good at keeping this night to two hours (7pm-9pm) and all students receiving awards are expected to attend.

In keeping with the formality and tone of the night, the following uniform requirements are to be adhered to: All students attending, whether receiving awards or not, are to be in formal school uniform. This means ties and belts for boys and the skirt and blouse for girls. The dresses are not to be worn as this is not our formal uniform. Seniors with blazers are welcome to wear them. Senior girls, Year 11/12 should wear stockings, Junior girls, Years 8-10 should wear the school socks and all girls will need to have their hair tied back. A bit of polish on the shoes wouldn’t go astray either.

Last week I reported on the progress of the Year 11 Interviews for student leadership. Mr Brown and I cannot help but be thoroughly impressed with these young people. Thank you to parents and carers for enrolling these extraordinary young people at St. John’s. This is always a time of the year that I feel most humbled by the dedication, thoughts and passion that these young people have for their fellow students, staff and the college in general. It will be another difficult year of decision-making. I wish all the best to these students as they complete their interviews and prepare for their short speeches to be held next week.

Breaking News: Jayden Fitzsimon has taken out the Year 12 Sunshine Coast University Science Research Award and Tom Lee was highly commended. Well done gentlemen and thank you Mrs Sutton for your inspiration and encouragement of these young men to enter.

Another feather in the cap for “Johnnies” is yet another second place for our Readers Cup team. We are habitual top place getters in this event and Mrs O’Brien and Mrs Corboy are behind this motivation and success.

Our Year 8 familiarisation afternoon will be held on Wednesday November 5th. This is a change of date away from the Melbourne Cup day. Please make this change in your diaries.

The release of the State Government report into the trial Year 7 project has certainly brought it home that 2015 is going to be a huge year for St. John’s. We will be welcoming 120 Year 8 students and 140 Year 7 students. We have lots of things in place pertaining to buildings, subject offerings, transition programs, a Year 7 Pastoral Leader, new work programs and units, a new Pastoral structure that we have trialled this year – 7/9/11 and 8/10/12 year groupings with a further development of the “Buddy” system and review of our pedagogical approach to young learners. We are all very excited about the change and look forward to our first day of welcoming our new “Johnnies” students.

I again direct your attention the following information on uniforms. This information has been set out on 2012 and has been repeated in the last four newsletters. If some families are having issues around making this happen they should contact the college office. I hope not to catch anyone by surprise. Year 10 students had their Blazer fittings last week and we off and running. The college is keen to purchase any blazers from the current Year 12 students and of course past students who may be wishing to sell them. A fair price will be given depending on condition.

Jesus invites us to be willing to change our plans and to give generously and freely. He challenges us to remove ourselves from the centre of our created universes and to place the person who is need at the centre of our concern. (Who Is My Neighbour? p 7)

Chris
Gold
Awards Night

The College Awards Night will be held on Thursday 30 October. All students and their families are invited. Students are asked to wear their full academic uniform (blouse and skirt for girls), ties and polished shoes.

The majority of the awards have been posted on notice boards at school all this week for students to check. Academic awards in the junior school are decided on the basis of the number of A, B and Cs that students achieved on their reports in semester 1 and term 3. These have already been put up for students to check. In the senior school, current placement on the subject ladder determines the awards. Cultural, Liturgy and Community Service awards are determined from student involvement through the year as they listed on their information sheet. Students are asked to check their awards and report errors by Monday morning tea. It is the student’s responsibility to check.

As we have to draw up lists in order we would really appreciate if, by Tuesday morning, year coordinators could be informed of any student who is down for an award but is not attending on the night.

New Buildings

On Monday we enter the next phase of the building process with the builders moving into the old drama area to refurbish it. This will necessitate those students in Ms KKM’s and Mrs Doblo’s Pastoral groups moving to new building. There are new lockers available to them in that area so they do not have to walk down among the builders’ equipment.

Mr Hayes has already been relocated to a new office upstairs, room 27, which he will share with Mr Corboy. Ms McNicol has moved into the newly refurbished room 21 this week. This will undoubtedly cause some confusion until we get the phone system reconfigured so please be patient with us.

David Cuskelly

FRIENDS OF ROOM 12, Friday night 24th October, 7-10pm

Have you got your tickets for FRIENDS of ROOM 12 yet? Tickets are available from the Nambour Civic Centre Box Office or online http://www.scvenuesandeevents.com.au/nambour-civic-centre
from the SJC Library desk...

Last Friday night I represented St John’s in the **Year 8 Interschool Readers’ Cup**, along with my team mates Jessica Pepper, Daniel Snels and Claudia Kos, in what was an unforgettable and downright amazing night, filled with plenty of fun and laughter.

At the start of the evening, we were all a bit nervous and anxious to get it over with, but after a while we warmed up. The questions were challenging and the competition between the different schools added to the atmosphere. We all took a lot out of the night, but most of all found ourselves laughing at some of our ridiculous answers and having the time of our lives! It was great hearing the guest speaker Tristan Bancks, but that was right after the heats, so we were all anxious to hear who had gotten in to the finals. Little did we know that we actually **would** get into the finals, much less take second place with St Andrew’s Anglican College of Peregian Springs beating us by just 3 points.

We had a night that I am sure we will all remember for the rest of our lives...

*Catherine Quinn*

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**Weekend date**: 31st Oct – 2nd Nov 2014

**Venue**: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston QLD (on Brisbane's bayside)

**For bookings/details contact**: Tamara and Scott Menteith, ph (07) 4634 3559, stjmen@aapt.net.au

**Information website**: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)
Currently the Year 11 Business Management students are studying Human Resource Management. Last Week the students had the opportunity for an industry visit to YOUI at Kawana Lake. YOUI are the 3rd largest employer on the Sunshine Coast and was recently a finalist at the Australia HR Awards in the category “Employer of Choice”. As a result it seemed fitting that our students visit the YOUI site to gain industry knowledge on the role and functions of HRM at YOUI. The students decided that our visit was “Awesome”, which interestingly enough is one of YOUI’s values.

As we arrived at YOUI, we were warmly welcomed at Reception. The students soon identified the importance of having appropriate personnel in Reception as first impressions count. Some of the HR personnel escorted us to one of their meeting rooms. There we were greeted by more HR personnel whom had taken time out of their busy schedules to present to our students. Each member of the HR Department provided us with an insight into their roles and how they perform their role and implement HR strategies at YOUI.

Our students confidently engaged with the staff asking many questions. The presentations were so interesting that our students found working at YOUI very appealing and we were all intending on applying for work in this company. After the presentations we toured the organisation seeing the layout of the different departments and observing the different ways in which the departments operated.

Of particular appeal to our students were the Lifestyle programs designed to build a positive and healthy work culture.

We would like to acknowledge the effort and time provided to us on our visit to YOUI. It is hoped that YOUI will be open to allowing us to visit their site next year as it proved to be a valuable learning experience assisting students in their assessment tasks.

By the way ……. I forgot to mention that YOUI provided us with a little bag of goodies on our departure. “Awesome”

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Reminder
Term 4 Fees are now overdue

How quickly is this year flying? Term 4 Fees are now past the due date and the end of the year is rapidly approaching.

We don’t want any of our families ‘caught short’ coming up to Christmas. If you’d like to set up a Payment Plan, it’s not too late and we can certainly help you do that. If you are having any other difficulties, please contact either Danielle Twomey or Kim Harrison through the College Office (5441 5666) for a confidential chat about your options.

Keep in mind, the Qkr! Phone app is available and payments can be made anywhere, anytime you have your phone with you. It’s so easy!

Qkr! can be downloaded for free from Apple’s app store for iPhones (iPads should download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets. After downloading the app and registering, simply scan the QR code above using the Qkr! Code scanner or type STJOHNSCOLLEGE after tapping the magnifying glass in the top right of the home screen of Qkr!, and then the app will always recognise you as part of St John’s College in future to make payments even easier. You can purchase School fees, excursions and other school payment items along with the Uniform Shop right now using Qkr! to make payments immediately, so why not download it today and take a look at our school on Qkr! - all feedback to the school office is very welcome.

Year 8 students  2015 Familiarisation/Orientation

St John’s College would like to invite parents and Year 8 students for next year to our Familiarisation/Orientation afternoon on Wednesday 5 November, 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Our Year 11 students will take any families who are interested on a college tour between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. There will be an information session from 4.30pm to 5.30pm followed by afternoon tea.
Awards Night, 2014

On Thursday night, 30 October, St John’s College will hold its Annual Awards Night and we would like to invite you to help celebrate the successes of our students. Academic achievement is acknowledged along with the contribution students make to our community. Special Awards such as School Dux, Junior All Rounder and Senior All Rounder are also announced.

The event is held at the Nambour Civic Centre, with doors opening at 6.30 pm for a 7.00pm start. Students have already been notified if they are going to receive an award and are expected to attend the Awards ceremony in their correct formal school uniform.

The ceremony will be approximately two hours. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate academia and the various contributions from students which enrich our school community.

Fiona Baker
APRE

The Good Samaritan Youth group Vinnies Christmas Gift Appeal

How you can help those in need this year

The Good Samaritan Youth group (students St Johns College and St Joseph’s Primary School) is coordinating the Nambour St Vinnies Christmas Appeal. The appeal assists people and families in need who, without our support, may not experience all that Christmas has to offer.

We have requested donations of gifts and food and we will put together especially designed hampers that will be distributed before the big day.

Last year we assisted over 90 families, couples and single people. The hampers include food, mostly Christmas fare but also gifts. Many families find that stretching the budget to include gifts even for children is impossible. Sadly, many single people who live far from family, or are estranged from them, face a Christmas season alone. A hamper helps bring joy into the lives of those we assist. This year we will be trialling different approach- Adopt-a-family.

Each PC will be given a family to buy for with suggestions for presents for children, teenagers and food items. We gratefully accept donations to buy items for the Hampers. Vinnies can provide a receipt for tax purpose if required.

Collection

Please bring the items to school. We will be packing the hampers at St Joseph’s Primary school Hall, Reilly Road Nambour on Monday December 15th commencing at 9 am. We need assistance the hampers together. Hampers will be distributes on the 18th December. Any donations can also be brought to the Hall on that day or alternatively you can contact Tracey Langford 0417071168 for collection.

Thank you for your support Tegan Duggin (President) Tracey Langford, Sharon Punter and Penny Horton Stephens

Coordinators St John’s Vinnies Christmas Appeal
STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES
Semester 2, 2014

Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a **school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary**?
- Does your family spend more than **$25/week** on fares to and from school (* $20/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available bus** not owned or associated with the school?

Students with Disabilities

- Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires **transport assistance** to and from school?
- Has your school’s learning support teacher assessed your child’s **travel capability rating** as ‘semi-independent’ or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and **apply at** [www.schooltransport.com.au](http://www.schooltransport.com.au) **by 31 October 2014**.

Late applications cannot be accepted.

EAST TIMOR IMMERSION TOUR  September 2015

Members of the School community who are interested in hearing more about next year’s trip are invited to a meeting at school on Monday 27th October at 5.30 in the Staffroom.

After this meeting applications to join the trip will be open.

Margaret Norris
JAS-E Art Exhibition, Tuesday 21st October, 2014

Our first Art Exhibition in the fantastic new Art and Drama rooms was a resounding success! The large crowd was captivated by the impressive artworks, entertaining street theatre and delicious refreshments, showcasing the talents at St. John’s. Mr Gold, as well as officially opening this prestigious event, presented the Junior and Senior Art Prizes on the night. The two very deserving winners were Rachele Coates (junior) and Alice Ashby (senior). Their artworks are featured below. A very big THANK-YOU to the talented students, staff, family and friends who attended and supported this exciting event.

JUNIOR ART AWARD RECIPIENT: Alice Ashby – Year 12

SENIOR ART AWARD RECIPIENT: Alice Ashby – Year 12
# Uniform Shop and Text Hire

**PLEASE NOTE NEW OPENING HOURS**

**WEDNESDAY 8.00am - 3.45pm**

**THURSDAY 8.00am - 3.45pm**

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