Dear Parents, Friends and Carers,

Life at St. John’s is certainly fast paced and full. These last two weeks have been chock-filled with events that create energy, sap energy, create spirit, exhibit our talented children, endorse our values and define and complement our charism, vision and culture.

This week’s events have generally been of a sporting variety with some significant cultural and artistic endeavours thrown in the mix. This mix is what defines us and continues to tell our story. It is a story of talented students and staff working together to create, develop and refine our spirit, teamwork and determination.

A busy and successful week has been made up of the following: The Theatre sports team move into the next round in the highly valued and tough Brisbane competition; four netball teams (8a, 8b, Open A, Open C) made it through to semi-finals next week; the 13’s rugby team played an amazingly inspired game to make it through to next week’s Grand Final; the soccer girls turned around a big loss a fortnight ago to record a 2-0 win, as did the boys; long hours of rehearsal this week have been put in by the Theatre Restaurant participants and the Friday night is sold out; over 100 students will represent us at X Country North Zone today as we strive to return the trophy that we consider to be ours; and the Art Camp is on this weekend – a not to be missed event for Senior Art students.

The old adage of, “you only get out what you put in” is certainly evident at St. John’s. There are many opportunities for your children to get involved in school life, to enjoy their school life and to feel part of a vibrant, successful and energised community. Please continue to encourage your children to involve themselves and develop their many talents and all these “out of class” activities will benefit them in their relationships and their classwork. After all it’s about education of the whole person: body, mind and spirit.

The new building is well ahead of schedule and I have provided another updated picture below. We are on track to begin the new tuckshop construction during the June/July holidays and all things going well we may even be able to use our new rooms in Term 4 so that we can renovate and refurbish the music area and the art rooms. We are still hopeful of having the new 30m x 15m cover over the old assembly area completed for next term and next Friday we have another Block Grants meeting to determine whether we can expand our administration and staff areas that are sadly under the required space for our size school in 2015.

The 2015 committee will meet very soon and several items of celebration for Year 7 to Secondary and our 75th Anniversary have been put in place. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help out on the planning committee. Thank you also to Meg McNaught and Tracey Langford for their work on the Nambour Show Gates. As you would be aware, the P&F run the gates with parent/student/staff volunteers to raise over $6,000 for the school. Please contact Tracey if you can help out for some time during this year’s show.

Next week’s big events are the netball semi-finals, the rugby Grand Final, Mass in the GSC on Thursday, our BGA meeting and the Drama performance Theatre Restaurant. It sounds like a slow week but I am sure it will be full of excitement and energy. I am extremely grateful for being able to experience life in the St. John’s community.

I have included some photos on the following page that I took early one morning this week that may help you understand what a beautiful site we have and why there is constantly a peaceful atmosphere here at St. John’s. This is an extraordinary place because of all those little extra bits.

“It is not happy people who are thankful; it is thankful people who are happy” (Anon.)

Chris Gold
Principal
Go to http://www.reconciliation.org.au/ for lots of links. Here is a direct link to Sharing our Pride, a related initiative focusing on reconciliation and dispelling myths.

http://shareourpride.reconciliation.org.au/sections/beyond-the-myths/ extracts from this site will be featured in a display in the library this week.
The Stewardship Committee are asking our college community to bring in plastic supermarket bags for a project we are running during Green Week from **Monday 2nd June**.

Please bring any unwanted plastic bags to the office where there will be a box for collection. You can also bring them directly to Mrs Gralike. We would love to collect bags of varying colours, so a mixture of bags would be great.

Thank you in advance.

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**eDiary**

St John's College is trialing an electronic Diary (eDiary) for the remainder of this year. This is in addition to our paper diary and is not intended to be a replacement for the paper diary!

As it is a trial, feedback is welcomed throughout the remainder of this year to Mrs Sutton at emsutton@bne.catholic.edu.au

Students and parents should have received an email from noreply@myediary.com.au (check your junk folder!) with an activation link. If students or parents have not received this email please email Mrs Sutton to check your details.

The eDiary is web-based and is found at [https://stjohnscoll.myediary.com.au/](https://stjohnscoll.myediary.com.au/) The eDiary is very simple to use, but for any questions or support, please do not hesitate to ask. For all emails regarding the eDiary please use “eDiary” in the subject line of your emails.

An email with a letter outlining the eDiary was sent on Thursday 8 May and there have been a significant number of email replies with delivery failure notices. If parents did not receive an email invitation (from “myediary”) or the letter from Mrs Sutton, please email Mrs Sutton so your details can be corrected. Thanks.

Elizabeth Sutton

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**BEACH CLEAN-UPS**

**WEEK 7, TERM 2**

Join the Stewardship Committee from 6am at:

**MUDJIMBA BEACH, Wednesday 4**<sup>th** June**

**MAROOCHYDORE BEACH, Thursday 5**<sup>th** June**

Gloves and bags provided.

Bring your friends and family!

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Parents/ Guardians wishing their student’s details not to be included in the NCCD collection are to advise the school in writing by June 13th 2014. Please see attached flyer for further information.
ARTSPACE

Theatre Restaurant

St John’s College is proud to present an evening at the

Blue Note Club

On Friday 30th May (SOLD OUT) and Saturday 31st May, (50 tickets left) the Performing Arts block will be transformed into the exclusive Blue Note Club.

The night will include entertaining performances by a variety of students and a delicious four course meal prepared by Year 11 and 12 Hospitality students.

The evening will commence at 6:30pm.

Tickets are $20 each which includes the entertainment, a mocktail or soft drink, a 4 courses meal and tea or coffee.

Only 100 tickets will be available for each night.

Tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 13th May and are available from the SJC office only. Have your student pick up an envelope from the office for credit card and cash sales.

NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

Youth Theatresports Competition

After our successful St. John’s Theatresports night, the original Tabasco Sauce reformed to compete in Brisbane. Last night, the team: Josh Appleby, Josh Bugg, Damon Barton, Mitch Hay, Mitch Kelly and several enthusiastic supporters made the journey to St. Patrick's College in Shorncliffe. It was a very high level of competition for the first round but Tabasco Sauce maintained their energy levels and improvisational skills in all four games. Congratulations to the Year 12 Theatresports team who made it through to the next round.

Thank you to all of the supporters who came long!

TABASCO SAUCE and a few of their supporters!
Year 8 Drama

Last week, Year 8 students in elective groups one and two completed their final practical work for the Drama rotation. The task was *Fractured Fairy Tales* and each student demonstrated great team work, originality and of course creativity in their re-telling of some very well-known stories. Both of these groups have been very enthusiastic and are always organised with props and inventive costumes. Great work Year 8!

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Nambour Show 13,14,15 June

Three Weeks to Go

Thanks to all of those who have put their hands up to help at the showground gates. We still need helpers, so don’t be shy. Email Tracey Langford (tlangford@bne.catholic.edu.au) letting her know the day/time you're available, parent & student names and year level.

Besides the usual two hour shifts we need a few people who are able to take on a more supervisory role for four-six hours.

This is a fantastic community fund-raiser with funds going directly back into our school. Arm bands available to all volunteers.

Thanks for your support!
The P&F.

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Club 37/Stewardship Committee

We are seeking knitting needles measuring 3.75mm and 8 ply wool, both acrylic and wool for a special project. We are planning to knit jumpers to help injured penguins as part of the Penguin Island Foundation. The foundation needs jumpers for penguins undergoing treatment in captivity (these can be acrylic) and 100% woollen jumpers for emergency situations involving oil slicks. If you can help, please ask your child to bring the items to Lisa McNicol in Room 35.

Thank you for your assistance.
Trivia Night

"Remember the Days in the Old School Yard" get your team organised (10 people to a team at $10 per person; Book a table; If you haven't got a team of 10 no worries we will organise this for you just purchase your tickets then we know who is coming) and ready for a great night of fun, knowledge and entertainment.

June the 6th 6.30pm at the MPC ready for a 7pm start. Lucky Door prize, Guitar raffle, Monster raffle, Silent Auctions (there will be plenty of these) Ok you asked what's a silent Auction? A good or service donated from a local business up for grabs to the highest bidder( write your name on the sheet in front of the item on the night (prior bids if you can't make it will be available) with your bid and hope no-one outbids you before they close) Highest bidder buys Woodford passes, spa treatments, meat vouchers, Art works, dinner cooked for you, books, beauty treatments, hair packages, brand new surfboard and more items on the night.

There is also 1st, 2nd and 3rd team prizes. Entertainment, mystery questions fun, laughter ............... You'll need a long weekend just to get over the night, lucky we have organised one for you. Tickets available from the school office, get in early to avoid disappointment as only 40 teams on the night and the last one sold out fast. Parents, students, friends, business teams, sporting teams...... all welcome. No students only tables.

All moneys raised on the night are to be used to purchase goods/build/paint or help in any small way we can schools and youth groups in Vanuatu.

Bruce King
UNIFORM SHOP and TEXT HIRE
OPENING TIMES
TUESDAY 8.00am - 4.00pm
and
WEDNESDAY 8.00am - 4.00pm

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