Dear Parents, Friends and Carers,

It just keeps getting better. Today at assembly we celebrated some great achievements by St John’s students across the areas of sport, academics and the arts. We have had some amazing performances in rugby, netball, X Country, theatre sports, maths, geography and drama.

On Monday night I saw four of our semi-final netball teams play solidly and most importantly with great spirit and purpose. Three of our teams were defeated but not without a full game expenditure of energy and skill. This energy was typified by the 8B team who, like the 13 rugby team last week, had to play three periods of extra time. Unfortunately they were beaten by two goals but far from disgraced, we joined with them in celebrating such a marvellous feat. The Open A and C girls toiled hard but finished second in the contest. The mighty 8A girls were too strong for Mountain Creek SHS and will play in the Grand Final on Monday at Caloundra.

The 13’s rugby boys went down valiantly in the Grand Final to finish second this year. The game was in the balance with a 0-0 half time score, but the James Nash boys played to their strength in the second half with one of their boys scoring all three tries. He was quite the footballer.

Prior to all these events we had learned on Friday afternoon that the X Country Trophy had been returned to St John’s. We have won this trophy for 15 years in a row until the last four years where St Teresa’s have arrested the crown from our clutches. However, with Mr Fenwick and his “Stop the Rot” campaign, we have again won the North Zone X Country Championship. The turning point in the day was the Open Boys. Leading into this race we were behind and the boys finished in the top four places with still further places in the top 20. This was enough to tip the competition in our favour by a mere 43 points. This was an outstanding effort from all concerned.

The Year 11 Theatre Sports team have also made it into the next round of the Brisbane competition and we wish them all the best in their future rounds. Our brilliant Maths teams competed in the yearly Gympie Maths Challenge competition and walked away with first placing in the Junior and Intermediate sections and a narrow second place in the Seniors. We are on our game with maths. Finally, we were also able to congratulate 8 of our students for their distinctions in the National Geography competition.

To celebrate our extraordinary efforts and achievements we finished assembly off with a SJC “squeeze” of the whole school. I am looking forward to this weekend’s Theatre Restaurant Drama and Dance performances and a good meal prepared by our Hospitality students. The two nights are a sell-out. This will round off a brilliant week.

The week will also be rounded off with our BGA (Block Grants) meeting today at school. Representatives from BCE, QCEC, our Architect, Board and Leadership team will meet to discuss our next phase of building in relation to our shortfall in Administration area. We hope all goes well and recognise the hard work in preparation for this meeting by Peter Middap (architect), Mark Allen (BCE Building & Planning) and our Kim Harrison our Business Manager. It will be a few weeks before we can report on this meeting.

The current new building is still ahead of schedule and without rain this weekend they were ready to pour the second floor. I have a feeling that this will be delayed till next week and suffice to say that we are well ahead of several other schools on the coast.

Enrolments for 2015 have taken another positive turn with permission to take a few extra Catholic enrolments in our Year 7 cohort. We have the necessary adjustments to our timetable planning and look forward to welcoming around 137 Year 7 students. We have waiting lists in all Middle school cohorts Years 7-10 and take a few extra in Year 11 and 12. The good news of St John’s is spreading far and wide.

Part of the good news is the Faith development, Religious Life of the school and Spirituality evident across the many facets of Johnnies’ life. Once again I was pleased to see so many students at Mass on Thursday morning and I encourage even more to present to celebrate Eucharist with our community in the future. This is at the heart and soul of our business, our success and our life. Thank you once more to the ever present Fr. Graham for his time and input to celebrate with us as community of faith.

Next week’s big events are: the netball Grand Final for 8B; Regional X Country; World Environment Day; the P&F meeting Tuesday; and I will be attending the Mental Health in Schools Conference in Sydney from Wednesday to Friday. The matters to be addressed at this conference are critical to the success of our students in a world where increasing incidents of youth mental health issues are surfacing and taking their toll on young minds and lives. This is certainly a passion of mine to be able to find out as much as I can and be able to put processes and plans in place to nurture some of our troubled young people.

“We commit ourselves to live in deeper communion with God and one another” (Good Samaritan Statement of Directions)

Chris Gold
Principal
The University of Queensland has several events on offer for students currently in Year 12, particularly in the areas of Engineering and Information Technology

1. Big Day in Brisbane – Thursday June 12 2014, 9am – 2.30 pm. Cost is $5 per student. This is a Big Day in IT Careers Conference, being held in the Advanced Engineering Building at the University of Queensland. Speakers from companies such as IBM, CSIRO, WiseTech Global, HP and others will be talking about the future of careers in technology. There will also be exhibitors on the day. For more information about this please contact Kerrie Bisaro, ACS Foundation via email: Kerrie.bisaro@acsfoundation.com.au or get more details from www.thebigdayin.com.au

2. Thursday 26 June 2014 (during holidays) there is an Engineering Futures Evening which is open to Years 10-12 Female students and their parents and teachers. It runs from 4.30pm to 7.30pm in the Advanced Engineering Building at the University of Queensland. For more information and to register please go to www.eait.uq.edu.au/engineering-futures-evening

3. Thursday 17 July is a WE Explore Engineering Day for Year 12 Female students, designed to inspire female students to consider a career in engineering by exploring a range of engineering fields. There are a number of workshops to select from. This runs from 8.45am to 2.30pm in the Hawken Engineering Building at the University of Queensland. For more information and to register please go to www.eait.uq.edu.au/we-explore-engineering-day

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**St John’s College P&F Fundraiser**

**Running the Entrance Gates at the Sunshine Coast Show 13, 14 & 15 June.**

The amount of help pouring in has been show stopping. Thanks!

Have you two hours to spare on any of these days? We still need adults to assist with taking money, monitoring foot/car traffic and supervising students on all three days. Last year we had great feedback about how this fundraiser was a fantastic school community event where St John’s is visible in the community. Each volunteer will be supported to enter the show.

Contact Tracey Langford (tlangford@bne.catholic.edu.au) if you’d like more info or with your availability: DAY, TIME, PARENT/STUDENT NAME, YEAR LEVEL, email, mobile phone.

**Roster will be sent out soon with instructions on sign in/out, what to wear and what to expect.**

Many thanks. The P&F

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**RELAY FOR LIFE 2014 - 30th and 31st August**

Would all interested students and teachers please meet for a half hour information session in the GSC at lunchtime on Thursday 4th June.

There will be a meeting for parents at 10.00am on Sunday 1st June in or around the Parish Community Centre.

Teams this year will be registered online under parents and teachers and walk with the wider community of St Joseph’s Parish on the weekend of the 30th and 31st August.

Please contact Tracey Langford 0417 071 168 or Diane Nelson-Tofilau 0421 322 877 if you can’t make it or for other questions.

Look forward to meeting you on this journey.

Thank you.

Diane Nelson-Tofilau
YEAR 10 STUDENTS EXCEL IN AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION

SOSE students from St John’s College tested their geographical skills and knowledge against students from all around Australia in the 2014 Australian Geography Competition.

Over 70,000 students from 760 schools entered the Australian Geography Competition so the results give an external benchmark as to how our students are going in certain aspects of geography.

Bernard Fitzpatrick, the competition’s national coordinator, said the competition played a role in promoting geography to students.

“Geography is such an important subject to develop in students a real understanding of the complex social and environmental interactions happening in the world around them,” said Mr Fitzpatrick.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved Distinctions and Credits in the 2014 Australian Geography completion:

**Distinctions**
Jonathan Angus  
Jack Higgins  
Amy Vann  
Pema Bastin  
Thomas West  
Luke Braund  
Sathya Roysmith  
Kates Rezes

**Credits**
Hugh Baker  
Rees Telford  
Joshua Evans  
Taylor Darracott  
Chelsea Portors  
Samuel Wockner  
Rrose Toohey-Crock  
Jack Primmer  
Jayla-Beth Marsh  
Dominic Russo  
Mitchell McConé  
Stephanie McGlusky  
Rachelle Pinese

Senior Geography Teacher

Cooloola Coast Mathematics Competition Report

On Tuesday a very motivated group of students headed to Gympie to contest the annual Mathematics Competition. We entered teams in year 8, year 9/10 (Junior Division) and year 11/12 (Senior Division).

The first round of questions were some of the toughest I had seen in any Mathematics competition, especially the Senior division. The second round saw a new determined approach to the pair’s questions and the results followed. The students worked enthusiastically on each of the questions, using logic, lateral thinking and knowledge gained from their Mathematics studies to solve the 20 possible questions.

The teams at the end of the second round waited for the final scores to be calculated, and it was well worth the wait. The year 8 team of Daniel Snells, Daniel England, Sophia Cruise, Claudis Kos and Tom Cross won their division, the junior team of Monique Sutton, Tigist Johnson, Brayden Fritz, Zahn Sturgess and Hunter Thompson won their division and the senior team of Kristy Dowe, Leana Filocamo, Cameron Hackenberg, Mitchell Kelly and Pat Donahoe finished second by a margin of only two points.

A fantastic result by all our students and a great effort by all other team members.

Thanks must also go to the dedicated teachers of Mathematics the students have had during their schooling. Many thanks to parents Rob Snells, David Sutton, Jane Summers and Leon Robinson for transporting and adjudicating at this event.

Your support is greatly appreciated by the students and staff.

Bruce King  
HOD Mathematics
SJC 8A
The Year 8 girls went into the Semi-final against Mt Creek SHS with the will to win, having been defeated by the same team during the rounds. During the game, the girls contested every ball, moved well into space, played as a team, supported passes, efficiently moved the ball down the court and were then rewarded with the shooters having a very high percentage of accuracy in the goal circle. Even after allowing the opposition to dominate play a little in the 3rd quarter, the girls settled in both attack and defence in the 4th quarter to come out winners 30 – 23.

Next Monday at Caloundra Indoor Stadium at 4.30pm, this team (the only team representing SJC in the 2014 Grand Final) plays Matthew Flinders in the 2014 Grand Final. The 8A’s coach, parent Debbie Bury, believes that this team showed in their Semi-final game that they are a champion team and her motto for the girls is: “A champion team will always beat a team of champions.”

PLEASE SHOW THE SJC SPIRIT AND SURROUND THE COURT IN SUPPORT OF THIS TEAM NEXT MONDAY AFTERNOON.

1sts Netball Team
Last Monday, the SJC 1sts netball team played in the Open A semi-finals against St Teresa’s after finishing the season in 3rd place. The girls arrived focused and motivated to win, knowing that the opposition had only lost one game throughout the rounds. Although they took this enthusiasm to the court, they were met by a very strong opposition.

The fast pace of the first quarter proved to be the difference, as the girls settled into their own game in the second quarter but could not peg back the difference. My respect goes out to all members of the team as they never lost focus and continued to put their bodies on the line for a high standard game.

Well done to all members; Jakarra Brady; Maddy Briggs; Katie McGlynn; Jessica Stirling; Anna Matthews; Tahli Grant; Jya Epstein and Ella Bury. Special congratulations must go to Brittany Irvine (Captain) and Abbey Le Busque (Vice-Captain) who assisted and supported me all year, as well as leading brilliantly on and off the court.

Sadly, I will say good bye to the Grade 12s, several of whom I have coached for some time. I couldn’t be prouder of not only your position as the third best team on the coast, but I am just as proud of your conduct throughout the entire season.

Well done girls.

Mrs Barrett
SJC 3rds

This team, a mixture of Year 11 and 12 students fought a hard game against PLC showing admirable effort throughout the whole game. The four point loss did not reflect how well the SJC girls dominated the game. Well done! You all deserve to be proud of your efforts.

SJC 8B

Congratulations to members of the 8B team who played one of the most exciting games of the 2014 Semi-finals. Student coaches, Jakarra Brady and Katie McGlynn and manager, Mrs Pinese were all so proud of the fantastic effort shown by the Year 8 girls. It was quite a game with the SJC team down by one goal as the siren signalling the end of game sounded. However, the game then went into injury time with the St John's goalie scoring the equaliser, taking the game into extra time. It was such a nail-biting finish, but unfortunately, Pacific Lutheran came out winners 22–20.
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/

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

PLASTIC BAGS

Thank you to all the families who have helped us out to date.

The Stewardship Committee still need more. Please bring in plastic supermarket bags for a project we are running during Green Week from Monday 2nd June.

Please bring your unwanted plastic bags to the office, or directly to Mrs Gralike. All colours needed please!

BEACH CLEAN-UP

WEEK 7, TERM 2

Join the Stewardship Committee on World Environment Day at:

MUDJIMBA BEACH, Thursday 5TH June

Meet us at the Mudjimba Beach Surf Club at 6:30am or take the bus from St. John’s library courts at 6am.

Gloves and bags provided.

(Due to transport limitations we have had to cancel our Wednesday clean-up)

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.
At the end of week 4 Year 12 students participated in the annual Year 12 Retreat. This has been a tradition of the school for as long as our oldest staff member can remember and it is an honour to see our students become part of this legacy. This experience is an intrinsic part of our Catholic Christian experience and something that all students walk away from richer, wiser and more deeply aware of themselves, each other and God.
Good luck to all of the performers, technical crew, chefs and servers for tonight and tomorrow night’s Theatre Restaurant at the Blue Note Club. If you are a ticket holder, please arrive at 6:15 to be seated. The Performing Arts Building will be transformed into the sophisticated Blue Note Club. Dress code: after 5 wear. We hope to start promptly at 6:30pm and the evening should conclude at approximately 9:00pm.

YOUTH THEATRESPORTS
The Year 11 Team

Harley Heppell, Shelby Taylor, Chelsea Curyer, Jarrod Shackell
Aidan Tofilau, Frazer Johnson

On Tuesday night, the Year 11 Theatresports team and enthusiastic supporters went to Marist College in Brisbane to compete in the first round of the Youth Theatresports Competition. There were 6 teams competing. Although slightly intimidated by the large, professional theatre space, the team created witty and entertaining scenes that scored well with the judges. They were delighted to be one of the two teams to go on to the quarter finals in July. Many thanks to Billy Murray for his assistance coaching and also to Chris Brown for driving us down in the school bus. Go Johnnies!
NORTH ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Well, we have finally ‘stopped the rot’ and after 5 years of trying, we have finally WON the North District Cross Country!! It was a great day and all of our 100 runners in the team warmed up well and put in their best effort. We won by only 43 points, which shows how important runners coming in places such as 18th, 21st, and 28th are, as they secure 13, 9 and 3 points each respectively. These lower places are vitally important to the result as you can see.

I’d like to especially thank Ms McCaul (for helping enormously with training the squad and looking after the girls’ team) and Mr Nankervis (for setting up the breakfasts during our early morning beach runs).

The overall results were as follows:

- **St Johns 1173**
- **St Teresa’s 1130**
- **Sunshine Beach 841**

We won the **14 and 16 Girls, 15 and Open Boys** age groups as well. Special congratulations goes to the 16 Girls team, who were our best girls’ team and, in past carnivals have not participated to their best ability. Congratulations also to our Open Boys’ team, whose runners came 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th, 11th, 12th and 13th to secure our win in the last race.

We have 14 runners going to Regionals next Tuesday:

- **1st place**: Laura Mitton; Jakarra Brady; Mitchell Kelly
- **2nd place**: Jya Epstein; Jackson Kemp; Hamish Horsey
- **3rd place**: Alanah Melville; Frazer Johnson
- **4th place**: Jayden Fitzsimon
- **5th place**: Jesse Torok-Williams
- **6th place**: Brittany Stark; Jonathon Angus; Elianna McMenamin; Hayden McNaughton

Well done to everyone and bring on 2015 to defend our title!

Ian Fenwick

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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 woks, 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

PLEASE NOTE NEW OPENING HOURS

WEDNESDAY 8.00am - 3.45pm and 
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