Dear Parents/Carers,

**Tinker Time @ The Shed**
A few Dads are keen to hold a Tinker Time workshop at the fete where they can help children create some special things from timber. If you are keen to help please let us know. Any donations of timber (pine is easiest to work with) would be helpful. If you have access to a router, jig-saw or sander that would be even better.

**Raffle Tickets**
Our major fundraiser this year is the school fete raffle. There are some fantastic prizes generously donated from the community and tickets will be sent home for each family on Friday. Tickets are $2 each in a booklet of 10. Children returning sold books will be in the running for weekly prizes awarded at school. Extra books will be available at the office.

**Mufti Day**
We’re still not sure where the term ‘mufti day’ comes from but basically it means a ‘free dress’ day. Next Tuesday, February 26th, children are permitted to wear casual clothes (suitably appropriate with covered footwear) For this treat children are asked to bring in a gold coin donation. This money will go towards purchasing prizes for the fete stalls. There is also a school competition for the best designed A4 poster promoting the fete. Designs will be used as colour in competitions therefore are best done using black outline pens or felt textas.

**Music Music Music**
At the fete we will set up our stage area and we are inviting members of the school community (children, parents, friends) to be part of the fun. If you have a particular musical or entertaining skill and would like to perform a few tunes please let us know. The more the merrier.

Regards,

Tim Bleakley
Principal

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**Important Dates**

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Year 6 students at our opening school mass
Class Parents
We are still seeking interested people willing to be a Class parent for your child's class. If you have nominated to be a Class parent could you please attend the fete meeting next Wednesday at 2pm if you are available.
Thank you to the following
Yr 3/4H  Lee Dale
Yr 3/4C  Carlie Dawkins
Yr 5/6B  Jennifer Barlow
Kinder  -CLASS PARENT NEEDED
Yr 1/2  -CLASS PARENT NEEDED
Yr 5/6F  -CLASS PARENT NEEDED

Special Principal Awards
Reuben Eadie
Heath Godbee-Johnston

Assembly Awards
Katja Jarvis
Lonnie Maher
Ethan Johnston
Patrick Kee
Rosie Davis
Ivy Glynn
Charlotte O'Keefe
Abi Johnston
Sam Sanders
Bayden Crompton
Fernie Crompton
Kalanzi Collins
Marcus Hannon

Piano Lessons
Judy Nicholls
Piano tuition for children and adults. In school time or outside of school hours.
Phone: Judy 0401 629 748

Canteen News
Thank you for donations of fruit to the canteen especially Margaret Browning for all those mangos.

Because the population of the school has increased, the demand on the canteen is even greater. We still need some more volunteers for this term!

Donations of nutritious items for the counter are also very much appreciated. Healthy fruit slices and Anzac biscuits are much preferred to sugary cakes and things with lots of food colouring.

Please contact Robyn Eden on 0402 758 971 if you can volunteer this term.

Brunswick Rugby 7's - for those 11 boys who took part in our first training session, training is on next Wednesday 27th February at school (top oval) with Mr Witt (Development Officer) from 9-11. Please bring boots, mouthguard, shorts, t-shirt (or sports shirt), footy socks with you to school and you can change into your training gear at school.
Regards, Greg Hayes

Change of Homework for 3/4 H for this week only - Children will bring their homework folders back next Monday 25th February. This week's homework is Maths and their Science Explorer's journal. Can parents please read the 'Information Note for Families' in their homework folders. This will explain all they have to do. Please note 'living specimens ' need not be brought to school only as a news items if necessary. Children complete "Home Explorers Journal" sheet and return to school on Monday in their homework folders.
**Leader of Pedagogy**

My name is Vanessa Crouch and I have been appointed to the position of Leader of Pedagogy at our school.

Pedagogy is the technical term for HOW teachers teach in the classroom. This is an exciting new role for St John’s and a unique opportunity to provide school based professional development. I will be working closely with teachers in and outside of their classrooms to continually improve teaching and learning outcomes for our students.

The role of Leader of Pedagogy has three clear objectives:

- Support St John’s in developing the CSO Contemporary Learning Framework
- Lead St John’s implementation process for the Australian Curriculum
- Foster the Professional Learning Community concept within St John’s

One of the key areas I will be focusing on in 2013/2014 is the implementation of the Australian Curriculum. We will begin reviewing our current approach to Maths and Science during this year in preparation for implementation of the new curriculum next year. The NSW Board of Studies has a parent page which is worth visiting, [http://syllabus.bos.nsw.edu.au/support-materials/parents-guide/](http://syllabus.bos.nsw.edu.au/support-materials/parents-guide/)

Teachers are, as all professionals, engaged in a process of continual professional development. We aspire as teachers to promote an attitude of learning to learn for all in our community. I will be establishing Professional Learning Teams with learning goals that are specific, measurable and attainable. Clear goals are essential in building a professional learning community.

I will be “hands on” in classrooms mentoring, promoting and modelling classroom strategies that maximise student learning. Part of my role will also be assisting teachers with programming and planning and exploring a range of structures and practices which support and promote improved pedagogy and teaching practice.

I will be working closely with the School Leadership Team to help promote student learning outcomes. If you have any questions or queries about this new role you are most welcome to contact me.

- Vanessa Crouch
  vcrouch@lism.catholic.edu.au

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**The Sports Report**

I’m pleased to announce that St John’s have secured the coaching services of North Coast Gymnastics (NCG) for Term One sport- the initial sessions were held last Thursday. We are extending the program to eight weeks this year to enable the children to participate fully in both the gym and dance components of the program offered by NCG; both gym and dance are part of the PDHPE curriculum. Each class will be taken through a forty minute session each Thursday with the qualified and highly motivated instructors. I’ve found the instructors to be very professional in their approach to teaching and the children enjoy the learning immensely.

I’d like to congratulate all the children who represented St John’s at the Tweed Zone Swimming carnival last Mon at the Murwillumbah pool. It was, as usual, a pleasure to take the children away and they were great ambassadors for St John’s. I’m delighted to say that all of our swimmers did their very best on the day. Some of our outstanding performers on the day were Chloe Lang and Frankie-Gorman Coates who both won selection into the Tweed Zone swimming team. A huge thanks to all the parents who came along to support our team on the day and extra special thanks to Michelle Lang, Lisa Emery, Vanessa Yee and Catherine Knight who helped out with timing and marshalling of the swimmers.

We wish all the senior students trying out for the zone and diocesan winter sports teams the very best of luck with their endeavours.

Kind regards
- Greg Flint
Sports Co-ordinator
SHIM JANG TAEKWONDO
Fridays 4:30-5:30pm
New class opened at Ocean Shores Community Centre. All ages welcome, parents and children can train together. An excellent way to increase fitness and self-confidence.
1st degree black belt instructor, CHRISSY BUTLER.
phone 0402 823 261

NEW BELL TIMES
Supervision begins at 8:25am
School begins at 8:50
Fruit break at 10am
Recess from 11am to 11:25am
Lunch from 1pm to 1:45pm
School finishes at 2:50pm

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