Dear Parents & Carers,

Street Parade
The Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce has invited the school to participate in the Living Community Street Parade to be held on Sunday 1st September at 10.30 am.

This event is a community wide celebration engaging local clubs, groups, services, schools, businesses and people of all ages and abilities and is supported by the Mullumbimby Lions Club, Fire Brigade, Community Garden and Byron Shire Council.

The parade plans to weave a colourful path from downtown Mullumbimby ending at the Mullumbimby Community Garden 3rd annual "Living Earth Festival".

It would be wonderful for St John’s to get involved in this community event. We discussed the event at our forum meeting on Tuesday evening and already have an offer of a tractor to use. A big trailer would be great as well. If you have any ideas please contact me or your class parent representatives.

New Play Equipment
Our new play equipment should be installed in the next few weeks. If anyone is looking for CLEAN FILL please contact the office as there will be some available during the playground upgrade.

Parent Information Evening
Following up from our very successful session last term on Technology and Cyber Safety we will be holding another information session on Wednesday 4th September at 7pm. The topic will be The Australian Curriculum and the 21st Century Learner. Please keep the date free.

Uniform Shop
Reminders are being sent out regarding some overdue uniform accounts. I thank Lisa and Michelle for the wonderful job they do and for giving up their time to coordinate the sale of uniforms. It is important to make payments at the time of purchase as follow up calls can be time consuming and embarrassing if accounts go missing or purchases are forgotten. Please contact the uniform shop if you have a query regarding an account.

Finally, the Talent Show is on tomorrow Friday @ 2pm

Regards,

Tim Bleakley

The Living Community Street Parade is on again Sunday 1st Sept. Photo courtesy mullumbimbycommunitygardens.org
School Library

We are looking for volunteers to help out in our library with covering books and labelling books for the Premier's Reading Challenge. If you are interested in helping out during the term please email Vanessa vcrouch@lism.catholic.edu.au to let her know.

Did you know that you can now Browse the school library catalogue online? See Technology Talk above.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is getting close to the closing date. All Reading logs need to be lodged online or be given to Miss Crouch by Friday August 23rd. Congratulations to Myles Bannatyne for already completing the challenge. Fantastic effort!

Congratulations to Oska Taylor who competed in three tennis tournaments during the July school holidays. The tournaments were held in Murwillumbah, Lismore (junior development series) and Ocean Shores. Oska really enjoyed himself and placed 2nd in two of the tournaments. A great effort. Well done Oska!

St John’s Celebrates National Literacy and Numeracy Week

Next week at St. John’s we will be celebrating National Literacy and Numeracy Week (NLNW). As its name suggests, the week is a chance to have fun with literacy and numeracy and be part of some nationwide activities. The theme for this year is A Poem in Your Pocket. You may have noticed our pocket display in the front office. Leading up to NLNW, our students have been invited to share their poetry by putting their poem in one of the pockets. Parents are also invited to share their poetry this way. Have a look and see what great poems you can find in our pockets!

This week and next week, our teachers will be sharing favourite poems in class and also helping students to write their own poetry. Our Poem in Your Pocket week will culminate on Friday 2nd of August in a school wide event called A Poem on Your Playground. At the end of our assembly next week at 2.50, parents are invited to have a walk around the school playground. On the ground, they will find poetry written by our St. John’s classes. Please feel free to go for a wander and have a read of the beautiful poetry that our St. John’s students have created with the help of their teachers.

For lots more information and fun activities for NLNW, check out the website: http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/

Technology Talk

Recently our library software system has changed. The new system allows students and parents to access our library catalogue via the internet. Children can also login with their school internet username and password to check what books they have on loan. Parents do not require a login to search the school library catalogue. This shortened URL http://bit.ly/15go2Lm or QR code will take you to the site. We are currently in the process of updating and adding new resources so look out for additions to our library.
ZONE ATHLETICS REPORT

Last Tuesday under on a bright, crisp and clear blue winter’s day the St John’s athletics team travelled to Walte Peate oval Cudgen to compete in the Zone athletics carnival. Our team ran, jumped and shot putted with wonderful enthusiasm, energy and team spirit. Overall we had a very successful and enjoyable day and all the children were great ambassadors for St John’s. While there were many stand out performers and performances last Tuesday I think a special mention should go to Hayden Mangleson a great team member, who in his last year at St John’s ran his way into the finals of both the 100 and 200 metre sprints and then finished the day by running the anchor leg in the senior boys 4x100 metre relay in which St John’s came a very creditable 4th place. Other outstanding results came from bouncy Bayden Crompton (10yr olds) and springy Jyah Santos (11yr olds); both won selection into the Dio team in the long jump. Taleah Dale won the final of the 100m sprints for 9 year old girls; she is now officially the fastest 9yr old in the Tweed zone. Last but not least another courageous 800m run from our consistently outstanding athlete Chloe Lang who ran with all heart to take out 2nd place in the 11yrs 800m.

Special thanks go to Mrs O our marvellous team manager on the day and Mrs East who spent the whole day at the finish line as a place judge.

-Greg Flint
Sue Dengate
Fed Up with Children’s Behaviour

Former teacher and psychology graduate, author of the famous Fed Up series, Australian of the Year finalist in 2009, Sue Dengate became interested in food intolerance after recognising the effect of foods on her own children. In the past 22 years, Sue has spoken to tens of thousands of parents in Australia, the USA and the UK. Further information on Sue’s work at www.fedup.com.au.

‘Wow!!! Hearing Sue speak was probably the most enlightening experience I have had this year, if not this decade’
‘you touched our lives in an incredible way’
‘you gave us the chance to see what a beautiful little boy we have been blessed with’
‘we would still be living with an unhappy, difficult child’

This talk includes …
• Arguments, oppositional defiance, tantrums,
• Bedwetting, sneaky poos, sticky poos
• Asthma, itchy skin rashes, migraine
• Difficulty falling asleep, frequent night waking
• Depression, unexplained tiredness, difficulty concentrating
• Hidden and new food additives, what’s wrong with fruit

“It was the most fascinating two hours I have spent in a long time…” - Bubs about Town

St John’s Parish
Maintenance & Refurbishment Fundraiser Raffle

1st Prize: Side of Beef value $480
2nd Prize: Chicken Tray value $100
3rd Prize: Side of Lamb value $80
4th-10th Prize: Mystery Prizes

Drawn on Sunday 18th August

Tickets $2 each, or three for $5, available from the school office.

St Johns’ Parish Golf Day
Sunday 18th August

It’s time to get together your team for the annual St Johns Golf Day. A fun day, with great prizes, this year it will be a 9 hole event for adults with the option to continue another 9 holes after lunch, and a 9 hole event especially for children.

Kids competition = $10 a head
(includes sausage sizzle and a drink.)

Adults competition = $15 a head
(bbq available, not included in price)

Please email/contact Lynnette for further info and to book your team. Spots are filling fast!!. lacreagan@hotmail.com or 0416 178 592

Advertisement:   MINI-BASKETBALL Term 3
Miniball (Basketball for 8-12yr olds) recommences for Term 3, Tuesday 23/7/13.
Time; 4-5pm, each Tuesday. Cost; $70.00 per child (due to court hire charge increase)
Where; BRSCC Sports Complex in Ewingsdale Rd.
For more information, e-mail: info@byronbasketball.com

Stime covered by Catholic School Parent Assembly for parent and care givers with children in their Catholic Schools, but they must register at
1300 557 874 or parents@lism.catholic.edu.au.
$15 entry for those not in this school system, tickets through www.fedup.com.au.
or pay at the door if seats remain. Limit 150 people.
More information from jokelly@lism.catholic.edu.au