Dear Parents & Carers,
On Monday we have Chess coaching with a group of interested chess players from the school and on Tuesday we have teams travelling to Byron Bay for the Milo Cricket Challenge. Definitely lots of interesting things happening across the school. Wednesday evening was the beginning of the Eucharist program in the school with a lovely prayerful gathering in the church. We will keep all those students and families preparing for Eucharist in our prayers.

Regards,

Tim Bleakley  
*Principal*

**Yr 5/6 Meet the Mayor**
On Wednesday the Year 5/6 students walked to the council chambers to meet with the mayor of Byron Shire, Mr Simon Richardson.

The children were well behaved and respectful and it was a fantastic learning experience.

Thanks to Mrs O’Dwyer for coordinating the excursion and preparing the children so well. The visit was part of the unit of work the senior classes have been studying about Government.

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**Calling all CHESS players**
Join the fun next Monday from 9-11 for some special assistance from local coach Mike Duffin then watch the big chess challenge on the playground at recess. See Mr Bleakley for a permission note. Cost is $5.
Year 3/4 Guest Speaker – Convicts
On Monday 12th August Year 3/4 classes were treated to a visit from Peter Cox. Peter is the grandfather of Isla M (1/2L). Peter shared his expertise from working as a tour guide for students in the Rocks area of Sydney to share stories of convicts and the people who colonised Australia in 1788. The children thoroughly enjoyed the stories and taking on the role of a person to learn more about the establishment of the colony of New South Wales. Thank you very much Peter! We appreciate your time!

Technology Talk
Uncle Math
This is a very useful website which helps support students learning mathematics at any level in primary schools. Follow the link for some helpful activities for your children to use at home http://www.unclemath.com/.

Diamante Poems
During National Literacy and Numeracy Week our classes had a great time creating all types of poems. This link will take you to a website where children can create their own poems with the help of the website http://bit.ly/14MvcbY.

Premier’s Reading Challenge – ONLY 2 WEEKS LEFT
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.

ICAS Assessments
Thank you to all those students who have put in fantastic efforts with the ICAS assessments over the last few months. The results will take about two months to come through so we are expecting to see Writing and Spelling results shortly.

The ICAS assessments are an international assessment where children are assessed against other Australian and International students their age. The standard of competition is therefore increased. Our students are to be congratulated on their efforts.

POEM
Mary of the Cross
the lives you saved.
Mary Mackillop
the kids you raised.

Mary Mackillop
the Josephite nun.
Mary Mackillop
made poor people number ONE.

Mary of the Cross
the kids you helped
the hope you gave.
Mary Mackillop
the lifter of spirits.

-Bayden C.

MARY McKILLOP
Mary McKillop was Australia’s first saint
She faced the challenges that God sent

Mary McKillop was a friend to all
She helped the sick and the poor
Mary showed by example her love for God
And Mary imparted this love to all

-Heath G-J.
Charlie and Marcus enjoying Science with Mrs Russell.

Children’s candles at the Eucharist evening

Lucy with her Space Model

Beautiful Junior Johnnies’ work in the Library
Assembly Awards
Week 3
Malte Neumann
Lonnie Maher
Lucy Foster
Charlotte Foster
Louis Askill
Gemma Susanna-Davies
Maija Sudmals
Jasmine Jordan
Banjo Hennessey
Charlie Sanders
Liam Mangleson
Lachlan Mitchell

Assembly Awards
Week 4
Jackson Annarino
Kaelan Taeni
Isla Martin
Mary Scott
Ginger Clarke
Aneka Browning
Mia Schultz
Aniela Carpenter
Jack Edmonds
Gabe Grayson
Kalani Knight
Dylan Marriott
Raf Gorman-Coates
Paris Guyler

Bikes, Scooters
and Skateboards Policy

It’s great to see that so many children are making the choice to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards to school- what a healthy way to travel to and from school.

We have recently noticed that some students have been riding bikes, scooters and skateboards without adequate safety gear, especially helmets. All students are required to wear a helmet if they are travelling by bike, scooter or skateboard. If a student does not have a helmet with them at school, they will not be permitted to use travel home on their bike, scooter or skateboard- it will remain at school overnight.

At St. John’s, we take the safety of our students very seriously, both when they are at school during the day, as well as travelling to and from school. We ask for your assistance in enforcing this policy to ensure the safety of all of our children. Should you require any further information, please see Kate Salmon or Tim Bleakley for a full copy of our Bike and Scooter Policy.

-Kate Salmon
Assistant Principal

Hello families of St Johns,

Just wanting to spread the word that the food bank is up and running in as much as we have a freezer and it is ready for meals.

So donations of baked goods, soup, quiches, spaghetti Bol, slow cooker meals, lasagne anything that will freeze would be much appreciated.

There are stickers and a marker pen on top of freezer please label with what is it and special dietary need met and a date made so I can keep an eye on freshness. The freezer is near the office so it is best if meals can be brought into office.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Carlie

CANTEEN NEWS: Thank you for donations of oranges. Frozen oranges are very popular in this warm weather. And donations of mandarines welcome too.

Still five weeks of term to go and the canteen roster is looking empty. If you can volunteer even between 11am and 1pm it would be appreciated. Ring Robyn: 0402 758 971

Group Golf Lessons with PGA professional Nicole Picken.
Kinder - Yr 6.
Tuesdays 3.30pm at Mullumbimby golf club
$4 for 45 minutes.
All equipment provided.
For more information call Nikki at the Golf Club: 66 842 273