Dear Parents & Carers,

It’s been a huge week starting with the Election Day sausage sizzle last Saturday followed by the School Disco on Wednesday night. It really showed the great community spirit we have here at St John’s. A big thank you to all those who helped make the events such fun and especially Samaya Askill who was the driving force behind Saturday’s gathering.

Congratulations to our children celebrating the Sacrament of Eucharist at Mass on Sunday and to Mrs Bottle and Mrs Tucker for their guidance and organisation. Please note that Mass will be on at 9.30am at Mullumbimby this week. Next Wednesday we will be celebrating St John’s day with Mass at 9.30 followed by a special morning tea, lunch and Staff versus Students soccer game! Come along and join us for this wonderful gathering to celebrate our patron Saint John the Evangelist.

Crazy Camel fundraiser
All art work will need to be returned by next Monday 16th September if you wish to be involved in this project. Don’t forget that you can view some samples of the work in the foyer of the office at school.

School Disco
What a great night! Thank you to everyone who assisted on the evening with cooking, cleaning, serving, donating cakes, setting up and packing up. The children certainly enjoyed themselves and are already excited about talk of another disco. The Class parents would like to apologise for the omission of the advertising of the $5 entry charge for the night. It was a simple oversight amid all the planning and preparation. Thank you to those who were prepared for the charge and for those who were caught by surprise you can send the $5 in to Stephanie in the office. The money goes towards the hire of the Disco team who did an absolutely brilliant job in entertaining the children all night.

Garden Meeting
Next Monday 16th September at 8.45 am in the Meeting Room. We will be planning for a Working Bee day during the school holidays to commence work on the gardens and to install our shed and water tank. Please come along if you would like to be involved in this exciting project.

Drumming with Stu
Stu Eadie will be recommencing his famous drumming lessons next term. If you would like to be involved please contact Stu on 0431 678 616 or stueadie@bigpond.com

Tim Bleakley
Principal

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Important Dates

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Congratulations to Marcus Berkaya  High Distinction in the Australian Religious Education test
PIANO CONCERT with Judy Nicholls and her students, 7pm Wed 18th Sept. Upstairs in the Parish Room. All welcome.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Tweed Street Brunswick Heads. Sunday 22nd September: Cuppa after Mass and Children’s Mass. Parents are invited to bring their children to Mass Sunday 22nd at 9.30am at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Morning tea after Mass provided. All welcome.

Casino Touch Association

Will be run on Tuesday’s Junior 4:30pm, Seniors 5:30pm Cost $25 per junior.

$800 per team senior (min 8, max 14) Open Mens/women/mixed

Single players welcome

Sign on Tuesday 8th October

Start on Tuesday 15th Oct Junior, Tuesday 22nd Senior. At Junior Footy Fields 4:00pm

If you are interested please come to a meeting on Monday 23rd September, 6:30pm Cecil.

Contact Laurie on 0439 063 588/6662 2828

Byron Bay ALLSOX Softball Club Inc.

SIGN-ON

When: Saturday 14/09/13 2pm - 5pm

Wednesday 18/09/13 3.30pm - 5pm

Where: Byron Bay Rec Ground

Cnr Carlyle and Tennyson

Contact: Tracey 0413 682 469 or find us on facebook "Byron Bay Allsox Softball Club"

ALL NEW PLAYERS WELCOME!!

FUN AT THE DISCO

VIOLIN LESSONS at St Johns with Laura.

Starts Term 4 on Fridays during school time.

For more information call Laura on 0413 729 144 or email: lautargett@gmail.com

CANTEEN NEWS

We have banana smoothies for 50c until we run out (Thanks to Andrea Petersen for donation of bananas!)

Donations of nutritious snacks (savoury or sweet) are always welcome. School children are forever hungry it seems!

The roster for next term is currently being drawn up. Please contact Robyn if you can help out at all. 0402 758 971

Thank you, - Robyn, Canteen Manager
Technology Talk

Last week, Tim, Vanessa and Kate hosted a large number of parents to share the 21st Century Learning vision of the school, the new Australian Curriculum for NSW and the Contemporary Learning Framework. At this night we shared a video created to help highlight changes that have and are occurring within the classrooms at St John’s. For those unable to attend the link is as follows http://youtu.be/-ZBy7GT7xe0

ABC Splash Games

ABC Splash continues to develop a number of fantastic resources. Some of the latest additions are learning games. These games teach and reinforce a number of different skills in all curriculum areas. http://splash.abc.net.au/interactives. Parents should spend some time with their children looking at these games. An Apple device app has also been released for ABC Splash.

NAPLAN news for Parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students

"On Thursday 5 September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct. ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered. ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed.

This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13 October, however ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimise the delay."

St John’s Day

Wednesday 18th September

9.30 am Whole School Mass
10.15 am Parent Morning Tea
11.15 am Staff Vs Students Soccer in the playground
12.30 Shared picnic lunch (Free sausage sandwich provided) Children can bring something to share with their classmates or friends and we will sit on rugs and tarps on our beautiful playground.

1.30 Movie time in the classrooms (rated G)

Dress: School Uniform

Cakes & Slice donation most welcome

Please contact the school if you can assist with cooking or serving the sausages.

All Welcome

"Special Permission" entertain the crowd on Election Day

Buzz, Dylan, Myles, Louis, Sam and Harvey rockin’ along at lunchtime in the hall.
Bright Lights City Life Excursion Report  by Max Davis

The Brisbane camp was an educating and enjoyable experience, and there were a wide range of activities that we undertook. From solving crimes, to travelling to the edge of the observable universe, this camp was full of excitement. One of the things that we did on camp that really stood out for me was the Science Centre. There were a number of exhibits there to try out and play with. We moved objects with our mind, powered a plasma engine and were mirrored by a robot.

At the Planetarium we watched a presentation in a place called the Sky-dome. Within it an image of the night sky was projected up onto the inside of the tall dome that was the roof. We zoomed past planets and whole galaxies, touring the universe whilst not leaving the ground.

One of the night activities that I found really exciting was the Laser Skirmish. The arena had two storeys and the lasers were visible. At the end we came out sweating and puffing, after having to hold out with your friends, against the never-ending onslaught of the enemy team.

The Port Of Brisbane was massive, with cranes, containers and forklifts everywhere. There were also an immense amount of cars there because they were in high demand overseas. There were huge piles of coal, cotton seed and bark-chips all over the place. We saw the oil freighters that ship to places such as Japan and Saudi Arabia. They sat very low in the water, unlike the "WALLENIUS WILHELMSEN" which was shipping cars, as cars are very light compared to crude oil.

So those were the highlights of the camp, but we did much, much more. It was extremely satisfying and I would like to thank Mr Flint and Mrs Bottle for organising it.