Dear Parents & Carers,

A big final week at school coming up. Next Wednesday we have our end of year Mass at 9.30 where we farewell our Year Six students. This will be followed by a parent morning tea then a whole school assembly in the hall at 11.00.

On Wednesday evening the Year 6 parents have organised a dinner for the Year 6 families.

On Thursday students from Kinder to Year 5 will have a fun day at the Mullumbimby pool and a note went home this week seeking permission and payment of $5. Year 6 travels to Murwillumbah for their own special celebration on Thursday.

Thank you to those who were able to join us for our swimming carnival on Tuesday. It was a fantastic day and a huge thanks to Mr Flint for his organisation.

School Leaders

Thanks to Mrs Bottle and Mr Flint who have been busy working with Yr 5/6 students regarding Leadership. It was a very comprehensive program looking at the qualities needed to be a good leader and how we can develop some of those skills. The program emphasised the fact that all Yr 6 are leaders in some capacity next year with various roles in the school to help build skills and teamwork.

All the children who nominated for leadership positions in 2014 presented wonderful speeches to the students last week. As per the St John’s School Policy children from Yr 3-6 voted for the students who they believe would provide the best student leadership in the school. Those children who have been shortlisted as school leaders received notification this week and the School Captains, Vice Captains and Sports Captains will be announced at the conclusion of the Christmas Liturgy tomorrow Friday at 9.30am.

Please be aware that this has changed from the original plan to present the leaders at the end of year assembly next Wednesday as we did not want to overshadow the Yr 6 presentation of leaving students on that day.

Tim Bleakley
Principal

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| **JAN**       |
| Tue 28th      | Uniform Shop open 9am-12noon |
| Wed 29th      | Years 1-6 back at school |
| 29th Jan—3rd Feb | Best Start Interviews for Kinders held between 29th Jan to 3rd Feb. Contact office to confirm your interview time. |

| **FEB**       |
| Tues 4th      | Kinders start school. |
LIBRARY NEWS
Today students will receive a notice showing any library books they still have borrowed. Please have a good look at home to see if these books are at home. If you are certain they are returned please contact Vanessa Crouch and we will search in the library.
Vanessa Crouch
vcrouch@lism.catholic.edu.au

YR 6 Farewell Dinner
Next Wednesday night the 18th December is the year 6 farewell dinner which is in the school hall at 6pm. Traditionally the year 5 parents assist with setting up serving and cleaning up on the night. If you are able to help on the night between 5.30 and 8.30 (approx) could you please leave your name and phone number at the office? many thanks,
Michelle and Lisa

Christmas Liturgy
9.30am, Friday 13th December
St. John’s will celebrate the seasons of Advent and Christmas this year with a liturgy in the Church, hosted by Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2.

We invite all parents, carers, friends and other relatives to join us for a short liturgy followed by morning tea.

Calling all 2013 helpers!
Were you one of our wonderful classroom, canteen, sports day, camp, veggie garden, working bee, excursion, guest speaker or musician helpers in 2013?

Then we want to: THANK YOU!!!
Please come to our special morning tea on Friday the 13th of December straight after our Christmas liturgy.
We would love to see you there!

Back to School Shoes
Please be aware of the school uniform policy when purchasing school shoes for back to school 2014. School shoes must be all black leather shoes (laces or velcro) while sports shoes are to be all white runners/joggers. School shoes are to be worn with navy blue sports socks as pictured below (not ankle socks) and sports shoes are to be worn with plain white socks (not ankle socks and no colours, brandings or logos.)

PLEASE NOTE: The Uniform Shop will be open Tuesday 28th January from 9am to 12pm

and Wednesday 29th Jan from 2:30pm to 3:30pm.

Assembly Awards
Week 9
Jed McDonald
Henry Irby
Cienna O’Hehir
Bethi Dawson
Poppy Lyne
Buzz Walker
Ella Maclean
Harry Barlow
Zeta Zahra
Chloe Lang
Taika Harling
**Canteen News**

The Canteen will be CLOSED ON FRI 20th December.

The canteen will be serving SUSHI Rolls on MONDAY 16th December for $3.00 each. Please pre-order on Friday 13th using the slip below, then pay at the canteen on Monday.

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**Holiday Tennis Clinic**

The Mullumbimby Tennis Club will be running an exciting tennis program for all ages & abilities these school holidays.

It is a great way for your child to develop their tennis while having fun with their friends.

**When:** Clinic 1; January 6th,7th & 8th.

**Clinic 2; January 20th,21st & 22nd.**

**Cost:** $35 per day or $110 for 3 days.

Includes swim at Mullumbimby pool

**To reserve a place contact**
Justin 0403 841 241

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**Staffing 2014**

Congratulations to Mrs Erin Moores who has accepted a fulltime teaching position at St John’s next year. Erin taught the Junior Johnnies class this year and has been a regular relief teacher at St John’s throughout the year. Erin is a warm, caring and passionate educator who will be a positive addition to the staff in 2014.

Greg Flint has also accepted permanent position at St John’s after exchanging with Ms Jaeanne Imeson at St Finbarr’s Byron. Jaeanne has had a long association with St John’s and we wish her well with her permanent move to St Finbarr’s. Classes will be announced on day one next year and the following teachers will be working on these stages:

- Kindergarten: Myree Loane
- Stage One: Kate Salmon, Erin Moores
- Stage Two: Greg Hayes, Vanessa Crouch, Naomi O’Dwyer
- Stage Three: Greg Flint, Amanda Bottle

Teacher release: Lisa Russell

-Tim Bleakley
Fun at the Swimming Carnival...

P.T.O. for SUSHI ORDER