Dear Parents & Carers,

Student Behaviour
I received a lovely email from a lady who was part of the Byron Bay Ballet team when our children visited last week.

“As a volunteer usher at the Byron Community Centre on Thursday for the performance of "The Nutcracker" may I say what a pleasure it was to look after the students from St John's Mullumbimby, the children were so neatly dressed and well behaved, I hope they enjoyed they enjoyed the show as much as I did looking after them...”

It’s pleasing to hear this because we are always striving to be outstanding ambassadors for our school whenever we leave the school grounds.

Some senior students have been disappointing in their behavior choices recently and unfortunately have forfeited their right to attend the Surf Safe program for sport and their play at lunch time. Sadly, some students had forgotten the importance we place on the term ‘Respect’ here at St John’s, especially when Relief teachers are in the rooms.

I have included our Code of Behaviour in the newsletter this week to remind the school community of the high standard of behavior we expect from students and the importance of regular family conversations regarding the Behavior Code. When families and school work together with a common understanding and set of values our classrooms can be vibrant learning communities where all children are free to learn in a safe and respectful environment.

Working Bee
Thursday 14th November 9am. The purpose: Preparing the soil for the school garden.

School Fees
All school fee accounts need to be finalised by the 15th of November. Final reminders have been sent home so please contact the office if there is a discrepancy with your account. The school is currently finalising enrolments and budget requirements for 2014 and therefore requires an accurate financial figure for resource planning and staffing. Thank you to those who have already finalised their accounts for the year.

School Assembly
Our next school assembly will be on Friday 15th November at 2pm and will be hosted by Kinder, Year One, and Year Two.

Tim Bleakley
Principal

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REMINDER: Swimming Carnival 4:30pm—7:30pm Tuesday 12th November.
Entry costs for the children will be $3.00 for non-pool pass holders and $1.40 for pool pass holders. The usual entry fee for spectators of $1.80 will apply. The pool canteen will be serving the usual menu of food and drink on the evening.

Photo: Geordie, Tahu & Ty at the pre-carnival event
Health Alert

There have been a couple of cases of Impetigo (School sores) at St John’s.

What is impetigo?

Impetigo, sometimes called "school sores" is a bacterial infection of the skin. The principal cause are strains of staphylococcus aureus (golden staph). The usual golden staph strains which cause impetigo are not dangerous.

What does it look like?

Impetigo occurs in two forms, blistering and crusted.

In blistering impetigo the blisters arise on previously normal skin and grow quickly in size and number. The blisters quickly rupture and leave slightly moist or glazed areas with a brown crust at the edge. The spots expand quickly even after they break open and can be many centimetres wide. They are sometimes clear in the centre to produce ring shaped patterns. The condition is not usually painful but can be itchy.

Crusted impetigo has a thick soft yellow crust. Beneath this crust is a moist red area. Crusted impetigo spots grow slowly and are always smaller than the fully developed spots of blistering impetigo. The condition is not usually painful but can be itchy.

Impetigo can occur on top of other skin conditions, particularly itchy ones. When the other skin condition is 'scratched' the infection can enter through the broken skin. Some of these conditions are atopic dermatitis (eczema), scabies, insect bites and head lice.

How is it treated?

Impetigo is very easy to catch from other people. If possible the child should be isolated until the blisters have dried out. Bathing the blisters with salty water will help to dry them out. Your doctor should take a swab from the spots to check which antibiotic to use.

The result of this takes several days. The doctor will probably start an antibiotic which is likely to be the correct one while he/she is waiting for the pathology results. For just a few small spots, an antibiotic cream may be enough, but more often a medicine needs to be taken by mouth. It is important to finish the whole course of treatment (usually 5 days) and not stop when the condition starts to clear. If there are any other underlying skin diseases these should be treated properly as well. They can be treated at the same time as the impetigo. If other family members have skin lesions they should also be treated.

Check with your doctor for a treatment plan.

REMEMBER:

- Impetigo is very easy to catch from other people.
- If prescribed antibiotics it is important to finish the whole course to make sure the impetigo will not recur.

Children who spend a lot of time outside tend to be more active than children who spend most of their time indoors.

Use outdoor areas - such as backyards, parks, playgrounds, footpaths, beaches, bush trails, lakes and rivers - in your family’s activity plans. Being outdoors also offers a chance to learn about and experience a different environment. Making use of daylight hours to go outdoors can be a fun and active alternative to spending long periods of time watching television or being inactive indoors.

Outdoor play also gives children plenty of chances to try new and favourite movements; engage in 'rough and tumble' play: seek adventure; improve balance, strength and coordination; and manage their fears.

'Risky' play — Although outdoor play may appear risky, children need opportunities to play freely and explore outdoor play spaces. What some adults may see as consequences of 'risky' play could actually be side effects of fun play experiences - for example, being messy and loud, getting grubby, small grazes, and dealing with heights and new play areas.

The benefits of outdoor play far outweigh the risks when it comes to children's development.
St John’s Behaviour Code
At St. John’s, we value the following baseline behaviours for all members of the school community.

SAFETY
School community members will act in a responsible manner that presents no danger to the physical or emotional security of themselves or others.
Safety is exhibited in such conduct as:
- Following supervisor instructions
- Using equipment correctly
- Observing rules and procedures
- Controlling temper

EFFORT
School community members will be mindful of the fact that the primary aim of schooling is student learning. Each member will actively fulfill their role in promoting this process to the best of their ability.
Effort is exhibited in such conduct as:
- Attempting to complete set tasks
- Punctuality
- Preparedness
- Involvement

RESPECT
School community members will treat each other with courtesy and consideration at all times, being mindful of the rights and differing responsibilities of each person. Such courtesy will be reflected in both action and communication.
Respect is exhibited in such conduct as:
- Speaking politely to others
- Using equipment carefully
- Following supervisor instructions
- Active listening

SELF RESPONSIBILITY
School community members will endeavour at all times to make appropriate behaviour choices relative to the social context, and accept accountability for the outcomes of their actions.
Self responsibility is exhibited in such conduct as:
- Working independently
- Accepting corrective advice
- Completing job roles
- Admitting mistakes and successes

Scholastic Bookclub
Due Mon 2nd December
Issue #8 is the final bookclub for the year and is due on Monday 2nd December. Thanks to all those families who order books through Book club as this year we have received over $100 in rewards that the school uses to purchase books for the library.

Come visit me at the Mullum Show!

Canteen Roster
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Socktober was held on October 25th and was a great day. Everyone put in a great effort to make their socks extra crazy!

Some people put in a little bit extra effort and got an award for that, those people are: Lachlan Maclean for stripe-iest socks, Bella Purser for sock-iest socks, Charlotte and Lucy Foster for Miss World Socks, Lily O'Keefe for pippy-long stockings, Aniela Carpenter for lolly legs, Oceane Lasser for tutty fruity socks, Katie Cheek for best sock ears and Pascal Youssef-Price for best stockings.

The school raised $242.05 for the homeless children in Mongolia. Catholic Mission is an organization that helps homeless children in Mongolia and around the world. Not only did we raise a lot of money for Catholic Mission but everyone had fun.

We thank you for your donations, it is going to a good cause.

-Scarlett, Year 6