Dear Parents & Carers,

School Concert
Thank you to everyone who attended our School Concert last Thursday. The children were brilliant and there was a wonderful positive feel to the night. Thanks to the many people who sent congratulations and messages of appreciation. The video footage of the night will be posted on YouTube shortly for all to enjoy.

School Leaders
Year 5 students have been involved in a leadership program over the past few weeks. Thank you to Mr Flint and Mrs Bottle who have facilitated the course. On Tuesday students were invited to give speeches expressing their interest in being a school leader next year. Each of the eleven students were excellent with their preparation and the confidence in their delivery. Students from Yr 3 to Yr 6 voted confidentially and leaders will be announced at our final school assembly on Wednesday 18th December.

Candy Canes
I spoke to the children this week about the habit of gifting candy canes with Christmas cards at this time of the year. We strongly discourage this at school for the obvious reason of the children’s health. Having the sticky sweet treat for breakfast at school is certainly not the ideal dietary start for our students — as well as the situation where children are left off the ‘present’ list and feelings get hurt.

School Forum Dinner
All parents who have been involved in the School Forum and Class parents this year are invited to join us at the Courthouse Hotel next Tuesday for dinner at 7pm. It is an opportunity to get together, say thanks and celebrate our successes in 2013.

Tim Bleakley
Principal

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St John’s End of Year Fun Day 2013

When: Thursday 19th December  
Where: Mullumbimby Pool  
Classes: Kinder to Year 5  
Departing: 9.30 am– Walk to Pool  
Returning: Approx 1pm  
Cost: $5.50 for all students for use of two inflatables (money will be collected at school, pool passes not valid on this day)

Canteen will be available at the pool

Dress: Full Sports Uniform with school hat  
All students must wear a rashie top or T-shirt while in the water.

Activities: We will be using the two inflatables at the pool from 10.00 -12.00am. Pool staff will be on duty at the complex and will supervise all activities. St John’s Teaching Staff will work with pool staff to help with the supervision of our students.

Morning Tea/ Lunch: Canteen facilities will be available on the day

What to Bring:  
Swimmers. Towel. Hat.  
Sunscreen. Drinks.  
Food or money for the Canteen.

All students must bring a WATER BOTTLE.

This is a day to celebrate our 2013 year. Please feel free to join us and take part in what is sure to be a fun day for all. A permission note will be sent home next week.

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.

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!

If anyone has any photos of last week’s Christmas concert that they would like to share, please send them to: sjpmull@lism.catholic.edu.au

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
From the beginning of next year, St. John’s will no longer produce paper newsletters. To ensure that you receive our weekly newsletter, update your email address with the office by emailing: sjpmull@lism.catholic.edu.au  Please include your child’s name and class and your name in the subject field.
You can also access weekly newsletters by downloading our Skoolbag app for iPhone or Android (see instructions below).

-Kate Salmon, Assistant Principal
St John’s School Parent Forum  
Changes to Canteen Menu 2014

Parent Survey

Thank you for taking part in this important survey regarding changes that are about to take place in your canteen.
The school community cares about the health and welfare of our children. We believe it is our responsibility to provide a canteen menu that promotes healthy eating options for our kids.
On review of our current menu and in accordance with the guidelines set out by the Healthy Kids Association we have concluded that certain items need to be removed. We want to provide yummy, nutritious and popular alternatives for your kids but to do this we need your input!
Please complete this survey and return to the school office by Friday, 13th December.

1. How many days does your child use the canteen?
   - More than 1 per week
   - 1 per week
   - 1 per month
   - 1 per term
   - Other (please specify)

2. What would be your top 5 choices as menu items? Please number 1 – 5 in order of priority.
   - Beef Tacos
   - Soup
   - Corn on the Cob
   - Baked Potatoes with Toppings
   - Fried Rice
   - Salad and Meat Wraps
   - Kebabs
   - Quiche
   - Frozen fruit soft serve
   - Other: please specify
   - Sushi

3. There may be healthy foods that your family/child particularly may enjoy that may be considered by the School Forum for inclusion in the menu. Please list these below, including the main ingredients used to prepare them.

4. Please add any other comments that you would like taken in to consideration when the canteen menu is reviewed.

5. General canteen comments/ feedback/ suggestions