

Wednesday 20 June 2018

From the Principal

Dear Parents and friends,

The Google Car

Earlier this year at our Prep Come and Play morning I had the great pleasure of speaking briefly to a group of mums and dads who are about to embark on their child's 13 years of schooling next year. One of the things I mentioned was how much the world is changing. The world that we know and enjoy today is not the one that our current students will graduate into in a decade or so. 'Duh! Of course!' I hear you say.

But it's true isn't it? I went through school in the 80's and 90's, finishing Year 12 in '92. I can still remember one of my teachers standing in the doorway of our classroom smoking! I have vivid memories of teachers hitting kids with sticks across the knuckles and of the then 'old-fashioned' desks we had that still had holes for ink wells in them. My generation was still using classroom equipment that was designed for a very different era, my mum and dad's era.

Anyway, my school days were different than my children's by a mile. My children have gone through school though in an interesting time of change. The old-fashioned computer lab is a thing of the past, a room full of massive boxes and huge monitors used to look and feel so modern, now it just looks like yesterday. LCD, retina display laptops are everywhere, kids are using touch screens and even cabling is now irrelevant with the ubiquitous use of wifi. I can't remember the last time I actually plugged something into a network point. WiFi, Bluetooth, the cloud, smart watch - some people don't even look at a phone for texts now, they look at their watch!

Man. The shift is so fast, so sustained, so overwhelming. And it's all in schools. If there is one institution that has to be at the very front of what is happening it is schools. We are the ones responsible for emerging young people into this crazy world. Preparing them for life that we remember as their parents, would be like my teachers in the 80's preparing me for a life of ink wells and slates. Unconscionable.

Anyway, back to my original point. I have a confession to make. I was wrong when I spoke to that group of mums and dads, recently. I informed them that their child may never need to actually get a license because we are already well on the way to self-driving cars.



In 2009 Google launched the self-driving car project. By 2015 it had done a million kilometers (well a few of them had collectively), now, just 3 years later that number has jumped exponentially to 5 million kilometers. The project is now called WAYMO and is an independent company whose sole aim is to get autonomous vehicles on our roads. They exist, they are being used, it's amazing. 5 million kilometers completed! We have to be so careful that we do not cling onto our past. We have to be so careful as parents, as educators, as a community that we are right at the front of our understanding of this stuff and that we are preparing our kids for their future in this world.

Collaboration, innovation, self-direction, synthesis. These, and more, are the soft skills that our kids need now and moving forward. The iPhone is 10 years old. It changed the world. Anytime now the Google Car is going to hit us, it will change everything once again.

Thank goodness that some things don't change though. Good schools still need good teachers, children still need stable and supportive families with solid, our bodies need good food and appropriate rest. We all need people in our lives both to care for us and to care for. Little kids still need play-dough and plastic scissors, big kids still need Physics and Shakespeare, teachers need to be in supportive relationships with mums and dads and mums and dads need a pat on the back for all the things they do out of love for their kids.

And we all need to be loved by He whose name is Love.

Grace and Peace
Chris

Curriculum Connections

How can a Speech and Language Pathologist assist children?

Below is a summary taken from the Speech Pathology Australia website and the Raising Children Australia website.

Speech pathologists study, diagnose and treat communication disorders, including difficulties with speaking, listening, understanding language, reading, writing, social skills, stuttering and using voice. They work with people who have difficulty communicating because of developmental delays, stroke, brain injuries, learning disability, intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, dementia and hearing loss, as well as other problems that can affect speech and language. People who experience difficulties swallowing food and drink safely can also be helped by a speech pathologist.

A speech pathologist is a university-trained health professional who works with anyone who has trouble communicating. This could be trouble with:

- speech
- language, including reading and writing
- fluency – for example, stuttering
- voice

This means your child could be supported by a Speech and Language Pathologist if they have:

- problems being understood by other people
- problems understanding what people say
- frustration because he can't say what he wants to say or can't be understood by others
- a husky voice that's hard to hear

- stuttering
- needs help with feeding or eating
- has problems swallowing
- has intellectual disability and needs help finding alternative ways to communicate
- has a history of ear infections and you're worried about his communication
- needs help learning to read

Your child may be referred to a Speech and Language Pathologist for an assessment, short term therapy or ongoing intervention and therapy. As always, if you are requested to consider seeing a therapist for your child this suggestion is made so that your child can receive the best possible support at school and at home.

Jocelyn Bakker – Teaching and Learning Coordinator

Student Awards

Congratulations to this fortnight's award recipients	
Prep Red	Xavier Norman, Madison Von Blanckensee, Jackson Harm, Sophie Warburton
Prep Blue	Hayden Frangleton, Cooper Higgins, Jarvis Craig, Katelyn Midson
Year 1	Charlie McDonald, Tai Abbes, Dakota Atkinson, Madison Barrett, Thomas Dullaway, Jacob Bonney
Year 2	Byron Higgins, Eric McDonald, Toni Krueger, Oscar Quarrell, Hunter Neal, Lillie Curteis
Year 3	Aliyah Boag, Ethan Embrey, Chyler Lamberth, Cannon Zahn
Year 4	Rheanna Hall, Matilda Johnstone, Mia Marano, Jack Steinhardt, Matthew Heaton, Lincoln Kay
Year 5	Jacob Heaton, Preston McNamara, Lawson Carroll, Kayla Sharp
Year 5/6	Kaelan Longford-Banks, Eli Rasmussen, Gracie Hockey, Amelia Willes, Emilie Petts, Sienna Russell
Music	Jackson Ainsworth, Jalah Bakker, Emilie Petts, Whole Synod Choir, Jacob Naude, Kaelan Longford-Banks

Around the Grounds – General Notices

Uniform Shop – Opening House

Tuesday 8.15am – 9.00am

Thursday 2.30pm – 3.15pm

If you are unable to come at the above times, please remember that you can send in orders/payments via the class basket. Just write a short note and send it in an envelope clearly marked 'Uniform Shop'.

Uniform Shop Volunteers Required

The Uniform Shop is currently looking for 2 volunteers to help out on Tuesday mornings from 8:15am – 9:00am. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Sandy in the uniform shop.

Please name everything

Our lost property basket is again beginning to burst at the seams. There are a number of jumpers and jackets in the lost property basket because the name on them is of a child who has left the school or simply unnamed. Unfortunately we cannot return these items. Please come and check or give the office a call if you think one of these belongs to your child.

All sports jackets and jumpers will be available for **viewing from 2pm this Friday 22nd under the mango tree**. If you think you may be missing anything, please do not hesitate to come and have a look.

P and F School Disco

A huge thank you to all our parents who kindly volunteered to help out at the school disco last Friday night. Your help was greatly appreciated and it was a fun night enjoyed by all.

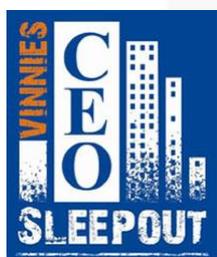
Welcome!

A big welcome to Edward Rayner who has joined our Year 3 class and River-Lee Rayner who has joined our Year 4 class. We also welcome their family to the school. If you see them around the school, please give them a warm St John's welcome.

Report Posting



Semester 1 Reports were posted out yesterday. Please keep an eye out for them as you should receive them in the next few days. Should you not received your child/rens report, please contact the office and we will endeavor to have another copy sent out.



Support Mr Mallett Day – Thursday 21 June

Children will be allowed to wear free dress to show the school's support towards Mr. Mallett and this great cause.

Please bring a **gold coin donation** to show your support, all money raised will go towards Mr. Mallett's fundraising.

Parents are asked that children

do not wear - singlet tops or midriff tops, open toe shoes, thongs or fancy shoes with heels

please wear - shirts with sleeves, joggers – can be school or other, wide brimmed hat.

Thank you in advance for helping Mr. Mallett, help others in need.

Year 6 Fundraising Pie Collection – Friday 22 June

Following on from the note sent home earlier this week, Chic's Pies will be delivering our fundraising pies to school this Friday 22nd June. Orders will be available for pick up in the hall from 3 – 4pm.

If you are unable to collect your order on the day please make alternative arrangements as the school does not have facilities to store uncollected pies.



Closing Chapel

Term 2 will conclude with our Closing Service to be held on Friday 22 June at 2.00pm. All parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to attend. As usual Chapel will be in the St John's Church. Semester awards will be presented during this service.

Term 3

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A reminder that school **recommences on the Monday 16 July, 2018**. We hope that all of our families have a safe, restful and enjoyable holiday.

Tennis Holiday Clinic

Children's Holiday Clinic, will be conducted at Rotary Park Tennis Complex, 69b George Street, South Bundaberg by Bundaberg Tennis Academy Coaches, Murray Whitbread and Kevin Banner.

Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th July 2018. Times: 8.30am – 10am (Junior Beginners 5-12 years); 2.00pm – 4.30pm (High School/Intermediate/Advanced).

To Register and for enquiries, please phone Kevin: 4152 0753 or 0409 520753. Bookings are essential!



The Pathways Newsletter is now available
on our school website
Go to www.stjohnsbundaberg.qld.edu.au
Click on News & Events - Newsletter
and follow the link to the newsletter
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or go to our Facebook Page and you will find the link there



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Two Weeks at a Glance

Date	Activity	Venue	Details
21 June	Support Mr Mallett Day - Free Dress	School	Free Dress Day for a Gold Coin Donation
22 June	Wavell Heights School Band Visit	School Hall	Free Performance – Commencing 10am
22 June	Pie Drive Orders Collection	School Hall	Collection 3pm – 4pm
22 June	Last Day of Term 2 - Closing Service	St John's Church	Commencing at 2pm – Semester Awards
TERM 3			
16 July	Term 3 commences – Opening Service	St John's Church	Commencing at 8.45am
20 July	Bill Sharp Music Visit and Concert	School Hall	Concert 2pm, all invited. Further details to follow.
27 July	Cross Country	Lake Ellen & Baldwin Swamp Shelter Shed	Information and program will be sent home closer to the date
Bundaberg Lutheran Parish			
Parish Pastor: Pastor Wayne George / Pastor Michael Jarick Phone: 4152 5900 Email: office@stjohnsbundaberg.org.au Website: www.stjohnsbundaberg.org.au			
St John's 30 George Street Service Times 8.30am & 10am	Faith Larson Street Service Time 7.30am	Redeemer Tirroan Rd, Gin Gin Service Time 8.00am	Rosedale 10.30am 1 st /3 rd Sunday of the month
Gracehaven Chapel Dr May's Road 10.30am			

Important Dates for Term 2, 2018

June

- 21 Free Dress Day – (Support Mr Mallett's Big Sleep Out)
- 22 Wavell Heights School Band Performance
- 22 Pie Drive Collection Day
- 22 Last Day of Term 2 – Closing Service

Term 3

July

- 16 Term 3 Commences with Opening Service
- 20 Bill Sharp Music Visit – Combined Lutheran Schools
- 27 Cross Country

