

**15 August 2023**

To our students and families at St John's,

I am writing to inform you that our Principal, Mr Chris Mallett has resigned. Mr Mallett has asked for the following message to be shared with you:

*After 8 years of service in leadership to the St John's Lutheran Primary School community, I have made the difficult decision to resign as Principal. This decision, whilst difficult, will provide me with a chance to refresh and renew before I pursue other opportunities in educational leadership. I would like to thank those in the school community who have kindly supported me and my family over many years of service. I wish rich blessings for all in the St John's community.*

*'For I know the plans I have for you' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future' – Jeremiah 29:11*  
*Grace and Peace*  
*Chris Mallett*

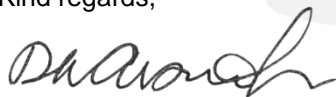
Mr Mallett's last day with St John's was 11 August 2023.

St John's has experienced a period of unprecedented growth since Mr Mallett was appointed Principal in 2015, and we thank him for his service to our school over the past eight years. We wish him and his family well.

It is with pleasure that I can also announce that Mrs Jocelyn Bakker has been appointed Acting Principal while we undertake a recruitment process for a new Principal. Mrs Bakker is well known to our students and families and has agreed to take on this role with the support of the senior leadership team and staff. We know you will also offer your congratulations to her as she begins this important leadership position in our school community. The School Council looks forward to working with Mrs Bakker to ensure we can move together into next year with confidence. We know our staff will continue to provide the high level of care and support you expect from them for your children.

The School Council will now begin a process of recruitment for a new Principal. It is an incredible opportunity for the right educational leader at a time of great potential in the next chapter here at our school, while we learn from and embrace the changes and challenges in our community. We are excited for the future of our school community and look forward to sharing this with you.

Kind regards,



Delwyn Ainsworth  
**Chair**  
**School Council**  
**St John's Lutheran Primary School, Bundaberg**