

St John's Parish

Primary School



March 6, 2017 No. 5

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

MARCH

7	Tuesday	Education Board Meeting, 7.00pm
8	Wednesday	PA Meeting, 7.00pm
9	Thursday	First Eucharist Parent Information Evening, 7.30pm
13	Monday	Labour Day Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL
14	Tuesday	Year 6 School Camp to Lake Nillahcootie
17	Friday	Year 6 Campers return to School
18	Saturday	First Eucharist Commitment, 6.00pm
19	Sunday	First Eucharist Commitment, 9.45am

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Dear Parents,

It was great to see so many families at assembly this morning as Year 1/2 BM presented their learning. Our local state member of parliament Dee Ryall was in attendance to present our Future Leaders badges. (Right)

Year 6 camp

Our Year 6 students are getting excited as they head off to camp next week. The camp is located at Lake Nillahcootie near Mansfield. The students will leave school on Tuesday morning and return by 3pm on Friday 17 March. Tom Jackson, Monica O'Shannassy, Connie Pearce and Jacqui Marshall will be attending camp. Beth Johnson will be teaching the year 5 students during this time.



Year 5 camp

Letters will be going home this week related to the year 5 camp at Sovereign Hill early next term.

Working Bee

We will be having our first working bee for the year on Friday 17 March from 4:30pm – 6pm. If you can attend please complete the slip in the newsletter.

2018 Open mornings and Information night

We are currently advertising our Open Days and Information Night. The flyers have arrived so thank you to those parents who have already offered to do letterbox drops. I would still appreciate more helpers so please pop in and let me know if you can assist. If you have a child who is starting prep in 2018 please pop into the school to get an enrolment form.

Have a great week

Jacqui Marshall
Principal

UNIFORM SHOP

Open first Tuesday of each month
8.30 -9.00am Multi Purpose Room

CO-ORDINATOR

Kathleen Spicer

LUNCH ORDERS

Every Tuesday Lunchtime
To order register online:
www.flexischools.com.au

CAMP AUSTRALIA

Before & After School Care 1300 105 343

CO-ORDINATOR

Cherry Manapol

HOURS: 7.00 -8.30 am
3.20 -6.15 pm

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday -Friday, 8.30am -4.00pm

PARISH CONTACTS:

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Father Dispin John

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Education in Faith News

This week's Gospel Challenge is: *Do the right thing, even when it's hard!*

God of all peoples and nations You accompany us on our Lenten journey. Through the life and mission of Your son, You give us the gift of mercy. May we learn to walk Your way of mercy and compassion with all Your people. In a special way, we keep in mind our neighbours, the men, women and children around the world, who are most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Bless our prayers, our fasting and our Lenten gifts to Project Compassion. Through these actions, may our hearts be open to receive Your grace to love our neighbours as ourselves. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

Each week during Lent I will place an inspiring story in this section of the newsletter to raise awareness and encourage us to stand together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

Week One

Living in the Philippines, Dinia struggled daily with poverty in a country with many vulnerable communities.

People living in rural and coastal areas have very little access to basic services. They face extreme weather events, environmental degradation and the effects of internal conflict and have little hope of a sustainable income. For Dinia, the untimely death of her husband meant an end to his small income and a greater struggle to feed and educate her children.

She struggled alone, facing a future without hope, until her community encouraged her to participate in the Socio Pastoral Action Center Foundation Inc. (SPACFI) program supported by Caritas Australia.

SPACFI's Integrated Community Development Program helped her develop diverse ways to gain a sustainable livelihood, continue to send her children to school and contribute to her community. The program foregrounds the need to work together for the common good, awakening Dinia's innate generosity and leadership qualities. She was able to learn about organic farming, managing livestock, and starting a small business.



Now she has an integral role in her community, a sustainable livelihood, and a brighter future for her children. "My life is much better now. It is much easier," she says.

Have wonderful week,
Monica

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

MARCH	9	Thursday	First Eucharist parent Evening, 7.30pm
	17	Friday	Catholic Education WeekMass - St Patrick's Cathedral (Selected Year 5 Students and Mrs Marshall Attending)
	18	Saturday	First Eucharist Mass Book & Commitment Mass, 6.00pm
	19	Sunday	First Eucharist Mass Book & Commitment Mass, 9.45am
	21	Tuesday	Harmony Day
	23	Thursday	Celebration of First Reconciliation, 7.30pm
	26	Sunday	Parish Family Mass, 9.45am
	29	Wednesday	Parish Penitential Celebration, 7.30pm
	30	Thursday	Celebration of First Reconciliation, 7.30pm

A MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

In 2015, Pope Francis said that “every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act.”

Cocoa is a key ingredient of chocolate. Much of the chocolate sold in Australia is made using cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved, or forced to work in exploitative conditions.

To buy slavery-free Easter chocolate look for any of these three certification symbols on the wrappers: FAIRTRADE, Rainforest Alliance and UTZ.



<https://acrath.org.au/slaveryfree-easter> for information and resources

BIRTHDAYS

This week we congratulate Sareana Bastian, Jade Iacuone, Isla and Declan Laffin as they celebrate their birthdays.

We hope you all have a “Happy Day!”



STUDENT VERIFICATION REPORTS

Student Verification Reports (yellow in colour) went home with each student in the second week of term and need to be returned to the school office.

It is important that the school has accurate and updated contact and medical details on file in case of an emergency. If you haven't already done so, could you please return the form with any necessary changes to the school office.

Thank you!

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

If you would like to order any books from the recent Scholastic Bookclub brochure please do so by Friday 10 March. No late orders will be able to be processed. All reward points from your orders go towards buying classroom resources for each year level. Any queries can be directed to:

Jo Novak, 0402 816 685
(Nicholas 5/6TJ or Tasha 3/4RF).

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be changing its opening hours to the first Tuesday of the month. The next scheduled open morning will be on Tuesday 18 April which is the first day of term two.

Anyone wishing to make a uniform purchase prior to this date is welcome to leave an order at the office.



Saturday 1 April

Sign Up Here

<https://www.volunteerssignup.org/8BPH3>

Or contact **Steve Gilbert** on 0417 119 078
(Jess 3/4RF & Lucas PrepNC)

Italian Phrase of the Week

Week 4: **Tutti in silenzio**
(Too-tee een see-lairn-tsee-oh)

Everybody quiet!



Self Awareness

Emotions are useful to us, even unpleasant ones.



‘Emotion’ is another word for ‘feeling’ and it comes from the Latin meaning ‘to move’. So emotions ‘move’ you to act. They energise us. Positive feelings like joyful, interested and proud energise you to do more of the activity that makes you feel happy.

Angry feelings warn you about possible unfairness and ‘move’ you to act in your own defence. Feelings of fear and nervousness warn you about possible danger and ‘move’ you to protect yourself. Guilty feelings let you know that you have acted against your own standards and ‘move’ you to make amends and change.



As we continue this term to explore and develop our Self Awareness, we will be focussing on -
Knowing that my emotions are useful to me - they move me to act!

At St John's we Respect Ourselves, Respect Others and Respect Property

*Have a wonderful week,
Beth Johnson
Student Wellbeing Leader*

FUNDay Friday

Every Friday during Lent the Social Justice Team are going to have a **FUNDay Friday**, to raise money for Caritas Australia.

This Friday the 10th of March we are going to have a Coin Conga. We are asking students to bring as many coins in as possible and line them up to see which class makes the longest line. It doesn't matter what type of coin it is because every cent counts.

The theme for this year's Project Compassion is “*Love Your Neighbour.*”

We hope everyone can participate and have a fun day this FUNDay Friday.

From the Social Justice Team



See you tomorrow morning for

Marathon Club

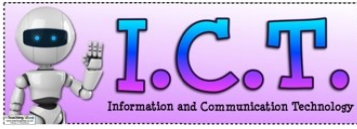
Tuesday and Thursday Mornings

Years 3-6 students

7.45am

Breakfast supplied afterwards

\$5.00 each per term



.....In 3/4

In ICT we have been learning how to be safe and responsible online. We brainstormed some rules about what to do when we are on the internet as well as the best and worst things about being online.

Tips/rules/information

- Don't click on pops or viruses
- Be careful what sites we research on
- Don't share personal information - phone number, address, full name
- Be careful who you talk to - never talk to strangers.
- Tell an adult if you feel unsafe
- Never be nasty online
- Read terms and conditions
- Never download anything without permission

Best Things about the Internet

- Educational sites
- Research
- Helps with school work
- Reading and maths (eg. reading eggs, mathletics)
- Can be helpful
- Share work online
- Send messages to others - communicate with others
- Play games
- Creative
- Skype
- Coding



Worst Things about the Internet

- Hackers
- viruses
- pop ups
- unsafe games
- tricks
- inappropriate things online
- Just because it's online doesn't mean it's true.



We learnt how to send messages on gmail. We practiced by sending appropriate messages to Miss Buis. We know we can only send messages to teachers about school work.



We then created folders on our Google Drive. We created folders for different subjects, like Literacy, ICT, RE, Maths and Writing. We will upload our work to these folders.

By Maeve, Leah and Jessica (3/4).

St John's is looking at ways we can support students in the use of Athletics.

Please fill out this quick survey regarding this.

Kellie Cumming

Mathletics

<https://goo.gl/UZHsm>

St John's Parents' Association

warmly invite you to



The amazing Race

SUNDAY 26th MARCH

AFTER 9.45AM FAMILY MASS

Don't miss this great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones as your team (3-6 people including at least one adult) solves clues and travels the world in a race to glory and some great prizes.

Cost: \$5 entry per team

Sausages and drinks \$1 each

- 11AM SAUSAGE SIZZLE & PASSPORT COLLECTION
- 12PM THE RACE BEGINS
- 2PM PRIZES

Register your team at the office
by

Friday 17th March

For more info speak to **Rhyannon Elliott** (David 5/6TJ, Patrick 3/4EB) or contact the PA on yourpa.sjm@gmail.com

Parent Helpers' Course

If you would like to be a

'New' Classroom Helper in 2017,

you are invited to attend a

Parent Helpers' Course

on

Tuesday, March 14th @ 2.45pm

in the

Staffroom.

This session outlines the kinds of tasks you will be assisting with in the classroom, and your role and expectations as a

Classroom Helper at St John's.

If you are unable to attend one of these sessions and you would still like to be a Classroom helper, please see Ange Crowe to arrange a more suitable time.



The Mitcham Junior Football Club

Is looking to recruit new Tiger Cubs for Season 2017

Under 10 Girls – Born 01/01/2007 to 31/12/2008

Under 12 Girls – Born 01/01/2005 to 31/12/2006

Under 12 Boys – Born 01/01/2005 to 31/12/2005

**FREE MEMBERSHIP AND FREE TIGER HOODY
FOR ALL NEW PLAYERS!**

**IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A
TOTAL JUNIOR FOOTBALL EXPERIENCE
JOIN THE MITCHAM TIGERS IN 2017!**

Call Glenn now on 0403 121 096

Email: mitchamjnr@efl.org.au

www.mitchamjfc.com



Please remember to like our Facebook page **St John's Parish Primary School Mitcham** to stay up to date with upcoming events

FROM YOUR PARENTS' ASSOCIATION ---- Do we have news for you? Read on! Do you have news for us? Tell us on yourpa.sjm@gmail.com or like us on Facebook at "St John's Parish Primary Mitcham".

Easter Raffle

Easter raffle tickets have gone home and the prizes this year are fabulous (and are so much more than just chocolate!), so please return tickets and money to the office as soon as possible. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term, Friday 31 March 2017.



Amazing Race 2017

Our wonderfully creative Amazing Race coordinators have been busy planning a fabulous day for the school families on Sunday 26 March (straight after 9.45AM family mass). There will be puzzles, physical challenges, prizes, colour and costumes. The kids will love it and so will you, so please see Jenny before **Friday 17 March** to purchase your tickets. More info is contained in the below flyer.



Dad's Dinner Friday 3 March

Many thanks to organizer extraordinaire, Steve Gilbert, for hosting the year's first dad's dinner, which was held last Friday night at Piyada Thai restaurant in Mitcham. Eighteen dads attended, including six first-timers. Every class of St John's was represented!

Parents' Association Meetings 2017: Come along!

Don't forget that we would love to see you at any of this year's PA meetings. There is no pressure to make an ongoing commitment and new faces and fresh opinions are very welcome! Pop the following dates in your calendar (meetings are at 7pm), just in case:

Wednesday 8 March, Lyons Room

Wednesday 26 April, Lyons Room

Tuesday 9 May, Zebedee Room

Wednesday 14 June, Lyons Room

Tuesday 18 July, Zebedee Room

Wednesday 9 August, Lyons Room

Tuesday 12 September, Zebedee Room

Wednesday 11 October, Lyons Room

Wednesday 8 November, Staff Room

Tuesday 28 November (PA AGM), Staff Room

Welcome to the CORE Centre

Have you had a read of the Jean Hailes magazine yet? A copy of the latest edition should have come home with your eldest child and has some interesting articles about women's wellbeing and health. Attached to the mag was a flyer promoting the school's new CORE (Community, Outreach, Resource, Enrichment) Centre. The CORE Centre is the room located just inside the front door to the school office; it has comfy chairs and a library full of books relating to all things parenting – self-esteem, body image, mindfulness, grief and loss are some examples. Our hope is that the CORE Centre will be a comfortable and welcoming place for parents and carers, and that it will support the health and wellbeing of our kids and families — all the things integral to the KidsMatter program.

From your Parent Association

St John's Parents' Association warmly invite you to

The amazing Race



recognize you

SUNDAY 26th MARCH AFTER 9.45AM FAMILY MASS

Don't miss this great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones as your team solves clues and travels the world in a race to glory and some great prizes.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When does it start?

The Amazing Race will start just after 9:45am Family Mass. We'll meet just outside the Coghlan Centre at 11am for a sausage sizzle and passport collection. The Race will begin at 12pm and will conclude with prizes at 2pm.

How many people in a team?

Teams can be between 3 and 6 people but should contain at least one adult (some of the puzzles will be easier with a little adult help!)

Can I register as a single and join a team?

Absolutely! Just let Jenny know when you register and we'll make sure you're in a great team.

How much does it cost to enter and what do I get for my money?

Registration costs \$5 per team and for this you get a team race kit, the chance to win some fabulous prizes and all the fun and excitement you can fit into 2 hours.

What about lunch... we get pretty hungry around that time?

There will be sausages and drinks for sale for \$1 after family mass - use this time to eye off the competition!

Can my team really get into the spirit and dress-up?

We'd love that! Who knows, you might win a prize just for your great costumes.

Do I have to be fit, know stuff about the world or have ever seen the Amazing Race on TV? No, no and no.

When do registrations close?

Please register your team in the office by Friday 17th March so we can make sure we have enough sausages and have your race kit ready!

I'm still not sure... where do I get more information?

For more info speak to **Rhyannon Elliott** (David 5/6TJ, Patrick 3/4EB) or contact the PA on yourpa.sjm@gmail.com



ST JOHN'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL MITCHAM

Open Days



Tours from 9:00am to 10:30am

- Thu 2nd March
- Wed 8th March
- Tue 28th March
- Thu 20th April
- Fri 28th April
- Mon 1st May

Parking available on the basketball court (enter via Elizabeth St) or out the front of the school/church.

Information Evening

- Wed 3rd May @ 7:00pm

Please come and see our great school in action.

490 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham VIC 3132 | Phone: 03 9874 1575

Email: principal@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au | Website: www.sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au



St John's Parents Association
warmly invites you to
The Term 1 Mum's Dinner



Friday 24th March 7pm

Start the weekend off with old and new
friends at

Olivigna Winery
54 – 56 Brumbys Road
Warrandyte VIC 3134

\$60 - 2 Course Meal

& a glass of Sparkling, White or Red Wine

For details or to register your interest please contact

Roula Butterworth (Keira 1/2VP)

on

<wrb7@optusnet.com.au> or 0414 774 133

by

Tuesday 21st March

or email yourpa.sjm@gmail.com



EASTER RAFFLE

St John's Parents' Association Easter Raffle tickets
went home last week with the eldest child in your
family. It's not too early to return tickets with pay-
ment to the office.

Good luck!

Tickets

\$1 each or 15 for \$10

Prizes

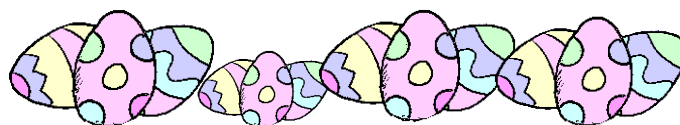
First: Chocolate hamper valued at \$150.00

Second: Gourmet hamper valued at \$120.00

Third: 2017 Entertainment Book + bonus chocs val-
ued at \$90.00

Drawn

Friday 31 March (last day of term)



WORKING BEE

Dear Parents,

Our first school working bee for the year will be on this Friday 17 March, 2017 from 4.30 to 6.00pm.

Helpers are needed to assist with weeding, cleaning drains and mulching garden beds.
Please bring any gardening tools that might be useful.

Don't forget that attendance at one working bee during the year entitles each family to a once yearly, \$50.00 re-
bate on your maintenance levy as well as benefitting the school community.

If you are able to attend please return the reply slip below to the school office by Wednesday 15 March

I look forward to seeing you there,

Jacqui Marshall
Principal



WORKING BEE RETURN SLIP

Return this slip to the school office by Wednesday 15 March, 2017

The _____ family will be attending the St John's working bee on

Friday 17 March, 2017