


St John's Parish

Primary School





May 8, 2017 No. 10

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S MAY



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A Prayer for Mothers

—
We commend to you, O God, our mum.
May worry be eased from her mind
and replaced with peace in her heart.
May the creative work of her hands be recognised
and her thoughtfulness be met with gratitude.
May times of pain and loss be made bearable
by the love and care of those around her.
And may she know that as much as she loves her children,
she too is loved.
Amen

Happy Mother's day for this coming Sunday. As givers of life and nourishment to your children, may you be honoured with a spirit of respect and gratitude.

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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PARISH PRIEST

Father Dispin John

PARISH SECRETARIES

Mrs. Elisa Kelesidis
Mrs. Martine Giles

PASTORAL ASSOCIATES

Mrs. Maree O'Keefe

Dear Parents,

We will celebrate Mother's in a very special way here at St John's this week. We have our annual Mother's Day Stall on Friday and I thank the PA and Mel Moran for her leadership of this event. On Friday night we have a Mothers' Movie Night and tickets are available at the office. Thanks to Courtney Laffin and Rhyannon Elliott for co-ordinating the night.

Save the Date – Saturday 20 May

At the 6pm Mass on May 20 Archbishop Hart will officially install Fr. Dispin John as our Parish Priest of Mitcham. I am sure Fr Dispin will enjoy the support of community members who are able to attend. There will be supper afterwards in the Coghlan centre, which you are warmly invited to.

Grandparent and Special Friend Day

We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 17 May as we begin with Mass at 10am with Archbishop Hart. Grandparents, parents and special friends will then be invited to join Archbishop Hart for morning tea in the Coghlan centre with our Year 6 students. We will then gather back together as a whole school community for various activities and a picnic lunch in family groups. Students are asked to bring their lunch for the day.

NAPLAN

As mentioned in last week's newsletter NAPLAN will take place this week. The timetable for Year 3 and 5 students is as follows:

Tuesday 9 May	9am	Language Conventions	55 minutes
Tuesday 9 May	12:10am	Writing	50 minutes
Wednesday 10 May	9am	Reading	55 – 60 minutes
Thursday 11 May	9am	Numeracy	55 – 60 minutes

Please help your children see this as just part of their learning. If you have any further questions, please ask your child's classroom teacher or Beth Johnson (NAPLAN co-ordinator)

School Closure Day – Friday 19 May

A reminder that we have a school closure day on Friday 19 May where staff will be involved in professional learning. At this stage we have only 2 parents who have requested interest in the availability of Camp Australia running a program on this day. St James also have a minimal number of parents interested therefore Camp Australia will not run on this day. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and will continue to explore options for future school closure days.

City of Whitehorse Wellbeing Project

Our school has been invited by Whitehorse Council and the University of Melbourne - School of Positive Psychology to participate in a collection of data, called the Wellbeing Profiler about the wellbeing of our year 5 and 6 students. The students will complete the Wellbeing Profiler online and it is entirely anonymous.

The Wellbeing Profiler measures six empirically-derived dimensions of wellbeing:

1. Psychological
2. Emotional & Strengths
3. Cognitive
4. Social
5. Physical
6. Economic

The outcome reports will give us a collated response from all year 5/6 students, ensuring anonymity.

The Wellbeing Profiler has the following benefits for our school:

To obtain high quality data that accurately measures the wellbeing of young people thus providing a deeper understanding of their strengths, challenges and needs;

To provide students with the opportunity to share their perspectives and ideas about improving the wellbeing of young people;

To assist schools in monitoring students' wellbeing thereby providing evidence for informing school planning, practices and policies.

School Leaders' Photo's

Just a reminder to our Year 6 students that this is the last week to order your leadership photo's as displayed in the office foyer. Please send your money (\$15) in an envelope with your name and leadership position to the office by Friday 12 May. The photos should arrive before the end of term.

Prep 2018 Enrolments

An important reminder to any of our current families with children commencing Prep next year to complete an enrolment form. Interviews will take place later this term in June.

Thanks to our Preps for a wonderful assembly this morning, they all presented with such confidence and joy. Also well done to the students from 3/4 RF who led assembly. Some great leaders in the making.

Have a great week

Jacqui Marshall



ITALIANO - TERM 2, 2017

Benvenuti a tutti! Welcome back to a busy second term in Italian. Students are engaged and enthusiastic about their language learning. This term we are all learning to sing our "Growing" song, "A Scuola Cresciamo Nel Corpo". You may read the words in Phoebe's copy below. The meanings of the words are to be found in the "Italian phrase of the Week" in the newsletter. Year 5 /6 are beginning a study of Italian food and culture and comparing this to our own food culture. We are looking at ingredients, fresh produce, the food pyramid and later in the year menus, ordering at a restaurant, regional diversity of Italian cuisine, and recipes. Our learning Intention is to know the names of Italian foods, to be able to read a menu and to simulate ordering a meal in a restaurant. Years 3 & 4 are continuing to say and sing the "Alfabeto" and the vowels. They are learning more Italian language by teaching a word or a phrase to the class by using creative means to do so. They may prepare a skit, make a video, use chalk and talk or invent a rap. We have had some effective and humorous presentations where students are learning from each other. I am learning how to use feedback effectively and talk about learning by watching these presentations. In Years 1 & 2 students are learning about growth through the story of "La Gallinella Rossa" or The Little Red Hen. She finds a grain of wheat which she plants. When it is ripe she grinds it into flour to make her bread, all without the help of the farmyard animals. The students are learning the language through the story which is in Italian, songs and acting out the play. Prep are continuing their journey in Italian, learning numbers, songs, pets and common Italian expressions through the second part of the Pinocchio story where he goes to the fair and eats fairy floss. I wish you all a happy and healthy Term 2.

Anne Sciola

A scuola
Cresciamo nel corpo
Cresciamo nella mente
Cresciamo nello spirito
Cresciamo nel cuore



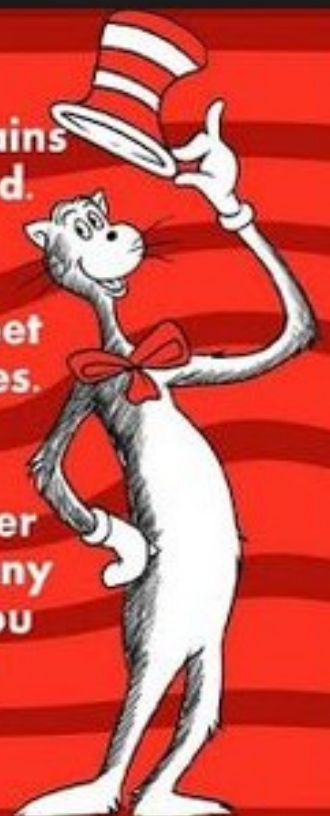
By
Phoebe

You have brains
in your head.

You have feet
in your shoes.

You can steer
yourself in any
direction you
CHOOSE!

~Dr. Seuss



Education in Faith News

Our Gospel Challenge this week is to: *Remember that Jesus is always with us*

Remember Jesus is always with us. (3/4RF)

John's Gospel provides various images of Jesus in the form of the 'I am' sayings. There are seven of these.

- 'I am the bread of life' (6:48)
- 'I am the light of the world' (8:12, 9:5)
- 'I am the sheep gate and the good shepherd' (10:9, 11)
- 'I am the resurrection and the life' (11:25)
- 'I am the way, the truth and the life' (14:6)
- 'I am the true vine' (15:1)
- 'Before Abraham was born, I am' (8:58)

The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd in this week's Gospel, is a very well known one. It denotes his individual and pastoral care for all the flock. John takes this a step further. Entry into the flock of God's people can only come through the gateway which is belief in Christ.

The last line of this week's Gospel is "I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full." (John 10:10) This phrase is an important part of our school and has been in our past vision and mission statements. What do you think it means to "live life to the full?"

Catholic Identity Surveys

We have not yet reached half way of our hoped participation rate of our parent community in this project. This coming Thursday, 11th May, I will be in the library with computers set up for any parents who have forty five minutes either just after school drop off in the morning or before school pick up to complete the survey. The library will be open between the times of 8:30 - 9:30 and 2:30 -4:00pm.

A sincere thanks to all members of our school community, the Parent's Association and our student Social Justice Team for leading our Friday Fundays. We were able to deposit \$2 100 into Caritas Australia's bank account for them to distribute amongst their projects around the world. We hope that awareness has been raised of the struggles of others and the harsh living conditions that many people experience and that we are all more grateful for our fortunate lives here in Australia.

Have a great week everyone,

Monica

Important Dates to Remember:

<u>May</u>	9	Tuesday	Prep attending Parish Mass 12:00pm
	17	Wednesday	Grandparents/Special Friends Day- commencing with mass at 10am.
	18	Thursday	First Eucharist Parent Workshop 2. 2pm or 7:30pm
	20	Saturday	Fr Dispin John's Installation as Parish Priest followed by Supper, 6.00pm
	23	Tuesday	Year 1/2 attending Parish Mass 12:00pm
	28	Sunday	Feast of the Ascension: Parish Family Mass 9:45am
	30	Tuesday	Year 3/4 attending Parish Mass 12:00pm
	31	Wednesday	First Eucharist Breadmaking Day

ENHANCING CATHOLIC SCHOOL IDENTITY SURVEYS

As a part of our school review process we ask staff, year five and six students and parents to complete an Enhancing Catholic School Identity Survey. The information gathered assists us in understanding the current practises and catholic identity of our school community and also the preferred ways of being and teaching Religious Education.

On the first day of Term Two an email was sent home inviting families to participate. Thank you to those families that have managed to fill in the survey already. We are hoping to have at least fifty families complete the surveys so that we can ascertain a more accurate picture of our school community.

We value the information and appreciate your time and assistance with this.

Self Management



How thinking affects our feelings

Understanding that what we think affects how we feel and how we behave helps children and adults learn effective ways of managing emotions. Helpful thoughts lead to more positive feelings and effective behaviours.

Challenging unhelpful thinking

Unhelpful thinking is very common in both children and adults. Often we don't notice it because the thoughts happen automatically. By listening to the things children say about themselves and their experiences, parents, carers and teachers can learn to notice and gently challenge children's unhelpful thinking. The best way to do this is to help children think through the reasons why they think a particular way. Saying things like, *"I can see how you might think that, but maybe there's another way of looking at it,"* or *"Let's see how we can check that out,"* are very useful for helping children change their unhelpful thinking. It can help children to know they are not wrong to have unhelpful thoughts (everybody has them), but that learning to identify and change unhelpful thinking is a way of managing their feelings better.



Have a wonderful week,

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

Beth Johnson
Student Wellbeing Leader

FREE Junior Basketball Program

Mitcham Thunder Basketball Club is offering a free junior program during term 2.

Anyone from 4 - 10 years old is invited to join our junior program. We teach the skills of shooting, defending, dribbling and more while having fun. Then once children are ready, they can join a team in one of our many competitions. Contact Chris Lloyd on 0414 785 682 or clloyd@mitchamthunder.com



Mitcham Thunder's first junior team: U10 Girls which includes Gracie, Amari, Isabel, Sienna, Jessica, Amelia and Ava.

www.mitchamthunder.com



**JUNIOR
PROGRAM**

**4-10 YEARS OF
AGE**

**RANGEVIEW
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

**FRIDAYS
6.30 – 7.30pm**

**HAVE FUN
LEARNING
BASKETBALL**

SEASONS PROGRAM AT ST JOHN'S



Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At St John's Primary we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called Seasons for Growth.

This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research that highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks. Seasons for Growth runs for eight weeks and each weekly session is 40-45 minutes (over terms 2 & 3). The program concludes with a 'Celebration' session. Later in the year each group will have the opportunity to meet for two further sessions to build on their earlier learning. Seasons for Growth will commence in week 5 and will be facilitated by myself who has received special training in the use of this program. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth we would encourage you to talk to him/her first about this. Should he/she decide to participate please fill in the tear-off section below and return to the school by Monday 8th of May. If you have any questions or would like further information, please don't hesitate to contact me either in person, phone (98741575) or email (bjohnson@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au). St John's Primary is pleased to be able to offer this important program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved.

Beth Johnson Season for Growth Site Coordinator and Companion

SEASONS PROGRAM AT ST JOHN'S

I _____ give consent for my son/daughter

_____ to attend the Seasons for Growth program. I have discussed with

this with him/her. _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Child's Signature



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

On Friday 12th May we will be holding our annual Mother's Day stall. The children can purchase items with a cost ranging from \$1 to \$5. Based on your feedback from the recent fundraising survey, the Mother's Day stall this year will not be raising any funds and all items will be sold at cost price (extremely reasonable pricing). The children will shop together as a class. Please send separate money (no more than \$10) with each child (if applicable). At the start of lunch time, siblings are encouraged to discuss together what they bought their Mum, and if there is a double up, they can return to the Coghlan Centre to change it over. Some extra Dads and Mums are required to assist selling at the stall from approx. 8.45am – 11am. If you can help, please let us know at yourpa.sjm@gmail.com

No donations of rum balls or raffle prizes are required this year. I hope that the gifts your children choose bring a delight to Mother's Day.

Melanie Moran
Chloe (Y5) & Mia (Y1).
Mobile 0403872314



BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Victor Hualngo, Aaliyah Gencarelli and Florence Calderon who celebrate their birthday this week.

We hope you have a "Happy Day!"



ABOVE: Sophie Chan (Right) being presented with her award recently by Archbishop Dennis Hart.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations go to past pupil, Sophie Chan, sister of Alex in 5/6TJ, who (very quietly) received a **Leadership Achievement Award** recently for her service to the community.

Sophie is currently a student at Our Lady of Si-on and finished year 6 at St John's in 2012 when she was awarded the Adamson Cotter Award for outstanding community service.

Sophie has since continued her community service and is active in the St John's Parish Religious Education Program on Wednesdays each week as well as actively contributing to other community and school projects.

Well done Sophie!

Italian Phrase of the Week

Week 1: **Crecciamo nel corp**
(Kray-sharmo-nel-korp-oh)
Our bodies are growing



DONATIONS DUE BY TUESDAY.



Don't forget to bring in your coins to donate to the Big Heart Project. (Refer to last weeks newsletter)

Coin donations should be made to school by tomorrow, Tuesday 8 May.

If you don't have any .05c coins at home, you are welcome to bring in any coin donation and we will change it into .05c coins for the project on your behalf.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - Spread the Word!

The Entertainment Book fundraiser is in full swing, a huge thank you to all the families who have already purchased their membership. Don't forget to spread the word to family and friends. A book filled with this many **AMAZING** vouchers should be shared so don't keep it as our little secret. Winter school holidays will be here before we know it and there is nothing worse than bored kids. Use just a few of the vouchers in the book to make it worthwhile and be the **BEST** mum or dad **EVER** and treat your kids to the **movies, Melbourne Aquarium, Timezone, Bounce, bowling, Clip N Climb, AFL footy games, Puffing Billy** to name a few. Going to the snow? There's 25% off lift passes at **Mt Buller**. Heading north for a warmer Winter, there's discount passes to **Gold Coast theme parks**. Treat yourself to a date night, or a night out with friends at one of **Melbourne's best restaurants**. There's so much on offer for **only \$70**. Grab the book or for convenience purchase the digital membership and always have these amazing offers with you wherever you go.

To find out more go

to www.entbook.com.au/184925h or contact **Suzie Leyden** (Callum 5/6MO/Abbey 5/6TJ) on 0448 223 966 or yourpa.sjm@gmail.com

2018 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Applications to attend State Government Secondary School in 2018 are due to be returned to the school office by this Friday 12 May.

If you have already accepted a position for 2018 at a private school, you are still required to complete the form appropriately and return it to the school office promptly.

Marathon Club

Tuesday and Thursday Mornings

Check the St John's Skoolbag App for updates.

eLearning at St. John's



Using G Suite at St. John's

G Suite for Education (G Suite), more commonly known as Google Apps for Education was implemented at St. John's to enhance the way we use technology and share information within our school community. G Suite is a cloud based learning platform allowing teachers and students to create a range of documents online, email and access unlimited cloud storage from home and school on any device.

This platform allows us as to collaborate and learn more effectively through the use of technology and offers a range of engaging learning opportunities for our students. G Suite works on any device- allowing students to continue learning beyond the classroom and the ability to access their content anywhere and at any time.


G Suite offers a range of applications to schools- such as Google Docs, Sheets, Slides, which are similar to computer programs, however they just work in an internet browser. Students can access their Google account at home using the following browsers: (Chrome browser is the preferred browser at school).


Google Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Internet Explorer.





All students from years 1-6 have their own Google account, which is administered by the school. This account is unique to them and can only be accessed by their username and password.


Google tools we have offer access to at St. John's


 **Gmail** - All emails are completely controlled by the school administrator. Students currently are able to send and receive emails. This is to enable students to use their accounts to appropriately communicate with teachers and classmates. Inappropriate content in student emails is flagged and the administrator is notified. As a school, we regularly monitor student emails. Students learn about what appropriate messages in their cybersafety units.

 **Drive** - This is where students store their work. From Google Drive students can create documents, spreadsheets, presentations, drawings and forms. Other files can also be uploaded to Google Drive so that students can access files wherever they go. Files in Google Drive can be shared with other classmates, teachers or parents. Google created files can be collaborated by many people simultaneously which develops great cooperation and organisational skills in the students.

 **Google Docs**- Google Docs is a web-based application in which documents can be created, updated and edited online. Google Docs lends itself to collaborative projects where multiple people can work on the same document at the same time, and every change is saved automatically. Google Docs is utilised when students are publishing their work, taking notes or working in a group on a presentation.

 **Google Sheets**- Google Sheets is similar to Excel where students have the ability to collect and organise information, as well as create tables and graphs. It also has the collaborative function.

 **Google Slides**- Google Slides is similar to Powerpoint. It is an application which allows students to create and edit presentations. Students have the ability to insert images and videos to their presentation and collaborate with others. Students typically use this application when presenting their learning or for inquiry projects.

 **Google Forms**- Google Forms is an application that allows teacher and students to create a survey, quiz or poll as well as collect information.

If you have any questions about G Suite and the tools we offer at St. John's, please do not hesitate to contact me for more information.

Bianca Martino

eLearning/Learning and Teaching Leader

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS UPDATE – ROUND 1

Last Friday, 5th of May, year 4, 5 and 6 students competed in Winter interschool sports matches against St Timothy's Primary School. Students played in one of the football, tee-ball or netball teams.



In our first match we played against St Tims at St Timothy Primary School.

The footballers won their match by 55 points with a final score of 79 to 24. It was a lot of fun and we all showed great sportsmanship. Great job to all the first timer year fours and Max, Jeff, Ryan and MJ. The goal-kickers were Josh Jenkins (2), Luke Marriner (2), Hamish Gill (4) and George Molnar Andric (2), and Lebron Gencarelli (2). Next week on the 12th of May we are going to be playing against St Peter and Pauls.

(Luke and David)



The netball teams went very well with the open mixed team sadly losing by 2-5 but they did well in handling the ball. The Girls team won, 8-5 goals. They played really well and had strong passes. We thank all the parents and other students for being a great support. Thanks also to Monica and Ange, for being such good coaches! **(Frances T and Aaliyah)**



The open mixed Tee-ball team went well but the girls team did not go so well, with the open mixed team winning and the girls team losing. (Girls: Loss 30-32 and Open: won 19-15), Everyone showed good sportsmanship and effort! Thank you Andrew Puls and John Kelly for supporting the open tee-ball team. Everyone played very well!! **(Jude & Abbey)**

A fantastic start to the interschool sports season by all involved, thank you to those parents and teachers for helping on the day. We look forward to the rest of the season ahead!

St John's Parents Association warmly invites
the ladies of our community to our very own

Ladies Movie Night

Friday 12th May at 7:30pm

Plaza Cinema at St John's

Join together with friends for a glass of something sparkling,
some dainty desserts and escape into the silver screen.

Tickets are \$10 and seats are limited
so please book your ticket at the office by Friday 5th May.

For more information contact

yourpa.sjm@gmail.com

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The students from Year 3 to 6 are participating in The 2017 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge. Reading plays a pivotal role in your child's learning development and this is a great incentive to promote positive reading experiences at school and at home. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by the 8th September 2016. **Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.** All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier.



To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Each student from Yr 3 to 6 has received their username and password and can access the site through the following link -<https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/Challenger/WebLogin.aspx> The teachers will be supporting the challenge in the learning areas. If you have any concerns, or have difficulties with login please contact your teacher.

Have a great week,
Ange.

ST JOHN'S CALENDAR TERM 2, 2017

MAY

2	Tuesday	Education Board Meeting, 7.00pm
3	Wednesday	Information Night for Prospective Enrolments, 7.00pm
6	Saturday	First Eucharist Presentation & Year 3 Level Mass, 6.00pm
7	Sunday	First Eucharist Presentation & Year 3 Level Mass, 9.45am
8	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am
9	Tuesday	NAPLAN –Year 3 and 5
10	Wednesday	NAPLAN - Year 3 and 5
11	Thursday	NAPLAN - Year 3 and 5
12	Friday	Mother's Day Stall Mothers' Movie Night
14	Sunday	Mother's Day
17	Wednesday	Archbishop's Visit Grandparents' Day
19	Friday	School Closure Day (Staff Professional Development Day)
28	Sunday	Parish Family Mass and Ascension of the Lord

JUNE

3	Saturday	Confirmation Enrolment & Year 6 Level Mass, 6.00pm
4	Sunday	Confirmation Enrolment & Year 6 Level Mass, 9.45am
5	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am
6	Tuesday	Education Board Meeting, 7.00pm
12	Monday	Queen's Birthday Holiday - No School
14	Wednesday	Parent Association Meeting, 7.00pm Confirmation Retreat Day, Year 6 Confirmation Parent Evening, 7.30pm
18	Sunday	First Eucharist Masses, 9.45am & 11.15am Year 7 (2016 Year 6) Reunion Mass, 5.00pm
18	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am
23	Friday	Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass, 10.00am
24	Saturday	First Eucharist Mass, 6.00pm
25	Sunday	First Eucharist Mass, 9.45am & 11:15am

JULY

30	Friday	TERM 2 ENDS, 3.20pm
15	Saturday	First Eucharist Mass, 6.00pm
16	Sunday	First Eucharist Mass, 9.45 & 11:15am



School Production Helpers

“A Grimm Night for Hans”

Preparations are well under way for our whole school production of “A Grimm Night for Hans”. I am, however, now looking for a few helpers to assist with a variety of jobs. These include costumes (anyone with creative design ideas?), some basic sewing, prop making, tie-dying experience (3/4s). I would also love to hear from anyone who would be interested in doing our dress-rehearsal photography and managing the ordering process for this, as well as someone with graphic design experience who would like to design a glossy program for the students to keep as a production memento. Please fill in the form below and return to Jenny in the office as soon as possible. I thank you in advance for your community spirit and your generosity in finding time to help.

Penelope Lang

Performing Arts Teacher

“A Grimm Night for Hans”

Production Helper

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Child's name and class:

How would you like to help?

Monday 8th May, 2017



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



May 14, 2017, is a special day in the Calendar, a day we celebrate and uphold all the mothers. A Happy Mother's Day.

The children created such a beautiful gift of appreciation for their mothers, a drawing technique called Scratch Art. This enables the children to write and draw pictures simply by using a small blunt stick.

Messages of Love and Appreciation to their mums who have shown them devotion, care and above all their unconditional love.



Our Autumn tree is now completed!

To complete the children's artwork we have added torn paper acorns, coloured in squirrels and Autumn leaves and also real leaves that they put up all around the tree, making it an authentic Autumn tree.

Very well done to the children for their presentable creations 😊