

# St John's Parish

## Primary School



June 19, 2017 No. 15

### COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

JUNE	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
	30	Friday	<b>Last Day of Term 2</b> - Fee Dress, School Finishes at 3.20pm
JULY	15	Saturday	First Eucharist Mass, 6.00pm
	16	Sunday	First Eucharist Mass, 9.45am & 11.15am
	17	Monday	<b>First Day of Term 3, 8.45am Start</b>

Click here to access St John's [Parish Newsletter](#)

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying themselves at the Bush Dance on Thursday 8 June. I know that the children enjoyed their day learning the dances and then showing their families what they had learnt. Thank you to the Parent Association for their great idea which brought our community together and for cooking up a storm at the sausage sizzle.

### Parent-Teacher-Student Learning Discussions

Teachers are currently in the stage of finalising student reports for semester one. These reports and student portfolios will be coming home on Monday 26 June. Parent-Teacher-Student Learning Discussions are due to take place after school on Tuesday 27 June and Wednesday 28 June.

Attached with today's newsletter are instructions on how to book meeting times with your child or children's teachers. This semester Penelope Lang, Anne Sciola and Rosemary Vastbinder will also be available to discuss how students have progressed in Performing Arts, Italian and Visual Art (3/4). As Tom Jackson is also a year 5/6 classroom teacher he will not be available for PE discussions at this time but please feel free to contact him if you have anything you wish to discuss.

Beth Johnson has written all about changes to our reports in the Learning and Teaching section of today's newsletter.

### Formation Program for Principals

On Saturday I head off to Rome for 3 weeks as part of a formation program offered by Catholic Education Melbourne and Australian Catholic University. The unit I will be involved in is titled *Educating Head, Heart and Hands – Education as the Mission of the Church*. As well as lectures and workshops, I will take part in excursions to the Vatican Museum, Gardens and Crypt, the Basilicas of St Peter, St John Lateran, St Paul Outside the Walls and St Mary Major, the town of Assisi and other places of religious significance to Catholic education and schooling.

I look forward to sharing my learnings with you when I return.

#### 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](http://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

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## Annual Report to the Community

As part of our VRQA (Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority) compliance each year around this time we are asked to complete a report on the previous school year and make it available to our school community. The 2016 St John's Mitcham Annual Report can be found on our school website and there are also a couple of hard copies available in the school office.

## Prep 2018 Interviews

Fr Dispin, Maree O'Keefe and I are looking forward to meeting all our newly enrolled students and their families at our interviews on Wednesday 21 June. These meetings will be taking place in the parish office.

## Kids Matter

Next week at Parent- Teacher- Student discussions, we invite parents to complete a Kids Matter parent survey to help evaluate our current status. We will also put a link for this survey in next week's newsletter. Thanks for your support.

Have an enjoyable holiday break and I look forward seeing you all next term,

Jacqui Marshall  
Principal

## Learning and Teaching

### REPORTS

2017 is the first year of the complete Victorian Curriculum. The Victorian Curriculum Foundation/Prep-10 incorporates the Australian Curriculum and reflects Victorian priorities and standards.

In light of this curriculum change and feedback from families, we felt there was an opportunity to explore other models for reporting your child's learning to you.

With guidance from Catholic Education Melbourne, we have made some changes to the reports for this semester.

Each curriculum area will still have an 'achievement' standard (sometimes referred to as 'the dot') and a checklist of some of the behaviours, skills and knowledge we expect from students to demonstrate through the learning experiences. This checklist is to help unpack some of the information used in assigning an achievement for your child in that curriculum area.

This semester we also have made some changes to the 'classroom behaviour and effort' mark. As part of our Visible Learning journey, we have been focussing on the language and dispositions of an effective learner. Some of these key dispositions of learning have been aligned under the classroom behaviour and effort to help paint a picture of your child's disposition in their learning across the curriculum.

We hope that you enjoy celebrating your child's learning this semester with them as they have all worked so hard and grown so much. Below are some questions which might be helpful when talking about their learning

*What you have been learning? How did you know you were successful?*

*What has engaged you in your learning?*

*What has been your greatest achievement this semester?*

If you have any questions about the reports, now and after reading them, I encourage you to have a chat with me further. You can catch me at school or email me on [bjohnson@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bjohnson@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au). I will also be available throughout both of the parent/teacher learning discussions to discuss the reports with you.

Beth Johnson

*Deputy Principal and Wellbeing Leader*

# Education in Faith News

**Our Gospel Challenge this week is to:** *participate in mass and think about why we are there*

Congratulations to William, Cohen, Joshua and who celebrated their First Eucharist yesterday at 11:15am parish mass.



## Year 6 Confirmation Retreat Day

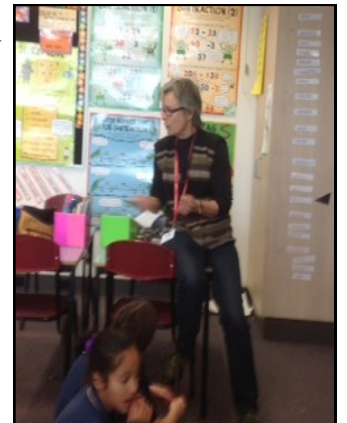
On the 15th of June the year 6's from St John's, St James and people from the Wednesday program all went to St John's Coghlan Centre for the Confirmation Retreat Day. We started the day with a prayer and ended the day with a prayer. Megan from Caritas Australia talked to us about commitment and the promises we have to make during confirmation. She told us about a family and community in South Sudan and how climate change contributed to a famine by reducing food and water through droughts. We made promises that would help our home, school and world. We wrote a letter about things that we wanted changed in Australia to make it a better place and we sent those letters to Malcolm Turnbull. We wrote special letters to our sponsors about thanking them for being our sponsor and person we look up to and we told them what gifts and fruits we wanted to achieve more in. After we talked about the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. We learnt about significant people and saints and what they did. At the end of the day we designed the front cover of the booklet for the Confirmation Ceremony in July.

By Frances W and Ryan

## CAPSA

The Catholic Alliance for People seeking Asylum have asked us to stand in solidarity during their National Week of prayer and Action. Last Tuesday the Year 5/6 students were fortunate to have Rose Longmore come and speak to them about her experiences with people in detention centres several years ago. Student's listened attentively and asked her some very good questions; the main one being, what can we do now? Thank you Rose for your generosity of time and spirit.

Sr Brigid from the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project is coming to speak to the students this Tuesday. The Social Justice Team have organised a Circle of Silence to take place at 12:00pm to show our support. Parents are most welcome to come and stand with us for 15 minutes this coming Tuesday.



## Feast of the Sacred Heart

Please join us on Friday at 10am as we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart. All students are encouraged to bring along non perishable food and warm blankets for St Vincent de Paul Society to distribute to those who need them.

## Important Dates to Remember:

<b>June</b>	20	Tuesday	Circle of Silence Event, 12.00pm Ryan, Abbey and Jacob's Home Mass, 6.30pm.
	23	Friday	Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass Jessica, Ebony and Gracen's Home Mass, 6.00pm
	25	Sunday	Abbey, Jacob and Ryan celebrate their First Eucharist
	29	Thursday	Maeve, Leah, Aidan, Kieran and Christopher's Home Mass, 6:30pm
<b>July</b>	15	Saturday	First Eucharist: Maeve, Leah, Aidan, Kieran and Christopher , 6.00pm
	16	Sunday	First Eucharist: Jessica, Gracen and Ebony , 11.15am

Have a great week everyone,  
Monica O'Shannassy



This semester the 5/6 learning area have been trialling electronic learning journals, using the app 'Seesaw'. As it is nearing the end of the semester, we are requesting your feedback about what you have liked about the app and how it can be improved. Please click on the Google Form link below to complete the feedback. Depending on the responses and the type of feedback we receive, we will be making a decision as to whether we extend this app for other year levels to utilise in their learning spaces. We thank you for your co-operation.

<https://goo.gl/gDH2E9>

Thank you, Bianca.

## PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Term 3 is going to be very exciting with our whole school production in September and the return of junior choir. Starting from Monday 31st July I will be returning to work on Mondays. This will allow me to do more acting rehearsals with the grade 5/6s in preparation for our show and give me the opportunity to start our junior choir again. I would like to invite any interested students in grades 1 or 2 to come along in week 3 for a trial session to see if singing in a choir is for you. I hope to see lots of you there. Also, senior choir will now move from lunch time back to 2.30pm every Monday.

I am still looking for a team of people (or a talented individual) to sew some costumes for our production. Can you come and see me before the end of term if you are able to assist.

Many thanks

Penelope Lang - Performing Arts Specialist

## 2016 YEAR 6 REUNION

It was good to see some of our 2016 year sixers from St John's and St James getting together at their reunion mass & gathering afterwards for chat, last Sunday.

A portrait of Margie Ward, a woman with short brown hair, wearing a white blazer over a blue top, smiling.

Our Lady of Sion College is proud to host

*Margie Ward*  
LIVE BRAVELY

Bestselling author and international speaker, Margie is passionate about helping young women lead more purposeful lives and make their own unique mark on the world.

20 June 2017  
7.00 - 8.00pm (Supper afterwards)

RSVP: 15 June 2017

Cost: \$20 per family  
Parents/Guardians are encouraged to bring their daughter

Bookings: Trybookings  
<https://www.trybookings.com/OFKX>

## JUST RELEASED! ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FOR BALI!

Are you planning a trip to Bali in the next 12 months? If so, then make sure you buy the Entertainment Book for BALI! For only \$40 you will have access to hundreds of vouchers - up to 50% off and 2 for 1 - in Nusa Dua, Seminyak, Legian, Kuta, Ubud, Canggu and more.

Some highlights include

- Contemporary Dining at Ginger Moon, Karma Beach Club, Cocoon Beach Club, Jamie's Italian Kuta Beach
- Casual Dining at Bo & Bun, Sandbar, or Cafe Organic
- Attractions including Waterbom Bali, Bali Adventure Tours - Mountain Cycling & White Water Rafting, Elephant Safari Park, Ripcord Surf School
- Discount accommodation at Peppers, Ramada, Wyndham, Amadea
- Spa retreats at many of the local spas.

And so much more

To purchase or view the book visit <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/184925h> and click on



# Self Management



## - Bouncing Back (Resilience)

When you encounter difficulties or hard times in your life that make you feel unhappy, you too can try to bounce back to what you were like before. Often, after bouncing back, you are even stronger than you were before. You might like to keep this handy at home.

**B**ad times don't last. Things always get better. Stay optimistic.

**O**ther people can help if you talk to them. Get a reality check.

**U**nhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset. Think again.

**N**obody is perfect – not you and not others.

**C**oncentrate on the positives (no matter how small) and use laughter.

**E**verybody experiences sadness, hurt, failure, rejection and setbacks sometimes, not just you. They are a normal part of life. Try not to personalise them.

**B**lame fairly. How much of what happened was due to you, others and to bad luck or circumstances?

**A**ccept what can't be changed (but try to change what you can first).

**C**atastrophising exaggerates your worries. Don't believe the worst possible picture.

**K**eep things in perspective. It's only part of your life.

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

Have a wonderful week,  
Beth Johnson  
Student Wellbeing Leader



## Feast of the Sacred Heart



Friday 23 June is the Feast of the Sacred Heart.



All students are invited to bring their unused blankets, clothes and non perishable food (eg. tins/cans of baked beans, spaghetti etc) which will be donated to the needy through St Vincent de Paul.



## INTERSCHOOL SPORTS UPDATE – ROUNDS 5 & 6

Over the past two weeks on Friday 9 and 16 June, our year 4, 5 and 6 students competed in Winter Interschool Sports matches against St James Primary School and Mt Pleasant Road Primary School. Both matches were played away. Students played in one of either football, tee-ball or netball teams.



The open mixed tee-ball team lost against St James 25-7 but we all had a great time. The girl's tee-ball team was a draw 25-25, so close but they all loved it. The next weeks game was against Mt pleasant and both teams lost, girls 23-16 and open mixed 23-7. Everyone tried their hardest but it was not enough to win. Unfortunately neither teams made finals but it was a great season for both teams with everyone improving and having lots of fun! **(Nicholas)**

Both netball teams did very well in their games over the past two weeks. In week 9 we played against St. James. Unfortunately, both teams lost. The scores were: **Girls: 27-2 loss. Open: 25-1 loss.** Luckily, the following week both teams won! **Girls: 17-0 win. Open: 23-1.** Great job open team on your first win! Thank you to Ange for coaching the girls and Monica for coaching the open! Both teams did their best in each round and next week the girls team are in the final. A great season everyone! **(Tablia & Ashley)**



Unfortunately, St James won the first game with a final score of 85 to 13. We were winning the game at quarter time and competed really well the whole game. It was a great team effort and we really enjoyed playing against St James. The following week against Mt Pleasant the footballers won their match by 55 points with a final score of 71 to 16 . It was a lot of fun and we all showed great sportsmanship. Great job to all of the team and especially Gabe, Jack I, Atonio and Hamish for giving it their best! In the end our team finished 4-2 for the season, a terrific effort. We just missed finals but our team should be very proud. **(Jeremy and MJ)**



### AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

#### Celebrating 40 Years

The Australian Mathematics Competition is an optional activity available to students in middle (Yr 3/4) and upper primary (Yr 5/6). It is a one hour math test involving 25 multiple choice and 5 questions involving a number answer, with an emphasis on problem solving strategies. Students wishing to enter the competition, which is sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank, need to place \$8.50 (competition entry fee and access to online practise program) in an envelope with your name, and the title – Math Competition, on the front of the envelope and return it to school office by 30th June.

Further information can be found at [www.amt.edu.au/](http://www.amt.edu.au/) or if you have any queries don't hesitate to chat with me.

Kellie Cumming

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION  
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### CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Phoebe Cetoupe who competed in the Victorian Gymnastics Championships two weeks ago. She came 1st Place in Vault, 1st Place in Floor and 3rd Place on Bars.

Phoebe was placed 3rd overall and her team won 1st place overall for the day. Well done Phoebe on your hard work and effort and congratulations on your achievement.

## INTERNET



### Creating strong passwords

One of the easiest ways to help your child protect their information online is to keep strong, secure passwords.

#### How to make a strong password



- Add numbers, symbols, and mixed-case letters- minimum of 8 characters
- Avoid information that's easy to guess, like 12345, your pet's name, your club's name or "password"
- Avoid personal info, like birthdays or addresses
- Make passwords unique
- Update passwords regularly

### Balancing screen time

How much time your child should spend using their device is up to you, but there are ways to help set limits when you want to. You can use Family Link to temporarily lock your child's device at different times of the day. For example:

- Bedtime: [Set a bedtime routine](#) to lock your child's phone while they sleep.
- Homework or dinner: [Lock devices immediately](#) so they can focus on other activities like studying or spending time with family.



You can also use the Family Link's app to view activity reports and see which apps your child is using most.

### What not to share

Help your children understand what information they need to keep top secret. Information like their home address, the name of their school, or phone number should never be shared online where strangers could see it.

### Blocking unwanted contacts

Just in case, make sure your child knows how to [block](#) unwanted contacts or someone who's bothering them.



- If it's from a stranger
- If it asks for account information
- If it sounds too good to be true
- If there's a strange link or file, even if it's from a friend

### Exploring together

If you want to talk with your children about technology, learning what they love might make it easier to start the conversation

### Decide what's right for your child

On Google Play, you can find [family-friendly content](#) by looking for the family star, which includes a suggested age-range for the content. For apps and games, you can check [content ratings](#) to understand an app's maturity, and set filters based on those ratings. Finally, check an app's additional information to find out whether it contains, ads, in-app purchases, or permissions you might care about.







Please return your money for the Cadbury Chocolate fundraiser as soon as possible. If you would like to sell an extra box you are welcome to ask at the school office and we will be happy to oblige!

Thank you to all those that have already sold their box and returned the money.

### Italian Phrase of the Week

Week 10:

**Mi piace ballare**  
(Mee pea-archay bah-lar-ray)  
**I like dancing!**



### DONUT SPECIAL FOOD DAY!

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June is Donut Special Food Day!**

The Parents Association will be selling donuts at recess for **\$1.00**. Please remember to bring your gold coin. We look forward to seeing you then.



### KID'S CLUB AT ST JOHN'S



Winter has arrived and it's time to rug up! 'Tis the season to be freezin' and bundling up.... We began by making paper snowflakes which the children decorated with glitter. They look fabulous suspended from our art display wall. The older kids used their imagination and coloured in patterns for the Winter theme. A few girls though it would be nice to create snowmen to add to our wall!!!



### BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Jacob Tran, Gabi Villalon and Jarrod Fernandez who had their birthdays last week. This week Connor Crawley, Daniel Rodstrom, Lucas Gilbert and Zoe Harkin will be celebrating their special day.

*We hope you all had/have a "Happy Day!"*



### SOCIAL JUSTICE AT ST JOHN'S

The social justice team has been looking at refugees and asylum seekers, we would like to know if anyone has any experience or history with asylum seekers or refugees and would like to share it with us, if so, please email [moshannassy@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au](mailto:moshannassy@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au)

Thank you!



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[www.emmaus.vic.edu.au](http://www.emmaus.vic.edu.au)

**OPEN DAY**

Vermont South Campus

Thursday, 29 June 2017 | 1.30-6.30 pm





## Book School Interviews Online

### Dear Parents

Teacher/Parent/Student Learning Discussion will be held between 3.50 and 7.00pm on Tuesday 27 June and 3.50 and 6.00pm on Wednesday 28 June, 2017.

You can book interviews at times that suit ***YOUR FAMILY BEST***.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.  
(Bookings open on Tuesday 20 June at 9.30am)

**BOOKINGS CLOSE on Tuesday 27 June at 9.30am**



Go to

[www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

Enter **THIS** school event code.  
Then follow the 3 simple steps.



When you click ***finish***, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.  
You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

### BOOKINGS OPEN ON Tuesday 20 June at 9.30am

For parents that don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones please see Jenny at the office or phone the school on 9874 1575.

Interviews are strictly 10mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 9874 1575.

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the "contact us" button on the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and suburb.



