

St John's Parish

Primary School



July 24, 2017 No. 18

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

JULY	25	Tuesday	Education board AGM Meeting, 7.00pm
	27	Thursday	Whole School Incursion, "Young Mary" - Based on Mary McKillops Life Confirmation Practice Day
	28	Friday	Confirmation Ceremony, 7.30pm
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	30	Sunday	First Eucharist Mass, 11.15am

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A Confirmation Prayer for our Candidates.

God of Life, You have called us all by name to be your children.

*Guide, protect and inspire us as we prepare
our children for the Sacrament of Confirmation.*

Continue to keep all your children in your tender, loving care.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

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

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Father Dispin John

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Dear Parents,

We welcome Monsignor Tony Ireland to St John's this weekend as students in our schools and parish celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday and Saturday night. We thank Fr Dispin, Maree O'Keefe, Monica O'Shannassy, Tom Jackson and Beth Johnson for their efforts in preparing our students and their families over the past few months.

Principal Formation Program – Rome

As I shared with the students at assembly this morning I had a wonderful time in Rome. It was quite a spiritual journey to walk in the footsteps on many saints – St Peter, St Paul, St Francis and St Clare to name a few. To experience wonder and awe as I visited some of the most iconic building in the Catholic tradition – St Peter's Basilica, St Paul Outside the walls, Sistine Chapel, St Mary Major Basilica and St John Lateran. To be part of a Papal Audience, being present in the space of his holy father was certainly an encounter of the heart. I will be making a time to share my experiences with students and staff over the next few weeks. I will also share some images in the office foyer (TV) for parents to see. Feel free to ask me all about my time away.

Term 3 School Closure Day

As advertised in our school calendar at the start of the year, Monday 21 August will be our next school closure day. Staff will be involved in professional learning linked to our School Improvement Plan.

Board Meeting

Tomorrow Tuesday, 25th of July, at 7pm is our Education Board AGM. All parents are warmly invited to attend this meeting, especially if you are interested in learning more about the role of the Education Board and potentially becoming a member. The Education Board offers another great opportunity for parents to be involved in school life.

If you are interested in attending this meeting on Tuesday night, please RSVP to Jacqui via email; jmarshall@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au or leave a message at the school office.

Sion Visit

Tomorrow we have staff and students from Sion College Box Hill coming to speak to our Year 3,4 and 5 girls about their school.

Emmaus Production

On Wednesday we have been invited along to the Emmaus College Production – The Little Mermaid. Our Year 4, 5 and 6 students will walk to The Whitehorse Centre at 11:15am and return by 3pm.

St James Vermont

We congratulate Andrew Mullaly, Principal at St James on his new appointment commencing in term 4. Andrew will be leaving St James Vermont to take up a principal appointment at St John Vianney, Mulgrave. I thank Andrew for his support over the past 5 years and know there will be an opportunity for all in our community to say thank you and farewell.

I would like to thank Beth Johnson for leading the school in my absence. It is great to be back with the community that I love.

Have a great week.
Jacqui Marshall
Principal

**below are a few snippets of my trip to Rome



Education in Faith News

Our Gospel Challenge this week is to: *Accept others and their differences*

Congratulations to
Erin, Lucas, Cooper and Tristan
who celebrated their First Eucharist on Saturday evening



Erin - Father Dispin broke the bread and poured the wine. It was special to hear what they represent from Father Dispin.

Lucas - It was a nice experience hearing about Jesus and God with Father Dispin.

Cooper - It was exciting to experience stories about Jesus and talking to Father Dispin.

Tristan - It was nice to experience a Mass in such a small group and being close to Father Dispin.



Jesus loved a good feast! He was noted for spending time at tables with his followers and social outcasts. In fact, one of his greatest gifts to the Church was a meal! The Mass is the gathering of the Church for feasting and relationship. When we go to Mass, we not only receive spiritual food in the body and blood of Christ, we also are nourished by the relationships of the community. In the same way that the Eucharist is at the heart of the life of the Church, so also is the family meal at the heart of the life of the domestic church. When we share a meal together in the presence of the Lord, we are about a sacred business. (Living Well Media, 2016)

Confirmation

Monsignor Tony Ireland will be confirming young people from our parish this Friday and Saturday evening at 7:30pm. Please keep the following year six students in your thoughts and prayers. All parishioners are most welcome to join us at these special celebrations.

Emma Breaden, Charlotte Cetoupe, Alex Chan, Aidan Doherty, Joshua Jenkins,
Jade Iacune, Elena Ibarra, Callum Leyden, Chloe Li, Sally Spicer,
Ashley Annett, Sareana Bastian, David Elliott, Nicholas Novak, Charlotte Pearce,
Talia Saez, Megan Smith, Jeremy Sniegowski, Patrick Stanyer, Frances Taboada,
Anabelle Taylor, Frances Wang and Ryan Werikhe.

Have an enjoyable week,
Monica

Important Dates to Remember:

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Social Awareness



This term, our focus for Social and Emotional Learning is social awareness. Social awareness is about respecting diversity of others, the relationships we build and how we build and maintain these effectively.

Building respectful relationships is at the core of this. We are fortunate to be involved in a statewide initiative to embed Respectful Relationships education in our curriculum and community and to bring about a cultural change for equality and safety for all in every relationship. As a Catholic community, this is central to our value and promotion for the dignity of each person.

The Respectful Relationships initiative grew as a response to the Royal Commission into family violence and resulted in strategies to provide a universal platform for education and change. Of these strategies a new resource for schools to use to support learning in the area of Social and Emotional was rolled out, as well as professional learning opportunities for staff.

The resource - Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships, is aligned with our SEL curriculum and is providing students with rich learning opportunities to ensure they continue to build strong, respectful relationships grounded in respect for diversity and equality for all.



Have a great week,

Beth Johnson
Wellbeing Leader

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

BIRTHDAYS

This week we congratulate Astrid Harkin as she celebrates her birthday.

We hope you have a "Happy Day!" Astrid!



CDF BANKING

The process for CDF banking is changing. Passbook accounts will be phased out to make way for the new online accounts. Anyone with a current CDF account can check out the link below for further information.

<https://www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/students?portalid=0>



Please return your money for the Cadbury Chocolate fundraiser NOW!

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.

SAVE THE DATE!



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ST JOHN'S MAJOR SOCIAL FUNDRAISER 2017

This year, let's try something new for our Major Social Fundraiser: a Saturday night in October!

Make sure you keep Saturday 14th October free in your calendar

Organise a babysitter and get ready for a wonderful night out.

More information will follow in term three but for any questions in the meantime, email yourpa.sjm@gmail.com

eLearning at St. John's

Cybersafety

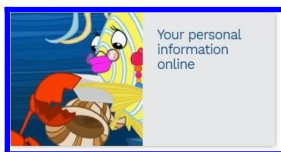
Children are online in ever increasing amounts. The more time they spend online, the more experienced they will become in noticing the risks associated with the online world. At St. John's EVERY year level team has agreed it is important that they develop and deliver a teaching program with a focus on Cyber Safety. In all sessions starting from the beginning of the academic year, as well as revisiting on a term basis, students are strongly encouraged to be digital citizens who use technology in ethical and safe ways.

Students work through a variety of Cyber Safety activities to increase their knowledge and understanding of internet safety. Some of the areas that students explore:

- **Internet Safety**
- **Search Engines for Primary Students**
- **Personal Information**
- **Cybersafety – Digital Footprint, Digital Reputation**
- **Copyright /Digital Literacy/Plagiarism**
- **Cyberbullying**
- **Privacy and Security**
- **eM@il etiquette**

Many of the activities are derived from a number of key websites such as Common Sense Media and the Office of the eSafety Commissioner.

The junior levels are currently exploring Hector's World. This is a valuable education resource for use in the classroom and has videos which include a range of cybersafety messages such as personal information online, computer security and cyber bullying. These videos also reinforce the importance of responsible online behaviour.



The middle level is currently learning about personal information and what information is and isn't appropriate to share with others online. They have also been watching a number of videos highlighting the difference between real friends and online "friends".

The senior year level is currently taking part in the Class Act 50 Challenge. This challenge has been designed to support schools to consider and act on the issues the digital world can present. The challenge involves 50 quick tasks which prompt students to take control of their online safety and develop a culture of respect both online and offline. Some examples of tasks include:

- How might you identify a scam received via email, pop ups or text messages? Discuss.
- Find out who to go to at your school if something goes wrong for you online.
- What do you think it means to be digitally intelligent? Discuss.

We have now been recognised as an eSmart school. Since we first registered with the program, we have introduced many new policies and activities to improve the way our school manages cyber safety, bullying and cyberbullying. We feel confident our students, staff and the wider school community are now well supported to be smart, safe and responsible users of digital technology.



We encourage everyone in the school community to continue to uphold and promote eSmart behaviours, at school and at home.

If you have any questions about our cyber safety curriculum or eSmart, please make a time to speak to me. — **Bianca Martino, eLearning/Learning and Teaching Leader**



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COLLEGE**

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INFORMATION EVENING

Monday, 24 July, 2017
7.00pm

OPEN MORNING

Friday, 4 August, 2017
9.00 – 10.30am

Vermont South Campus

For tour bookings or more information, please see our website.

www.emmaus.vic.edu.au



Junior Basketball Program

The Junior Program is moving to Saturday mornings, 9.30 – 10.30. The venue remains the same: [Rangeview Primary School](#)

Please contact Chris Lloyd on 0414 785 682 or clloyd@mitchamthunder.com if you are interested in the beginners program for Term Three.

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MITCHAM
THUNDER JUNIOR
BASKETBALL
PROGRAM

4-10 YEARS OF AGE

RANGEVIEW
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 3

SATURDAYS
9.30 – 10.30am

HAVE FUN
LEARNING
BASKETBALL