

St John's Parish

Primary School



July 31, 2017 No. 19

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

JULY	30	Sunday	First Eucharist Mass, 11.15am
AUGUST	4	Friday	Parish Art Show
	5	Saturday	First Eucharist Mass, 6.00pm
	6	Sunday	First Eucharist Mass, 11.15am
	7	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am
	8	Tuesday	Feast of St Mary of the Cross Prayer Service, 12.00pm
	9	Wednesday	PA Meeting, 7.00pm
	10	Thursday	Year 1, Parent Formation Night, 7.30pm

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Prep 100 days

You may have noticed a lot of 'elderly' little people last Wednesday as our Prep's celebrated 100 days of school. 100 days has certainly flown and I'm sure you'll agree, these children have learnt and grown so much. Congratulations to Miss Curtis, Melinda and all of the Prep's on this milestone.

Confirmation

On Friday and Saturday night our year 6 students celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. We were fortunate to have Monsignor Tony Ireland lead our celebration with the take home message - 'Have no limits'. Thank you to Monica O'Shannassy and Tom Jackson with preparing the students for this celebration and supporting both evenings. We would also like to thank Father Dispin and Maree in their thorough organisation in ensuring the celebrations ran smoothly and prayerfully.



Future Leaders

With the new semester, we have elected new Future Leaders for the Prep to year 5 classes. Our School Captains and Vice Captains continue to lead the team of Future Leaders as part of their important role as our School Captains. This provides opportunities for more students to experience a leadership role and belonging to a team of leaders. We congratulate the following students on this achievement:

Prep - Alannah, Ruah and Lucas

1/2VP - Florence and Isla

1/2BM - Jasmine and Sophie

3/4EB - Cooper and Amity

3/4KC - Amari and Anthony

3/4RF - Christo and Kane

5/6MO - Astrid, Hamish, Charlotte (School Captain), Jeremy (School Captain) and Ashley (Vice School Captain)

5/6TJ - Tahlia, Luke and David (Vice School Captain)

Report feedback

We would like to gather feedback from families on our reporting process this semester, especially with some changes to the report layout. Could you please complete the survey on the following link <https://goo.gl/forms/TgvT9H0D8ru2MY4i2> by Friday 11th of August.

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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PARISH PRIEST

Father Dispin John

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Mrs. Martine Giles

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Education in Faith News

Our Gospel Challenge this week is to: *To make good choices.*

*Spirit of God, grant me: The gift of wisdom To see the world through your eyes,
The gift of counsel To make difficult decisions,
The gifts of knowledge and understanding To use my mind to know you and to love you,
The gift of fortitude To have the courage to live in the faith despite the difficulties and disappointments, The
gift of piety To be able to express my special love And commitment to you,
And the right kind of awesome fear That makes me pause to wonder and revere God's Love.
Amen.*

Congratulations to all the young people of our parish who were confirmed on Friday and Saturday evenings by Monsignor Tony Ireland. As the name implies, the Sacrament of Confirmation confirms or strengthens the new life received at Baptism. Although the Holy Spirit is received at Baptism, Confirmation focuses on this gift by recalling the promise of Jesus to send the Spirit. In the case of youth, Confirmation is often regarded as a sign of maturity in Christ. Having been baptised as a baby and raised in the Christian life, the youth is now called upon to make a more mature commitment to the Gospel. In particular Confirmation underlines our commissioning to be bold, apostle-like witnesses to the Gospel. Monsignor Ireland encouraged the candidates to be bold and set no limits for themselves and listen to the music in their hearts.

Confirmation was good because I got to renew my Catholic faith and become an adult member of the church. - Joshua Jenkins

It was an exciting experience to feel that I was allowed further into the catholic community and have my family there to support me. -Charlotte Cetoupe

Confirmation was a time to continue my faith in an even stronger way and it was fun to do it with my friends. - Elena Ibarra

Confirmation was exciting for me because I had the opportunity to chose if I want to continue my journey in the catholic religion. - Chloe Li

Have a wonderful week,
Monica

Important Dates to Remember:

<u>August</u>	1	Tuesday	Home Mass:- Daiah, Lena and Anna, 6:30pm
	6	Sunday	First Eucharist:- Daiah, Lena and Anna, 11:15am
	8	Tuesday	Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross Prayer Service, 12:00pm
			Home Mass:- Sienna, Basti, Cameron and Anria, 6:30pm
	9	Wednesday	Home Mass:- Sam, Greg and Marco, 6:30pm
	10	Thursday	Baptism Revisited Year One Parent Night, 7:30pm.
	12	Saturday	First Eucharist:- Sienna, Basti, Cameron and Anria, 6:00pm
	13	Sunday	First Eucharist:- Sam, Greg and Marco, 6:00pm
	15	Tuesday	Feast of the Assumption of Mary Mass, 12:00pm



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PREP 100 DAYS



Math Family Night - Literacy and Numeracy Week



Tuesday 19th September: 6:00pm to 7:30pm - Mary Mackillop Space

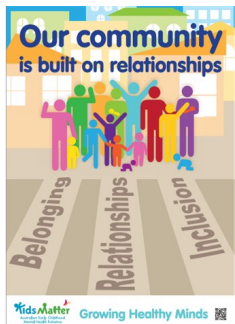
In conjunction with Literacy and Numeracy Week (Term 3 Week 10), education consultant Penny Willoughby from the Math Association of Victoria is coming to St. John's to facilitate a Family Maths Night. Penny is renowned in her field as a teacher, tutor and educational consultant who is passionate about gifted education, personalised learning, creativity, numeracy, problem solving and differentiation. Penny will be presenting a short parent forum on "Key Ways for Parents to Help their Children with Numeracy" for about five minutes, followed by a variety of hands on tasks for families to engage in mathematics in an interactive and fun way.

Further information will be provided closer to the event.

Kellie Cumming

Social Awareness

It isn't always easy to get along with others and make friends. 'Social Skills' is the term often used to describe behaviours that lead to good relationships. Nobody is born with good relationship skills. You have to learn and practise them. One of the most important skills relating to good relationships is thinking about the other person's rights and feelings, not just your own.



Everyday at home and at school your child is given opportunities to learn about and practise these understandings and skills. This includes interactions as a family, sporting and community links, Parish, through explicit learning and teaching programs in our Social and Emotional Learning curriculum, incidental opportunities while working together in the learning environment and each day during lunch and recess play. For more information about Positive Friendship Skills, please read the Kidsmatter information in the link below.

https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/sites/default/files/public/KMP_C2_CAF_HelpingChildrenLearnPositiveFriendshipSkills.pdf



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

Have a great week,

*Beth Johnson
Wellbeing Leader*

Instrumental Music Lessons At School

ROCKiSKOOL is now accepting new enrolments for instrumental music lessons at school.

Tuition is available for Singing, Piano, Ukulele, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drums, Tin Whistle, Recorder, Flute, Clarinet, Clarineo, Saxophone, Trumpet and Trombone. Lessons are in small groups or for serious Musicians, solo lessons are available as well.

For more information on the program and to enroll, please visit our website at **www.rockiskool.com**.
Or call Anthony Merchant on 0425 738 420

Mathematics - Extension and Intervention Programs.

At St John's we offer a range of programs to support and extend students needs in the area of mathematics.

G.R.I.N. (Getting Ready In Numeracy) - Yr 2 to Y6

St John's is a G.R.I.N accredited school which was developed and facilitated through the Faculty of Education - Monash University. G.R.I.N is an intervention program, where tutors (Nicole Dunning, Kate Hetherington and Melinda Kerwin) work with small groups of students three times a week, for short sharp sessions, to get them ready for the mathematics classes that they would subsequently attend. The program provides the students with the mathematical knowledge and language for the upcoming lesson. The aim is to give the students the confidence to participate and succeed in forthcoming mathematics classes. St John's run this program throughout the year with two intakes at the beginning of Term 1 and 3. The criteria for selecting students for the G.R.I.N program is based on a number of data testing tools. Parents of selected students are consulted prior to commencement of the program.

CAT (Computational and Algorithmic Thinking) - Yr 5 and Yr 6

In Term 1, nine students were selected from Yr 5 and 6 (upper primary) to compete in the Computational and Algorithmic Thinking (CAT) competition at St John's through the Australian Mathematics Trust. It is a one-hour problem-solving competition which seeks to identify computer programming potential. Some questions test the ability to accurately perform procedures, others require logical thought, while the more challenging problems require the identification and application of algorithms. These students were involved in a number of workshops pre and post competition where the students solved problems together and compared strategies and solutions.

Maths Talent Quest - Yr 3 to Yr 6

The Maths Talent Quest is a mathematical investigations project which is organised through the Mathematical Association of Victoria (MAV). The aim of the Maths Talent Quest is to promote an interest in and increases the awareness of mathematics. As part of the extension education selected students will be given an opportunity to participate in this project over Term 2 and 3 this year. The project involves students working in small groups to investigate a mathematical topic of their choice. This is a great opportunity to have fun exploring mathematics in real life situation. Through this investigation students will develop research and communication skills, enhance problem solving strategies and discover practical applications of mathematics.

The Australian Math Competition - Yr 3 to Yr 6

The Australian Mathematics Competition is a mathematics competition run by the Australian Mathematics Trust during Term 3. It is an optional extension activity available to students from Year 3. The one hour math test involves multiple choice and short answer questions. It was great that this year we had 32 students participate in this competition. All students involved participated in practice workshops and online practice questions prior to the competition. Students will also be involved in post group problem solving sessions, where they can share strategies and solutions. All participants will receive a certificate with their results in the coming weeks.

Kellie Cumming

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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**

EARN AND LEARN IS BACK!

It's simple to participate. From Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September 2017 (or while stock lasts), when you, your family or friends shop at Woolworths they can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the check-out operator (or through an online order) and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There will be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box near the office. We can then redeem the Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers for education resources for our school. Start collecting now!



PRODUCTION PROPS

Penelope needs around 40, 2litre plastic milk containers for the school production. If you are able to help please send your emptied and cleaned containers (2litre only) to the school office.



BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Jessica Gilbert, Sophie Janssen, Oliver Stutchbury and Anabelle Taylor who will celebrate their birthday this week.

We hope you all have a "Happy Day!"



CDF BANKING

The process for CDF banking has changed and pass-book accounts can be transferred to online accounts.

No more deposits will be accepted for CDF passbook savings accounts. If you wish to continue banking with CDF please use the link below for transition to online banking.

Forms are available from the office if you wish to close your account.

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

Thank you to Gabby Bourke, past parent of St John's, for your time and commitment as a volunteer, processing the CDF Banking each Wednesday for the past few years.

Italian Phrase of the Week

Week 19:

Che tempo fa?

(Kay tampoah fah?)

What is the weather like?

