

St John's Parish

Primary School



August 28, 2017 No. 22

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

SEPTEMBER	1	Friday	Father's Day Breakfast
	3	Sunday	Father's Day
	4	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am
	5	Tuesday	Matinee performance, "A Grimm Night for Hans", 12.30pm
	6	Wednesday	School Production Night "A Grimm Night for Hans", 7.00pm
	11	Monday	Swimming Program commences; 2 weeks; Prep - Year 2

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For your entertainment

St John's Primary School

Presents

A Grimm Night for Hans

Tuesday 5th September, Matinee 12.30pm

Wednesday 6th September, 7.00pm

Durkin Hall
(St John's School)



Tickets: Adults \$12.00 & Children \$5.00 are available at the school office
Tea & coffee will be served at interval



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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Dear Parents,

We have another busy week coming up!

School Performance

Just over one week to go and the children are very excited. Today we had a full dress rehearsal. Thanks to all our parents for your support with costumes. Please remember to purchase your tickets from the office. The school performance will be videoed professionally and available for purchase. Order forms will be coming home this week. Many may be unrecognisable with the amazing costumes and make-up they are wearing. Please advise me by Friday 1 September if you would prefer that your child is not videoed or if you have any further questions.

A reminder to our year 5/6 students who ordered a special performance T-Shirt to bring along their \$20 as soon as possible. Students can wear their T-shirts at school over the next week.

School Closure Day - Visible Learning

Last Monday 21 August our staff visited two schools in Melbourne's north for our professional learning school closure day. Half of our staff visited St John the XXIII in Thomastown, while the other half-visited St Mary's in Thornbury. Both of these schools are part of the same visible learning project with Catholic Education Melbourne as us and have been acknowledged for the changes in their culture of learning.

At each school, we met with their leadership teams to hear about their journey and strategic planning to date. Following this, we were able to see visible learning in action in their classrooms. It is always a wonderful and inspiring privilege to be welcomed into learning areas and see best practice in other schools. On returning to school, we reflected on what we had heard and seen at each school and set some goals for the future of visible learning at our school. After setting goals for our whole school, staff also identified personal goals in their practice that would enhance visible learning for their students.

NAPLAN results

Our 2017 results indicate that we are well above or above standard in both years 3 and 5 in Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy. Writing remains a priority area for improvement as our results indicated that we are just below the state average. I would like to congratulate our students and staff on this great achievement.

School Improvement Surveys

Last week we sent out 60 parent surveys and so far 15 have been completed which is a great start. Your feedback is valued and very important in setting future directions for our school. Surveys close Friday 8 September. Students in years 3-6 will also get the chance to complete a survey in the coming weeks.

Fathers' Day Breakfast

We look forward to this event every year. If you have not already returned your slip and payment, you have until Thursday. There is more information later in the newsletter.



Farewell

We say a sad farewell to Ruah (prep) and his family on Thursday who will be returning back home to Korea.

We wish them every happiness and hope to see them back at St John's sometime in the future.

Staffing

I will be taking some long service leave in the last two weeks of term. My last day will be Wednesday 6 September. I will be heading to Hawaii with my family. Beth Johnson will be acting principal in my absence. Nicole Dunning (LSO) will also be on leave for the last 2 weeks of term to travel overseas to Europe.

Have a great week,

Jacqui Marshall
Principal

Education in Faith News

Our Gospel Challenge this week is to: *reach out to others.*

In this week's gospel Jesus tells us that Peter will be the rock upon which he builds his Church. Jesus can use us as rocks to build his church as well, even though we can be falling rocks at times. But we have a God who looks beyond our mistakes and focuses on our potential.

Too many people give up on themselves because they see their own faults. God sees those faults and failings but Matthew, through this story, tells us that God still chooses us to build peace and justice in this world. Peter led the early Church and was the first pope – despite his flaws. And God has the same faith in us that Jesus had in Peter.

This week let's be a rock for the people of God's Church around us. Let's do our best to forgive and reach out and try to live as honestly as possible. Let's make an effort to put others first. And when we mess up, which we will, let's not get down on ourselves. Pray for forgiveness, wisdom and strength. Remember Peter and have faith in ourselves and then just try again.

The Vatican released a message from Pope Francis in the lead-up to World Day of Migrants and Refugees, yesterday Sunday 27 August.

In the statement, Pope Francis reinforces the "great responsibility" of standing in solidarity with migrants and refugees around the world, and calls on us all "to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate". The full statement can be found at the link below.



<http://www.news.va/en/news/popes-message-for-world-day-of-migrants-and-refuge>

Have an enjoyable week,

Monica



Tournament of Minds

Challenging the World

On Saturday 19th of August, Sophie Kroeze, Chloe Moran, Tahlia Crawley, Frances Taboada, Charlotte Cetoupe, Luke Marriner and David Elliott represented our school at Tournament of Minds.

Tournament of Minds is an Australia-wide program designed to encourage students to develop their co-operative problem solving skills, and their creative and critical thinking. Here at St John's the learning opportunity formed a part of our Extension Education program.

Our team solved two demanding open-ended challenges on the day. One was a long term challenge that the students worked on and solved over a five week period of time. Students had to design, create and rig a lottery that selected individuals to travel to Mars. Their solution to the Engineering/Mathematics challenge was then presented on the day through a ten minute dramatisation. The team also completed a spontaneous challenge on the day.

Congratulations to our team, who worked tremendously hard!!

Below are the team members comments about the experience:

"We enjoyed the challenge.

It was a great opportunity to work with others we haven't worked with before.

We learnt things about others and ourselves.

We enjoyed going to Deakin University

Tournament of Minds builds teamwork.

We improved our creative thinking skills.

It stretched us.

We would love to participate again.

It was an adventure!"



Social Awareness and our Behaviour Matrix



St John's Primary School

School Wide Behaviour Expectations

	Respect Self	Respect Others	Respect Property
Inside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Have a go - "Positive attitude" ★ Be ready to learn ★ Use an inside voice ★ Make good choices ★ Follow the expectations of the learning space ★ Move safely - Walk indoors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Allow others to learn ★ Listen to each other because everyone has a voice ★ One person speaks at a time ★ Hands and feet to ourselves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Keep our spaces clean ★ Return property ★ Ask before using
Outside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Use equipment safely and sensibly and as it is meant to be used ★ Use your eyes and ears when moving around 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Work together to solve a problem - <i>Remember there are teachers if you need help</i> ★ Be a good role model ★ Share equipment, games and spaces ★ Hands to ourselves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Put rubbish in the bins ★ Put sports equipment away - if you borrow something, return it for someone else to use ★ Take care of our gardens and plants

Our guiding expectations at St John's are Respect for Self, Respect for Others and Respect for Property. Around the school you may have seen our behaviour matrix which reminds each of us of what these three R's look, sound and feel like.

Through developing our ability to be socially aware, we strengthen our respect for others.

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

Have a great week,

*Beth Johnson
Wellbeing Leader*

Interfaith Excursion

Dear parents and families,

On Thursday the 17 August as part of our Religious Education studies we visited two different places of worship. We met Rabbi Daniel Rabin at the North East Jewish Centre in Doncaster to learn about Judaism. We also visited the UMMA Centre in Doncaster to learn about Islam.

Firstly we went to the Jewish Synagogue where we learnt about Judaism and what life is like for people of the Jewish faith. One of the things we learnt is that women and men sit separately in the synagogue. This is because during prayer it is a time to be close to God and if you sit with your wife or husband you might not be as close to God or could be distracted. We learnt that there are 613 commandments in Jewish law and around 300 of those are rules you must consider every day. There is even a rule for putting your shoes on and tying them up. There are reasons for all of these rules and they represent something significant. Jewish people follow these commandments to help them feel closer to God. We are curious to learn exactly what these commandments are and how difficult it would be to follow them. Whilst we were in the synagogue the boys had to cover the top of their head with a cloth. Usually males wear a Yamaka.

On Friday Jewish people celebrate the Sabbath. On this day they are not allowed to use electricity, phones, drive cars or cook food that uses power. During this time Jewish people go to church to pray and be with others in their community. It begins at sunset on Friday night and finishes 24 hours later. Jewish people follow this tradition to spend time with their families, their community and God.

We learnt about the three L's; Law, Lore and Light. The Laws are the Jewish rules or commandments. The Lore are the stories and the light is their relationship with God.

The Torah which is the sacred text of the Jewish faith is written on scrolls which can take a year and a half to write and cost between \$30,000 to \$100,000 to buy.

At the Muslim Centre we learnt that Muslim people pray five times a day; at sunrise, mid-day, late afternoon, sunset and before sleep. We learnt that the Qur'an is the book of teachings and scripture that Muslim people follow which has 114 chapters. The prophet Muhammad is a very important person in their faith and he is known as the last prophet. He is mentioned in our Bible in the Old Testament.

When praying men and women are separated, similar to Judaism. Muslim women wear hijabs to cover their head and hair. The only times they don't have to wear them is in front of their father, husband or son. Women make the choice to wear the hijab, they often do so to show respect and pride. During prayer Muslim people bow, kneel and have to face the direction of Mecca. All of this symbolises their commitment to their faith. Shoes are not worn inside the prayer hall.

In the Muslim faith there is a key teaching known as the five pillars of action. They are faith, prayer, fasting, charity and hajj. Muslim people are expected to donate 2.5% of their savings each year to people in need.

As part of the Muslim faith men and women fast for 30 days during Ramadan. They fast from sunrise to sunset each day. The reason Muslim people do this is to help them feel closer to God, to help them avoid distractions and to understand the pain some people who are less fortunate go through. Young children and sick people don't have to fast.

We learnt that it is expected that Muslim people visit the Mecca in Saudi Arabia at least once in their life. This is known as a pilgrimage and only Muslim people are allowed to go inside. When visiting men have to wear all white which symbolise all men being equal in God's eyes. If you can't afford to make this journey you don't have to.

Both of these faiths are monotheistic which means that they worship one God. Both of the faiths can also be traced back to Abraham. These faiths showed us the dedication and commitment men and women have to their beliefs. It dictates how they live their life, just as our faith should show us how to live our life.

We learnt about different perspectives of God in other religions. Other faiths see God as a king or a master. We are similar in our beliefs because we are called to serve and help others. We had a terrific day learning many things as you can see. Thank you for taking the time to read our reflection.

From, 5/6 students and teachers.





Congratulations to all our year 4, 5 and 6 students that represented St John's Primary School last week at the district athletics competition. The day was a terrific success with all students giving their best effort. All teachers were very pleased with the sportsmanship and overall encouragement our students demonstrated. Well done to the following students who qualified for the next stage of competition:

9/10 Boys

Jack Iacuone - 200m
Jesse Horvat - 80m Hurdles

11 Girls

Olivia Arouff - 1500m

12/13 Boys

George Molnar - 100m
Josh Jenkins - 200m
Aidan Doherty - Discus

9/10 Girls

Maeve Gill - Long jump

11 Boys

Hamish Gill - Discus / 80m Hurdles
Atonio Tauali - Shot put

12/13 Girls

Megan Smith - 100m
Sally Spicer - 1500m

We wish them the best at the upcoming division athletics competition in October!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS—RCIA COME AND SEE

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a journey of faith — a journey of seeking, meeting new people and learning about the Catholic faith.

You may have questions such as “My child is learning about Jesus at school and comes home asking questions about God and Jesus – where can I learn more to share with my child?” – or
“I am not a Catholic and I am not at all sure I want to become one, but I would like to find out more about what Catholics believe”.

St John's RCIA team are inviting adults who are interested in asking questions about the Catholic faith — and about becoming Catholic to come and join us.

Two information sessions have been planned:

Tuesday 2 September &

Tuesday 9 September 7.30pm in the **Coghlan Centre** at **St John's**. (Both sessions are the same.)

If you are a Catholic already—you might like to invite family members and friends who seem interested to come along—you may like to accompany them to the information meetings if asked.

Enquiries: Maureen Campbell 0409 894 328 or Maree O'Keefe 9873 1341

Literacy and Numeracy Week at St John's 2017.

In the final week of this term we will be celebrating




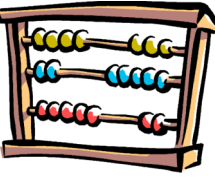


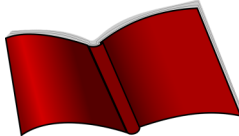





Literacy and Numeracy Week at St John's...

We have a great deal of fun and frivolity planned to celebrate!

Please keep these dates in your diary.

More details to come...

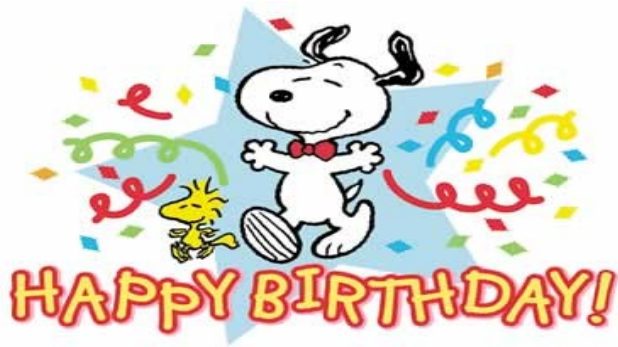
We hope you can come along and share in the fun and games!!

Monday 18/9	Tuesday 19/9	Wednesday 20/9	Thursday 21/9	Friday 22/9
<p>Assembly: Official launch of National Literacy and Numeracy Week™ 9AM</p>  <p>Teachers to read a favourite picture story book to another year level. (each and every day!)</p> 	<p>Spelling Bee:</p>  <p>-9:00 am- Junior years -2:20 pm- Senior years</p> <p>Digital literacy - Whole school coding activities in classes.</p>  <p>Maths workshop -Family Night 7.00pm Maths Association to host the night.</p>  <p>P.A. to organise sausage sizzle</p>	<p>Book character parade: 9am Dress up as favourite book character- whole school parade : Parents welcome!</p>  <p>Read for Australia. All classes to gather for a shared reading of a CBCA book. (Book to be announced.)</p> 	<p>Don't Judge a Book by it's cover! (Book Swap)</p>  <p>Students to bring a second- hand <u>wrapped</u> book to swap with another student. <i>What will you get?</i></p> <p>Movie afternoon: Students to watch selected Fairy tales.</p>  <p>Parent Workshop: 2.30pm: How can I support Multiplication learning at home?</p> 	<p>Parent Workshop: 9.00am How can I support Literacy learning at home.</p> <p>AFL Dress up Day. Students to dress in AFL colours.</p>  <p>Lunch: P.A. Special Food day.</p>  <p>Holidays.....!!!</p>

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Gemma Horvat, Amelia Willis, Ebony Saez, Jack Iacuone, Cooper Kroezen, Will Taylor,, Molly Pellegrino, Christine Clifford and Daiah Gonzalez who have celebrated or will celebrate their birthday this week.

We hope you all have a "Happy Day!"



HELP WANTED

If anyone is around on Tuesday morning 5th September from 9.00 I would very much appreciate some help in decorating our hall for our matinee performance. Please pop in and see me if you are available.

Many thanks, Penelope



PUBLIC SPEAKING

The year 5/6 students have recently completed a three week public speaking course. Each students wrote a speech which they presented to the class. Congratulations to Charlotte Cetoupe and Francis Taboada who won the Best Public Speaker award for their class.

COSTUME SEWING BEE

A big thank you to Trish Harkin, Janine & Mackenzie Coates, Nicole La, Rae Crawley, Di Tew and Maureen O'Sullivan for donating their time and amazing sewing/cutting abilities at last weeks sewing bee for the performance costumes.

Your help and support is greatly appreciated!



LIBRARY HELP WANTED

Do you love books and have some time to spare to help out in the library?

Any time you can spare to help shelve or cover books would be greatly appreciated!

Please indicate your interest to Sue in the Library between 9.15 and 4pm on Tuesdays or 9.15 to 1pm on Thursdays.

It's a great way to help out & keep up to date with all the latest releases of children's books. Many thanks, Sue



*Sometimes you will never know
the value of a moment until
it becomes a memory*



CONGRATULATIONS

Mitcham Football Club players and St John's students, Luke Marriner and Hamish Gill, celebrated a victory in U11A EFL Grand Final on Sunday 20th August. Congratulations to you both!

WHITEHORSE COMMUNITY SUPPORT REGISTER

Whitehorse Community Support Register needs volunteers!

- Do you have 2 hours to spare and love a chat?
- Would you like to give back to the community?
- Are you looking at doing some volunteer work before returning to the workforce?

The Register is a free program run by volunteers and located at the Box Hill Police Station

It is for elderly and often isolated residents living in Whitehorse

The register houses useful information that can be accessed by police, fire and ambulance officers in an emergency

Volunteers also make regular phone calls to chat to clients and check on their welfare

For further information please contact Leading Senior Constable Bec MILLIN on 8892 3381 or rebecca.millin@police.vic.gov.au



EARN AND LEARN



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 checkout 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!

Marathon Club

Tuesday and Thursday Mornings

Check the St John's Skoolbag App for updates.



Please return your money for the
Cadbury Chocolate fundraiser NOW!

Italian Phrase of the Week



Week 22: Tira vento
(tee-rah vantoh)
It is windy



A special event for mothers and daughters aged 10-12 yrs.....

Celebration Day For Girls

Sunday October 22nd 11.00am - 5.00pm
Coghlan Centre @ St John's

This beautiful workshop explores the step from girlhood to womanhood in the time honoured way of sisterhood and circles - full of information, discussion and fun activities

For more information and to book ring
Kath Callinan-Moore on 0438 802 379
or kathcmoore61@gmail.com



*You are warmly invited to the social event of the year,
St John's Parish Primary*

Masquerade

Saturday 14 October 2017 @ 7.00pm

Tickets on sale from 22 August

\$35.00 per person (earlybird, before 22 September)

\$45.00 per person (standard)

Dinner and entertainment included

BYO drinks and masks

Enquires: yourpa.sjm@gmail.com



St John's Father's Day Breakfast



Dads, Grandads, Special Friends are invited to breakfast with the special children in their lives.

Come and enjoy yummy food on your way to work in good company, and if you wish, participating in some sporting activities.

When: Friday 1st September

Time: 7.30 am or 8.00am

Cost: \$7.00 person

Cost is inclusive of a bacon sandwich and a coffee or hot chocolate as well as a choice of the breakfast buffet; selecting from pancakes, fruit platters, croissants and cereal.



Please hand in the slip with correct money to the school office by Monday 28th August.

If you can help set up the day before (Thurs 31/08/17) or help on the day or have any questions, please contact Liz Swaine PH: 0409 709 203 or elizabeth.swaine@bigpond.com (Jack 3/4)

St John's Father's Day Breakfast RSVP Slip

Family Name: _____

Name of eldest child: _____

Number of children attending: _____

Number of adults attending: _____

Adult's name(s) attending: _____

Sitting time (please circle): 7.30am

8.00am

Dietary requirements: _____

Yes I can help set up Thursday 31/08/2017:

Contact number: _____:

Yes I can help on the day 01/09/2017:

Contact number: _____: