# St John's Parish

# Primary School



September 4, 2017 No. 23

# **COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S**

SEPTEMBER	5	Tuesday	Matinee performance, "A Grimm Night for Hans", 12.30pm NO Marathon Club
	6	Wednesday	School Production Night "A Grimm Night for Hans", 7.00pm
	7	Thursday	NO Marathon Club
	11	Monday	Swimming Program Commences; 2 weeks (Mon–Thursday); Prep - Year 2
	12	Tuesday	PA Meeting, 7.00pm
	18	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am
	21	Thursday	Swimming Program Final Day; Prep - Year 2

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# Dear Parents,

I hope we all had a special day yesterday celebrating our families. A big thank you to our Parents' Association led by Liz Swaine for our wonderful Fathers' Day breakfast on Friday morning.







### **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:

PH: 9873 1341

### **PARISH PRIEST**

Father Dispin John

# **PARISH SECRETARIES**

Mrs. Elisa Kelesidis Mrs. Martine Giles

# PASTORAL ASSOCIATES

Mrs. Maree O'Keefe

Email: principal@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au Web: www.sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au

What an exciting week we have ahead of us with our school performance A Grimm Night for Hans. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Penelope Lang for her vision and leadership over the past few months leading to our performances this week. As you can imagine there are many hours in putting a show like this together. Our whole school staff have given a lot of their time to support our students. We have also had many parents and grandparents who have generously given their time to support our students – we say thank you. We look forward to the seeing all our students shining on stage as their love of the performing arts has continued to GROW this year. Don't forget to purchase your tickets from the office before the show. You may have seen our wonderful school performance t-shirts which are being worn by senior students and some staff. There may be some available to purchase in smaller sizes from the office after Wednesday. Please inquire with Jenny if you are interested.

# **School Improvement Surveys**

Our year 3/4 students completed this survey last week. Later this week our year 5/6 students will give their feedback.

At this stage just over 20 parent surveys have been completed. Our target is 40 so if you have an envelope can you please take the time to complete the questions. It can be done online or in paper format and returned to the school office.

The survey process closes on Friday 8 September.

# **Junior School Swimming Program**

Our Prep, Year 1 and 2 students will begin their swimming program next week at Aqualink Nunawading. Letters will be going home early this week and it would be appreciated if they are returned to school by Friday. Thanks for your support.

# Planning for 2018

To support our planning processes for next year could you please advise me by email if your child will not be returning to St John's in 2018 – <u>jmarshall@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au</u>

This does not include our current year 6 students. I would appreciate if you could notify me before the end of term.

# **Working Bee**

We have a working bee scheduled for Saturday 16 September commencing at 9am.

Please complete the slip included in today's newsletter if you are able to support it as your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Have a great week everyone, Jacqui Marshall Principal

# Social Awareness and our Behaviour Matrix



Our guiding expectations at St John's are Respect for Self, Respect for Others and Respect for Property.

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

Over the next two weeks we will be focusing on listening to each other because everyone has a voice. We encourage families to talk about this at home and embrace opportunities to encourage your children to identify when they are successful with this.



Collating data and acknowledging positive behaviours is a critical part of continuing to strengthen a positive school culture at St John's. To acknowledge and promote positive behaviours, we are trialing a recognition and data collecting app called Class Dojos. This is a secure online system which enables us to celebrate our children demonstrating our three R's and learning dispositions. It also has the facility for parents to be able to log in via an app to see which behaviours their child displays, providing an opportunity at home to celebrate these. If you wish to have access to this feature whilst we trial it, please send your child's teacher an email confirming your permission to allow you access. As this is a trial, we would also love your feedback at the end of the term.

Have a great week, Beth Johnson Wellbeing Leader

# Education in Faith News

Our Gospel Challenge this week is to: ..... Ask god to help us by praying.

We bring our dad to you, O God, in prayer.

May the worries of his heart be eased.

May his work be meaningful and give him joy.

May his dad jokes be met with laughter and the love of his family be available to him. May his support of his family be met with appreciation, gratitude and respect.

May he grow old surrounded by love.

And may he know that as much as he loves his children, he too is loved.

### Amen



You may have noticed a new cross hanging in our office area. Jacqui generously brought it back from her recent trip to Italy for the school community. It is a replica of the San Damiano cross. While still in his early 20's and seeking his place in the world, Francis of Assisi was praying before this cross when he heard the voice of God commanding him to "rebuild my church." The name of the cross' artist is unknown, but it was fashioned around 1100. It was painted in a style popular at the time that served to teach the meaning of the passion of Christ and thereby strengthen the faith of the people. It contains many images. Below is a brief description of the images.

The largest figure is Jesus Christ, represented as both wounded and strong, standing upright and resolute. The bright white of the Lord's body contrasts with the dark red and black around it and, therefore, accentuates the prominence of Jesus. He projects the life of divine nature in a body pierced by nails in the hands and feet, by the crown of thorns on his head, and by the soldier's lance in his side. The next largest figures are the five witnesses of the crucifixion and witnesses of Jesus as Lord. On the left side are the Virgin Mary and St. John the Evangelist, to whom Jesus entrusted his mother. On the right side are Mary Magdalene; Mary, Mother of James; and the centurion who in Matthew's Gospel account asks Christ to heal his son. Both Mary and Mary Magdalene have their hands placed on their cheeks to reflect extreme grief and anguish.



The first four witnesses have halos because they are saints who gave their lives for the Lord. The three smaller figures are represented as witnessing the crucifixion. On the lower left is Longinus, the traditional name of the Roman soldier who pierced the side of Jesus with a lance. In the lower right is Stephaton, the traditional name for the soldier who offered Jesus the sponge soaked in vinegar wine. Peering over the left shoulder of the centurion is a small face. A close look reveals the tops of the heads of three others beside him. This represents the centurion's son who was healed by Jesus and the rest of his family to show that "he and his whole household believed." (John 4:45-54) At both ends of the crossbar are six angels are represented as marveling over the event of the crucifixion. Their hand gestures indicate they are discussing this wondrous event of the death and calling us to marvel with them. At the foot of the cross there is a damaged picture of six figures, two of whom have halos. In accordance with the traditions of the day, these six are the patrons of Umbria, the region surrounding Assisi: St. John, St. Michael, St. Rufino, St. John the Baptist, St. Peter, and St. Paul. On the top of the cross, one sees Jesus now fully clothed in his regal garments and carrying the cross as a triumphant scepter. He is climbing out of the tomb and into the heavenly courts. Ten angels are crowded around, five of whom have their hands extended in a welcoming gesture to Jesus, who himself has his hand raised in the form of a greeting.

At the very top of the cross is the Hand of God with two fingers extended. This is to be understood as the blessing of God the Father on the sacrifice of his Son. On the right side of the picture next to the left calf of Jesus, there is a small figure of a fowl. Some art historians have interpreted it to be a rooster, (Jesus' denial by Peter); other commentators see it as a peacock, a frequent symbol of immortality in Early Christian art. Along the lower right side of the shaft, there is a small animal, possibly a cat. (Fr George Corrigan, 2012)

Come and have a look at this remarkable cross sometime soon.

# Children's Liturgy

At St John's Parish we are very fortunate that Children's Liturgy is held every week at 9:45am mass. Children are invited to move to the Narthex for Liturgy of the Word with a small group and discuss the Gospel's meaning using age appropriate language. Children participate in activities that assist them in understanding the Gospel's message before then joining their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. It would be great to see more children attending Children's Liturgy at St John's.

Have a great week, Monica

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

### **BIRTHDAYS**

This week we congratulate Olivia Arouff, Chloe Moran, Abbey Tran and Oliver Thai as they celebrate their birthday.

We hope you all have a "Happy Day!"



# 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.

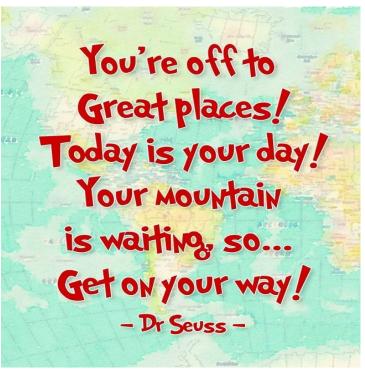
It's a great way to help out & keep up to date with all the latest releases of children's books. Many thanks, Sue

### **HELP WANTED**

If anyone is around on Tuesday morning 5th September from 9.00am, 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





# **Production Week Information**

The children are getting very excited about our up and coming performance this week. We hope you have prepurchased your tickets from Jenny in the office? Just a reminder that there are two shows, a matinee and an evening performance as follows:

# TUESDAY 5th - 12.30pm and WEDNESDAY 6th - 7.00pm

Your child's costumes should all be at school by now and they will stay at school until the final show on Wednesday. This means your child needs to come to the evening show in casual clothes and will get changed into their first costume in the Coghlan centre. Tuesday is a normal school uniform day. Please note that your child must be signed in and out and there will be staff waiting to take the class roll in the Coghlan center on Wednesday night. This will be a kiss and drop zone unless you have organised with Rebecca Fry to help with makeup and hair. Children are encouraged to bring a small healthy snack and a water bottle as well as some quite games, toys or a book to keep them occupied. There will be no electronic devices allowed.

# **Drop Off Times**

**Prep – 4:** Please be at school by **6.30pm** (at the latest)

5/6s: Please be at school by 5.45pm (we need to do a sound check at 6.20pm)

Kids club will operate normal hours, closing at 6.00pm. Doors to the hall will open at 6.45pm and the show will start promptly at 7.00pm. There will be a very short 10 minute interval so you can stretch your legs and make yourself a cuppa ......and we can change the set.

Please do not go too far away as we need to start Act 2 promptly!

We hope you enjoy the show, Penelope

# National eSmart Week 2017 September 4th- 8th Building Cyber Safe Communities



National eSmart Week is an initiative developed by the Alannah & Madeline Foundation, in partnership with Telstra Foundation. National eSmart Week aims to create an Australia that is free from cyber bullying, with digital citizens who know how to embrace the best that technology can offer, whilst being smart, safe and responsible online.

St. John's is an eSmart School. Since we first were registered with the eSmart program, we have introduced many new policies and activities to improve the way our school manages cyber safety, bullying and cyberbullying.

Attached below is a tip sheet for 'parenting in the digital age'. Please visit the Telstra website for more parenting advice on how to support your child to be digitally safe.

www.telstra.com.au/consumer-advice/cyber-safety/resources

# **BOOK CLUB**

If you would like to order any books from the recent Scholastic bookclub, please do so by the Friday 15 September.



# No late orders can be processed.

All rewards points from our orders go towards buying classroom resources for each year level.

Any queries can be directed to Jo Novak 0402 816 685 (Nicholas 5/6TJ or Natasha 3/4RF).

# Italian Phrase of the Week

Week 23: Mi piache L'inverno (Mee pee-archay lin-vair-noh)



# EARN AND LEARN



Keep the Earn and Learn stickers coming! The box for collection is in the office area, so ask your family and neighbours to start collecting stickers for you and drop them in. The more stickers that we collect, the more spending power we have.



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

# RECYCLE WITH MONDO FOR A BETTER WORLD

# St John's Primary School

Hey, I'm Mondo! My name means "World" in Italian. You can recycle your clothing and household goods with me to raise funds for your school and help create a better world by reducing waste to landfill, creating jobs for people with disabilities and supporting communities in developing countries.

Clean out your wardrobe & recycle your unwanted clothing, toys and small household goods

# You can recycle:

- · Clothing & footwear
- Handbags & accessories
- · Manchester & toys

Every 1 kg collected at collection days raises 25c for your school. Please bring plastic bags that you have filled to school on:

8.30 am Thursday, 21 September, 2017

Collection enquiries: (03) 9386 8702



# St John's Primary School Recycle With Mondo Fundraising Through Recycling Program

We need your help to raise funds for our school and it couldn't be easier!

All we ask is for families to have a spring clean and clear out your wardrobes and cupboards over the next few weeks/days and bag any clean unwanted clothes, toys and linen that are no longer needed.

What to bring to school:

clothes shoes linen (sheets, doona covers, towels, blankets) accessories (hats, scarves, gloves, belts, handbags) small toys

We have organised a special recycling collection day with SCR Group's Recycle With Mondo For A Better World - School Fundraising Through Recycling Program. Our school will be paid 25c per kilo for the goods for reuse and recycling.

This program helps raise money for our school, reduces waste to landfill, creates jobs and supports communities in developing countries at the same time.

On our collection day (or during the week leading up to the collection day) students can drop off their bags of unwanted goods at school and give them to Miss Fry (3/4RF)

An SCR Group van will be at school on the morning of the collection day to receive the goods.

Our school collection day is on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of September (Week 10)

Many thanks in advance The Environmental Captains and Miss Fry

# **GYMNASTICS** at St John's

This term as part of our PE we have been learning gymnastics. All students from prep to grade six have had three weeks of coaching with Duncan from Eastern Gymnastics in Box Hill. Duncan has been teaching gymnastics for 27 years, during this time he has worked at many schools.

We have been learning lots of new skills such as scorpion kicks, bear walking, crab walking, motorbike stance and many more! We practiced many new skills and activities such as jumping, rolling, balancing, flipping, crawling, handstands and cartwheels. We did all of these things on the mats and equipment Duncan brought with him.

Here are some comments from the different students in our school:

- "Bunny hops were challenging, I liked the bars. Duncan was fun". Monique, Prep NC
- "I improved on the red and yellow mats, I liked the trampoline". Mia, 1/2 VP
- "I improved the motorbike and star shape. I was challenged by scorpion kicks and I liked the trampoline". **Connor, 1/2 BM**
- "I improved my cartwheels and I enjoyed jumping on the trampoline". Anthony 3/4 KC
- "I improved in everything we did, I was challenged by the beam. I liked doing forward rolls". **Josh 5/6 MO**

We were very lucky to have this gymnastics coaching at our school and everyone had lots of fun!

By Talia, Charlotte P, Lya and Mackenzie



# Gymnastics at St John's













we make kids smile

Camp Australia is supporting
The Australian Literacy & Numeracy Foundation

Currently only one in five Indigenous children in some very remote communities can read at the minimum standard. Not having basic literacy resources like books is a significant barrier for children in these communities.

On **Tuesday 12 September 2017**, we will be raising funds to provide Literacy Packs for Indigenous children.

Our not for profit organisation, the Camp Australia Foundation, will match every dollar raised. Please help us to support disadvantaged Indigenous children.





Marathon Club
There will be NO Marathon Club this week!

### **PA NEWS**

# Masquerade @ St John's, Saturday 14 October

Tickets for the Social Fundraiser are now on sale in the office or you can order them via email on <a href="mailto:yourpa.sjm@gmail.com">yourpa.sjm@gmail.com</a> and pay via EFT using the following details; Account Name- St John's Parents Association BSB 083 347 Acc't number 673519552.

Please add your name to the comments field when transferring the funds and we'll get your tickets to you!

# Father's Day Breakfast 2017

The Dads, Grand-dads, Uncles and friends of St John's send their grateful thanks to Liz Swaine and her band of early risers which included some lovely mums, one special Gran, three energetic kids and even a couple of Dads! This year, more than 170 people enjoyed a delicious breakfast and each other's company in celebration of the special fellows in our lives.

# 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







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

# Fete Day is Saturday 18th November 2017

Incorporating St James Vermont and St John's Parish Primary Schools

We're BACK! The Fete Committe have already had their second meeting and are working hard behind the scenes to ensure our Fete is a success.

Thank you to Brendan Mills who has stepped up as new Fete Chairperson and thank you to all our Committee members who contribute so much energy and time.



Dispin John......Parish Priest
Brendan Mills.......Fete Chair

Keith Pearson...... Amusement Co-ordinator/Safety Officer

Jacqui Marshall...... St John's PS Principal

Andrew Mullaly...... St James PS Principal

Carmel Foster ...... St James Vice Principal

Susan Pal ...... Main Stage Co-ordinator

Andrew Cummings..... Finance Co-ordinator

Jenny Harvey ...... St James Parent Rep

Ben Boyd ...... St John's Parent Rep

Andrew Russell ...... Knowledge manager

Gerard Thurbon ...... Operations Co-ordinator

Dean Spicer ...... General Fete Committee

Jo Novak ...... Special Activities Co-ordinator

John Novak ...... Food Stall Co-ordinator / Food Safety

Suzie McDonald....... Design/ Marketing/ Newsletters

Rob & Gracie Smith .... Major Raffle co-ordinator

Tony Piddington ...... Book stall

Sonia Lukan ...... Italian Restaurant

Graham Dalton...... General Fete Committee

Shane Laffin...... General Fete Committee





# Heathmont, Ringwood & Blackburn

A big thank you and congratulations to our NEW Fete Major Sponsor Barry Plant Heathmont, Ringwood & Blackburn.

Barry Plant Heathmont & Ringwood is owned by Louise and Chris Carrigg. The Carrigg family currently have two children enrolled at St James Primary school. Louise herself attended St John's Primary school as a child. We are delighted to have such a close connection with our new sponsors and look forward to working with them.

# Which stall will you help at?

We will be calling for volunteers soon, please give some thought to how you can help this year.



Follow us on Facebook & keep up to date with Fete news:

www.facebook.com/StJohnsParishFete





Being online and connected is a big part of young people's lives. Here are some simple ideas to help you navigate your children's digital world.

# 1. STAY INVOLVED

Talk with your kids about their digital lives, create conversations and stay involved. Assure children that their internet privileges won't be taken away if they are exposed to content that makes them feel uncomfortable or concerned.

# 2. EDUCATE YOURSELF

Askyour children how they use technology and try it for yourself – try playing a game or uploading a video together.

# 3. SET GROUND RULES AND AGREE LIMITS

Explain the rules of responsible device ownership (such as care of equipment, staying within data limits) and help your children create a media use roster, allocating blocks of time for homework, chores and their screen time.

# 4. KEEP IT PERSONAL

Talk to your children about the value of personal information, what it is and why it's important to be careful sharing it.
Encourage children to 'think before they click', to think about content and the consequences of posting.

# 5. BE AN OFFLINE SUPPORTER

Encourage kids to have some screen-free time each day and turn off devices before bedtime.

# 6. DO UNTO OTHERS

Teach kids to treat others the same way they'd like to be treated online and be zerotolerant to rude or mean online behaviour.

# 7. MAKE THE MOST OF PARENTAL CONTROLS

Consider parental controls to help manage children's digital activity and restrict access to sites with adult content. For Telstra products and services, we recommend Telstra Mobile Protect for mobile devices and Telstra Broadband Protect for your home network.

# 8. ROLE MODEL IT

Don't just talk about the right thing to do, be a role model with your own digital habits.

# St John's Staff Profile of the Month Kim Wilson- Hartrick



Kim has been a staff member at St. John's for five years. She began working at our school in 2012, in the Year 4 learning space.

This year, Kim works in the 3/4 learning space and runs small maths groups, reads with children and helps out in the three classrooms. In addition, Kim organises and supports Parent Support Group Meetings.

Kim has undertaken a number of professional learning opportunities. She has a Certificate 4 in Early Childhood and has participated in learning about autism through Sue Larkey and dealing with behaviour. Kim has also taken part in a number of webinars on dealing with anxiety and utilising ICT in the classroom.

Kim loves to quilt and enjoys going on quilting days with her friends. She is a traveller and has been to Thailand, Bali, America, Europe, New Zealand and Hong Kong.

What Kim loves most about her job is seeing how her support makes a real difference to the students she works with. Seeing the students achieve success and have that lightbulb moment brings a smile to her each and every day.

# **WORKING BEE**

Dear Parents.

Our next school working bee for the year will be on this Saturday 16 September, 2017 at 9.00am Helpers are needed to assist with weeding, cleaning drains and mulching garden beds. Please bring any gardening tools that might be useful.

Don't forget that attendance at one working bee during the year entitles each family to a once yearly, \$50.00 rebate on your maintenance levy as well as benefiting the school community.

If you are able to attend please return the reply slip below to the school office by Thursday 14 September.

I	look	forward	to	seeing	you	there,
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Jacqui Marshall										
Principal										
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# **WORKING BEE RETURN SLIP**

Return this slip to the school office by Thursday 14 September

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