

St John's Parish

Primary School



September 18, 2017 No. 24

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

SEPTEMBER	12	Tuesday	Swimming Program Commences; 2Weeks (Mon-Thurs Wk 2); Prep- Year 2 PA Meeting, 7.00pm
	18	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am
	21	Thursday	Swimming Program Final Day; Prep - Year 2
	22	Friday	Special Food Day
			Last Day of Term 3, 3.20pm Finish (Footy Colours Day)
OCTOBER	9	Monday	First Day of Term 4, 8.45am Start

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A Grimm Night for Hans

Congratulations to all of our students on a wonderful performance last week. Their many hours of hard work and practice made "A Grimm Night for Hans" an amazing show. A big thank you to Penelope for directing, choreographing, designing, coordinating and leading this spectacular event once again. We are blessed to have such a passionate and creative Performing Arts Teacher on our staff. Delivering such a valuable opportunity for our students, begins long before the school year starts and we thank Penelope for her commitment. Thank you also to the backstage crew, make up artists, staff in charge of student supervision and entertainment, microphone changes, sound and light technicians, prop and set builders - just to name a few of the roles the whole staff took on behind the scenes to support and deliver this production. We are very thankful for the team of parents who generously give us their time and talents to design sets and create costumes, especially Cesar Taboada, Jackie and Trish Harkin and their team and Cassie Pal. Thank you also to Rhyannon and the Parents' Association for providing a light supper at each performance.



Working Bee

This coming Saturday is our next working bee. It would be great if you could come along at 9.00am for two hours to help us top up the soft fall mulch in the Adventure Playground - many hands make light work. Please bring along your rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows. We look forward to seeing you there and if you can attend, please let me know by Friday - bjohnson@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au or return the slip attached.

Literacy and Numeracy Week

Next week we will be celebrating our learning with Literacy and Numeracy Week. We will begin with the launch at assembly on Monday morning and continue with a variety of engaging activities for students at school and some for your family. Tuesday evening at 6.00pm we will be having a Family Maths Night which we encourage all families to attend. The Parents' Association will provide a sausage sizzle prior to the Maths night which will be available from 5.30pm.

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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Parking/Kiss and Drop Zone

Just a reminder that outside the school in the slip lane is a Kiss and Drop zone to enable traffic to continually flow through this area during morning drop off and afternoon pick up. Please do not park or leave your car in this area as it causes difficulties with the traffic flow and safety of students. If you would like to park your car to drop off or pick up your children, we encourage you to park on the basketball courts or on Peel St on the other side of the walk bridge. We understand that Kiss and Drop and parking at these peak times is tricky and that we all need to be careful and mindful of others.

School Fees

Statements of your school account went out earlier this term and for those that have elected to pay each term, the final payment is due by Friday 22 September. We ask that all outstanding fees be paid by this date. 2018 Student Levies will be invoiced in December and due for payment by Friday 15 December, 2017.

Whitehorse Festival

St John's School Choir will once again perform at the Whitehorse Spring Festival on Sunday 15th of October at 11:55am on the main stage. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to show off our school's talent to the wider community. Please keep this date in your calendar.

Have a good week everyone,

Beth Johnson

Acting Principal

Social Awareness - Respect for Others



Strong relationships are built on healthy communication and understanding

People communicate all the time, but communicating well – especially with those we are close to – takes thoughtful, ongoing effort. In close relationships it is important to be able to communicate effectively about feelings, needs and wants as well as about ideas and opinions. The most important part of effective communication is listening. Children as well as adults will talk more if they are confident they will be listened to.

Make the most of opportunities to talk. Talking about everyday things helps family members feel connected. It builds trust and makes it easier to ask for and offer support. Making time to listen and show your interest encourages family members to talk and helps you understand how they think and feel. Listening actively helps to build relationships and communication skills. To get children to talk more, notice the times when they do talk. Often this is while doing everyday things like eating dinner or while playing games together. Use these relaxed times to get a conversation going with them. Similarly, it is important to make sure that the adults in the family have relaxed times to talk together.

Through developing our ability to talk and listen to others, we strengthen our respect for others. The next two weeks we will be focussing on listening to each other because everyone has a voice.



Have a great week,

Beth Johnson

Wellbeing Leader

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

Marathon Club

There will be Marathon Club this week on

Tuesday and Thursday

7.45am

(Weather permitting)

Please check the St John's app.

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 yourpa.sjm@gmail.com 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 funds & we'll get your tickets to you!

Education in Faith News

Our Gospel Challenge this week is to: Forgive others!

In this week's gospel reading Jesus speaks about the importance of forgiveness in communal living. This has a relevance for us in our own communities where we sometimes need to work through tensions. The Gospel is not just about forgiveness but also about communal decision-making.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Is there someone with whom we are finding it difficult to get along with?

What might be a step that we could take to help to resolve tensions in the relationship?

What are we holding onto that is keeping us 'bound up'? How can we let go of it?

What can we do to include others in our decisions and to share our thinking today?

Lord Jesus,

It is not easy to always follow you.

Help us to listen when others challenge us to be better Christians, and keep us close as a family.

Amen.

Have a wonderful week,

Monica

FOOTY SPECIAL FOOD DAY!

Friday 22nd September is Footy Special Food Day!

Order forms will be sent home this week.

All orders need to be completed and returned with correct money by

Monday 18th September



FOOTY COLOURS DAY

The last day of school for term 3, Friday 22 September, is Footy Colours Day. Students can wear their team colours to school



Italian Phrase of the Week

Week 24: No, mi piace l'estate
(Noh, mee pee-arch-ay les-stah-tay)
No, I like summer



BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Riley Baguley and Molly Browne who will be celebrating their birthday this week.

We hope you all have a "Happy Day!"



SCHOOL FEES

School fees should be paid in full by the end of Term 3, Friday 22 September.

A Grimm Night for Hans

I want to express my immense pride and gratitude to our St John's community – parents and students – who helped to make our 2017 production such a success. Thank you for allowing me to share my creative (and quirky) ideas with you and a big congratulations to the students for bringing the script to life through their exceptional acting, sensational singing and dancing and unbelievable energy and enthusiasm.

The production journey is a long but very rewarding one starting many months beforehand with auditions and the casting of the show. Many life skills are developed along the way and I am sure that our students will look back at their school production as one of their most memorable primary school experiences. The students had the opportunity to learn lyrics and melodies, re-write songs, learn and retain challenging choreography, participate in a sound recording and photography session, design posters, as well as make some of their costumes and props. Together we have learnt the value of working towards an end goal and have appreciated the time and effort that is required along the way. They showed persistence, patience, collaboration, independence, flexibility, the ability to think fast, resilience, faith, bravery, self-belief and no doubt are now experiencing a real sense of accomplishment and pride.

This richness of learning is why our productions are always whole school events and not just limited to our Grade 5/6 students (as is the case in many primary schools). This can sometimes mean our shows are long!

It has been a privilege to watch the students grow, not just as creative performers, but as life learners and unique individuals. For some students their primary school production will be the only time they ever perform on a stage and for others it might just be the beginning of a life-long love of creating and performing. It seems perfect that our big word for 2017 is GROW.

A very wise person (who likes Scottish dancing) once said to me, 'The Arts are not the flowers but the roots of education'. I truly have the best job in the world.

Penelope Lang
Performing Arts Leader



The performance made me grow in bravery, persistence, curiosity and my acting skills by going on stage and acting in my first production. - **Ryan**



I grew in my self-confidence by getting up and acting in front of big crowds. I also grew by having to think on my feet when things went wrong and people forgot their lines. I learnt how to stay in character and not smile at funny jokes while acting. - **Emma**



I grew this year in my self confidence by going on stage without a microphone and projecting my voice with lots of people in front of me. - **Molly B**



At the performance I grew in my self-confidence and ability to deal with something that could go wrong such as the introduction with the Dames or if they went too quickly with the scene breaks. - **Callum**



I practiced my skills from Performing Arts by performing in front of an audience of over 300! Also improvising if things didn't go as planned. I also enjoyed dancing in front of people and learning lots of lines. - **Frances T**



I grew in the production with my acting skills and also I have become much more confident on stage. I also learnt that if you don't get a line right the audience won't know so you can just improvise. - **Jade**






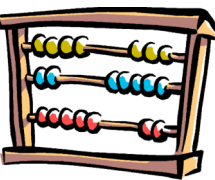


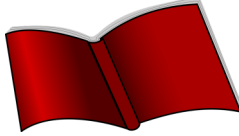





During our production, "A Grimm Night for Hans" I grew in my confidence to go up on stage in front of 70 - 300 people and pretend to be a girl or something that I am not. I have also grown by learning to work with cues and other peoples' lines. I was able to grow in my learning of lines and being familiar with the cast and script. I have grown in my improvisation skills and my ability to think on my feet (for when I needed to do impro' dancing)! - **David**

2017 Literacy and Numeracy Week

at

St John's

Next week, 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.
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 @</p> <p>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 6.00pm Maths Association to host the night.</p>  <p>P.A. sausage sizzle From 5.30pm</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>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>Movie afternoon: Students to watch selected Fairy tales.</p>  <p>Lunch: P.A.</p>  <p>Special Food day.</p> <p>Holidays.....!!!</p>

Parent Workshop

How can I support my child's LITERACY needs at home?

In *Literacy and Numeracy Week*, you are warmly invited to attend an informal workshop that will discuss what you as parents can do at home to support your child's growth in Reading, Writing and Oral language. This workshop will be directed by you and your needs. It will address what you can do at home to support your child's learning at school and provide some helpful tips and links to some Literacy resources that are currently available for parents.



Where: In the IT / Italian room

When: Friday 22nd September at 9 - 10am.

RSVP essential!

Please email Ange at acrowe@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au if you would like to attend.

Book Character Parade

As a part of *Literacy and Numeracy week* at St John's, next Wednesday all students (and staff!) are encouraged to dress up as a favorite character from a much loved book. We will show off our costumes in our



Book Character Parade.

Wednesday 20th September at 9am
in the Mary Mackillop space.

Parents and friends are welcome to attend!



Don't Judge a Book by it's cover!!!!

Book Swap at St John's



On Thursday 21st September, students are asked to bring in a 'second hand' or 'used' book that they no longer require and join in our St John's Book Swap. We ask that your child's book is wrapped...no need to be fancy paper...newspaper is fine! Students will then choose a random wrapped book from a selection to take home and keep! Please encourage your child to choose a book to donate that is in good condition and would be enjoyed by another student.

The Great St John's Spelling Bee

On Tuesday 19th September, we will be hosting **The Great St John's Spelling Bee** for all students who wish to participate.

Junior Spelling Bee: 9am in the Mary Mackillop Space
Senior Spelling Bee: 2.20 in the Mary Mackillop Space

Parents and friends are welcome to attend.



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, 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



*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

Fete Day is Saturday 18th November 2017

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

We're BACK! The Fete Committee 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.



FETE COMMITTEE 2017

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

BarryPlant

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



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 21st of September (Week 10)

Many thanks in advance

The Environmental Captains and Miss Fry

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,

Jacqui Marshall
Principal

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WORKING BEE RETURN SLIP

Return this slip to the school office by Thursday 14 September

The _____ family will be attending the St John's working bee on Saturday 16 September