

St John's Parish

Primary School



September 18, 2017 No. 25

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

SEPTEMBER	18	Monday	Swimming Program Continues
	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
	11	Wednesday	PA Meeting, 7.00pm
	12	Thursday	'Readiness for Sacraments' Parent Evening, 7.30pm

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Dear Parents,

We have had a busy but wonderful term. Early in the term the Year Four, Five and Six students enjoyed attending *The Little Mermaid* presented by Emmaus College. This was an outstanding performance and we thank Emmaus for the invitation! Preps celebrated 100 Days of School and on this day the whole school learnt more about the life of Mary Mackillop through the incursion, *Young Mary*. It was wonderful to share with the Year Six students as they prepared for and celebrated their Confirmation in July with Monsignor Tony Ireland and Father Dispin. Our senior students have proudly represented our school at Interschool Athletics and the Hooptime Basketball competition this term. Congratulations to those students who were successful in progressing to the next round of athletics and we wish you all the best for the Whitehorse Division Athletics next term. The Prep to Year Two students are enjoying the Aqualink Swimming Program as part of their Health and PE Curriculum which also included the whole school participating in gymnastics this term with gymnastics coach, Duncan from Gymnastics Victoria. Choir, Scottish Dancing, Code Club, Mathletics Club, Marathon Club and Lego Club have all been actively participated in again this term. Thank you to the teachers who provide these wonderful opportunities in their own time so that students can participate and engage their passion. Finally, we enjoyed performing our production of *A Grimm Night for Hans* after many months of hard work and preparation.

After all this, we look forward to a restful break. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday and we will see you all on Monday 9 October for a wonderful term four.

Literacy and Numeracy Week

We look forward to a great week of Literacy and Numeracy this week. This is an opportunity for our school community to celebrate learning at St John's. Each day has a number of activities at school for families to join in. Please look closely at the timetable later in this newsletter. We encourage all families to join us, especially for the Family Maths Evening commencing at 6pm till 7:30pm on Tuesday night, presented by Penny Willoughby from the Maths Association of Victoria. This will be a relaxed opportunity for you to explore and enjoy maths with your children. The PA will provide BBQ sausages and drinks for purchase 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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Working Bee

Over the weekend we had our term three Working Bee to replenish the sand in the sand pit and do a general garden tidy up. We had a fabulously hard working team who managed to move 4 cubic metres of sand, completely trim the hedging around the tennis courts and remove some huge weedy trees from the garden in two hours! Thank you to Andrew Puls, Ange and Peri Natoli and MJ, Anthony Elliott, Matthew Stuchbury, Sovan and Sienna La, Cesar Taboada and the whole Bright family. An extra thank you to Matthew Stuchbury for putting in extra hours on Saturday to continue finishing off pruning and tidying up the school grounds. We appreciate all of the hard work our generous families put in, especially at these working bees on your weekends - thank you from the SJM students and community.

Walk to School Day

When we return to school next term it will be October which is Walk to School month. We encourage all families to walk, ride or scoot as much as possible throughout the month of October. You might like to do this from home or park a little way away from school and finish your journey on foot. The first Friday of next term will be Walk to School Day. Our Future Leaders will be organising breakfast on this morning with the financial support we receive from the Whitehorse Council for this initiative. More information will be included in the first newsletter next term.

Enjoy your holiday break,
Beth Johnson
Acting Principal

5/6 Hooptime Basketball



On Monday 11 September, some of our grade 5/6 students represented St John's Primary School at a basketball tournament held at the Rings Basketball Stadium in Ringwood. On the day we entered three teams, one boys team and two mixed teams. All teams competed well and played hard, winning some games and losing some games but we had a very enjoyable day.

Every student that participated put in a great effort and worked well within their team. It was fabulous, not only to see the way our students played hard and give their all but also how well they encouraged and supported the other teams when they were not playing themselves. We could see all our players improve greatly throughout the day!

Thank you to Anthony Chan and Scott Taylor for coaching teams on the day and to Lana Gill and Rhyannon Elliott who assisted with scoring. A big thank you also to all the parents and family members who came along on the day to show support and cheer us on. We look forward to competing again next year!



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 A/c No: 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 is to: **forgive others.**

In this week's Gospel Jesus speaks to us about forgiveness. It hurts when people treat us badly or make mistakes. We can get angry or frustrated. Before we know it, harsh words can fly. That's why it's good to keep our own mistakes in the back of our minds – always slowing us down when we're ready to judge someone else.

When have you received forgiveness?

When have you not offered it?

**IS YOUR CHILD READY TO CELEBRATE RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST IN 2018?
IS YOUR FAMILY READY TO SUPPORT THIS YOUNG PERSON?**

READINESS FOR SACRAMENTS GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 12 at 7.30pm

At St. John's Parish we focus on "family readiness" when children are preparing for sacraments. One of the things that has become more and more obvious to us over time is that any discussion regarding the readiness of a child to celebrate sacraments must involve a discussion about the family being ready to support the child. We believe that children need the support and encouragement of their family to grow to a maturity in faith and families need to be in a position where they can offer that support. It is in the family that they learn a sense of belonging, to celebrate and to know who they are. It is the family that first introduces children to Gospel values, prayer, Sunday Eucharist and in particular to the local Church: the parish faith community - by their participation in Sunday Mass and other parish activities.

We now believe that the best process to engage both parents and child in the sacramental journey is for parents to decide when their child is ready and if the family is in a position to support that decision. We will gather parents together on **THURSDAY OCTOBER 12 at 7.30pm in the Coghlan Centre** and spend some time exploring and unpacking the concept of "readiness" for sacramental preparation and come up with a list of readiness indicators as well as providing parents with a family activity book to support the learning that takes place at school and in our Parish Wednesday Program. If you feel your child is ready to celebrate the sacraments in 2018 then come along and join us.

After meeting with Maree, parents may collect an enrolment form for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. **The onus is on parents to enrol their child if they believe they are ready.** As part of our change involves moving away from school year levels and focusing more on readiness, we are encouraging some families who have younger children to think about whether or not their child might also be ready to take this next step in faith.

Please feel free to contact Maree on Maree.OKeefe@cam.org.au or phone 9873 1341 at the Parish office if you have any queries or concerns about readiness and enrolment for sacraments.

Important Dates to Remember:

October

12	Thursday	Sacramental Readiness Evening, 7.30pm (for parents of children receiving Eucharist and Reconciliation for the first time in 2018)
15	Sunday	Prep Level Mass, 9.45am and 11.15am
27	Friday	Mini Missions - Socktober Fundraising event.
29	Sunday	Year 1 Level Mass, 9.45am and 11.15am

LEFT: Students from St Monica's, Epping with David, Charlotte and Jeremy (Year 6 students). Read more on the next page.

Have an enjoyable week and fortnight of holidays,
Monica



Fairtrade Presentation

On Thursday 14 September some year 9 students who are part of the 'Be More' Social Justice Program at Saint Monica's College, Epping, visited our school to talk to the year 3-6 students about Fairtrade. They taught us what fairtrade actually is, which companies/brands are fairtrade and brought in some products that were fairtrade.

So, what is fairtrade?

Fairtrade is when a company/business collects products from other places and gives a certain percentage of the money back to the producer of the product. It also means that the working conditions are good and healthy for the workers.



Some of the fairtrade products and companies are; Target, Kmart, Ben and Jerry's, Cadbury, Keep Cup, The Environmental Toothbrush,

Who Gives a C**p Toilet Paper, wooden headphones and phone cases.

Best and Less is not one of these where the workers work in horrible conditions.

Next time you go to Woolworths or Coles, try looking for this fairtrade symbol on your products.

FAIR TRADE SYMBOL



By Emma & Charlotte C.

THE DELICIOUS AND NUTRITIOUS MANGO FUNDRAISER

The ever-popular and fabulously healthy mango fundraiser is back for 2017! Trays of 14-20 delicious mangoes will be available in early to mid December and can be yours for only \$24 a tray. Order forms are available in the office and this newsletter so please tell your family, friends and co-workers and get your orders in early. Final orders and payment are due by Friday 27th October. For any questions, contact Rhyannon Elliott on rhyanthony.elliott@gmail.com or phone: 0423 151 848



QUILT RAFFLE

The winner of the beautiful handmade quilt which was on display at the school production is Peggy Knight.

Thank you to the Paranda Patchworkers of St John's Parish for donating the beautiful quilt.



FOOTY SPECIAL FOOD DAY

—LAST CHANCE!

This Friday is Footy Special Food Day!

Order forms were due back at school today... tomorrow (Tuesday 19th) is your LAST CHANCE to bring in your order forms and correct money. Don't miss out!



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 25: Che bello, vacanze!
(Kay Bah-loh, vacanze)
Wonderful, holidays!



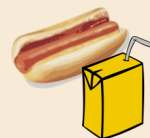
PA SAUSAGE SIZZLE

TUESDAY 5.30PM

Before the Family Maths Night

SAUSAGES in bread \$2.00

POPTOP DRINKS \$1.00



BIRTHDAYS

Over the next three weeks the following students will be celebrating their birthday. Congratulations to Aurelya Tham, Lena Taboada, Sarah Boyd, Monica Vincitori, Hamish Gill, Ayanna Patel, Cohen Fraser, Talia Saez, Alex Chan, Estelle Gill, Amari Gonsalvez, Sally Spicer and Cameron Troup.

*We hope you all have a "Happy Day!"
.....and a happy holiday!*



2017 Literacy and Numeracy Week

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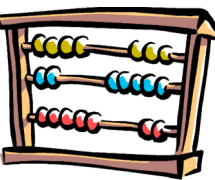


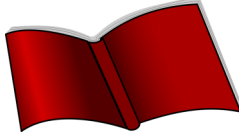





St John's

This 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!

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



Fresh North Queensland Mangoes direct from the farm to you!

\$24 per tray (14-20 mangoes, depending on size)

NOTE: Payment must be made when submitting your order.

Name:	
Email:	
Phone No:	

PAYMENT OPTIONS: (Mark 'X' beside payment option selected)

☐

Cash

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Cheque (Make out to "St John's Parents Association")

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Electronic transfer (EFT)

Account Name: Account Name: St John's PA

BSB: 083-347

Account No: 67 351 9552

Transaction description: 'Mango' and your surname

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Total trays ordered		0	
Total Payment Due		\$	-

Order forms can be submitted to St John's Parish School office (any payment type).

If paying by EFT (only) you can email your order form to yourpa.sjm@gmail.com

CLOSING DATE FOR ORDERS IS FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER



*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



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

