

St John's Parish

Primary School



October 9, 2017 No. 26

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

OCTOBER	11	Wednesday	PA Meeting, 7.00pm
	12	Thursday	'Readiness for Sacraments' Parent Evening, 7.30pm
	13	Friday	Walk to School Day
	16	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am
	20	Friday	Think Pink Afternoon Tea
	24	Tuesday	Swimming Program Commences; 2 weeks (Tuesday– Friday) Year 3/4

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Dear Parents and fellow Tiger Lovers,

Congratulations to all our Richmond Tigers supporters in our community being a passionate one myself I could not let this opportunity pass without celebrating it with you all. **YELLOW AND BLACK!**

Welcome back everyone. Let us hope that as we move into the warmer months the sun shines brightly this week. Term 4 is always a great one with many special events to look forward to. We have our **St John's school major fundraiser this Saturday night**, which is always the social event of the year. Thanks to those who have already bought tickets.

If you are free, I encourage you to come along for a fun night of entertainment, dinner and time to connect with one another. Thanks to the PA especially Fiona D'Abico and Mel Moran for leading this event. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Walk to school – Friday 13 October

We have registered to participate in Walk to School month again this year. We encourage all students and families to walk, ride or scoot to and from school as much as possible throughout October. The Future Leaders will be collating data about how many of us do this each day. If we have the highest percentage in our community, we may win a prize!

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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Whitehorse Spring Festival

We look forward to seeing our choir on stage this Sunday as they perform at the Spring Festival at the Whitehorse Civic Centre, Nunawading. They will be performing on the Main Stage at 11:55am.

Uniform

Term 4 is summer uniform, there will be a two week crossover period at the beginning of term. Also an important reminder that hats need to be worn in the playground this term to ensure we stay safe in the sun. It is also very important that students come to school with sunscreen already applied on the hotter days.

Working Bee – Saturday 21 October

We have our next working bee planned for Saturday 21 October at 9am. The main project will be topping up the tan bark in the adventure playground. We will need many wheelbarrows to support with this. If you can attend please return the slip attached with the newsletter or email – principal@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au 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 benefitting the school community.

Have a good week,

Jacqui Marshall
Principal



we make kids smile

Welcome to Term 4!

Hi everyone! I hope you all had a very relaxing and enjoyable break over the holidays.

As we all know, this will be the last term of the 2017 year. Many exciting events will be happening, graduation for Grade 6 students and above all Christmas is around the corner.

Just a recap from the last week of term when we held our Wall of Hands fundraising. I want to thank all the kids for creating amazing activities that were sold at the stall. I would like to acknowledge their participation and support to ensure the donations we've raised have gone to the children in Indigenous communities experiencing literacy and numeracy challenges.

Also a big thank you to our lovely assistant Toni for helping us. It was an incredibly successful week!!!

Just a friendly reminder that the service operates from **3:20pm-6:15pm** and there are additional charges for a late pick up. If you are running late please call Cherry on **0418 327 709**



CALL US: (03) 9872 3364

Thank you to ProAct, Mitcham for their generous donation towards our annual Think Pink event .

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 this week is to: *make good choices and think of others first.*

Tuesday Masses

Tuesday parish masses will now be held at 10am. Students will continue to attend these masses throughout the term. A roster will be included in next week's newsletter.



Altar Servers

It was wonderful seeing Aidan and Kieran serving for their first time at the 5pm parish mass during the holidays. At the end of mass both boys said they really enjoyed it. Being an altar server is a wonderful way for children to become more involved in the Sunday liturgy and parish. If your child has received Eucharist and is interested in becoming an altar server, please come and see me.

Religious Education in Term Four

Next week termly overviews will be included in the newsletter. You will notice that Religious Education is linked closely with other curriculum areas. This is deliberately planned this way to ensure that faith and Religious Education are not taught in isolation but are an integral part of all we teach and learn and linked to our daily lives. I found this piece of text from the 'The General Directory for Catechesis' under the heading, 'The proper character of religious instruction in schools' and I believe this guide holds true for the way we teach RE today. *It is necessary, therefore, that religious instruction in schools appear as a scholastic discipline with the same systemic demands and the same rigour as other disciplines. It must present the Christian message and the Christian event with the same seriousness and the same depth with which other disciplines present their knowledge. It should not be an accessory alongside of these disciplines, but rather it should engage in a necessary inter-disciplinary dialogue.*

Mosaic Cross

The mosaic cross at the front of the school is 10 years old. It was unveiled at the end of Term Three in 2007. The cross was designed and created by students, families and staff along side Anisah Furness, a local artist. Students were asked to draw images that represented what the world would be like if everyone lived life to the full. "I have come that you may have life and live it to the full," John 10:10 Furness put all the images together to create a beautiful design of love and happiness. The cross is a symbol of our Catholic Identity - with faith and love. I have included some photos from ten years ago.

Have a great week everyone, Monica.

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



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



Social Awareness - Respect for Others



Our guiding expectations at St John's are Respect for Self, Respect for Others and Respect for Property. This term students' will be focussing on social management and respect for others in the social and emotional learning.

Social management is about collaboration with others, building healthy, respectful relationships and developing ways to defuse or resolve times of conflict.

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

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

Have a great week,

Beth Johnson
Wellbeing Leader



PRODUCTION PHOTOS

This is the final week for placing an order for the production photos which can be viewed in the school office foyer.

If you haven't already done so please place your order at the school office before this Friday 13 October.

Video orders have been placed with the company and you will be advised in the newsletter when they are available for collection from the school office.

BIRTHDAYS

Welcome back everyone and congratulations to Charlotte Cetoupe, David Elliott, Arnold Spicer and Sebastian Villalon who will be celebrating their birthday this week

We hope you have a "Happy Day!"



Italian Phrase of the Week



Week 26: Mi piace la primavera
(Mee pee-arch-ay la preem-a-vair-ah)
I like Spring

Literacy and Numeracy Week @ St John's

Wow! What a wonderful week! From the *Spelling Bee* to the *Character Parade* to our shared reading of *Bob Graham's "Home in The Rain"* to the *Book Swap* to the *Family Maths night* to the *Parent workshops* to *Coding Activities* to readings from different teachers to *AFL dress ups* and *special lunches* and *Fairytale Movie afternoon...it was go, go, go and a whole lot of fun!*

On Tuesday, it was great to see the persistence and bravery of our *Spelling Bee* participants. Many times throughout the competition it appeared that the *Bee* would never end due to the unexpected amount of correct answers! Many could not be tricked! Well done to all involved...including our fab hosts *Charlotte and Jeremy!*

On Wednesday, The *Book Character Parade* was enjoyed by all. We had a range of amazing costumes from students and staff. Special mentions go to our *Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *Paddington Bear*, *Captain Underpants*, 1 of the *101 Dalmatians*, *Anne of Green Gables* and our *Wimpy Kids*. oh...and we are still looking for the *Green sheep!!* Thank you to the parents and students for your enthusiasm and creativity with costumes which resulted in a very successful morning, superbly hosted by the inquisitive *David and Josh!*

Staff thoroughly enjoyed going to other classrooms during the week to read their favourite stories. It was fantastic to watch the children responding to different faces and voices..and seeing staff in a different setting. Similarly, the *Book Swap* was lovely to be a part of. Children were heard making such positive remarks about their 'new books' and it was a delight to see the joy of giving.

Thank you to all students, parents and staff for actively participating in all of our celebrations in Literacy and Numeracy week. Weeks like this are what make our little school so very special.

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Literacy.



Whitehorse Spring Festival

Thank you to those of you in choir (junior and senior) who have advised that you can attend the Whitehorse Spring Festival this **Sunday 15th October**.

I hope to see as many of you there as possible and thank you in advance for giving up some of your weekend to proudly represent our school. Please meet me at the **BACK** of the **MAIN STAGE** no later than 11.30am. We will be singing at 11.55am and students should be in full school uniform.

Thanks again, - Penelope



MATHS WORKSHOP

You are invited to attend a parent workshop on "How do we teach multiplication at St. John's"? This hands on workshop will provide practical ideas and tips for parents.

When: Thursday 12th October at 2:30 pm

Where: MacKillop Learning Space

Please note the basketball carpark will be open from 2:20 pm

2017 Term 4 Calendar

OCTOBER

9	Monday	TERM 4 BEGINS
11	Wednesday	PA meeting 7.00pm
12	Thursday	'Readiness for Sacraments' Parent night 7:30pm
13	Friday	Walk to School day -7:45am Meet at Parks, followed by light breakfast at school
14	Saturday	PA Major Fundraiser - <i>Masquerade</i>
15	Sunday	Prep Masses, 9:45am and 11:15am Whitehorse Spring Festival - Choir Performance, 11:55am
16	Monday	Assembly, 8:50am
20	Friday	Think Pink Afternoon Tea
21	Saturday	Working Bee, 9.00am-11.00am
24	Tuesday	Year 3/4 Swimming Program Commences (Tuesdays - Fridays x 2 Weeks)
27	Friday	Mini Missions - Socktober
29	Sunday	Year 1 Level Masses, 9:45 and 11:15am
30	Monday	Assembly, 8:50am

NOVEMBER

3	Friday	Final Day for Year 3/4 Swimming Program
6	Monday	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
7	Tuesday	MELBOURNE CUP DAY – No School
8	Wednesday	2018 Prep Information Evening, 7pm
9	Thursday	2018 Prep Orientation Session 1
11	Saturday	Year 2 Level Mass
12	Sunday	Year 2 Level Mass
13	Monday	Assembly 8:50am
14	Tuesday	Education Board Meeting, 7pm
15	Wednesday	2018 Prep Orientation Session 2
17	Friday	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY - Staff professional learning
18	Saturday	St John's Parish Fete
19	Sunday	Working Bee, 9.00am - 11.00am
21	Tuesday	2018 Prep Orientation Session 3
23	Thursday	2018 First Reconciliation Parent Night, 7:30pm
25	Saturday	Year 5 Level Masses, Creed Presentation and Parish Family Mass, 6.00pm
26	Sunday	Year 5 Level Masses, Creed Presentation and Parish Family Mass, 11.15am
27	Monday	Assembly 8:50am
30	Thursday	2018 Prep Commitment Liturgy, 7:30pm

DECEMBER

3	Sunday	2018 Prep Welcome Mass 11:15am
4	Monday	Year 6 Fun Day at Funfields
6	Wednesday	Carols on the Green, 6.00pm
10	Sunday	Year 4 Level Masses
11	Monday	Assembly 8:50am
12	Tuesday	Combined Parents' Assoc. & Education Board End of Year Celebration, 7.00pm
18	Monday	Orientation Morning and Picnic at Halliday Park
19	Tuesday	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS, 3:20pm Finish St John's School Thanksgiving Mass, 7.00pm

Please check the newsletter each week for additional dates as they arise.



The
MANGO
FUNDRAISER
ORDER FORM

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

	Name	Quantity	Total
1			
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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



WORKING BEE

Dear Parents,

Our next school working bee for the year will be on this Saturday 21 October, 2017 at 9.00am. Helpers are needed to assist with mulching the adventure playground. Please BYO wheelbarrow and spades if you have one.



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 19 October.

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 19 October

The _____ family will be attending the St John's working bee on Saturday 21 October