

St John's Parish

Primary School



October 23, 2017 No. 28

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

OCTOBER	24	Tuesday	Swimming Program Commences; 2 weeks (Tuesday– Friday) Year 3/4
	27	Friday	Mini Missions - Socktober
	29	Sunday	Year 1 Level Masses, 9.45 and 11.15am
	30	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am
NOVEMBER	3	Friday	Final Day for Year 3/4 Swimming Program Lob-A-Choc Free Dress Day (Please bring a block of chocolate)
	6	Monday	School Closure Day
	7	Tuesday	School Closure Day—Melbourne Cup Day
	8	Wednesday	2018 Prep Parent Information Evening, 7.00pm

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Dear parents,

This Friday in Australia, we celebrate World Teachers Day. World Teachers' Day celebrates the work of teachers, acknowledging the important contribution they make to the community. We are so fortunate to have such inspiring and passionate teachers here at St John's Mitcham. Today I asked some of our students about their teachers and here are some of their responses:

My teacher has so many good qualities like being caring, calm and helpful.

She has all the dispositions of resilience, persistence, curiosity, bravery and independence and she puts fun and learning into one.

My teacher likes to help people and is very good at Maths.

Our teacher helps us when we makes mistakes so we can learn.

My teacher makes us smarter because we didn't even know anything when we started school.

Our teacher forgives bad choices like when we sit next to someone who distracts us.

My teacher listens, helps and challenges me.

My teacher is more than just a loving teacher.

My teacher knows what a teacher does to be a good teacher.



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:

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Father Dispin John

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A big thank you to the PA (led by Sarah Longmore) for hosting our annual Think Prink fundraiser last Friday. It was great to see so many come together to support a great cause.

Working Bee

A **BIG** thank you to the following families for their support at the working bee on Saturday. We achieved a lot together.

Gilbert/Longmore, Stutchbury, Dalton, Coates, Gill, Horvat, Puls, Harkin, Villalon and Butterworth. Also thank you to Alex Godfrey for putting up the shade cloth on the tennis court fence and the Stutchbury family for painting the new down ball lines.



Fete News

There is a flyer of latest news included in today's newsletter. Students are asked to bring in a bag of lollies before 13 November and our lob-a-choc free dress day where students bring a block of chocolate to school will be on Friday 3 November. Thank you to those who have already volunteered your time to stalls. It is always a wonderful community event.

School closure days

An important reminder that we have two school closure days scheduled for this term.

Monday 6 November – Assessment and reporting day for staff.

[Tuesday 7 November – Melbourne Cup Day (Public Holiday)]

Friday 17 November – Meditation and Spirituality for staff

Camp Australia feedback

As we head towards the end of our first year with Camp Australia as our new before and after school care provider, I would again like to ask parents for their feedback on how the program is running. If you could email me anything you would like to share with me both positive and negative by Friday 3 November – principal@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au

Have a great week
Jacqui Marshall
Principal

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER! GET YOUR ORDER IN BY THIS FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER

THE DELICIOUS AND NUTRITIOUS MANGO FUNDRAISER

The ever-popular and fabulously healthy mango fundraiser is ending 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



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RECYCLE WITH MONDO
FOR A BETTER WORLD
2017 School Fundraising and Education Program
Collection Report

St Johns Primary School
Term 3: Collection Days

Total Collected: 148 kg

Total Money Raised: \$37.00



Education in Faith News

Our Gospel Challenge this week is to: *be a Jesus person and think of others before ourselves.*

Yesterday was World Mission Day. It is celebrated every year in every country wherever there are Catholics committed to building a better world for all of God's people, a world where everyone has all they need to live a dignified and fulfilling life. It is the day on which we reflect on the urgency to proclaim the Gospel in our times.

Missionary activity is a response to the love with which God loves us. God's love is the spiritual energy that can make harmony; justice and communion grow among persons, races and peoples for which everyone is searching. It is God, who is Love, who leads the Church towards those farthest away and calls us to be renewed from the original source, Jesus Christ, from whose pierced heart flows the love of God.



We will raise awareness and funds for Catholic Mission this Friday at our Socktober event. Students are asked to wear odd or bright socks as we Sock it to poverty. The whole school will participate in a prayer liturgy at 12pm followed by stalls and activities to raise money. Students will need to bring some loose change with them on the day. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Will we work towards a just and fair world, A world in balance, At peace and free of poverty; A world which the Church in Australia helps build, where all humans can live in dignity?

Will we make it our mission to transform hearts and mind in the Australian community, inviting them into just and compassionate partnership with the poor?

Will we commit to educating others, through our words and actions, of the importance of environmental responsibility?

Will we help to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity?

Have an enjoyable week,
Monica

Important Dates to Remember:

October	25	Wednesday	Student Social Justice Team to Annual Mission Mass - St Patrick's Cathedral, 11.00am
	27	Friday	Mini Missions - Socktober Fundraising event - 12pm Prayer Liturgy followed by Stalls
	29	Sunday	Year 1 Level Mass, 9.45am and 11.15am

ITALIAN NEWSLETTER TERM 4

BENVENUTI A TRIMESTRE4 IN ITALIANO.
(WELCOME TO TERM 4 ITALIAN)

Students continue their Italian language learning this busy term with energy and enthusiasm as they prepare for our Italian Concert which will be held on Wednesday 22 November at 2.30 pm. Keep the date free!

PREP

The Prep students continue their learning of Italian through stories focused on family, pets, Italian foods, meal times and dining rituals. We are learning about "Il Pappagallo" the cheeky, pet cockatoo. They listen actively to the sounds of Italian, repeat familiar expressions and are beginning to write more Italian words to label their pictures. Prep are learning a short play about the pet cockatoo as well as a famous Italian Christmas song, "Tu Scendi Dalle Stelle" for the St John's Christmas Carols Night.

YEAR 1 /2

In year 1 /2 students are very busy rehearsing their play, "La Gallinella Rossa" (The Little Red Hen), using their animal masks. They are singing several songs and learning two new songs, one a christmas song, "Tu Scendi Dalle Stelle". If you wish you can find a children's version on Youtube and practise with your children! Students are continuing to practise their listening, understanding, speaking and reading Italian through stories, language games, songs and classroom expressions.

YEAR 3 /4

We are enjoying exploring the language of clothing in the year 3 /4 classes. After learning the vocabulary for many items of clothing students are describing what they are wearing and what others are wearing. Students are reading descriptions of what young people are wearing, demonstrating understanding by accurately drawing the outfits. Students are preparing a fashion parade for our Italian concert, so your child may ask to bring some clothes to school.

YEAR 5 /6

In semester two students have been learning about Italian food, comparing Melbourne's food multiculturalism to Italy's momoculture. They looked at the difference between their own school lunches and those of Italy and France, where a 3 course freshly cooked lunch is provided for students.. Students are learning the vocabulary of food and eating, meal-times in Italy and typical Italian dishes. They are participating in simple conversations about food preferences, learning to read an Italian menu and order a 3 course restaurant meal in Italian. The class translated and learned to read an Italian poem by John Lando called "La Fame' or Hunger. All students contributed to create an illustrated picture book of the poem, raising their awareness about world hunger and food waste. Year 5 /6 s will listened to, translate for meaning and perform a famous Italian Christmas song, "Tu Scendi Dalle Stelle", at our school Christmas Carols Night.

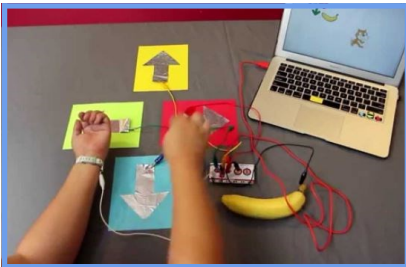


Learning & Teaching eLearning



On the school holidays, five staff members attended a professional learning summit run by EdTechTeam (A Google for Education Professional Development partner). This summit was a high intensity two-day event that focused on integrating and using Google Tools to promote student learning from years prep-12 and higher education. It provided our staff an opportunity to learn cutting edge best practices in educational technology. The summit featured world class Google Certified Educators, Innovators and Trainers. There were a number of sessions that each staff member attended. Some of these were...

Bianca Martino- *Teaching Computational Thinking and Coding with Scratch (and CS First!)*



I attended a session on computational thinking and algorithms (a set of processes or approaches that can be used to solve a problem). As a school we are in our second year in teaching and experimenting with the Digital Technologies curriculum. With this in mind, I thought it was particularly useful to come to this session as it focused on two essential components in this curriculum. In this session we explored how Scratch can be a powerful programming interface that can teach both computational thinking and algorithms. We also learned how you can connect Scratch to the physical world, through the use of Makey Makeys. In addition, we were also introduced to Google CS First, which is a program that offers computer courses for students. Students learn how to code with the support of step by step tutorials, perfect for self paced learning. There are different themes within the tutorials that attract students with varied interest such as game design, art, fashion, friends and sport. I found this session very inspiring and cannot wait to start using some of these programs in my Digital Technology lessons.

Emma Buis- *Story writing in the Digital Classroom*

One of the GAFE sessions I went to was on digital storytelling. The focus was on creating "Choose Your Own Adventure" stories using Google Slides. We were given templates of story planners of varying difficulties and created our own stories. In order to make it a "Choose Your Own Adventure" we experimented with putting links on slides which could then be clicked and take you straight to the slide with the story option you chose. We then explored how we could digitally illustrate our story with Google extensions such as Bitmoji and Giphy for Chrome. I thought it was a great, creative idea which could be used for all students but would particularly work well as a challenge for extension writers.

Rebecca Fry- *Math made digital and accessible for ALL students*

I attended a GAFE session on ways to enable and extend mathematics in the classroom through the use of technology. It was a great session that allowed us to explore and investigate different tools and Chrome Extensions that can make accessing mathematics easier for all students.

Research has shown that mathematics texts and textbooks contain more concepts per sentence and paragraph than any other type of text. They can contain words as well as numeric and non-numeric symbols to decode and may also include graphics that must be understood for the text to make sense. In addition, many texts are written above the grade level for which they are intended (Barton & Heidema, 2002). With this in mind it is important to deliver mathematics in a range of mode from orally, paper and digitally. During the summit we were shown 'tricks of the trade' to enable texts to be read aloud, import mathematical equations into Google Applications. If we take away the barrier of reading and of terminology and the need to provide notation, getting in the way of our students being able to understand the underlying maths concepts.

Naomi Curtis- *Supporting Reading and Writing using Google Chrome*

One session I found particularly powerful was 'Supporting Reading and Writing using Google Chrome'. We know that children often measure their success based on how well they can read and write so having tools to support students of all ability levels is crucial so they can grow in their learning. The session explored more than 10 resources that can be used to support the reading and writing of all learners. I learnt about Text-to-Speech, which is built into Microsoft Word and all Apple devices, and has the ability to read back to you what is written. I also learnt about a website called 'Rewordify' that analyses a piece of text (copied and pasted) by looking at vocabulary, parts of speech, reading level and comprehension. In addition to the resources shown to us, I was also able to experiment with various Google Chrome extensions that can be added to your browser to assist in the classroom and at home. I found it an extremely useful session and have already used some of the resources and extensions in my planning and teaching.



Connie Pearse- *Inclusive Technology: Differentiate to include all students!*

In this session we were shown many different chrome extensions. They varied from Staying focused on the computer, how to block ads on the web pages you are reading, even on how to help children access and work on documents that will help them write confidently. This extension was one of many called '**read write**'. It allows each user to write a story with the help of word prediction, text to speech, voice notes, picture dictionary, just to name a few things it gives you access to. '**Adblock Plus**', Blocks all ads to reduce distraction and clutter. '**Beeline Reader**', Reduces eye strain, assists with eye tracking and is great for students as the font is in multi colour for them to be able to focus and keep on track with their reading. '**Mercury**', This site is great for when the students are doing research as it removes clutter from busy websites, which helps them to be able to focus on the task at hand and not get distracted. These just a few of many, that Chrome Extensions has to offer and will be of great benefit to anyone using Google Suite. We are fortunate at St.John's to be able to attend these conferences

2018 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Many thanks to those parents who attended the meeting on "Readiness for the Sacraments" held on October 12 . You will receive shortly a copy of the Sacramental Calendar of Dates that will be prepared at our Team Planning Day on November 2 and the Indicators of Readiness for both Reconciliation and First Eucharist that we worked on together at the meeting.

The indicators are a guide for you to use when you are deciding if your child and your family are ready to undertake this journey together. If at any time you have any questions or concerns about our sacramental policy regarding Reconciliation and First Eucharist please feel free to contact me by phone 9873 1341 or you can contact me via email at Maree.OKeefe@cam.org.au

In the meantime I hope you are enjoying working through the booklet with your child and I'm sure that you are finding it a very helpful resource. This booklet supports what the children are learning in our school R.E. programs and our Parish R.E. classes on Wednesdays. We look forward to hearing from you when you have received the dates and indicators and have had a chance to look through them to set up a time to chat with you and for you to enrol your child for Reconciliation and First Eucharist if that is your decision.

A reminder that the Parent Information Night for First Reconciliation is on **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23 2016 at 7.30pm** in the Coghlan Centre. At this meeting we will explore the sacrament itself and how it will be celebrated with your child next year.

For those parents who were unable to attend the "Readiness" meeting and would like their child to celebrate sacraments in 2018 you will need to contact me on

Phone 9873 1341 or email Maree.OKeefe@cam.org.au to collect a family activity booklet as well as our enrolment policy.

Many thanks
Maree O'Keefe
Pastoral Associate



Hot Shots Tennis



On Monday the 16th of October a number of year six students represented St John's Primary School in a Hot Shots tennis tournament held for schools in our district.

The day was held at the Nunawading Tennis Club in Blackburn North. We all played very well, with both the girls and boys teams coming 4th for the day.

Everyone played 5 matches, including singles and doubles.

The schools we played against were St Peter's and Paul, St James, Beverley Hills, St Philips.

Hot shots tennis have smaller courts than normal tennis courts, we all learnt different ways of hitting the ball and scoring. We are doing tennis coaching at school and we are learning a lot from it. It was fun to play some games against good competition!

By Frank and Sareana



Italian Phrase of the Week

Week 28: Posso bere?
(Poh-soh-baray?)
Can I get a drink



BIRTHDAYS

This week we congratulate Gerald Joshy, Joshua Plant, Lachie Kroezen, Harrison Coates, Isabel Wang and LeBron Gencarelli.

We hope you all have a "Happy Day!"

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

If you would like to order any books from the recent Scholastic Bookclub brochure please do so by Friday 27 October. No late orders can be processed.

All rewards points earned from the sale of orders goes towards buying classroom resources for each year year level at school.

Any queries can be directed to Jo Novak:
0402 816 685 (Nicholas 5/6TJ & Tasha /4RF)




St John's Parish Community

FETE

Fete Day is Saturday 18th November 2017

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

Proudly sponsored by:

 **BarryPlant**
Heathmont, Ringwood & Blackburn

URGENT - We have 2 stalls that need co-ordinators to continue. Please help!

Face Painting

Can you do makeup? Yes, even you boys can give this a whirl....we are looking for someone to take on the face painting stall. The kids love the face painting and it is a highlight for them to have it done - it would be a shame to not have this in place. Have you ever given this a go? Do you know someone that does this for a living or just for a bit of fun? We are looking for whatever leads or volunteers that we can get.



Snow Cones

Want to see a lot of kids with smiling from ear to ear with fingers frozen and rainbow coloured lips? We need a stall holder for the snow cones. This is a low maintenance stall that take little time to get the hang of.



When we get the nice warm day we are all praying for - this is the stall to be at, its busy and its cool!

If you can help PLEASE contact either of the Fete representatives:

Jen Harvey (St James parent)
chrisandjenharvey@gmail.com

Ben Boyd (St John's parent)
ben.a.boyd@bigpond.com

Stall Volunteer Sign up

Stall & Volunteer Link (click to connect)	Stall holder Co-ordinator
Raffle Ticket Sales - 9:30 St James Mass	Fabienne Parr & Kath Glenn
Bike'n'Blend	
Rowing Surveys - 2017	Grade 6 Students
Sweets - 2017	Karen Johnson
Souvlaki - 2017	Jo Van DenBerg
Pluck-A-Duck - 2017	Natasha Dumais
Mini Golf - 2017	St James Primary School Teachers
JJ's Bar - 2017	Dan Kennedy
Italian Restaurant - 2017	Sonia Lukan
Face Painting - 2017	VACANT
Drink Stall - 2017	Nerida Thurbon
Hand Made Cards - 2017	Monica Bredhauer
Crafts & Gifts - 2017	Vanessa Burnie
Coloring Competition - 2017	SJV staff & Grade 6
Cakes - 2017	Carolyn Gorry
Pop Corn & Fairy Floss - 2017	Jackie Harkin
Pre Loved Toys - 2017	Andrew Puls
Showbags - 2017	SJM Staff
Hot Chips - 2017	Scott Taylor
Devonshire Tea - 2017	Michelle Plant
Bookshop - 2017	Angela & Nicole
Lob-A-Choc - 2017	St John's Staff
Ride Ticket Sales - 2017	Kate Lafferty
Plants - 2017	Melissa Greenwood
Raffle Ticket Sales - 5pm Mass	
Pre Loved Clothes - 2017	Leonie Sissens
BBQ - 2017 (Cooks \ Servers \ Register	Julie & Paul Rogan

Just 2 Hrs? - Choose a time to suit.

Not sure what stall you want to work on? Happy to help wherever your needed? Have specific times you're free but happy to go wherever? These are the links for you!

We have created a registration page that allows you to record your details against a time the suits you and we will find a stall needing support and pop you in.

Set up & Pack up Sign up

Stall Holder & sign up link (click to connect)
Pre-Fete Set-up Sunday 12 Nov (afternoon)
Pre-Fete Set-up Wednesday 15 November (evening)
Pre-Fete Set-up Thurs 16 November (evening)
Pre-Fete Set-up Fri 17 Nov (Morning)
Pre-Fete Set-up Fri 17 Nov (Afternoon)
Pre-Fete Set-up Fri 17 Nov (evening)
Working Bee Clean up Post Fete - Sunday 19 November (morning)

If you can't help on Fete Day, please consider lending a hand at Set up or Pack up.



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

www.facebook.com/StJohnsParishFete



Pre-loved Clothes

Time to clean out your wardrobe and donate all those good quality, clean pre-loved clothes. Clothes can be dropped off at the Parish garage or on a Sunday at the Hall from 11am—2pm. Please note: **NO Bric-A-Brac should be dropped off as we are unable to provide this stall in 2017.**

Sorters Needed

Are you able to spare an hour or two to help sort through all the lovely donations?

We are currently sorting on:

Sundays 11am—2pm & Tuesdays 1.30—4pm

Come & see us in the Hall or contact Leonie 0417 459 610.



Devonshire Tea

Devonshire Tea Stall Coordinator, Michelle Plant, would love to hear from anyone interested in offering to assist with Devonshire teas on Fete day. Rumour has it that Michelle is discounting the "Just 2 Hours... Please" so get in quickly. Michelle can be contacted on 0414 786 147.



Lolly Store

Bring a bag of lollies to school!

We're asking each child to please bring a bag of lollies as a donation to the Fete Lolly store. While any donation would be most appreciated if you are looking for any suggestions Chuppa Chups as well as small colourful lollies such as smarties, M & M's or jelly beans are needed for a little project. The lollies that sold well last year are listed below.

- Freckles
- Choc Buds
- Musk Sticks
- Sour Snakes
- Sour Straps
- Snakes
- Clinkers
- Wiz Fizz
- Red Skins
- Party Mix



Free Dress

Don't forget it's FREE DRESS DAY on **Friday 3rd November**. In return, all children are asked to bring a block of chocolate to school. This will be donated to the Lob-a-Choc Stall on Fete Day.



Raffle Tickets \$2

Don't forget to return Fete Raffle Tickets. All tickets must be returned sold or unsold no later than **Friday 3rd November 2017**. GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!!



HURRY! LAST CHANCE

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

	Name	Quantity	Total
1			
2			
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12			
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

Think Pink 2017 Wrap Up

High Tea was served in the Coghlan on Friday afternoon and the event was well supported by our wonderful community. Guests enjoyed listening to Dr Shani Saraswat from North Mitcham Clinic and many laughs were had with her use of props – a special thanks to Steve Gilbert for being a good sport!

The children all enjoyed a home made pink cupcake which were baked by Donna Bright, Connie Pearse, Sarah Longmore and Rachael Ashmore.

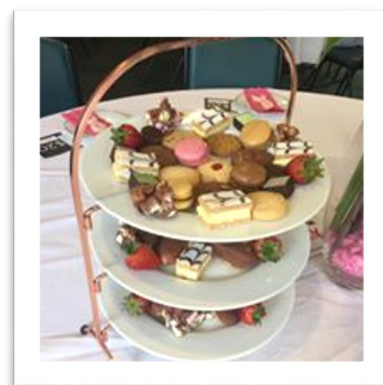
These events do not go ahead without incredible support and it is important to acknowledge the hard work of those that were involved.

Our table centrepieces were created by Eileen Dalton, some of the food was beautifully created by Belinda Dresser, Courtney Laffin and Roula Butterworth. Our smallest guests enjoyed an amazing spread created by Eileen and Vickie. Set up was efficiently done by Vickie Stuchbury, Maria Wallis, Monica Deehan, Steve Gilbert and Graham Dalton, and extra thanks to the helpers who cleaned up – Elizabeth Watkins, Jackie Harkin, Rhyannon Elliot, Jo Novak and all of the above.

We were also very fortunate to receive some incredible donations from local businesses to support our raffle and also a very generous donation from ProAct Builders in Mitcham who have been supporting this event for the last few years.

We are delighted to report that \$1825 is going to the McGrath Foundation to support the work they do in providing breast care nurses to women in need.

Thank you again to all those that attended on the day, bought sunscreen and supported the raffle.



Thank you to the following local businesses:

- Heavenly Bliss Beauty Heathmont
- Pure Tan Vermont
- The Mabel Mitcham
- Sweet Miss M.
- Dee Ryall MP
- Simone Perele
- Ziel Essence Heathmont
- Bake for Me By Roula
- Cost Less Bolts and Industrial Supplies Ringwood
- Rise and Grind Drive Thru Coffee Mitcham
- Gardens in Miniature – Terrariums by Vicki
- Red Hill Rd & Co Heathmont