

# St John's Parish

## Primary School



November 20, 2017 No. 31

### COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

<b>NOVEMBER</b>	21	Tuesday	Prep Orientation Session 3, 9.15-10.45am
	23	Thursday	First Reconciliation Parent Meeting, 7.30pm.
	25	Saturday	Year 5 Level Mass & Creed Presentation, 6pm.
	26	Sunday	Parish Family Mass, 9.45am Year 5 Level Mass & Creed Presentation, 11.15am
<b>DECEMBER</b>	27	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am
	3	Sunday	2018 Prep Welcome Mass, 11.15am
	6	Wednesday	Carols on the Green, 6.00pm
	12	Tuesday	Education Board and Parent Association Christmas Thank You, 7.00pm
	18	Monday	Orientation Morning School End of Year Picnic at Halliday Park
	19	Tuesday	Last Day of School 2017 for Students Thanksgiving Mass, 7.00pm

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### Fete

On Saturday we all enjoyed another wonderful Parish Fete. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this wonderful community event. The St John's Parish Fete is famous and people travel far and wide to attend. Such a wonderful event would not happen without the generous support of our families running and manning many of the stalls. Thank you so much to all of you who contributed to a stall or two or three!

A huge thank you to Ben Boyd, Dean Spicer and Shane Laffin for the extensive time they gave to the fete as committee members. There are many hours put in by the committee in organising, preparing, setting up and packing up the fete in addition to their hard work on the actual day - 'Thank you Ben, Dean and Shane'.

As the saying goes - *Many hands make light work* and we thank all of the families who attended the working bee on Sunday to help with packing up and tidying the school after the fete. The school was sparkling this morning when we all arrived!

### Italian Day and Concert

This Wednesday our students will celebrate learning Italian as another language. Students are encouraged to dress in the colours of the Italian flag or something that reminds them of the culture of the Italian people on Wednesday.

At 2:30pm sharp the children will showcase some of their learning in Italian with a whole school concert in the Mary Mackillop Space. All families are invited to attend if possible.

### School Closure Day Cancelled

Please note that the school closure day scheduled and advertised in the school calendar which was sent home earlier in the year has been cancelled. There will be school as usual on Friday 8 December.

#### 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](http://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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#### PARISH PRIEST

Father Dispin John

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St John's Parish Community

# FETE

A snapshot of our wonderful St John's Community on Saturday





# Education in Faith News

Our Gospel Challenge this week is to: *be grateful for the gifts and talents that we have!*

The staff from both parish schools came together on Friday to learn more about meditation and spirituality of children. Rina Madden facilitated the morning session in which we explored spirituality and its connections with teaching and learning in a Catholic school. Rina moved us in our thinking and understanding of spirituality, the integral element it is of ourselves and the importance of acknowledging and nurturing it. We explored a process called, *Pedagogy of Encounter*, which we use in the teaching and learning of Religious Education.

*This process is outlined below:*

## **What do I think and sense?**

Looking at the concept/subject/topic as it is experienced today and as a religious issue, using a provocation to raise questions.

## **What do others think and why?**

Seeking different views, including religious perspectives and interpretations, through dialogue and discussion. Going deeper into different worldviews to reveal alternative visions of, and for, the world.

## **What does the Catholic Church teach and why?**

Seeking the Church's perspective and interpretations through dialogue and discussion.

## **How am I called into a deeper relationship with others and God?**

Exploring a different way of knowing through experiences that open us to the sacred: praying and celebrating, using symbol and ritual and reflecting on sacred text and art.

## **What do I think now and why?**

Reflecting on the integration of knowledge, ways of being, spirituality and action, and the resulting transformation.

Ruth Fowler facilitated the remainder of the day where we revisited Christian meditation to ensure all staff had a shared understanding of what it is and how to meditate effectively. Christian meditation is a form of prayer and as such should be practised. The four main elements are: posture, breath, mantra and silence.

I have included a short process that we use at school that you may like to practise at home.

*Sit down. Sit still and upright. Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert. Breathe calmly and regularly. Silently, interiorly begin to say a single word.*

*Fr John Main recommends the prayer phrase or mantra "Ma-ra-na-tha". Recite it as four syllables of equal length. Listen to it as you say it, gently, with love and continuously.*

*Do not think or imagine anything - spiritual or otherwise. If thoughts or images come, these are distractions at the time of meditation, so keep returning to simply saying the word.*

Have an enjoyable week,

Monica

## **Important Dates to Remember:**

November 23	Thursday	First Reconciliation Parent Meeting, 7.30pm.
25	Saturday	Year 5 Level Mass & Creed Presentation, 6pm.
26	Sunday	Parish Family Mass, 9.45am
		Year 5 Level Mass & Creed Presentation, 11.15am.

## Social Management

### -Respect for Others: Learning to values others.



**Learning to see another person's point of view** Learning to see another person's point of view is important for getting along with others and building positive friendships. Understanding others helps children know what to do in social situations and is the basis for developing caring and responsibility.

It's not always easy for children to see the point of view of someone who is different from them. Being different could mean having a disability, coming from a different country, being a different age or gender, or having different values and interests. Children who are seen as different may be left out of activities.

They may face discrimination because others think they are not as good, as talented, or as important as they are. Discrimination can have very negative effects on children's self-esteem and mental health and wellbeing.

#### Skills for empathy

Taking others' needs into account involves values of caring, compassion and acceptance of others. It also involves emotional skills for empathy. Learning to empathise with another person means learning to 'walk in their shoes.' It means being able to recognise and value their feelings and needs, even though they may be different from your own.

Skills for empathy develop over time and include:

- recognising your own feelings
- recognising others' feelings
- listening to others' opinions
- thinking what it would feel like if you saw the situation their way
- thinking how you can respond in a caring way
- doing something to help.

Some children find it easy to tune into feelings. Others need more guidance to learn empathic skills. Adults have an important role in supporting children to learn kindness and empathy.

#### How to support children to accept and include others

- Teach children that there is nothing wrong with being different and that each of us is different to somebody else.
- Teach children that everyone has a right to be respected.
- Help children develop skills for positive friendships and cooperative play.
- Parents and carers of children with special needs can talk to the staff at their children's school about how to support their strengths and about encouraging other children to include them.

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

Have a great week,  
*Beth Johnson*  
Wellbeing Leader

### ITALIAN CONCERT

Dear parents and friends, I am delighted to invite you to share in a snapshot of our Italian learning by attending our Italian concert on Wednesday afternoon, the 22nd November in the Mary Mackillop space at 2.20pm for a 2.30pm start. All classes will present an item they have been rehearsing over the last few weeks.

**DRESS:** Students are asked to wear casual clothes for the day. Some Italian flag colours, red, white and green if they have them, to add to the atmosphere. Some year 3 /4 students will be dressing up for our clothing item.

Looking forward to seeing you there,  
Ciao from Signora Anne Sciola



# Learning & Teaching

## Capabilities

This year has seen the full implementation of the new Victorian Curriculum. It is comprised of the following learning areas:

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| • The Arts:   | Dance<br>Drama<br>Media Arts<br>Music<br>Visual Arts                     | • Languages                     |   |
| • English     |  | • Health and Physical Education |   |
| • Humanities: | Civics and Citizenship<br>Economics and Business<br>Geography<br>History | • Mathematics                   |   |
|               |  | • Science                       |   |
|               |  | • Technologies                  | Design and Technologies<br>Digital Technologies |

The Victorian Curriculum contains four capabilities that are a set of discrete knowledge and skills that are explicitly taught, practised, demonstrated and deployed by students in and through the learning areas. The capabilities are:

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| • Critical and Creative Thinking | Questions and possibilities<br>Reasoning<br>Metacognition   |
| • Intercultural                  | Cultural practices<br>Cultural diversity  |
| • Ethical                        | Understanding concepts<br>Decision making and actions   |
| • Personal and Social            | Self awareness and management<br>- Recognition and expression of emotions<br>- Development of resilience<br>Social Awareness and management<br>- Collaboration<br>- Relationships and diversity |



These capabilities will be embedded in many different curriculum areas. Every student will have the opportunity to explore. All capabilities will be reported on in 2018.

## BIRTHDAYS

This week we congratulate Christo Joshy, Jeremy Sniegowski, Mansahib Singh and Emmanuela Vuite.

*We hope you all have a "Happy Day!"*



## ICE CREAM SPECIAL FOOD DAY

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December is Ice Cream Day!**

The Parents Association has arranged an ice cream van to serve soft serve and gelato at recess.

Order forms will be coming home this week.

**All orders need to be completed and returned with correct money by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November.**

*If your child has a nut or other food allergy, please advise Jackie Harkin on 0411232071*

*(Astrid 5/6MO & Zoe 1/2BM).*



	<u>On Hand</u>	<u>Standard Price</u>	SALE Price
<b>Bootleg Pants (Girls)</b>			
Bootleg Pants (Girls) Size 04	8	27.00	19.00
Bootleg Pants (Girls) Size 06	6	27.00	19.00
Bootleg Pants (Girls) Size 08	11	27.00	19.00
Bootleg Pants (Girls) Size 10	13	27.00	19.00
Bootleg Pants (Girls) Size 12	8	27.00	19.00
Bootleg Pants (Girls) Size 14	11	27.00	19.00
Bootleg Pants (Girls) Size 16	7	27.00	19.00
 Hat - Wide Brim (XS)	 15	 10.00	 8.00
<b>Long Sleeve Polo Shirt</b>			
Long Sleeve Polo Shirt Size 04	10	38.00	30.00
Long Sleeve Polo Shirt Size 06	3	38.00	30.00
Long Sleeve Polo Shirt Size 08	1	38.00	30.00
Long Sleeve Polo Shirt Size 14	10	38.00	30.00
Long Sleeve Polo Shirt Size 16	12	38.00	30.00
Long Sleeve Polo Shirt Size Adult 14	2	38.00	30.00
<b>Pants (Boys)</b>			
Pants (Boys) Size 06	5	34.00	23.00
Pants (Boys) Size 08	1	34.00	23.00
Pants (Boys) Size 10	5	34.00	23.00
Pants (Boys) Size 12	6	34.00	23.00
Pants (Boys) Size 14	11	34.00	23.00
Pants (Boys) Size 16	1	34.00	23.00
<b>Polar Fleece Vest</b>			
Polar Fleece Vest Size 04	14	33.00	15.00
Polar Fleece Vest Size 06	3	33.00	15.00
Polar Fleece Vest Size 08	2	33.00	15.00
Polar Fleece Vest Size 10	1	33.00	15.00
Polar Fleece Vest Size 12	2	33.00	15.00
Polar Fleece Vest Size 14	6	33.00	15.00
<b>Short Sleeve Polo Shirt</b>			
Short Sleeve Polo Shirt size 04	3	35.00	28.00
Short Sleeve Polo Shirt Size 10	2	35.00	28.00
Short Sleeve Polo Shirt Size 14	3	35.00	28.00
Short Sleeve Polo Shirt Size 16	8	35.00	28.00



	<u>On Hand</u>	<u>Standard Price</u>	SALE Price
<b>Shorts (Boys)</b>			
Shorts (Boys) Size 04	11	25.00	16.00
Shorts (Boys) Size 06	3	25.00	16.00
Shorts (Boys) Size 08	5	25.00	16.00
Shorts (Boys) Size 10	7	25.00	16.00
Shorts (Boys) Size 12	11	25.00	16.00
Shorts (Boys) Size 14	10	25.00	16.00
Shorts (Boys) Size 16	8	25.00	16.00
<b>Skort</b>			
Skort Size 04	6	28.00	20.00
Skort Size 06	10	28.00	20.00
Skort Size 08	8	28.00	20.00
Skort Size 10	26	28.00	20.00
Skort Size 14	12	28.00	20.00
Skort Size 16	6	28.00	20.00
<b>Sports Shorts</b>			
Sports Shorts Size 04	12	23.00	16.00
Sports Shorts Size 12	9	23.00	16.00
Sports Shorts Size 14	13	23.00	16.00
Sports Shorts Size 16	8	23.00	16.00
<b>Summer Dress</b>			
Summer Dress size 4	4	47.00	35.00
Summer Dress Size 6	3	47.00	35.00
Summer Dress Size 12	6	47.00	35.00
Summer Dress Size 14	3	47.00	35.00
Summer Dress size 16	4	47.00	35.00
<b>Tracksuit Pants</b>			
Tracksuit Pants Size 12	6	25.00	20.00
Tracksuit Pants Size 14	13	25.00	10.00
Tracksuit Pants Size 16	7	25.00	10.00
<b>Windcheater</b>			
Windcheater Size 04	5	32.00	25.00
Windcheater Size 14	4	32.00	25.00
Windcheater Size 16	4	32.00	25.00

### UNIFORM STOCKTAKE SALE:

The pricelist above details the number of items left that are available for purchase from the current Uniform Shop. These prices are reduced until stock is sold out. The new retailer , RHSport will continue to sell the uniform at their standard price from the end of the year.  
Further information regarding the purchase of uniform will be included in future newsletters.

### Italian Phrase of the Week

Week 31: Eccolo (M) or Eccola (F)  
(Air-ko-loh or Air-ko-lah)  
**Here it is**





**The Mitcham Junior Football Club  
Is looking to recruit new tiger cubs for  
Season 2018**

**REGISTRATION DAY**

**SUNDAY NOV 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 – 9.30AM-1.30PM**

**At The Mitcham Football Club**

**Walker Park, Nunawading**

**Boys - Under 8 to Under 17**

**Girls – Under 10 to Under 18**

**FREE CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND FREE TIGER HOODY  
FOR ALL NEW PLAYERS**

**Fully accredited coaching staff and trainers  
Play and train on the “MCG of the East” – Walker Park  
Genuine “family orientated” club!**

**For a total junior football experience join the Mitcham Tigers!  
Call Glenn on 0403121096 to secure your spot for Season 2018!**

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