

St John's Parish

Primary School



November 27, 2017 No. 32

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

MOVEMBER

29 Wednesday 2017 Parent Association AGM, 7.00pm

DECEMBER

3 Sunday 2018 Prep Welcome Mass, 11.15am
4 Monday Year 6 Fun Day at Funfields
6 Wednesday Carols Night, 6.00pm
12 Tuesday Education Board and Parent Association Christmas Thank You, 7.00pm
18 Monday Orientation Morning, Years 1-6 2018
School End of Year Picnic at Halliday Park
19 Tuesday Last Day of School 2017 for Students
Thanksgiving Mass, 7.00pm
Year 6 Graduation Supper



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A prayer for the first week of Advent

May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



Help us to remember the meaning of Advent.

All: We wait in joyful hope.

Help us to get ready to welcome you.

All: We wait in joyful hope.

Help us to be people of hope to others.

All: We wait in joyful hope.

Help us to rejoice in the coming of Jesus

Parish Family mass and Confirmation

Thanks to all our families who came along to parish family mass on Sunday. It was great to see so many St John's students representing the choir. Over the weekend masses our Year 5 students were presented The Creed in preparation for Confirmation. A date for your diary, Confirmation will take place in 2018 on Saturday 12 May with two ceremonies one at 1pm and the other at 3pm at St John's Church Mitcham.

Prep 2018 Welcome mass

We look forward to this Sunday's mass at 11:15am where our current Prep students welcome our 2018 Preps. This is always such a beautiful celebration.

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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Class structure for 2018

Next year we will have the following classroom structure:

- Prep
- 2 x Year 1/2 classes
- 2 x Year 3/4 classes
- 2 x Year 5/6 classes

I will advise you of the classroom teachers for each class in the coming weeks. If you have anything that you would like to raise with me about your child's transition into 2018 please make an appointment to see me.

School fees for 2018

St John's school fees and levies for 2018 are included in today's newsletter for your future planning.

Parents' Association AGM

The AGM will take place on Wednesday 29 November at 7pm in the staffroom. Thanks to all the parents who have contributed in so many ways to PA events. We value your support and contribution to our wonderful community.

Camp dates for 2018

Year 6 camp to Lake Nillahcootie – Tuesday 13 March to Friday 16 March (3 nights)

Year 5 camp to Sovereign Hill – Monday 21 May to Wednesday 23 May (2 nights)

Have a good week, - Jacqui Marshall, Principal.

Education in Faith News



Our Gospel Challenge this week is to: *help others!*



Over the weekend we celebrated the Year Five Level Mass and Creed Presentation. As these students will be next year's Confirmation candidates, they received a copy of the Apostle's Creed and led the congregation in reciting it. Year Level masses are a wonderful way for students to be more involved in the Parish Sunday Liturgies and for families to celebrate together as a parish. Many thanks to Maree O'Keefe for organising these level masses this year and Fr Dispin for his support.

Yesterday saw us celebrating the last Parish Family Mass for this year. The two school choirs, St John's and St James, lead the singing. The homily is usually directed towards the children and children are involved in other roles in the liturgy such as offertory and Gospel procession. Thank you to all people involved in the preparation; for the students who sing in the choir; for the families who participate and to Penelope who selects the songs and directs the singing. Parish Family Masses are wonderful celebrations of a faith community.

St Vincent de Paul are once again asking parishioners to contribute Christmas gifts for people in need in our local community. Gift card labels are available at the parish or school office. Please take a label and purchase a suitable gift based on the gender and age group written on the label/gift card. It would be appreciated if gifts could be placed under the Christmas tree in the church by 3 December or after that date at the parish or school office until 10 December as St Vincent de Paul will start to pack the hampers during the following week.



All Year Six students are invited to attend the Parish Youth Group Mass and Christmas Party. Please find details on the invitation in this newsletter.

Have an enjoyable week, - Monica

Important Dates to Remember:

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| November 23 | Thursday | First Reconciliation Parent Meeting, 7.30pm. |
| December 2 | Saturday | Youth Group Mass, 6.00pm (All Year Six students are invited to attend) |
| | | Youth Group Christmas Party (All Year Six students are invited to attend) |
| 3 | Sunday | Prep Welcome Mass, 11.15am |
| 5 | Tuesday | Parish Mass at Zebedee |
| 19 | Tuesday | Thanksgiving Mass, 7.00pm |

Social Management

-Influences on Children's Social Development



Values are the internal guides we have for our behaviour. They help us to make choices, and to make judgements about what is right and wrong, good or bad, fair or unfair. While cultures differ in the emphasis they place on particular values (eg individual freedom or duty to family) there are many which are common to all cultures like respect, caring, and justice.

Parents and carers are children's first and most important teachers of values. Parents and carers can use a range of strategies to help children learn about social values. The following ideas can help.

Teach by example

Children often learn more from what you do than what you say. Your own behaviour is important for showing children how you would like them to behave. Talking about the reasons for your behaviour can help to make your values and expectations clear.

Read and discuss stories that demonstrate positive values

Choose children's stories that reflect the kinds of values you want children to learn. Talk about the story and what can be learnt. You might ask questions like: "How do you think that person feels? Why do you think he/she did that? Was it a good idea? How could he/she have done it better?"

Check what children are watching on TV

Make sure that the programs children watch and the electronic games they play are suitable for their age and reflect positive values. Watching violence on television and playing violent video games can lead to aggressive behaviour.

Teach children to learn from mistakes

Mistakes provide opportunities for teaching and reinforcing positive values. Support and acknowledge children when they admit mistakes and help them find ways to make up for them. Ask them to suggest ways of repairing any damage they have caused to relationships, people or property.

Help children to think about values

Talk with children about the social values and attitudes they encounter in everyday situations and on TV. Teaching children to question and think about social values helps them to be clear about their own values and strengthens their ability to resist pressure from peers, advertising and other media. Teaching children about values supports their social development. It helps them develop the knowledge and skills they need to play a positive role in society.

(Adapted from Kidsmatter information sheets for families)

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

Have a great week,

Beth Johnson

Wellbeing Leader

Carols Night

Wednesday 6th December

Not long to go now before our annual Christmas concert. **The concert will start promptly at 6.00pm** on the basketball court and will finish at approximately 7.00pm. The students should bring something comfortable to sit on (blanket or pillow) and some water. We would appreciate it if the children could remain seated with their class for the duration of the concert.

I know the students can't wait to entertain you. We will come together as a school to sing this year's Count Us In song, 'Shine Together'....which is a perfect excuse to wear something shiny. So wear as much silver and gold as you can find! Your child's teacher will let you know if any other costume items (ears, noses, hats etc.) are required.

We look forward to celebrating our wonderful 2017 year with you.

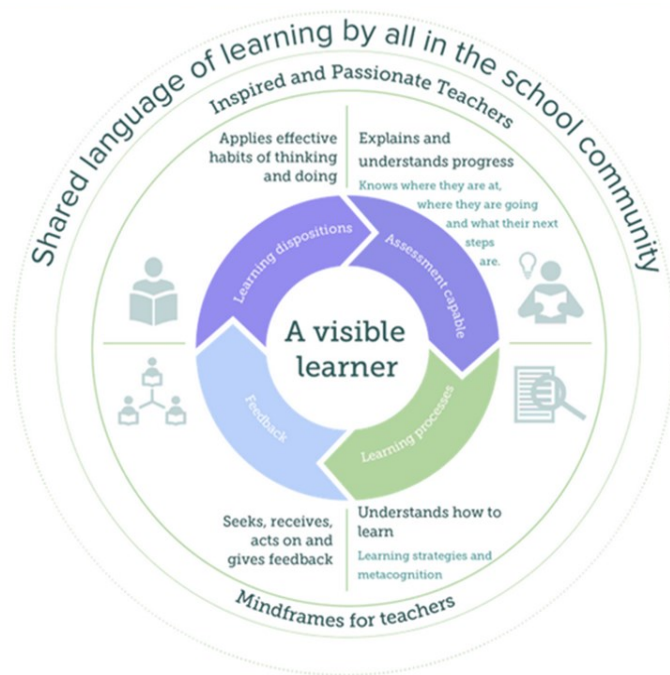
Let the 'Silly Season' begin! - Penelope Lang

VISIBLE LEARNING

As we head towards the end of another year, students and teachers are busy collecting evidence of learning through a range of assessment tools. Assessment supports teachers, students and families in knowing where students are at in their learning, where they are going in their learning and what the next possible learning steps are. In the diagram below, being able to understand the purpose of assessment and using it to inform teaching and learning is critical in developing our students as visible learners. Our students are beginning to see that formal assessments, as well as informal assessment, provides them with feedback on their learning and a foundation for them to set learning goals.

Our reports at the end of the year and the Learning Folios provide students and families with a summary of the learning for the year and an opportunity to

celebrate their learning and set some goals for 2018. As a school we are proud to see our learners demonstrating the qualities of a visible learner - striving for, and demonstrating effective learning dispositions, giving, receiving and using feedback and understanding and valuing assessment to inform their learning.



Christmas Mass Timetable 2017

Parish Advent Penitential Celebration
Thursday 21 December at 7.30pm

Christmas Eve Masses

Sunday 24 December

6.00pm
(5.30pm Carols)

PLEASE NOTE:

St James Family Mass
51 Centre Rd, Vermont

No 9.30am Mass on Christmas Day at St James

8.30pm
(7.45pm Carols)

11.00pm
(10.30 Carols)

PLEASE NOTE:

St John's Family Mass
St John's Church

Evening Mass
St John's Church

11.00pm Mass is in place of Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Masses

Monday 25 December

8.30am
10.30am

PLEASE NOTE:

St John's Church
St John's Church

No 5.00pm Mass on Christmas Day at St John's



FETE

The Fete would not have been as successful as it was without the support and assistance of everyone in the community.

Thank you to our stall co-ordinators for all the behind the scenes work done prior; the volunteers for sparing a couple of hours here and there; the schools along with the P&F/P&A for your support and assistance in rallying the troops; and to all of you for coming out on Saturday, getting involved and being part of it.

This also goes without saying thank you – to our fellow committee members, the work and dedication that you all put in is amazing... best part is we can still laugh at the end of it all.

New initiatives were introduced this year and we hope you all enjoyed it. We will start planning again for 2018 in the next couple of months so if you have any feedback please drop us a line. Post Fete Meeting is Tuesday 28th November at St James from 7.30pm so if you have anything you want to share with us please email stjohnsfete@gmail.com

Thanks again and cheers until next year #thirdsaturdayinnovember

Jen & Ben
Jenny Harvey & Ben Boyd
School Liaison Representatives
St Johns Parish Community Fete

BBQ Stall Thank You

A very big thank you to all our helpers for volunteering their time and contributing to the success of the BBQ stall. Sincere thanks to Angelo & Peri Natoli, Milka, Gabriella, John Magree, Ross Hammerton, Paul Christakis, Chrissy & Damian Eagle, John, Sue Fazzino, Sarah Dowds, Joanne Rea, Xavier Mills, Anthony (just in time) Mariniello, Chris Harvey, Jaison Kaithavelil, Anthony Delea, Goran Kovacevic, Paul Whitfield, Daniela Migliorati, Yeng Dawson, Christine, Dee Ryall MP (Member for Ringwood) and Paul Ryall. Your fantastic support, enthusiasm and contribution (especially under such hot and humid conditions) made the day a great success!

Special thanks to Jenny Harvey, Ben Boyd, the wonderful Fete Committee and the many other volunteers who work tirelessly over many months to organise the fete and ensure its success.

Extra special thanks to Andrew Russell for knocking up our fabulous new BBQ stall in one afternoon - amazing work! Thanks again for your wonderful support.

Paul & Julie Rogan

Parents Association AGM Wednesday 29th November 7pm in the Staffroom



All parents, guardians, carers and friends of St John's are warmly invited to attend the 2017 AGM to celebrate the great achievements of 2017 and look forward to another year of community building in 2018.

There are many opportunities to share your time and talent and a full list of positions is available on the notice board outside the library or via email at yourpa.sjm@gmail.com.

Courtney Laffin and Rhyannon Elliott's two year term as Vice-President and President is coming to an end, so if you have some fabulous ideas and a little energy- please come have a chat about what's involved in these (or any other) roles.

Everything the PA undertakes is a huge team effort so no-one is ever on their own in any of the roles and all contributions are very much appreciated!

ATTENTION YEAR 6 STUDENTS

..... YOU'RE INVITED!

Christmas PARTY

DECEMBER 2ND 7PM.

ZEBEDEE ROOM

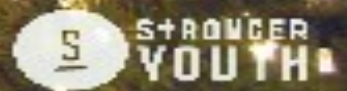
OUTDOOR GAMES, FREE FOOD & FRIENDS.

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU AT MASS BEFORE,
OR GAMES AND DINNER AFTERWARDS

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MANGO FUNDRAISER

We have had an update from the Mango Fundraiser to say that their supplies will mean that they have to deliver to us a week earlier than expected. I was hoping for the second week in December but it looks like our delivery will be sometime during the week beginning Monday 4th December.



A more definitive date will be given early this week which I will advise by email as soon as I receive confirmation.

Many thanks for your patience and looking forward to seeing you all on pick up day.

Warm Regards, - Rhyannon

ICE CREAM SPECIAL FOOD DAY

Friday 1st December is Ice Cream Day!

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

Order forms should be returned, no later than tomorrow morning, **Tuesday 28 November.**

Jackie Harkin, 0411232071



Italian Phrase of the Week

Week 32: Mi piace cantare
(Mee pee-archay kahn-tar-ray)
I like singing



ST JOHN'S SCHOOL FEES & LEVIES 2018

An invoice for your 2018 Student Levies will be issued in December and is payable by Tuesday 19 December, 2017. Family Fees and all other levies will be issued in February 2018. A statement of your school account will be issued again at the commencement of each term.

Fees can be paid within the following time frame:

- Full payment at the beginning of the school year.
- Three installments, paid by the end of term 1, 2 and 3.
- Regular direct debits can be arranged through the school office on a monthly, fortnightly or weekly basis.
- Direct payments through EFT/ Internet Banking.

The nominated fee payer is expected to commit to a fee payment schedule at the commencement of the school year. Please advise the school of any variation to this agreement.

FAMILY FEES

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| SCHOOL FEES | \$1750.00 |
| COMPUTER LEVY | \$150.00 |
| MAINTENANCE LEVY | \$100.00 |

SCHOOL FEES – per family

School Fees pay for the everyday running of the school.

COMPUTER LEVY - per family

A Computer Levy for each family is applied each year to allow for the upgrade and purchase of new computers and software for classrooms.

MAINTENANCE LEVY - per family

A Maintenance Levy is applied each year for all families and contributes to the ongoing maintenance of school grounds. Families have the option of attending one working bee during the school year to receive a \$50 rebate.

STUDENT FEES

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| EDUCATION LEVIES | Junior Levy, \$430.00 (Years Prep -2) Senior Levy, \$480.00 (Years 3- 6) |
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EDUCATION LEVIES – per student

Levy payments are for items such as Excursions, Math, Science and Religious/Sacramental expenses and Sports equipment.

Education Levies are to be paid during the first two weeks of December, prior to your child starting school.

Junior Levy, year Prep - 2.

Senior Levy, year 3 - 6

SCHOOL BOOKS – per student

Student books and stationery will be supplied by the school and billed to your school account.

SWIMMING

As part of the curriculum, a two-week, intensive swimming program for Prep to Year 4 is conducted at the Nunawading Swimming Pool and will be billed to your school account.

SCHOOL CAMP

Year 6 students attend Camp at Lake Nillahcootie for three nights in term 1.

Year 5 students attend a two night camp at Sovereign Hill, Ballarat early in term 2.

UNIFORM SALE LAST CHANCE SALE

| | <u>On Hand</u> | | <u>On Hand</u> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Bootleg Pants (Girls) | | Skort | |
| Bootleg Pants (Girls) Size 04 | 8 | Skort Size 04 | 6 |
| Bootleg Pants (Girls) Size 06 | 6 | Skort Size 06 | 10 |
| Bootleg Pants (Girls) Size 08 | 11 | Skort Size 08 | 8 |
| Bootleg Pants (Girls) Size 10 | 13 | Skort Size 10 | 26 |
| Bootleg Pants (Girls) Size 12 | 8 | Skort Size 14 | 12 |
| Bootleg Pants (Girls) Size 14 | 11 | Skort Size 16 | 6 |
| Bootleg Pants (Girls) Size 16 | 7 | | |
| | | Sports Shorts | |
| Hat - Wide Brim (XS) | 15 | Sports Shorts Size 04 | 12 |
| Long Sleeve Polo Shirt | | Sports Shorts Size 12 | 9 |
| Long Sleeve Polo Shirt Size 04 | 11 | Sports Shorts Size 14 | 13 |
| Long Sleeve Polo Shirt Size 06 | 1 | Sports Shorts Size 16 | 8 |
| Long Sleeve Polo Shirt Size 14 | 9 | | |
| Long Sleeve Polo Shirt Size 16 | 12 | Summer Dress | |
| Long Sleeve Polo Shirt Size Adult 16 | 2 | Summer Dress size 4 | 4 |
| | | Summer Dress Size 6 | 1 |
| Pants (Boys) | | Summer Dress Size 8 | 1 |
| Pants (Boys) Size 04 | 3 | Summer Dress Size 12 | 6 |
| Pants (Boys) Size 06 | 1 | Summer Dress Size 14 | 1 |
| Pants (Boys) Size 08 | 1 | Summer Dress size 16 | 4 |
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| Pants (Boys) Size 10 | 3 | Tracksuit Pants | |
| Pants (Boys) Size 12 | 6 | Tracksuit Pants Size 12 | 6 |
| Pants (Boys) Size 14 | 11 | Tracksuit Pants Size 14 | 13 |
| Pants (Boys) Size 16 | 1 | Tracksuit Pants Size 16 | 7 |
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| Polar Fleece Vest | | Windcheater | |
| Polar Fleece Vest Size 04 | 14 | Windcheater Size 04 | 5 |
| Polar Fleece Vest Size 06 | 1 | Windcheater Size 14 | 4 |
| Polar Fleece Vest Size 08 | 1 | Windcheater Size 16 | 4 |
| Polar Fleece Vest Size 10 | 1 | | |
| Polar Fleece Vest Size 12 | 2 | Shorts (Boys) | |
| Polar Fleece Vest Size 14 | 6 | Shorts (Boys) Size 04 | 11 |
| | | Shorts (Boys) Size 06 | 3 |
| Short Sleeve Polo Shirt | | Shorts (Boys) Size 08 | 5 |
| Short Sleeve Polo Shirt size 04 | 3 | Shorts (Boys) Size 10 | 7 |
| Short Sleeve Polo Shirt Size 14 | 3 | Shorts (Boys) Size 12 | 11 |
| Short Sleeve Polo Shirt Size 16 | 8 | Shorts (Boys) Size 14 | 10 |
| | | Shorts (Boys) Size 16 | 8 |

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 for**ONE WEEK ONLY!**

The new retailer , RHSport will commence selling the uniform at their standard price after this week.

Further information regarding the purchase of uniform will be included in future newsletters.