

St John's Parish

Primary School



January 31, 2018 No. 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back. It is just a short newsletter today to start the school year.

It was wonderful seeing all the children, parents, grandparents and extended family and friends as school commenced this morning. There was such excitement and enthusiasm for a new year of learning, friendships and opportunities to grow. We gathered this morning to pray, acknowledge Australia Day and say hello to our new students and teachers.

We welcome 24 new students to St John's this year, 21 prep students and some in other year levels:

Sebastian, Alexander, Lucas, Mason, Eleonora, Bella, Kiralee, Ava, Lachlan, Tom, Zac, Frances, Kimberly, Sheridan, Samantha, Maxwell, Elodie, Lila, Elliott, Alice, Genevieve, Tia, Elisha and Abigail.

We also say welcome to the following new families who join our St John's community:

Aile, Beh, Bott, Carnovale, Hanson, Iliopoulous, McKay, Milicevich, Newberry, Oviedo Alvarez, Perivan, Robins, Standfield, Sutton-Whelan and Wall.



SECOND HAND UNIFORM

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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PARISH PRIEST

Father Dispin John

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We also welcome two new staff to our school this year. Mrs. Kristina Reid will be teaching 5/6KR and Mrs. Melinda Wharton will be teaching visual arts in the junior school on a Friday.

Rosemary Vastbinder has made the decision to retire. She is currently on long service leave so her last day with us will be on Wednesday 14 March. We will wish her all the best for the next stage of her life and will thank her before she leaves.

Staffing 2018

Fr Dispin John	Parish Priest
Jacqui Marshall	Principal
Monica O'Shannassy	Deputy Principal/Religious Education Leader/classroom support
Tom Jackson	Year 5/6 Teacher/PE Specialist
Kristina Reid	Year 5/6 Teacher
Kellie Cumming	Year 3/4 Teacher/Numeracy Leader
Rebecca Fry	Year 3/4 Teacher
Bianca Martino	Year 1/2 Teacher/Learning and Teaching & ICT Leader
Emma Buis	Year 1/2 Teacher/Student Wellbeing Leader
Naomi Curtis	Prep Teacher/Junior school Literacy Leader
Penelope Lang	Performing Arts Teacher/Senior School Visual Arts
Anne Sciola	Italian Teacher
Melinda Wharton	Junior School Visual Arts Teacher
Ange Crowe	Middle/Senior Literacy Leader/Literacy support/classroom support
Rosemary Vastbinder	Classroom support (until 14/3/18)
Julie Carroll	Learning Support Officer
Nicole Dunning	Learning Support Officer
Kate Hetherington	Learning Support Officer
Melinda Kerwin	Learning Support Officer
Connie Pearse	Learning Support Officer
Kim Wilson-Hartrick	Learning Support Officer
Jenny Macleod	Office Administration
Sue Walmsley	Library Administration

School Captains 2018

We congratulate our 2018 school captains Sophie Kroezen, Luke Marriner, Abigail Leyden and Hamish Gill. They will introduce themselves and their goals for the year in next week's newsletter.



Assembly

We have our first Monday morning assembly next week at 8:50am – 5 February which will be led by 3/4RF. At this assembly, we will announce the Year 6 leadership positions and present students with their leadership badges. All parents are welcome.

Student Contact Details and Medical Forms

These green forms will be going home this week. Parents are asked to verify that all details are correct and complete the consent part of the document. It is important they are returned as soon as possible. Thanks for your support.

School Calendar

We will include all Term 1 dates in Monday's newsletter and send home a 2018 school calendar of events.

Looking forward to a great year ahead

Jacqui Marshall
Principal