

St John's Parish

Primary School



February 5, 2018 No. 2

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

FEBRUARY	11	Sunday	Founders Day Mass & Opening of the School Year, 11.15am
	12	Monday	School Photo Day
	13	Tuesday	Burning of the Palms, 9.15am Parent/Teacher/Student "Getting to Know You" Discussions
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Founders Day & Opening of the School Year Mass

Sunday 11 February

11:15am

St John's Church

It would be great to see our St John's families there to recognise the founding families of our wonderful parish. There will be light refreshments afterwards.

IMAGINE

..... *With all your mind*

BELIEVE

..... *With all your heart*

ACHIEVE

..... *With all your might*

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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Each year we find a special word to centre our learning and teaching around and inspire us to be the best we can be. This year our word is **BELIEVE**. As teacher's we brainstormed what this would look like for us in 2018 and here are some of our responses

Believe in self, others and God
If you believe it, you can achieve it
Believe you can change things
Believe and trust in one another
Believe in others – capabilities, collaborate and support
Believe in yourself – resilience and persistence
“Everything is possible in those who believe” – Mark 9:23

Our students are also exploring what this means in their learning spaces and I will share some of their responses next week.

Student Leadership

We congratulate all our Year 6 students on their leadership roles this year. They were presented with their badges at assembly this morning. The leadership positions are as follows:

School Captains:	Luke Marriner and Sophie Kroezen
School Vice-Captains:	Hamish Gill and Abbey Leyden
Sports Leaders:	Jeff Zhao, MJ Clifford, Astrid Harkin, Tahlia Crawley and Molly Pellegrino.
ICT Leaders:	Chloe Moran and Olivia Arouff
Arts Leaders:	Emily Janssen and Mackenzie Troup
Social Justice:	Jude Carter, Molly Browne and Aurelya Tham
Environment Leaders:	Jacob M, Klem Apostolopoulos and Atonio Tauali'i



Parent/Teacher/Student - “Getting to Know You “ Discussions

We look forward to seeing all our families on Tuesday 13 February (3:50pm – 7pm) and Wednesday 14 February (3:50pm – 6pm) our getting to know you discussions. This is a fantastic opportunity for families and teachers to meet and for families to share a little about your child and their hopes and dreams for the year ahead. Students are welcome to attend with their parents. Research tells us that that students experience greater success in their learning when there are strong, positive relationships between home and school and parents have an active role in their children's learning. Information on how to book an interview time is located further in the newsletter. Parents are asked to complete the 3-2-1 sheet that is coming home today to share with teachers at these discussions.

Car Parking – “Kiss and Drop Area”

As we begin another school year it is an important time to remind you of the importance of using the Kiss and Drop area outside the front of the school correctly in the morning. To allow traffic to move please do not leave your vehicle. If you wish to come into the school, please park on the basketball courts.

School Photos

2018 school photos will be taking place on Monday 12 February. Students are to wear their full summer uniform. Notices went home last week. All orders are online and family photo's must be booked online prior to the day.

Student Verification and Medical Forms

These forms were sent home late last week. Could you please ensure they are returned by Friday as it is vital that we have up to date contact and medical details for all students.

School Uniform

As the school year begins a reminder that students should be wearing their summer uniform which includes a sun hat out in the playground. On warm days children are encouraged to apply sunscreen at home prior to coming to school. It is also important to encourage our children to wear their uniform with pride as it represents our school out in the community.

School Open Day Flyers

We have open days planned over the next few months and would appreciate any parents who could do some letterbox drops out and about in Mitcham and Nunawading. If you can help please let me know. Thanks for your support.

Dates for term 1 are included in today's newsletter.

Have a great week
Jacqui Marshall
Principal

RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST ENROLMENT FOR 2018

If you believe your child is ready to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist in 2018 then please call the Parish office on the number below to make a time to meet me and to collect an enrolment form - Remember this needs to be done before February 16th as enrolments close and forms are due back then.

If you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to call or email me on 9873 1341 or Ma-ree.OKeefe@cam.org.au

Instrumental Music Lessons

ROCKiSKOOL is now accepting new enrolments for instrumental music lessons at school.

Tuition is available for Singing, Piano, Ukulele, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drums, Tin Whistle, Recorder, Flute, Clarinet, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet and Trombone.

Lessons are in small groups or for serious Musicians, solo lessons are available as well.

For more information on the program and to enroll, please visit our website at www.rockiskool.com. Or call Anthony Merchant on 0425 738 420.



Once again, St John's School will be participating in Coles Sports for School.

For every \$10 spent at Coles, shoppers will receive a voucher. These vouchers can then be brought to school and placed in the Sports for Schools box in the office area. The total number of vouchers will be tallied and the school can then purchase sport equipment to our achieved value. This has been extremely successful in past years and we hope it will be again this year.
Happy shopping!

Education in Faith News

Our Gospel Challenge this week is to: *To think of others and pray for them.*

Welcome to the 2018 school year. We gathered on our first day, in prayer as a believing community, ready to embrace the teachings of Jesus and to be people of love, peace, justice, compassion, hope, mercy and forgiveness. Each class received their prayer candle as we asked for the light and love of Jesus to shine out through our words and deeds this year.

Our goal in our School Improvement Framework for the Education in Faith Sphere is:

To partner with all in the community to deepen our understanding of the Catholic faith, its liturgical rituals and scripture in order to live out the faith in both word and action.

Our intended outcome is:

That all in the school community will grow in their valuing and understanding of the importance of Catholic faith and traditions in the living out of their daily lives.

Our actions include:

- Writing of Prayer Policy and a focus on prayer.
- Analyse assessment and reporting of Religious Education.
- Providing opportunities for staff to analyse and discuss student work samples.
- Weekly Gospel Challenge for each class. Each class will read and discuss the Sunday Gospel and identify the teachings and challenges for each one of us. This will be written in the school newsletter each week.

Prayer

Students are presently discussing prayer routines, creating prayers and discussing the importance of prayer in our lives. Relationships thrive on good communication. To grow in love and friendship we need to communicate, not just openly but often! When we pray, we express our desire to grow closer to God. Through prayer we can praise, thank, ask, cry, argue and express many emotions. We can speak, listen, sing, chant, smile, embrace or just sit with our God.

Many classes have explored Pope Francis' 5 Finger Prayer. You may like to use it also.

Founders Day Mass

This Sunday morning we will be celebrating Founders Day and the opening of the 2018 school year. Traditionally this was held on a Friday with both schools getting together but the decision to celebrate it on a Sunday allowed families to attend and also parishioners. Our school captains interviewed Frances and Peter Wallace and will share their story with us during the mass. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate founding members of our parish and the vibrant parish community we belong to here at St John's.

Have a wonderful week,
Monica

Important Dates to Remember:

February	11	Sunday	Founders Day Mass, 11.15am
	13	Tuesday	Burning of the Palms Ceremony, 9.15am
	14	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Mass, 10.00am
	22	Thursday	Helen Carboon, Prep Evening, "Children and God things", 5.00 or 7.00pm
	25	Sunday	Parish Family Mass, 9.45am



SCOTTISH DANCING 2018

Welcome back everyone to another year of Scottish Dancing.

2017 finished with thirty-three students taking part in our group throughout the year. Fourteen of those were in grade six and have now moved on to high school and I'm sure they will transfer the skills they have learned to whatever sport or dancing they get involved in. We will miss them but I'm hope that there are other younger children eager to join.



Scottish Dancing is open to all children from grade three upwards. The children meet for at least half an hour on Thursdays at lunchtime. There is no financial cost whatsoever but the children are expected to make a commitment to attending each week.

Those children interested in joining have the opportunity to try it out during the month of February. During the year the group has the opportunity to perform on a few occasions. Recently our group has performed at Grandparents Day, Our Parish fete, Vermont Aged Care Centre and for their parents at the end of the year. Each student is supplied with a kilt and white shirt and they are required to bring their own white socks to wear at performance times. Looking forward to seeing you all this coming Thursday at lunchtime in the Multi-purpose room.

Regards, Mary Crossan

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

If you would like to order any books from the recent Scholastic Bookclub brochure please do so by 16/2/18. No late orders can be processed. All rewards points earned from the sale of the orders go towards buying classroom resources for each year level at school.

Any queries can be directed to Jo Novak on 0402 816 685 (Tasha 5/6TJ)



Mitcham Thunder offers **BASKETBALL FOR EVERYONE**

- * FREE Beginners program for kids aged 4-10
- * Junior games for U8s to U23 on Saturdays or after school on weeknights in three different competitions.
- * Open Age basketball for anyone aged 15 or over.

 mitchamthunder.com

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MITCHAM THUNDER

Ask about our FREE Beginners Program for kids aged 4 - 10 each Saturday



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UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

RH Sport are now supplying St John's School Uniform.

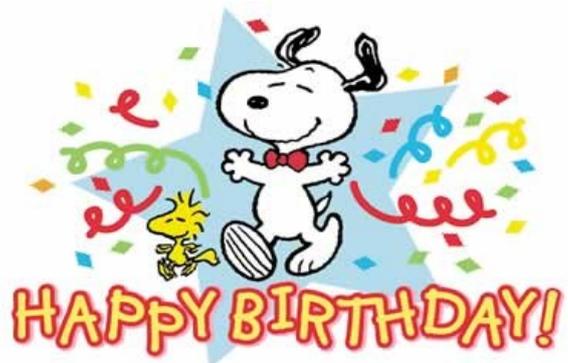
https://www.rhsports.com.au/shop/product/clothing/school_wear/st_john's_mitcham_ps

Kathleen Spicer will continue to manage the sale of second hand uniform and will open on the first Tuesday of each month in the Multi-purpose room.

BIRTHDAYS

Welcome back everyone and congratulations to the following students who will be celebrating their birthday over the coming week: Mikayla Rodstrom, Emma Oakley, Ashlyn Joshy, Tom Stanyer, Sienna La and Will Cittarelli.

We hope you all have a "Happy Day!"



Italian Phrase of the Week

Week 2:

Come stai?
(Koh-may stah-ye)
How are you?





Instrumental Program 2018



I am very excited to announce that we will be expanding our instrumental program at St John's in 2018. Our new instrumental teachers will be offering lessons in singing, drums and keyboard. Rose will continue to teach her keyboard students (but has no more available places) and Anthony will continue to teach a variety of instruments. Anthony will be giving a demonstration on Tuesday 6th February during lunch. So students can come along and have a play if they are keen to start an instrument this year.

If you would like more information regarding cost and time of lessons for this extra-curricular opportunity then please return the slip below to me and I will put you in touch with the appropriate teacher. I would also like to hear your feedback or suggestions on how we can expand and improve our instrumental program at St John's.

Penelope Lang – Performing Arts Teacher

Instrumental Lessons 2018

Student Name:

Class:

Parent Name:

Mobile:

I am interested in learning (circle appropriate):

Guitar (bass, acoustic, electric), Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone
Saxophone, Keyboard, Drums or having singing lessons.

Private lesson or small group lesson? (circle appropriate)

Instrumental Program Feedback:



Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student "Getting to Know You" Discussion will be held between 3.50 and 7.30pm on Tuesday 13 February and 3.50 and 6.00pm on Wednesday 14 February, 2018.

You can book interviews at times that suit *YOUR FAMILY BEST*.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions. (Bookings open on Tuesday 6 February at 9.30am)

BOOKINGS CLOSE on Tuesday 13 February at 9.30am

School event code

pan8a

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Enter THIS school event code.
Then follow the 3 simple steps.



When you click *finish*, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

BOOKINGS OPEN ON Tuesday 6 February at 9.30am

For parents that don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones please see Jenny at the office or phone the school on 9874 1575.

Interviews are strictly 10mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 9874 1575.

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the "contact us" button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and suburb.

St John's Term 1, 2018 Calendar

February

5	Monday	Assembly 3/4RF 8:50am Preps Full Days – Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri (No school on Wednesdays during Feb')
11	Sunday	Founder's Day/ Opening of School Year Mass 11:15am
12	Monday	School Photos
13	Tuesday	Burning of Palms Ceremony 9:15am Parent/Teacher/Student "Getting to Know You" Discussions 3:50 – 7:30pm
14	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Mass 10:00am Parent/Teacher/Student "Getting to Know You" Discussions 3:50 – 6:00pm
19	Monday	Assembly 5/6TJ
20	Tuesday	Education Board Meeting 7:00pm
21	Wednesday	Parents' Association Meeting 7:00pm
22	Thursday	Prep Family Night with Helen Carboon, "Children and God Things" 5:00 or 7:00pm.
25	Sunday	Parish Family Mass 9:45am
27	Tuesday	Prep Welcome Dinner 6:00pm
28	Wednesday	Cyber Safety Parent Night 6:00pm

March

1	Thursday	Open Morning 9:00 – 10:00am
2	Friday	Working Bee 5:00 – 6:30pm
3	Saturday	Year Six Masses and Confirmation Enrolment Rite 6:00pm
4	Sunday	Year Six Masses and Confirmation Enrolment Rite 9:45am
5	Monday	Assembly 1/2EB 8:50am Preps Full Week (Students attend every day including Wednesday) Twilight Sports 4:45pm
7	Wednesday	Open Morning 9:00 – 10:00am
8	Thursday	First Eucharist Parent Information Night 7:30pm
12	Monday	Labour Day Public Holiday – No School
13	Tuesday	Lake Nillahcootie Camp, Year 6 leave for 3 nights
14	Wednesday	Prep 2018 Parent Information Meeting 6:00pm Parents' Association Meeting 7:00pm
15	Thursday	First Reconciliation Celebration 7:30pm
16	Friday	Lake Nillahcootie Camp, Year 6 return
17	Saturday	First Eucharist Commitment Ceremony and Mass Book Presentation 6:00pm
18	Sunday	First Eucharist Commitment Ceremony and Mass Book Presentation 9:45am
19	Monday	Assembly Performing Arts
20	Tuesday	Open Morning 9:00 - 10:00am Parish Lenten Penitential Celebration 7:30pm
22	Thursday	First Reconciliation Celebration 7:30pm
25	Sunday	Palm Sunday and Parish Family Mass 9:45am
26	Monday	Harmony Day
29	Thursday	Holy Thursday Term One Ends 3.20pm
30	Friday	Good Friday

April

1	Sunday	Easter Sunday
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