

St John's Parish

Primary School



March 19, 2018 No. 7

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

MARCH	20	Tuesday	St John's Open Morning for Prospective Families, 9.00-10.00am
	22	Thursday	Summer Sports Day –Year 5/6 First Reconciliation, 7.30pm
	24	Sunday	Palm Sunday Parish Family Mass, 9.45am
	26	Monday	Harmony Day
APRIL	29	Thursday	Holy Thursday Last Day of Term One (Free Dress), 3.20 Dismissal
	16	Monday	Term Two Commences, 8.45am

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Harmony Day Prayer

O' God You create all people in your image.

We thank you for the astonishing variety of races and cultures in this world.

Enrich our lives by ever widening circles of friendship and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children;

Through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Harmony Day

Harmony Day is officially celebrated this Wednesday 21 March and is a day when we come together to celebrate our diversity. Diversity simply means the things that make us different from one another. At St John's, we will be celebrating Harmony Day on Monday 26 March. We will be having a special lunch, colour run and listening to some interesting talks from a variety of people. Lap a thon forms have gone home today. Thank you to the parents who already have volunteered to help on the day. Please see Monica if you would like to offer your support on the day.

Today the choir sang a beautiful song at assembly especially prepared for Harmony Day called 'I am the Children of the World.' The song celebrates our uniqueness and reminds us to be proud of who we are.

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

Rachel Spencer

HOURS: 7.00 -8.30 am
3.20 -6.15 pm

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday -Friday, 8.30am -4.00pm

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Camp

Our Year 6 students had a fabulous time away on camp last week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tom Jackson, Kristina Reid and Melinda Kerwin for their time on camp supporting our students.

School Photos

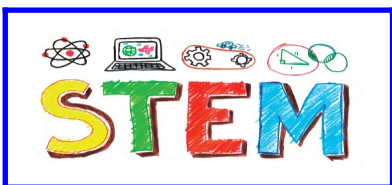
Student photos arrived last week and were sent home. If parents would like to purchase a 130 year whole school anniversary photo they are available for \$15. Year 6 parents can also purchase student leadership photos for \$15. The photos are on display in the front office and could all money be sent to the office by the end of the term.

School Fee Payments

A reminder for those paying school fees by three instalments that the first instalment is due by the end of this term. It is also important that the year 5 and 6 school camps are paid for as soon as possible.

Have a great week all,

Jacqui Marshall,
Principal



Learning & Teaching @ St. John's

Over the past few years, there has been an increasing amount of coverage about STEM and the role of digital technologies in schools. A lot of this surrounds the idea that new jobs are emerging every day as a result of technological advances. These advances are changing the ways student learn, connect and interact with others. Skills developed by students through STEM empower them to succeed and adapt to this changing world.

This year St. John's has implemented STEM Education. Throughout term one each year level has participated in tasks which focused on developing a range of STEM skills. In term three, all students will participate in a deep inquiry which is project based and has a focus on sustainability. We are hoping to connect with different organisations such as CERES to support our rich knowledge and understanding in this field.

STEM Education

STEM education refers to the teaching of the four curriculum areas - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. This new approach to teaching increases student interest and knowledge in STEM related fields.

STEM Skills

In addition to essential deep curriculum knowledge, STEM education is an effective vehicle to enable learners to develop **essential skills** in **problem solving, reasoning, creative thinking, evidence informed decision making and communication in real world contexts.**

STEM education can enhance **dispositions** towards **curiosity, questioning, navigating uncertainty and collaborative risk taking.**



STEM in action!

The 1/2s have been learning about push and pull forces and how different toys move. As part of their learning they have begun to create objects that float on water! They initially had to create a design using their knowledge of materials and forces. In the next couple of weeks they will be reflecting on their project - their achievement, how they overcame challenges etc.



If you have any questions about STEM Education, please don't hesitate to come and speak with me.

Bianca Martino
Learning & Teaching Leader

Education in Faith News

Our Gospel Challenge this week is to: *Let others have a turn before ourselves*

Congratulations to Hayden who celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last Thursday and to Elizabeth, MJ, Christine, Zoe, Sophie, Isla, Declan, Liam, Oliver and Archie who will be celebrating their First reconciliation this coming Thursday. People sometimes ask: Isn't it enough to say sorry to God in my heart? The Catholic approach to Reconciliation is deeply community orientated; we are, after all, part of the Body of Christ. Asking for forgiveness is an act of vulnerability; not only does it put us in a position of accepting responsibility for hurting the other, it is also a request to be invited back into unity with the person we have hurt. Full reconciliation can only occur in a relationship when we say sorry and ask for forgiveness. This is the basis of the Sacrament of Reconciliation but applies equally to any relationship.



The Parish Lenten Penitential Celebration will take place tomorrow evening at 7:30pm and is a wonderful way to continue to prepare ourselves for Easter.

St Patrick's Day Mass



On Friday the 16th of March some of the year 5 students went to St Patrick's Cathedral to participate in the St Patrick's day mass. We caught the train to get there and had soon arrived at our destination safely. The cathedral was huge and could fit HEAPS of people inside. Gabriel Gonzalez and Isabel Wang did a fantastic job representing our school in the banner ceremony. They carried the St Johns banner and proudly walked with pride, we thank them very much. During the mass Archbishop Hart St Patrick and what a generous man he was. We travelled with St James and also went to the Treasury Gardens. There was music and people dancing and we ate lunch with St James. It was a lot of fun and all of these grade 5 students enjoyed it.

Lenten Project Compassion Story Week Five - Evangeline from Australia

Evangeline is strengthening Aboriginal culture, while making a living for herself and creating opportunities for her community. Her work at Djilpin Arts has supported the organisation's growth from a multi-media project to a multi-level contemporary arts and culture centre. An example of excellence in Indigenous tourism, it's now a key employer for young people in the remote Northern Territory community of Beswick (Wugularr).



This year, in 2018, Evangeline is busy guiding tourists, coordinating cultural activities and helping community members to practise and market their arts, such as weaving and jewellery-making. Evangeline's career has flourished and she has become an inspirational youth leader. Evangeline says that Caritas Australia's support for Djilpin Arts, through Project Compassion, is vital for all Wugularr's young people. Although their families do their best to pass on knowledge, Elders are dying and she is keen to spearhead the preservation of culture and lore for future generations. "It's good for them to learn and to keep their culture strong," Evangeline says.

Have fantastic week,
Monica

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Important Dates to Remember:

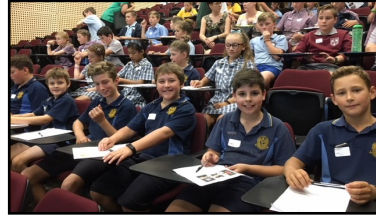
March	22	Thursday	First Reconciliation Celebration, 7.30pm
	26	Monday	Harmony Day



Emmaus College Leadership Seminar

Ten of our Future Leaders attended a Leadership Seminar at Emmaus college on Friday 9th March. There were students from about ten other primary schools there. Mr Willis and year seven and year eight Student leaders led a morning about being good leaders, leadership qualities and the importance of making a difference. Mrs Wyngaard also talked about what a good leader is and she explained what we can do to make a difference. The year seven and eight leaders talked about what they did at their primary schools and how it made an impact at the school.

We got to have a break at the oval and we were given a packet of chips and a juice box. We saw some old St John students and met students from other schools.



Later, we split into our own school groups and finished our sheet about what we could do at our school to help others and what we could change in our school.

We all had a sausage in bread and a zooper dooper and then we left the school in the Emmaus mini bus to head back to St John's.

Amelia, Jack I and Thomas

EASTER CHURCH SERVICES - 2018

Parish Lenten Penitential Celebration

Tuesday 20 March at 7.30pm

EASTER MASS TIMES

St John's Church

Holy Thursday -Thursday 29 March

7.30pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by quiet prayer until 9.30pm.

Good Friday -Friday 30 March

11am – March of Witness (Stations of the Cross)

3pm – Commemoration of the Passion

Holy Saturday -Saturday 31 March

7.30pm Easter Vigil

(Please note there is **NO 6.00pm Mass**)

Easter Sunday -Sunday 1 April

St John's Church

Dawn Mass 6am (followed by light refreshments in the Church Narthex) – All Welcome

Easter Masses: 8.30am & 10.30am

(Please note 10.30am Mass replaces: 9.45am & 11.15am Masses & there is **NO 5pm Mass Easter Sunday**)

St James Community Centre, Vermont

Easter Mass: 9.30am Mass



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Respect Others

In respecting others, students know from our school wide expectations that we should consistently: allow others to learn, listen to each other because everyone has a voice, keep our hands and feet to ourselves and work together when solving a problem. One way we promote respect for others is through being a Respectful Relationships school. At St John's we are educating our students about respectful relationships through this initiative.



Respectful Relationships - Program background

Respectful relationships education focuses on building and promoting gender equity in relationships and challenging of gender stereotypes. Teaching and learning about respectful relationships is an essential part of a whole school approach to the prevention of gender-based violence.

The Royal Commission into Family Violence identified the critical role that schools and early childhood education have in creating a culture of respect to change the story of family violence for future generations. In 2016, respectful relationships education became a core component of the Victorian Curriculum from Foundation to year 12, and is being taught in all government and Catholic schools and many independent schools.

Everyone in our community deserves to be respected, valued and treated equally. We know that changes in attitudes and behaviours can be achieved when positive attitudes, behaviours and equality are embedded in our education settings.

Respectful Relationships is about embedding a culture of respect and equality across our entire community, from our classrooms to staffrooms, sporting fields, fetes and social events. This approach leads to positive impacts on student's academic outcomes, their mental health, classroom behaviour, and relationships between teachers and students.

Together, we can lead the way in saying yes to respect and equality, and creating genuine and lasting change so that every child has the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

For more info on Respectful Relationships, please visit:
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/respectfulrelationships.aspx?Redirect=1>



St John's Staff Profile of the Month

Kellie Cumming



Kellie has been at St. John's School for eight years. During her time at the school she has worked predominantly in the Year 3-6 learning areas. Earlier on she was heavily involved in the PE program and taught Yr 3-6 sport. For the past five years Kellie has also been the Mathematics Leader, an area she is passionate about supporting students and teachers in the growth and development of Mathematics throughout the whole school. She also runs and supports small sessions of extension and intervention programs. Kellie is currently part of the Resolve project through the Australian Academy of Science in which she is trialing rich mathematical tasks.

Prior to working at St John's, Kellie spent five years teaching at international schools in Borneo and Jakarta, Indonesia, predominantly in the junior grades. She has fond memories of teaching students from a range of countries and cultural backgrounds, including EAL (English as an Additional Language) students.

In her spare time, Kellie may be spotted spending time with her husband and sons at sporting events, whether it is following Mitcham at Walker Park or watching footy or cricket at the MCG. Her holidays are quite often spent back home on her parents cattle farm in the Western District of Victoria, where she enjoys the outdoors



MOLLY'S WALK FOR AUTISM

I am raising money for Autism Spectrum Australia (ASPECT) who provide services for people like my little brother. I will be walking 10,000 steps a day from 8 to 15 of April. It would be great if you could show your support using the link below, no matter how big or small. Let's take a step, or 10,000, towards a world where no-one is left behind.

<https://walk-for-autism-2018.everydayhero.com/au/my-noisy-brother>

CODE CLUB

A couple of weeks ago we had our first Code Club session! Over 30 students attended and spent time coding using different apps and programs, such as Scratch. Our two ICT Leaders, Chloe and Olivia are doing a wonderful job supporting this club. We look forward to many more attendees every fortnight.



PARENT HELPERS

Parent Helper's Course this Friday March 23rd at 8.45am or 2.30pm. If you would like to help out in the classroom it is a requirement that you complete one of these courses.

The session will take place in the library. Please register your preferred session time. Thank you!

Naomi Curtis
Prep Teacher & Junior Literacy Leader



BIRTHDAYS

This week we congratulate Isla and Declan Laffin, Klem Apostol, Lila Robins and Zara La as they celebrate their birthday.

We hope you have a "Happy Day!"



Italian Phrase of the Week

Week 7 : Leggi!
(lair-gee)
Read!



CONSIDER YOUR EASTER EGG PURCHASES

Pope Francis said that "every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act."

Thinking of buying Easter eggs? Use your money justly – please.

What Easter eggs will you enjoy this Easter? There is now a wide range of slavery-free chocolate and Easter eggs available, including a budget-priced range of UTZ certified products in ALDI, in Coles and a wide selection at Haighs and OXFAM shops; Chocolatier also produces FairTrade Easter chocolate.

ACTION: If there is slavery-free chocolate in your supermarket buy it and commend the shop manager. Remember it must have one of these three symbols on the wrapper:



EASTER RAFFLE

St John's PA Easter Raffle tickets went home the week before last with the eldest child in your family.

It's not too early to return tickets with payment to the office. Good luck!

Tickets

\$1 each or 15 for \$10

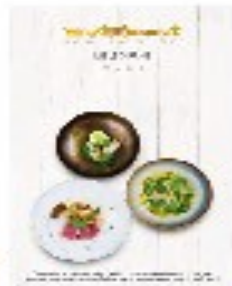
Prizes

First: Gourmet hamper (valued at \$95.00)

Second: 2018 Entertainment Book + bonus choice (valued at \$90.00)

Third: Chocolate hamper (valued at \$50.00)

Fourth: Hygge Coffeehouse food/drink voucher (valued at \$30.00)



Drawn

Thursday 29th March
(last day of term)



CONGRATULATIONS PHOEBE

Phoebe Cetupe competed in the Level 7 State Team Trial 2 at the National Centre of Excellence in Prahran on Sunday 18 March with fabulous results.

Phoebe came 1st Place on Vault, 4th Place on Bars, 11th Place on Beam and 5th Place on Floor.

All round she came in at 4th Place.

Phoebe was rewarded for her hard work and talent & is one of 24 gymnasts to be selected for Sate Team Trial 3.

Well done Phoebe!

