

# St John's Parish

## Primary School



April 30, 2018 No. 11

### COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

<b>MAY</b>	1	Tuesday	Education Board Meeting, 7.00pm
	2	Wednesday	Open Evening for Prospective Families, 7.00pm
	5	Saturday	First Eucharist Lord's Prayer & Year 3 Level Mass, 6.00pm
	6	Sunday	First Eucharist Lord's Prayer & Year 3 Level Mass, 9.45am
	7	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am
	9	Wednesday	Parent Association Meeting, 7.00pm
	11	Friday	Mother's Day Breakfast
			Mother's Movie Night, 7.30pm

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Dear Parents,

What started as a brisk, foggy morning has turned into a beautiful day. This morning we had our last advertised Open Day for the year. We have had many families taking the opportunity to see St John's School in action and many have commented on the vibrant, colourful learning spaces and how engaged the students are in their learning. Tours can be requested at any time by contacting the school office. We will host an Information Evening this Wednesday 2, May at 7:00pm for prospective enrolments, so please pass this onto any neighbours or friends who are looking at schools for their children. If you have not already enrolled your prep child for 2019, we encourage you to get your enrolment in promptly.

The Education Board will meet tomorrow evening at 7:00pm with child safety, Visible Learning and the building project on the agenda.

All students in Dillon house (blue team) may wear free dress this Thursday for earning the most "dojos" throughout first term. Class Dojo is a classroom program that we have begun to use here at St John's to track positive behaviour. We feel it is important to acknowledge students who are making good choices and respecting self, others and property. The program also has other components such as resources for schools, including videos discussing the importance of having a growth mindset. Parents may also connect, so please speak to your child's teacher if you would like to connect and haven't already done so.

Senior students will participate in their first round of interschool sport this Friday. Students compete against other local schools in tee ball, netball and football each Friday. We are fortunate here at St John's to use Walker Park for football, Halliday Park for tee ball and our netball court here at school. Students learn not only skills of the sport but also about being a "good sport" in different settings. Students need to come to school in their full sports uniform and then change into their relevant sporting uniform in the afternoon.

Don't forget the Mother's Day breakfast on Friday 11, May. We have some keen dads wanting to serve the deserving mums of our school. Further information has been included in this newsletter. Please return the booking slip to the school office. Tickets for the Mother's Day Movie Night are also available for purchase at the office.

We will have a school closure day on Monday 14th May. Teachers will be participating in professional learning on this day.

#### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday -Friday, 8.30am -4.00pm

#### UNIFORM

**RHSport , Ringwood** PH: 9870 1377

#### SECOND HAND UNIFORM

##### CO-ORDINATOR

Kathleen Spicer

Open first Tuesday of each month  
8.30 -9.00am Multi Purpose Room

#### CAMP AUSTRALIA

Before & After School Care 1300 105 343

#### CO-ORDINATOR

Rachel Spencer

HOURS: 7.00 -8.30 am  
3.20 -6.15 pm

#### LUNCH ORDERS

Every Tuesday Lunchtime

To order register online:

[www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

#### PARISH CONTACTS:

**PH: 9873 1341**

#### PARISH PRIEST

Father Dispin John

#### PARISH SECRETARIES

Mrs. Elisa Kelesidis

Mrs. Martine Giles

#### PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Mrs. Maree O'Keefe

# Education in Faith News

Our Gospel Challenge this week is to: *share our smile with others.*

Confidence and friendship.....both can be tough to find. Many people struggle to connect with others who will accept them as they are. Many also struggle to be confident in who they are.

This week's Gospel when Jesus speaks of being the vine and his father the gardener, hits home on both points. Even though all of us can feel alone and insecure, it reminds us that in some mystical but real way, we are always connected to Jesus. And though that connection, we can discover and develop our talents for changing the world. We can also use that connection to call for help when we feel disconnected and lonely.

We've all struggled with confidence and loneliness at some stage in our lives but during those tough times I suggest that you reread this week's Scripture passage and remember, you're firmly connected to the Saviour of the world. Like any relationship, the more you hang out with Jesus the stronger the connection becomes. So hang out with him by involving yourself in Mass, community service, prayer or parish groups and feel the connection grow.  
(GPBS 2018)

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT DAY

Thursday the 26 April was the St John's Parish Confirmation Retreat Day and Megan from Caritas Australia came to talk to all the candidates celebrating Confirmation about the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We started the day off with a prayer service and then Megan showed us a presentation about kindness and asked us to make three promises about something kind we were going to do and who it would surprise. She showed us a few videos about changing the world in five minutes, and a video about aspiring not to have more but to be more. She really showed us what it meant to be kind to others and live with gifts of the Holy Spirit throughout our daily lives, so for that we'd like to say thank you, Megan.

After lunch we were split up into two groups where we had to complete two activities. The first activity was with Mrs Reid and Mr Jackson and we each made a stain glass window (see right).

The second group was with Mr. Flintoff and Mrs. Nathan from St. James. We were split up into groups of five or six and given a sheet of paper with the fruits of the Holy Spirit and then asked to represent a few fruits in a little skit, song or rap, explaining which fruits we did at the end. Some of the groups were characters, whose personalities were one of the fruits, while others rapped about the fruits and what they meant. One group, did a skit which showed a kid doing the right thing and telling the teacher on a bully.

Over all, everyone had lots of fun and we learned a lot on the day. We want to say a big thanks to Maree for organising everything, to St. James for coming along and to all our 5/6 teachers for helping out throughout the day.

**By Sophie and Molly P.**

Have a wonderful week everyone,  
Monica

### Important Dates to Remember:

May	5	Saturday	Level Three Mass and Lord's Prayer Presentation 6pm
	6	Sunday	Level Three Mass and Lord's Prayer Presentation 9:45am
	8	Tuesday	Confirmation Day Practice
	12	Saturday	Confirmation, 1.00pm and 3.00pm
	18	Friday	Grandparent Day and St John's School 130 Year Anniversary



# ITALIAN AT ST JOHN'S

Dear Parents and Friends,

Here is a look at what we are learning in Italian in 2018.

This year I am using a new approach based on recent language teaching and learning research from the universities and adopted by the language mentors in Catholic education about how students best learn a second language. Instead of focussing on structure, grammar and lists of vocabulary that you may have experienced in your language classes at school, the emphasis is on learning to speak the language first. Just as a baby learns to speak first. Writing comes much later.

In practice this means a focus on everyday, functional language eg. classroom instructions, asking to go to the bathroom or to get a drink of water and using the verbs of familiar repetitive actions such as .....to do, to speak, to write, to go, to make, to write, to colour, to paste, to raise your hand , to sit, to stand etc.

In Term One all classes focussed on these classroom phrases in Italian.

The next focus was learning the days of the week and learning how to talk about what we do each day. This was an open ended topic with great learning opportunities. Students learned to describe their week, saying what they did each day.

This foundational language is repeated every week and hopefully remembered throughout the students' years at school.

## Prep

After spending term one learning classroom instructions, numbers, days of the week and greetings, Prep are being introduced to the story of Pinocchio. The language focus is on parts of the body, family, pets and exclamations like "Smettila" (Don't do that), "Mamma Mia" (Oh my goodness!), or "Ahia, mi fa male" (Ouch, that hurts). These stories allow for socio/emotional learning as students discuss the behaviour of Pinocchio and how it affects his father, Geppetto.

## Year One/Two

Students have been learning the functional language of classroom instructions and are gaining confidence in speaking in simple sentence. "Posso andare in bagno" (May I go to the bathroom) or "Mi piace venerdì" (I like Fridays). Note the small letter for days of the week.

This term we are learning how to describe our holidays using verbs such as I went (Sono andato/a), I like, I don't like and so on.

## Years Three/Four

The 3 /4s have responded with enthusiasm to the focus on speaking and are bravely attempting sentences even though they may not be grammatically correct. I have been pleasantly surprised by the complexity of some of their sentences. This term we are focussing on the days of the week and the topic of holidays. Students are able to put together enough sentences to have a short conversation with a peer. The next step will be to record themselves speaking about holidays and the days of the week.

## Year Five/Six

At this level, although we are learning the same content, there are opportunities for more rich learning tasks. Using the method of learning to speak the language first, leads to open ended learning activities where students are challenged to use the language in conversations with each other and then to record themselves speaking on a topic. They are able to extend their sentences with additional language gleaned from posters in the room or from Google Translate on computer.

Language is reinforced through diverse language games such as charades, card games like memory and Q & A team games.

An example of a complex sentence from students at this level is, "Mi piace lunedì perché dopo scuola faccio la ginnastica" (I like Mondays because after school I do gymnastics). Our next challenge is to learn how to ask questions.

Signora Anne Sciola  
Language Teacher





## Melbourne Victory Soccer Coaching



Over the past four weeks students at St John's have been involved in a soccer program led by coaches from the Melbourne Victory Soccer Club. It has been a terrific program that has given our students a chance to learn new skills, play games and improve.

Here are some of the comments shared by students in our school:

“I had fun dribbling the ball” - Sebastian Prep NC

“I liked kicking a goal” - Frances Prep NC

“I learnt how to kick the ball with the inside of my foot” - Alice Prep NC

“It’s been fun learning dribbling, I practised not using the tip of my foot” - Daniela 1/2 EB

“Our coaches, Johnny and Josh have been showing us how to dribble and shoot a goal” - Arnold 1/2 EB

“I have enjoyed doing soccer training with Josh and Johnny. We learnt passing, dribbling and played games” - Declan 3/4 KC

“I loved playing the round robin tournament on the last day because it was great playing some games after learning lots of skills” - Erin 3/4 KC

“It was fun testing our skills in some matches against each other” - Jude 5/6 TJ

“I have improved my soccer skills by learning from our coaches Josh and Johnny” - Amari 5/6 TJ

“It has been great having new coaches help us with our skills in soccer” Thomas K 5/6 TJ

### A Snapshot of Melbourne Victory Soccer Coaching at St John's



## District Soccer

Last Friday some 5/6 students from St. John's went to a District Soccer Day at Heatherdale Reserve. We played 6 other schools and 6 matches in total.

The girls team played 6 games, they won 2 and lost 4 (but only by a little bit). The goals were scored by Abbey Leyden, Sophie and Molly P. We had people who had played soccer before and people who had only played a little bit but we all worked well together and had fun. We had 4 people who played in goal they were Molly.B, Astrid, Amity and Abbey and they all did a great job. Olivia, Emily, Mackenzie, Lya and Chloe did a fabulous job and were ready to play wherever they were needed. We had lots of fun all day.

The Boys team started off playing St. Philips and drew 3 all. The goal scorers were Klem, Jack and Luke. Next we played St. Peter and Pauls and lost 2-0. After that we had a bye. Next game up we played Beverly Hills and won 3-1. The goal scorers were Will C, Luke and Jack. Next game we played we drew against Mt Pleasant. The goal scores were Luke and Hamish. Next game we played St. James and we lost 4-1 with Klem being the only goal scorer. In our last match we played St. Timothy's and won 4-2. The goal scorers were Jack 2, Luke, and Hamish. We had a great day and we all enjoyed it.

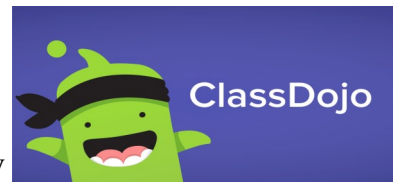


A big thank you to Mr. Jackson, Carl Pellegrino and Melinda for coaching and supporting us today, thank you also for the parents who came to watch and support us. We hoped you enjoyed it!

By **Luke and Molly P**

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS - DOJOS

Class Dojos is a secure online system which enables us to acknowledge students demonstrating our three R's (Respect Self, Respect Others, Respect Property) and learning dispositions (bravery, curiosity, independence, persistence, resilience). It also has the feature for parents to log in via an app to see which positive behaviours their child has been displaying. If you're not already connected with your child's class, make sure you ask their classroom teacher about it!



As a way of recognising these positive behaviours, the house (Coughlan, Durkin, Dillion, Lyon) with the highest number of dojos after each term will be awarded with a free dress day.

For Term 1, the house with the highest number of dojos was... **Dillion - Blue Team!** Great effort!

Any student in **Blue Team** can wear **free dress** this **Thursday 3rd of May**.

Further congratulations to the following students who received a certificate for achieving the highest number of dojos in their class last term:

**Alice Wall** - Prep  
**Connor Crawley** - 1/2EB  
**Jasmine Taylor** - 1/2BM

**Christopher Wallis** - 3/4RF  
**Maeve Gill and Emma Oakley** - 3/4KC  
**Jack Iacuone** - 5/6KR  
**Jacob Tran** - 5/6TJ

Keep up the great work!

*Emma Buis - Student Wellbeing Leader*

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Thank you to all those families that have already purchased their Entertainment Book. Digital memberships are proving to be popular this year rather than the book which can be cumbersome. A great benefit of the digital membership is that any updates will automatically be added to your app so you will always have access to all the offers.

An Entertainment Book membership gives you thousands of 50% and 2 for 1 offers locally and throughout Victoria. There is value for the entire family. To buy your book or to subscribe to a digital membership visit [www.entbook.com.au/184925h](http://www.entbook.com.au/184925h) or return the payment in the envelope provided. Additional books can also be purchased from the school office or online.

Books for other states are also available from the link above and can be collected from the school to save on postage. They are valid till June 2019 and you can start using them immediately! Don't forget to tell family and friends to order one today.

If you do not want to purchase your book, or you have purchased a digital membership, please return your book to the school office.

If you have any questions contact Suzie Leyden on 0448 223 966 (Abbey 5/6KR)

We're fundraising with *entertainment*



## BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Patrick Elliott, Sophie Kroezen and Erin Marriner who will be celebrating their birthday this week.

*We hope you have a "Happy Birthday!"*



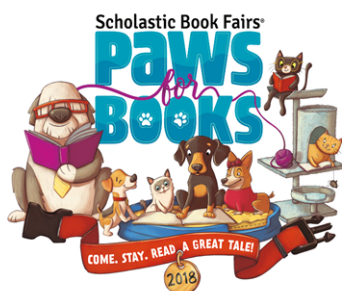
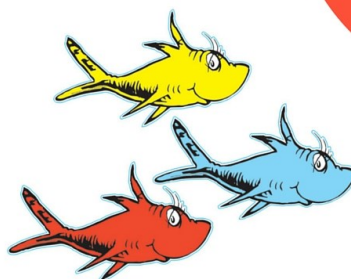
## Italian Phrase of the Week

Sono andato....  
(Soh-noh un-dah-toh)  
I went .....



*From  
there to here,  
and here to there,  
funny things are  
everywhere.*

Dr. Seuss



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's that time again! Time for the biennial St John's Primary School/Scholastic Book Fair! It's a great opportunity to share your love of reading with your family and support your school via this fundraiser for the library.

The fair will run from Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> to Grandparents' Day on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Save the date! More details will follow shortly.

Enjoy your reading!  
Sue





## Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The students from Year 3 to 6 are participating in The 2018 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge. Reading plays a pivotal role in your child's learning development and this is a great incentive to promote positive reading experiences at school and at home. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016. **Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.** All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier.



To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)

Each student from Yr 3 to 6 has received their username and password and can access the site through the following link -<https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/Challenger/WebLogin.aspx> The teachers will be supporting the challenge in the learning areas. If you have any concerns, or have difficulties with login please contact your teacher.

Have a great week,  
Ange.



Congratulations to Phoebe Cetoupe who competed in the Level 7 (under 11 years) Victorian Championships at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre last Saturday. Pheobe competed admirably in the individual competition and came 2nd in the Vault and 10th place over all, across all apparatus. We look forward to hearing where Phoebe's gymnastic journey takes her as she moves on to the next level. Well done Phoebe!



Some of the St John's Students at District Interschool Soccer Day last Friday .



St John's Parents Association

warmly invites  
the ladies of our community to our very own

## Ladies Movie Night

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm

Plaza Cinema at St John's

Join together with friends for a glass of something sparkling,  
some dainty desserts and escape into the silver screen.

**Tickets are \$10**

Please book your ticket at the office by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May.  
For more information contact [yourpa.sjm@gmail.com](mailto:yourpa.sjm@gmail.com)

### SCHOOL UNIFORM NEWS

**PLEASE NOTE:** The RHSports Retail Showroom would like to advise that the shop will be closed on the following dates:

- **Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup>. Shop closed all day.**  
Due to a total industrial estate power outage, in accordance with OH & S guidelines, we are unable to open the shop on this day. Normal retail shop trading will resume at 9.00am on Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Alternatively, online ordering will be available on Tuesday 1 May if required
- **Friday June 1<sup>st</sup>. Shop closed all day. Stocktake.** (Normal retail shop trading will resume at 9.00am on Monday June 4th. Alternatively, online ordering will be available during this period)



2018  
Tour  
Opportunities

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# St John's Mother's Day Breakfast



When: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May  
Time: 7:30am or 8:00am  
Cost: \$7.00 per person  
(Maximum \$20 per family)



Happy Mother's Day !

Mums, Nans, Grandmas and special friends are invited to join the children for our 1<sup>st</sup> Mother's Day Breakfast. Enjoy breakfast with your children while the Dads take care of the rest.



Please hand the RSVP slip below with the correct money to the school office by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

If you have any questions or if you would like to assist in the preparation, please contact Steve Gilbert on 0417 119 078 or [steve@clbis.com.au](mailto:steve@clbis.com.au) (Jess 34RF / Lucas 12EB)



## St John's Mother's Day Breakfast RSVP Slip

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Eldest Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult's Name(s) Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Sitting Time (please circle)      7:30am      8:00am

Dietary Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*For Hot drinks, we have Almond, Soy & Lactose Free Milk available if requested above\*\***



# Parenting Anxious Children

**A Parents Building Solutions Program  
for parents of preschoolers and primary school aged children**

Are you looking for strategies to help you and your children cope with anxiety?

Come along to these 5 sessions to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you!

**When:**

Wednesdays (5 afternoon sessions)  
May 2nd to May 30th 2018

**Time:**

1:00 to 3:00 pm

**Where:**

Central Ringwood Community Centre,  
Bedford Park, Bedford Road, Ringwood

**Cost:**

Free of charge. Bookings essential.

**Bookings**

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