

St John's Parish

Primary School



May 7, 2018 No. 12

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

MAY	9	Wednesday	Parent Association Meeting, 7.00pm
	11	Friday	Mother's Day Breakfast Mother's Movie Night, 7.30pm
	12	Saturday	Confirmation, 1.00pm and 3.00pm
	13	Sunday	Mother's Day
	14	Monday	School Closure Day
	15	Tuesday	NAPLAN Commences (Over 3 Days) Year 3 & 5
	17	Thursday	First Eucharist Parent Workshop, 2.00pm or 7.30pm
	18	Friday	Grandparent and Special Friend Day, 9.15am
	21	Monday	Year 5 School Camp to Sovereign Hill, Ballarat

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MAJOR FUNDRAISER!
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.....

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St John's Students and Staff

Invite

Grandparents and Special Friends

To Attend Our

Grandparent and Special Friend Day

(Celebrating 130 years of Education at St John's)

St John's Primary School, Mitcham

Friday 18 May, 2018

<i>Commencing at :</i>	9.15am	Time in the Classroom
	10.00am	Mass
	10.45am	Special Family Activity
	11.15am	Morning Tea
	11.45am	Book Fair

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

PARISH CONTACTS:

PH: 9873 1341

PARISH PRIEST

Father Dispin John

PARISH SECRETARIES

Mrs. Elisa Kelesidis

Mrs. Martine Giles

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Mrs. Maree O'Keefe



A Confirmation Prayer for You

Each moment of your life, may you feel the Lord's embrace. May you sense His guiding presence in each challenge that you face. May His peace and light be with you, and may you realize How deeply loved and precious you are within His eyes.

Confirmation 2018

We congratulate the following students who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday.

Oliva, Molly B, Jude, Mathew, Tahlia, Hamish, Astrid, Emily, Sophie, Abigail, Luke, Chloe, Molly P, Atonio, Aurelya, Mackenzie and William.

Mothers' Day

We wish all the Mothers in our community a lovely day on Sunday. There is a lot planned to celebrate you all on Friday. We begin with a Mothers' Day Breakfast and end with a special Movie Night. Thanks to the PA for organising these events and especially the coordinators Steve Gilbert, Courtney Laffin and Rhyannon Elliott.



School Closure Day

An important reminder that we have a school closure day on Monday 14 May. On this day staff will be exploring STEM Education, Literacy directions and preparing for our school review next month.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assess literacy and numeracy skills that are essential to every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. Students will sit these assessments on Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th May.

The tests provide parents and students with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN tests are just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance. NAPLAN tests also provide schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

This year the NAPLAN test at St John's will be paper, however students in some other schools will be sitting their NAPLAN tests online. NAPLAN will be moving to online over the next two to three years.

You may wish to help your child prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring them that the tests are just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Child psychologist, Andrew Fuller's article titled, "Preparing for Tests and Exams" may offer some more detailed suggestions for those parents who are interested. <http://andrewfuller.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/preparingfortests.pdf>
If you have any further questions or concerns, please speak to your child's teacher.

St John's Mitcham Celebrating 130 years

St John's Primary School Mitcham began in 1888. Over this time our school has existed on 3 different sites. The first is where the current church is located, then a new school was built further along Whitehorse Road, on the eastern side of Mitcham Road and in 1960 a new school was built at our current location.

We have such a rich history and it is important that we celebrate this. On Friday May 18 we will share some of our history with our community and offer prayers of thanks at mass.

Year 5 Camp

Our Year 5 students will be heading to Sovereign Hill for a two-night camp from Monday 21 May to Wednesday 23 May. Tom Jackson, Kristina Reid, Melinda Kerwin and Jacqui Marshall will attend camp with the students. We look forward to sharing our experiences with you all on our return. All camp forms need to be returned as soon as possible.

School banking

We will be introducing school banking through the Commonwealth Bank. Expressions of Interest forms went home on Friday and a copy is attached with today's newsletter.

The aim of the School Banking program is to teach children the importance of saving. Students are encouraged to make regular deposits into their savings account and are rewarded for demonstrating smart saving habits.

If you have any further questions please ask Jenny.

Have a great week
Jacqui Marshall
Principal

Education in Faith News

Our Gospel Challenge this week is to: *show love to others*

A Family Blessing

Lord God, We thank you for our families, Those who live with us and those who don't. Thank you for our brothers and sisters, help us to live together as a family. We ask you to forgive us for the times we have been mean to each other, or forgotten to help one another. We pray for your help to become closer in our lives together. We make this prayer for you, Christ Our Lord.

Jesus, in this week's Gospel, pleads with his disciples to love one another as he loves them. Jesus wants members of his community to sacrifice for each other and the world – even if we aren't friends and have trouble getting along. That means listening to others' opinions, putting their needs ahead of ours, putting disagreements or personality clashes aside, and focusing on our common tie – the Christian mission to make the world a better place.



Made in the image of God, humans are social beings. It is within the family that we first learn to build loving connections with others, based on the deep knowledge that we are loved. Sometimes these ideal relationships are absent, or they break down. At these times the Christian community needs to rally around to support the individuals and the family to rebuild deeper, more nourishing relationships. It is here that the partnership between CatholicCare and Catholic schools and parishes can be most active.

For this reason, after consultation with many schools, CatholicCare's theme for Family Week 2018 is **Building Connections; Growing Together**. This year's resources focus on the dynamic concept of Family Wellbeing – how it can be celebrated and strengthened within a school or parish community, and how CatholicCare programs contribute to the wellbeing of families of all backgrounds. A family guide for fostering healthy relationships can be found at the following link:

<https://engonetccam.blob.core.windows.net/assets/uploads/files/Assets/Family%20Week%202018/2018%20Fostering%20Healthy%20Relationships%20-%20CatholicCare.pdf>

We will be celebrating Family Week in many ways here at St John's throughout the weeks 7 - 20 May, including Grandparent and Special Friend's Day on Friday 18 May. All members of our families are important but we would like to acknowledge and celebrate grandparent as they don't have a special day like mums and dads. Grandparents and special friends are invited to come into the classrooms from 9am for an activity. All visitors will need to enter the school and sign in at the office this year due to Child Safety Standards. We will all attend mass at 10am before coming back to classrooms. At 11:15am students, grandparents and special friends will be invited to share morning tea together.

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
	15	Tuesday	First Eucharist Home Mass: Elizabeth, Sophie & Zoe, 6.00pm
	17	Thursday	First Eucharist Parent Workshop 2, 2.00pm or 7.30pm
	18	Friday	Grandparent Day (St John's School 130 Year Anniversary)
	23	Wednesday	Bread Making Day for Students Receiving First Eucharist 2018
	27	Sunday	Parish Family Mass, 9.45am

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS - Round 1, 4.5.18

NETBALL REPORT

In netball last Friday, we played Mount Pleasant and it was our home game so we had the netball games at our School. The girls netball team won and the score was 37-0.

The open team won as well and the score was 10-3. We had Sophie, Emily, Molly.B, Molly.P and Olivia score the goals for the girls team. We had Amity, Natasha and Amelia score the goals for the open team. We had a lot of tight defense from both teams. We all had a great day, apart from the nasty rain and we enjoyed seeing Mount Pleasant. Thank you so much Jo Novak and Ange for coaching, as we all really appreciate you guys helping us. We can't wait for next week against St James. - **Olivia**



FOOTBALL REPORT

In footy the girls and boys did really well winning 57 to 2 against Mt Pleasant. Some of our goal kickers were Erin, Jesse, Harry, Luke (2), Gabe, Will.T (2), Hamish and LeBron. As well as kicking a lot of behinds we still held strong and got the win and had lots of fun. Next week we've got a big game against St James at their home ground hopefully we can win but regardless we'll have fun and that's all we need. - **Jesse**



TEE-BALL REPORT

In round one the T-Ball Teams played Mount Pleasant PS at Halliday park. Both the open and girls team had lots of fun even though both teams lost. The open team lost with a final score of 3-11 while the girls team lost 6-16. We will practise our catching and hitting to get better. We can't wait to play next week when we play St James PS. - **Jude**



SENIOR SCHOOL KNITTING PROJECT

Senior students are beginning a Knitting Club with the intention of knitting market squares for those people in our community sleeping rough this Winter. If you have any size 8 (4mm) knitting needles or 8 ply wool at home that you're not using then we would be very grateful for them.

Many thanks for your assistance, - The Student Social Justice Team



WINNER

We've been awarded a grant from the 2018 Powerful Youth Projects program.

POWERFUL
youth projects



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 7th 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

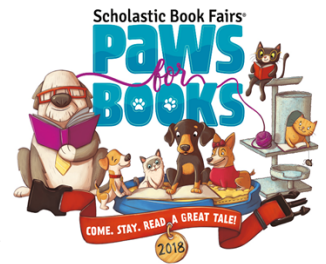
Each student from Yr 3 to 6 has received their username and password and can access the site through the following link -<https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/Challenger/WebLogin.aspx> The teachers will be supporting the challenge in the learning areas. If you have any concerns, or have difficulties with login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

Have a great week,
Ange.

NEXT WEEK!!!!!! All welcome!!!!!!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's that time again! 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 15th to Grandparents' Day on Friday, May 18th.

This year purchases can be made online as well as on site. The students will have the opportunity to fill out a 'wishlist' when they visit the Fair with their class on the Tuesday.

The Fair will be open:

Tuesday	12 noon to 4.30pm
Wednesday	3.00pm to 4.30pm
Thursday from	3.00pm to 4.30pm
Friday	11.45am to 1.00pm (Coincides with Grandparent's Day)

VOLUNTEERS WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED!!

Please leave your name & mobile number and availability with Jenny at the Office.
No experience necessary.

Payment can be made by cash, EFT or online from home.

Enjoy your reading!
Sue



Italian Phrase of the Week

Sono andato al cinema (M)

Sono andata al cinema (F)

(Soh-noh un-dah-toh/tah ahl chee-nay-mah)

I went to the cinema



DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

- EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The District Cross Country competition is coming up and notices will be coming home this week with all year 4,5 and 6 students. If your child is interested in competing, please return the reply slip to school as soon as possible. Thank you—Tom Jackson



BIRTHDAYS

This week there is just one birthday and we congratulate Florence Calderon.

We hope you have a "Happy Birthday!"



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Over \$20,000 worth of value for only \$70 – All Payments Due By Wednesday 9th May

The Entertainment Books fundraiser is drawing to a close, all payments need to be in by this Wednesday 9th May. Don't forget to tell family, friends, neighbours, work colleagues to order their books now through St Johns. \$14 from each book sold goes to the school. There is over \$20,000 worth of value through 50% and 2-for-1 offers in the book including discounted movie tickets, Bounce, TimeZone, AFL tickets and Mt Buller Lift passes. Planning a fun day out with the family, the book includes admission discounts to Puffing Billy, Sovereign Hill, Ashcombe Maze, Phillip Island to name a few. Local dining deals include Mitcham Hotel, Bucatini & Mister Greens. Love shopping, then you will love 10% off gift cards at David Jones, Priceline or Rebel PLUS pre purchase Woolworths gift cards and save up to \$50 per card! Planning a family holiday, check out the offers in the travel and leisure section on flights, car rental, hotels, attractions and theme parks. All this for only \$70! It's a must have for every family.

To order go to www.entbook.com.au/184925h. Additional books can be ordered and collected from the school office. Don't want to carry the heavy book with you, a digital membership is also available online. Check it out today. If you don't want to pay online, return your payment to the office and start using your book today!

Any questions see Suzie Leyden or call 0448 223 966 (Abbey 5/6KR)



It's nearly time for the annual Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser.

During the week commencing 21 May, each family will receive a box of Cadbury chocolates containing 50 bars priced at \$1 each.

We encourage you to support this fundraising activity. In 2017 we were able to raise \$1800 for our school.

With thanks in advance, St Johns PA

We're fundraising with *entertainment*



YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7 TRANSITION

Forms were sent home with all year 6 students regarding their year 7 enrolment for 2019.

These forms need to be filled in and returned to St John's **NO LATER** than this Friday 11 May. There are still a few forms outstanding and as Monday is a student free day at St John's, please make sure that you have the forms back to school by the due date.



St John's Parents Association

warmly invites
the ladies of our community to our very own

Ladies Movie Night

Friday 11th 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 4th May.
For more information contact yourpa.sjm@gmail.com

SECONDARY SCHOOL ENROLMENT 2020

All parents of year 5 students wishing to enroll their child in a Catholic secondary school in 2020 need to start the process this year in order to secure their enrolment. The following date timeline is provided to assist you in this process.

Term 1	Monday 29 January, 2018:	Applications for year 5 students commencing year 7 in 2020 open.
Term 3	Friday 17 August, 2018:	Applications close.
Term 4	Friday 19 October, 2018: Friday 2 November, 2018:	Offers to be posted to prospective year 7, 2020 applicants. Final date for families to accept 2020 offer.



2018
Tour
Opportunities

Register Now

St John's Mother's Day Breakfast



When: Friday 11th 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 1st 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 7th 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 (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

**Sharon Muir on 0438 683 049
sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au**

Give your child a head start in money matters.

Our school is interested in participating in the CommBank School Banking program.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits.

Run through participating primary schools nationally, children who deposit their money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmite tokens which they can redeem for exciting rewards.

CommBank provides schools participating in the program with fundraising support through a School Banking Contributions Program. In 2017 participating schools received a share of over \$2.2 million.

You can find out more about the School Banking program at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

We're looking to understand the level of interest in the School Banking program within our school community. If your child/ren would like to participate in the School Banking program, please complete the tear off section below. Also, please tell us if you would like to volunteer to help run the School Banking program at our school.



Please tear off this form and return to the School Office.

- Yes, I am interested in helping with the School Banking program.
- Yes, I would like my child/ren to participate in the School Banking program.

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Availability:

