

St John's Parish

Primary School



June 18, 2018 No. 16

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

JUNE	18	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am
	29	Friday	Last Day of Term 2, 3.20pm Dismissal
JULY	16	Monday	First Day of Term 3, 8.45am
	18	Tuesday	Parent Association Meeting, 7.00pm
	23	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am
	29	Sunday	Parish Family Mass, 9.45am
	31	Tuesday	Education Board Meeting, 7.00pm

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MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.....

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"St John's School is committed to the Victorian Child Safe Standards"

Dear Parents,

We had a big week last week with our official school review. On Friday 8 June, we were audited on our Child Safety standards and VRQA (Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority) standards and we are pleased to say we are fully compliant. One recommendation in relation to Child Safety was that we maintain its presence weekly in the newsletter with updates or reminders.

For 3 days last week, we were reviewed using the *National School Improvement Tool* which was developed from international research into practices of highly effective schools and school leaders. The *Tool* assists schools to review and reflect on their efforts to improve the quality of classroom teaching and learning. A big thank you to the staff, parents and students who gave time to talk to the reviewers about how our school is tracking.

We received a lot of feedback and over the next few months, I will share some of it with you all through the school newsletter. Education Board members will also have the opportunity to explore the full report at a deeper level. As part of the executive summary we were provided with Commendations, Affirmations and Recommendations.

I am proud to share with you the Commendations:

- *Respectful, affirming and caring relationships are highly evident between all members of the school community. Students enjoy coming to St John's school each day. They feel safe, valued and important, with learning being a priority for all.*
- *The model of distributive leadership ensures the skills and expertise of leaders is further enhanced around their management and leadership of school priorities.*

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

- *The expertise and experience of the leadership team has been effective and fully utilised to deliver the goals of the school particularly in elearning.*
- *Student behaviour is conducive to learning and reflects the school's emphasis upon developing social-emotional skills through respecting self, others and property.*
- *Leaders and teachers place a high priority on the intervention process across the school. They identify and address the learning needs of students through monitoring the progress of individuals and in identifying learning difficulties.*
- *Teachers tailor classroom activities to the levels of readiness of students with a diverse range of needs and are ably supported by the highly valued LSO team.*
- *The Visible Learning project over the last three years, has seen progress and growth in the implementation of the key design principles of the visible learner; inspired and passionate teachers, knowing thy impact, effective feedback and aligned systems and processes. The VL Impact Coach's design of a VL Teacher Handbook, along with leadership commitment to being a VL school, will ensure the project's longevity.*
- *The active participation by leaders and teachers in the life of the parish and the school is evidence of their commitment and dedication to students.*
- *The linking of inquiry unit foci with RE across the school is fostering the re-contextualisation of faith and life. The REL and Principal are guiding the staff in deepening their knowledge and skills in being a dialogical, post-critical school.*
- *Growth Mindsets is being used to enhance and underpin the learning of students.*
- *There is an ongoing commitment on behalf of the school to affirm parents as valued partners in students' learning.*
- *There are significant levels of trust and support for the principal, leadership team and staff from members of the school community.*
- *St John's Master Plan has identified the areas within the external school environment and in the multi-function spaces that will be created to enhance learning opportunities.*

Staffing

Monica O'Shannassy will be taking some well-deserved long service leave commencing this Friday. She will return on Monday 30 July (Week 3). During this time Bianca Martino will be Acting Deputy Principal. After being on leave this year Rosemary Vastbinder will drop in tomorrow to say a farewell to students and staff. We thank Rosemary for her 12 years of dedication to the St John's community and wish her all the best as she begins her retirement.

Reporting – Semester 1 2018

School interviews are currently open (information later in the newsletter) for Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 June. Reports and portfolio's will come home on Monday 25 June.

Bunnings BBQ

A big thank you to Steve Gilbert for his coordination of the Bunnings BBQ and all the parents who gave time on Saturday at the Bunnings BBQ. This is always such a great fundraiser for our school community. This year we raised over \$2000. Well done team.

School photos

A last reminder for parents who would like to purchase any of the year 6 leadership photos or our 130-year anniversary whole school photo to please send \$15 to the school office no later than Thursday 28 June.

School fees

Fees are due by the end of this term for those who are paying three instalments per year. Please keep in mind that school expenses are incurred throughout the year so the 2018 fees should be fully paid by the end of term 3.

Prep 2019

It was lovely meeting our new and current 2019 families on Friday at our Prep interviews. We look forward to beginning this wonderful journey together.

Have a good week,
Jacqui Marshall.

A big THANK YOU to everyone for making my birthday such a wonderful day, one that I will never forget!

Education in Faith News

Our Gospel Challenge this week is to: *do an act of kindness no matter how small.*

Jesus was a big threat to the people with power – all because he told simple stories like the one in this week's Gospel.

The mustard seed is a small seed that spreads quickly and stubbornly. It can take over an entire garden. According to Jesus, God's Kingdom can grow in the same way. It can spread quickly through all areas and relationships in our lives. Quickly and stubbornly, Jesus says, God can inspire disciples to spread through society working for the poor, the powerless, and the outcasts. That's bad news for the people whose power and profit is based on keeping others poor and powerless. So it's not that hard to see why powerful people wanted him dead.

Jesus' message is still explosive and threatening to people who abuse power and profits today. That's why Christians are being martyred throughout the world. That's why many people throughout the world sometimes feel like outcasts.

Does God's Kingdom invade all areas of your life – school, sports, family, work, friends, weekends, wallet? Do you let Jesus' values of compassion, respect, forgiveness, and sacrifice for the powerless take root in all those areas? The more God's Kingdom spreads, the more you might face resistance from some people, especially those who say Jesus' words are unrealistic or idealistic. But the more you get to know Jesus, the more you won't feel right unless you let it spread. Why? Because you'll see how your life more and more provides "shade" for so many people who need you. (GPBS 2018)

Assessment and reporting in Religious Education

Reports will be sent home next Monday. Quite often there is confusion around assessment and reporting in Religious Education. To put it simply, assessment in Religious Education focuses on the ongoing and continuous growth in a student's ability to engage in the deep dialogue between the Catholic tradition, the issues of the day and students' self-understanding. **A student's personal faith is not the subject of assessment or reporting in Religious Education.** Teachers design for learning that makes knowledge, skills and dispositions explicit and it is this which is able to be assessed in Religious Education. Effective assessment design ensures teachers consider a variety of ways to gather evidence of student growth.

Have a wonderful week,
Monica

Important Dates to Remember:

June 23	Saturday	First Eucharist, 6:00pm : Sophie and Zoe
24	Sunday	Parish Family Mass 9:45am
28	Thursday	Home Mass: Liam
July 14	Saturday	First Eucharist, 6.00pm: Elizabeth Browne
15	Sunday	First Eucharist, 11.15am: MJ, Christine, Hayden, Isla, Declan, Oliver, Archie

Good Sport Awards

It has been wonderful to see fair play occurring throughout the school in both organised and free play sport. Congratulations to the following students who are our first recipients of the Good Sport awards:



Bella Clifford
Anna Finlay
Angus Tham

Please continue to encourage and remind your children on how to be a good sport!

ITALIANO A SCOULA



Questa è la famiglia di Peppa.

By Gemma Horvat

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to the following students who will be celebrating their birthday over the coming week: Jarrod Fernandez, Connor Crawley, Daniel Rodstrom, Lucas Gilbert and Zoe Harkin.

We wish you all a "Happy Birthday!"



Italian Phrase of the Week

Sono andato/a in campeggio

(Soh-noh un-dah-toh/tah een kum-pair-joe)

I went camping



Thank you to the families who have already sold their chocolates (and more)!

As we approach the last few weeks of this fundraising activity, could we please ask that the money for sold boxes be returned to the office.

For those families who are still selling the chocolates, please continue to do so and for any family who does not intend to continue fundraising, could you please return your unsold chocolates with any money by the end of the week so the chocolates can be reallocated.

Maria Wallis (Chris 3/4RF)

On 0409 966 951 / wallis.maria@gmail.com or

Vickie Stutchbury (Oliver 3/4RF)

on 0408 417 017 / vtotino31@hotmail.com

Each box contains 50 products which are \$1-ea

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

Congratulations to Olivia Arrouf, Erin Mariner and Will Taylor on their recent effort at Divisional Cross Country. They all qualified to go on to compete in Regional Cross Country tomorrow, Tuesday 19 June. We wish them well.



Australia Computational Thinking Challenge 2018



Congratulations to all the students in years 3-6 who participated in the Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge during first semester.

Students worked individually or in small teams on a variety of tasks designed to challenge their problem solving skills.

Special congratulations go to Tahlia Crawley, Astrid Harkin and Emily Janssen who achieved a perfect score. Today they were presented with a special certificate signed by CSIRO CEO Dr Larry Marshall and their names have been added to the Bebras 2018 Honour Roll.

For more information go to <https://www.bebbras.edu.au/honour-roll/>

www.campaaustralia.com.au | 1300 105 343

Coordinator update St John's Primary School OSHC



Dear Families,

Camp Australia in its partnership with St John's Primary School is pleased to introduce Richard Izod as the new Before and After School Care Coordinator.

Richard is a qualified Youth Worker and is very passionate about helping others and working with children. Richard will continue to be supported by myself, Brad and the entire Camp Australia Team during the transition to his new role.

We have a lot to look forward to in the program with a new Coordinator, new activities and new smiles!

For further information regarding the program or to discuss any specific requirements, please contact Richard or Brad on 0418 327 709.

Yours sincerely,

Kimberley Trahar
Regional Manager
Camp Australia

Before School Care program

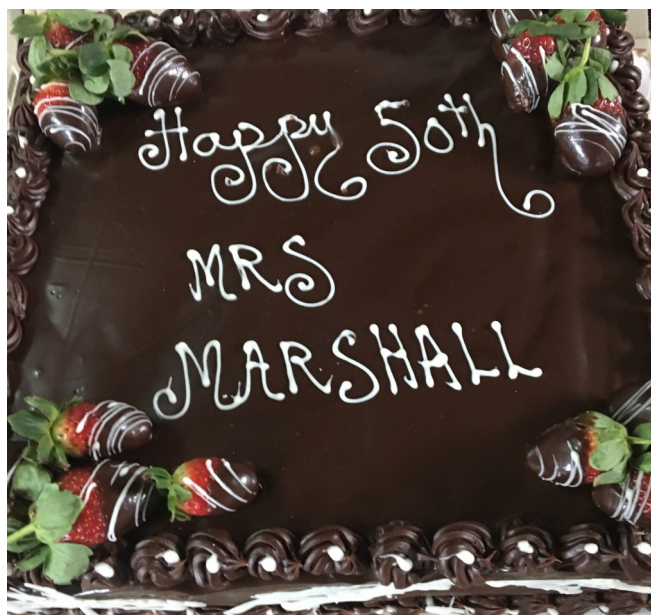
Times: 7.00am to 8.30am
each school day

After School Care program

Times: 3.20pm to 6.15pm
each school day

Register and book now

Manage your before and after school care bookings at
www.campaaustralia.com.au
or call the Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343.



FREE TENNIS CLINIC!!

Tennis Ballarat is offering **free** clinics for beginners aged between 5-10 years old to come in and give tennis a go during the school holidays. Children will enjoy two free 1 ½ hour sessions which will cover ball skills, basic tennis techniques and games.

The dates and times for these days are:

- 5-8 year olds- Monday & Tuesday 2nd & 3rd July 9:30am-11:00am
- 8-10 year olds- Monday & Tuesday 2nd & 3rd July 11:00am-12:30pm

Places are limited so to make sure you don't miss out, call us on 5336 2500 to book your child's place.

'3 Speed Crunch Box Rebooted'
have one show only these school holidays

Whitehorse Centre in Nunawading

During this show you can expect to see high energy stunts, spectacular circus tricks and impressive acrobatics.

The crazy cast of '3 Speed Crunch Box Rebooted' mix their amazing aerial skills with a load of stupidity to keep the kids laughing from start to finish.

Suitable for boys and girls 4 - 12 years who want some seriously cool entertainment in the holidays.

3 Speed Crunch Box Rebooted
The Whitehorse Centre
397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading
Tuesday 10 July 10.30am

Bookings: whitehorsecentre.com.au



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Thank you to Harcourts of Mitcham for their financial assistance with the recent Bunnings Sausage Sizzle.



A reminder to be aware of your Working With Children Check (WWCC) expiry date to ensure it always remains current.

FISH/CHICKEN & CHIPS SPECIAL FOOD DAY

Friday 29th June is
Special Food Day

Order forms were sent home today.

All orders need to be completed and returned with correct money by:

Monday 25th June.

*Sorry **NO** late orders can be accepted!*



Australian Mathematics Competition
sponsored by the **Commonwealth Bank**

Wednesday 8th August

The Australian Mathematics Competition is an optional extension activity available to students in middle (Yr 3/4) and upper primary (Yr 5/6). It is a one hour math test involving 25 multiple choice and 5 questions involving a number answer, with an emphasis on problem solving strategies. Students wishing to enter the competition, which is sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank, need to place \$8.50 (competition entry fee and access to online practise program) in an envelope with your name, and the title – Math Competition, on the front of the envelope and return it to school office by 29th June.

Further information can be found at www.amt.edu.au/ or if you have any queries don't hesitate to chat with me.

- Kellie Cumming

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS TRUST



Come along and help support our school and children at our annual major fundraiser....

St. John's Parish Primary together with Noel Jones
&

Funky Bunch Trivia

Present...

Trivia for a cause

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BYO snacks and drinks

7:30pm -11:30pm

Coghlan Centre

Tickets are: \$20pp if purchased prior to the 3rd August
\$25pp if purchased after the 3rd August

This year you have the option of ordering platters/snacks for your table – just BYO drinks!

Platter order forms and tickets are available from the office.

Everyone is welcome, make up a table of 8-10 of your friends and family or get in touch with your class rep and they will coordinate a table with you.

Fabulous silent auction items, raffles, cash prizes and fun are all guaranteed!

If you have any queries please contact your class rep or get in touch with Courtney
(Gracie 3/4RF, Isla 3/4KC and Declan 3/4 KC) courtneylaffin@yahoo.com.au



Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student Learning Discussion will be held between 3.50 and 7.30pm on Tuesday 26 June and 3.50 and 6.00pm on Wednesday 27 June 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 Wednesday 13 June at 9.30am)

BOOKINGS CLOSE on Tuesday 26 June at 9.30am

School
event
code

3gwjt **Go**

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 **Wednesday 13 June 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.

YOU'RE INVITED

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Ladies Dinner Night



Hosted by St John's Primary School Mitcham

WHERE IS IT

Bucatini
454 Whitehorse Rd
Mitcham

COST

\$40 per head
3 COURSE MENU
A COMPLIMENTARY DRINK

WHEN

Friday 22 June 2018
@ 7pm

SHARED ENTREE



MAIN & DESSERT



TEA / COFFEE

RSVP

By Wednesday 20 June
via email: yourpa.sjm@gmail.com
Please advise of any dietary requirements

