

St John's Parish

Primary School



February 4, 2019 No. 1

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

FEBRUARY	10	Sunday	Founder's Day Mass, 11.15am
	11	Monday	School Photos
	12	Tuesday	Marathon Club Commences, 7.45am
			Student/Parent/Teacher Getting to Know You Discussions, 3.50 - 7.00pm
	13	Wednesday	Student/Parent/Teacher Getting to Know You Discussions, 3.50 - 6.00pm
	15	Friday	Working Bee, 5.00pm
	18	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am

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We CELEBRATE 2019 at St John's Mitcham

*"The more you praise and celebrate your life,
the more there is in life to celebrate".*

Dear Parents,

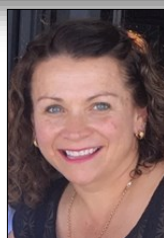
Welcome back to the 2019 school year. There was such excitement last week as the students returned to school. We welcome our new preps for 2019.



Alona, Margaux, Chelsea, Juan, Anna, Alina, Sierra, Nathaniel, Jasper, Ben, Alfred, Isaac, Havana, Monica, Allegra, Scarlett, Charlize, Penny and Anabelle.

We also welcome Ivy, Ethan and Joshua to other year levels.

It is also wonderful to have the following ten new families joining St Johns' this year – Crachi, Dang, Foster, Galleros, Ianniciello, Joe, Liu, Prenc, Solidarios and Walsh.



We say benvenuto and huan ying to our new staff to St John's in 2019. Ms Shannon Kearns, Mr Andy Brown, Ms Lou DeVoy and Signora De Amicis (L-R)

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

Richard

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

Each year we chose an inspirational word to guide our learning and teaching. This year our word is **CELEBRATE**. One of the definitions of celebrate is to take part in special enjoyable activities in order to show that a particular occasion is important. Our goal this year is to ensure school is an enjoyable, engaging and happy place for our students always looking for opportunities to celebrate our achievements and celebrating one another. This morning at assembly 3/4KC shared how a growth mindset is important is celebrating our success stories. Having an "I can attitude" and ensuring our learning dispositions of PERSISTENCE, CURIOSITY, RESILIENCE, BRAVERY AND INDEPENDENCE guide us in all that we do in 2019.

FOUNDERS DAY & OPENING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR MASS

Sunday 10 February at 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.

Staffing 2019

Fr Dispin John	Parish Priest
Jacqui Marshall	Principal
Monica O'Shannassy	Deputy Principal/Religious Education Leader/classroom support
Tom Jackson	Year 5/6 Teacher/ICT Leader
Kristina Reid	Year 5/6 Teacher/Learning and Teaching Leader
Andy Brown	Year 5/6 Teacher/PE Senior School
Kellie Cumming	Year 3/4 Teacher/Numeracy Leader
Rebecca Fry	Year 3/4 Teacher/Visible Learning Leader
Shannon Kearns	Year 1/2 Teacher
Emma Buis	Year 1/2 Teacher/Student Wellbeing Leader
Naomi Curtis	Prep Teacher/Writing Coach
Lou Devoy	Performing Arts Teacher
Rosetta DeAmicis	Italian Teacher (P – 4)
Melinda Wharton	Visual Arts Teacher
Ange Crowe	Reading coach and intervention, Chinese Teacher (5/6) and PE (P – 4)
Julie Carroll	Learning Support Officer
Nicole Dunning	Learning Support Officer
Kate Hetherington	Learning Support Officer
Melinda Kerwin	Learning Support Officer
Connie Pearse	Learning Support Officer
Kim Wilson-Hartrick	Learning Support Officer
Sue Walmsley	Library Administration
Jenny Macleod	Office Administration

Introducing our 2019 School Captains



This morning our school captains introduced themselves at assembly and they are very excited about this year. Sienna, Will, Amari and Jack would like to share a bit about themselves.

My name is Will and I am honoured to be this year's school captain. I am passionate about sport and Richmond. I have two sisters Anabelle is in year 8 at Sion and Jasmine is in year 3. I will be open to any ideas and bring them up in meetings. I hope we all have a good year.

Hi I'm Sienna and as school captain I will lead with pride. I have a little sister Zara and a dog called Murphy. Some of my favourite things to do are draw, organise and play basketball. I am hoping that if students have any fantastic ideas for our school that they come and have a chat with us. I will make sure everyone has a say.

Hello! My name is Amari and I am your school vice-captain for 2019. Let me tell you a bit about myself. I did singing, dancing and acting for 5 years, I play basketball for Mitcham Thunder and I love playing video games. I will assist each and every one of you to the best of my abilities and be a positive voice of our student body.

Hello everyone my name is Jack and I am your school vice-captain for 2019. It is a privilege to take on this role. I like soccer, tennis, football and basketball and I also like being fair, respectful, friendly and always look for any people in need. I would like to make changes to fundraising days and focus on clean up days at school every month.

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

We look forward to seeing all our families on Tuesday 12 February (3:50pm – 7pm) and Wednesday 13 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 tomorrow to share with teachers at these discussions.

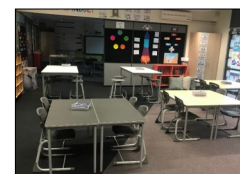
A recommendation from our school review last year was to explore more regular reporting timelines to parents. Based on this we have decided to implement the following:

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| End of Term 1 | Student/Parent/Teacher Learning Discussions |
| End of Term 2 | Formal Reports and Portfolios |
| End of Term 3 | Student/Parent/Teacher Learning Discussions |
| End of Term 4 | Formal Reports and Portfolios |



Thank you

A big thank you to our parent community for your generous donations through the leadership of the PA which resulted in this amazing new furniture in our senior school classrooms. The students just love



it. Our next goal is new furniture and carpet for our 1/2 area.

Congratulations

Bianca Martino now Daidone was a beautiful bride at her marriage to James in January. We wish them every happiness for their life together. It was lovely to see some school families there to support her. Bianca sends her love to everyone.

Student contact details and medical forms

These beige forms went home on Friday. Parents are asked to verify that all details are correct and complete the consent part of the document. It is important they are returned as soon as possible. Thanks for your support.

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

2019 school photos will be taking place on Monday 11 February. Students are to wear their full summer uniform. All orders are online and family photo's must be booked online prior to the day.

Have a great week, Jacqui Marshall

Education in Faith News

Our Gospel Challenge this week is to: *walk away from unkindness.*

Welcome to the 2019 school year. We gathered on Thursday in prayer as a community, inspired by St John the Evangelist to love others and celebrate life. 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.

This year we begin a new school improvement cycle with new goals, strategies, actions and targets. Our goals in the 2019 Annual Action Plan for the Religious Dimension are listed below. I look forward to journeying with all in the community to achieve these goals.

To develop a shared vision, supported by Horizons of Hope, which ensures student engagement, intellectual rigour and putting our faith into action is a feature of RE at St John's.

To further develop the capacity of all teachers to use data and associated evidence as starting points to tailor activities to levels of readiness and need.

To refine, implement and embed the Renewed RE Framework.

To develop and implement a St John's school pedagogical framework with a particular focus on the agreed whole school approaches to the teaching of RE.

Explore approaches to collaborative curriculum design that offers students deep and authentic learning opportunities; bringing their world and contemporary culture into dialogue with the Catholic tradition.

Enhance St John's Catholic Identity.

Founders Day Mass

This Sunday morning we will be celebrating Founders Day and the opening of the 2019 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 Maureen and Gary Campbell 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	10	Sunday	Founder's Day Mass 11.15am
	19	Tuesday	Prep evening with Helen Carboon, "Children and God Things" 5:00 or 7:00pm.
	24	Sunday	Parish Family Mass 9:45am
March	5	Tuesday	Burning of Palms Ceremony 9:15am
	6	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Mass 10am.

RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST ENROLMENT FOR 2019

If you believe your child is ready to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist in 2019 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 15th 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 Maree.OKeefe@cam.org.au

Ciao a tutti!

I'm Rosetta DeAmicis, the new Italian teacher and I'm very excited to be teaching at St Johns Primary School this year.

I would like to share something about myself.

I have taught Italian for almost 30 years and I'm as passionate now as I was when I first started.

I am married to Fausto and we have a 14 year old daughter Isabella.

We like to travel, go to the movies, cook together, entertain family and friends and watch soccer. Go Melbourne City!

We don't have any pets, although Isabella would love a dog! I'm going to have to think about that.

My favourite food is Pad Thai Chicken.

I love lattes and milkshakes and cheesecake is my favourite dessert.

My taste in music varies from pop to soul.

My hobbies include reading, listening to music, exercise and cooking.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know the school community at St. John's... come and say hello or "ciao"

Grazie

Signora De Amicis



MARATHON CLUB

A reminder that Marathon Club will be commencing next week, Tuesday 12 February, for all year 3-6 students that are interested in joining in the fun.

We will be meeting in the school foyer at 7:45 am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings before heading off for a walk or run.

When returning to school students who have participated will be provided with breakfast before the start of the school day.

The cost is \$6.00 per student, per term.

Please wear appropriate footwear and check the St John's School App each morning for cancellations. Parents are welcome to come along too!

We look forward to seeing everyone this week and to another great year of Marathon Club!



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken next **Monday 11 February**. Please make sure students are wearing their summer uniform and we encourage students with long hair to have their hair tied back in line with school policy.

School photo order forms went home today with students. All students are allocated a unique online code and orders are to be made online before midnight, Monday 11 February.

Please note that family photos will need to be ordered before Monday 11 February and will only be taken if there has been an order placed prior to Monday.



BIRTHDAYS

Over the holidays there were many birthday celebrations happening! Congratulations to Gabriel Gonzalez, Anna Finlay, Isaac Indirisinghe, Samantha Oviedo Alvarez, Chase Rollason, Kane Crawford, Kirralee Coates, Lucas Bott, Ellie Hale, Aidan Puls and Harry Molnar.

This week we congratulate Mikayla Rodstrom and Emma Oakley.

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"



GARDENING CLUB

Welcome back to all our budding gardeners!

We are ready to fire up the Gardening Club again and ask that the families that kindly volunteered to look after a tub over the Christmas holidays, bring the tub back to school so we can start planting.



Singing & Piano Lessons

Have you ever wanted to Sing or play Piano? Amaris Lee will teach you your favourite songs, as well as music reading and theory.

To book your free trial lesson, contact Jordan at Groove Foundations.

Jordan Scotney - 0408 881 395
groovefoundations@gmail.com



ST JOHN'S TWILIGHT SCHOOL SPORTS 2019

The St. John's Twilight Sports Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday, 4 March from 4:45 to 7:00 pm at the **Bill Sewart Athletics Track** in Burwood East (behind Nunawading Basketball stadium). We encourage all families to come along to support and cheer-on our wonderful students.

Students will have the chance to prepare and train for the event during sport and PE lessons prior to our Twilight sports night. Relay and events practice, lead by the Year 6 Sports Captains, will be held on the grass area during the first half of lunchtime on the following days:

Coghlan (gold)	Friday 15th Feb & Friday 22nd Feb
Dillon (blue)	Monday 18th & Monday 25th Feb
Lyons (green)	Tuesday 19th & Tuesday 26th Feb
Durkin (red)	Thursday 21st Feb & Thursday 28th Feb

Each house has two practice sessions before our Twilight Sports day during weeks 3, 4 or 5. Students are encouraged to wear their sports uniform and their house coloured t- shirt on their practice days.

A separate notice regarding the Twilight sports will be sent home this week with students and will include relevant information. This form is to be returned to school by Monday 18th of February.

Tom Jackson & Ange Crowe



Greetings to all parents and friends of St John's Mitcham! For those of you who are interested or curious in the activities of our wonderful Parents' Association, please come along to the first meeting for 2019, **Wednesday evening 20 February in the Lyon's Room (below the prep classroom) at 7 pm.** The Parent Associations' primary objectives are to support the principles of inclusivity and compassion in our school community as well as raising funds/applying for grants for the benefit of our kids' wellbeing and education. You – as a parent/carer – are automatically a member of the PA and can be involved as much or as little as you choose. Come along and see what's in store for 2019!

If you have any questions or comments, email yourpa.sjm@gmail.com.



STUDENT ICT AGREEMENT - 2019

This week families will be receiving their copies of the 2019 St John's ICT Agreement. A copy of the agreement will be sent home with the eldest from each family. This document outlines expectations to ensure students are safe and responsible when using devices at school. We believe strongly in promoting respectful online behaviours and hope this document helps build a partnership with parents and families at home and school.

Could families please carefully read the document with your children before returning a signed copy of 'Section C' to your child's classroom teacher (eldest). If you have any questions please contact Jacqui Marshall to discuss further.

St John's Term 1 2019 Calendar

January

31 Thursday Term One begins

February

4 Monday Assembly 3/4KC
10 Sunday Founder's Day Mass 11:15am
11 Monday School Photos
12 Tuesday Student/Parent/Teacher "Getting to Know You" Discussions 3:50 -7:00pm
13 Wednesday Student/Parent/Teacher "Getting to Know You" Discussions 3:50 -6:00pm
15 Friday Working Bee 4.30pm
18 Monday Assembly 5/6KR
19 Tuesday Helen Carboon with Prep families 5:00pm or 7:00pm
20 Wednesday PA Meeting 7:00pm
22 Friday Feb Feast
24 Sunday Parish Family Mass 9:45am
26 Tuesday Prep Welcome Dinner 6:00pm

March

1 Friday **SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**
4 Monday Assembly 1/2EB
Twilight Sports
5 Tuesday Burning of Palms Ceremony 9:15am
Education Board Meeting 7:00pm
6 Wednesday Ash Wednesday Mass 10:00am
7 Thursday Open Morning for prospective enrolments 9:00 – 10:00am
First Eucharist Parent Night 7:00pm
11 Monday **LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL**
12 Tuesday Year Six leave for school camp at Lake Nillahcootie
13 Wednesday 2019 Prep Information Evening, 7:00pm
15 Friday Year Six students return from school camp at Lake Nillahcootie
16 Saturday First Eucharist Commitment Ceremony and Mass Book Presentation 6:00pm
17 Sunday First Eucharist Commitment Ceremony and Mass Book Presentation 9:45am
18 Monday Assembly 5/6TJ
20 Wednesday Open Morning for prospective enrolments 9:00 – 10:00am
Summer Sports – Year Five and Six students
PA Meeting 7:00pm
21 Thursday Harmony Day
Elio Capri's Lenten Presentation 7:00pm
25 Monday Open Morning for prospective enrolments 9:00 – 10:00am
28 Thursday Reconciliation Ceremony 6:30pm or 7:30pm
31 Sunday Parish Family Mass 9:45am

April

1 Monday Assembly 3/4RF
2 Tuesday Parent/Teacher/Student Learning Discussions 3:40 – 8:00pm
3 Wednesday Parent/Teacher/Student Learning Discussions 3:40 – 6:00pm
4 Thursday Open Morning for prospective enrolments 9:00 – 10:00am

ATTENTION: Please note **School Closure Day - Friday 1 March**



Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents

Student/Parent/Teacher "Getting to Know You" Discussion will be held between 3.50 and 7.00pm on Tuesday 12 February and 3.50 and 6.00pm on Wednesday 13 February, 2019.

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 5 February at 9.30am)

BOOKINGS CLOSE on Tuesday 12 February at 9.30am

School event code

xvamh

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 5 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.

WORKING BEE

Dear Parents,

Our first school working bee for the year will be on this Friday 15 February, 2019 at 4.30

Helpers are needed to assist with topping up tanbark in the adventure playground as well as other general maintenance .

Please bring any gardening tools that might be useful.

Don't forget that attendance at one working bee during the year entitles each family to a once yearly, \$50.00 rebate on your maintenance levy as well as benefitting the school community.

If you are able to attend please return the reply slip below to the school office by Wednesday 28 February.

I look forward to seeing you there,

Jacqui Marshall
Principal



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WORKING BEE RETURN SLIP

Return this slip to the school office by Thursday 14 February, 2019

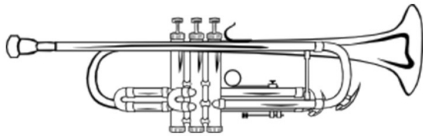
The _____ family

will be attending the St John's working bee on Friday 15 February, 2019.

ROCKiSKOOL



ROCKiSKOOL is now accepting new enrolments for instrumental music lessons at St John's PS. Tuition is available for guitar, ukulele, bass guitar, tin whistle, recorder, flute, clarinet, clarineo, saxophone, trumpet and trombone.



Lessons are in small groups or for the serious Musos, solo lessons are available as well. Lessons take place during school hours. For more information on the program and to enroll, please visit our website at

www.rockiskool.com

or call Anthony on 0425 738 420.



MITCHAM THUNDER BASKETBALL CLUB

2019 REGISTRATION NOW



**JUNIOR BASKETBALL (7-20 yrs.)
SENIOR BASKETBALL (Open Age)
FREE JUNIOR PROGRAM (4-8 yrs.)**

ALL AVAILABLE

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MITCHAM THUNDER BASKETBALL CLUB

FREE JUNIOR PROGRAM 2019



**Saturday Mornings from 9.30-10.30am
Rangeview Primary School
Starts up on 2nd February
During term weeks**

Come along— FREE

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[facebook.com/mitchamthunder](https://www.facebook.com/mitchamthunder)

MITCHAM JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



Come and Try Footy with
the Mitcham Junior Football Club
Sundays in February @ Mullauna College



9am-10am

Oval 2 Boys Under 9
(Under 8s from 10 Feb)

Oval 1 Boys Under 10, 11 & 12

10am-11am

Oval 2 Boys Under 13 & 14

Oval 1 Girls Under 10, 12, 14 & 16

11am-12noon

Oval 2 Under 15 Boys

Oval 1 Under 17 Boys

FREE CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND FREE TIGER HOODY FOR ALL NEW PLAYERS

Fully accredited coaching staff and trainers
Play and train on the “MCG of the East” – Walker Park
Genuine “family orientated” club!

For a total junior football experience join the Mitcham Tigers!
Call MICHAEL on 0466 774 677 to secure your spot for Season 2019!

Email: registrar.mitchamjfc@gmail.com



Anyone wishing to help out in the classroom or attend excursions will need to have a Working With Children Check and a volunteer form which is available from the school office.

Working with Children Check applications can be made online.