

# St John's Parish

## Primary School



February 25, 2019 No. 4

### COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	26	Tuesday	Prep Welcome Dinner, 6.00pm
<b>MARCH</b>	1	<b>Friday</b>	<b>School Closure Day</b>
	4	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am Twilight Sports, 4.45pm
	5	Tuesday	Burning of the Palms, 9.15am Education Board Meeting, 7.00pm
	6	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Mass, 10.00am
	7	Thursday	Open Morning, 9.00-10.00am First Eucharist Parent Information Night, 7.00pm
	11	<b>Monday</b>	<b>LABOUR DAY - No School</b>

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Dear Parents,

On Friday, staff will be involved in professional learning based on "The Intervention Framework." The Intervention Framework has a clear focus on the deliberate practice of teachers to enable all students the opportunities to be successful. It promotes academic and behaviour success for all learners through the systematic implementation of early identification, strategic support and scaffolded learning. It is premised on the belief that this can be best realized when teachers work collaboratively in a team-based approach. The goals of this framework are strongly aligned with our school improvement plan. A reminder there will be no school for students on Friday 1 March. Camp Australia will not be available on Friday however the Jellybeans program – [gojellybeans@gmail.com](mailto:gojellybeans@gmail.com) is available.

### Twilight Sports

Our annual athletics carnival will be held next Monday 4 March at Bill Sewart Athletics Track in Burwood East commencing at 4:45pm. Thank you to our staff and our Year 6 sports leaders for their preparation work for the event. The students are very excited. There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks available for purchase on the night and all money raised will go to a charity selected by our student leaders. Thanks to the generosity of the Stutchbury family (MOVA plumbing and maintenance group) in donating everything needed for the sausage sizzle.

### Parent Feedback on Reporting

At St John's we value the feedback of families in our school community. Currently learning portfolios are shared with parents twice a year – at the end of semester 1 and 2. They provide families with annotated samples of work linked to student learning outcomes. After trialling digital portfolios in Year 3/4 last year we are eager to receive some feedback on what families' value when it comes to sharing your child's learning from each semester.

A feedback form will be coming home this week with the eldest student in each class.

We would appreciate your time in completing the form and returning them by Monday 4 March.

### 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](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

### **Camp Australia**

As many of you would be well aware by now Camp Australia has relocated into the Zebedee room in the hall. This allows them to have all facilities in the one place. The keypad and code used for previous entry to the school will be disarmed. If you have any feedback related to the Camp Australia program please let me know.

### **Board Meeting**

The board will have its first meeting next Tuesday 5 March commencing at 7pm in the staffroom. At this first meeting, we will revisit the role of the board including the constitution and also explore our school improvement plan and latest school data. As always our building project and school marketing remain as agenda items. We would love to see some new faces there so if you would like to come along and see the board in action before committing please let Andrew Puls – Chairperson ([frandypuls@bigpond.com](mailto:frandypuls@bigpond.com)) or feel free to drop me an email [principal@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au)

### **Prep Welcome Dinner**

We look forward to seeing our Prep, Year 1 and any new families at our welcome dinner on Tuesday night commencing at 6pm in Mackillop Space. It will be a great opportunity to meet new families and ask questions about school life. Thanks to Donna Bright for leading this event.

### **Staff Profiles**

Throughout the year we will continue to celebrate the great staff at St John's by sharing a bit about them. Our first staff member for the year is Kristina Reid.



Kristina has been teaching at St John's since 2018. Since joining our school she has been working in the 5/6 area. Previously Kristina taught at Galilee Primary School in South Melbourne. The majority of her time there was in the junior school, also spending some time teaching Performing Arts.

As well as teaching in 5/6, Kristina is our Learning and Teaching Leader. She is passionate about music and the arts and loves helping students reach their full potential.

Since joining our school, Kristina has been overwhelmed by the support and unbelievable community feel St John's has. She loves how everyone is friendly and looks out for each other.

Outside of school Kristina and her husband, Christian have two beautiful daughters, Scarlett and Gabriella. She enjoys reading, spending time with her family and is a very gifted musician, playing and teaching piano in her spare time.

We are very lucky to have Kristina as a member of our St John's staff, her hardworking attitude and caring nature with students is on display everyday.

### **District swimming**

We wish the following students every success as they complete at the 2019 North Box Hill District Swimming Carnival on Thursday:

- Ava B, Leah, Bartek, Liam, Aidan, Kieran and Archie.



### **School Open Day Flyers**

We have open days planned over the next few months and would appreciate any parents who could do some letterbox drops out and about in Mitcham and Nunawading. If you can help please let me know. Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered.

Have a great week  
Jacqui Marshall  
Principal

# Education in Faith News

**Our Gospel Challenge this week is to:** *be kind to all!*

Jesus calls us to love our enemies, not *like them*. *We love someone when we act for his or her best interests*, regardless of our feelings. Jesus also says turn the other cheek. But that doesn't mean run. He doesn't say back down. Rather, he challenges us to find the nonviolent way to stand up for our rights.

These commands are tough to follow when we face people who put us down or threaten us. But we can do it through prayer and practice. We also need support from fellow Christians.

Jesus followed these commands. Look at the difference he made. We can change your world too by following his example. Martin Luther King's supporters refused to fight or hate when they were attacked. Instead, they often prayed and sang Gospel songs. That might sound crazy, but their courage inspired others to join them, changed some people's minds about them, won their rights, and saved a lot of bloodshed.

**What are some practical ways we can show love toward enemies and "turn the other cheek" when we feel attacked?**

## Parish Family Mass

Thank you to the families and choir members who attended Parish Family Mass. It was wonderful to see the children so involved in the liturgy.



## "Children and God" with Helen Carboon

Several of our prep parents and students attended an evening with Sr Helen Carboon. Children were asked to draw a picture of a "God thing" they do with their families. After discussing the picture with their parent and Helen the students left the room. Helen shared the drawn images, childrens' words and her insights with the parents. At the end of the evening the parents were asked for their thoughts on the evening with parents sharing that they felt reassured about how they were parenting, grateful to have some language and ways to discuss death with their children, realising that it is important not to always protect their children from some of life's realities such as death and understanding how faith filled children are. One of our parents communicated how they found the evening extremely useful as they now have some language to use that would see the adult moving into the child's world rather than dragging the child into an adult world. Thank you to Maree O'Keefe for organising and Helen Carboon for facilitating this wonderful evening.



## Student Social Justice Team

Last Wednesday was World Social Justice Day, named by the United Nations and an appropriate day to launch our Student Social Justice Team. Eighteen enthusiastic year six students came along to the first meeting and shared their hopes, dreams and ideas for raising awareness and sometimes funds for injustices in our local and global world.

Have a wonderful week,  
Monica



## Important Dates to Remember

March	5	Tuesday	Burning of Palms Ceremony, 9:15am
	6	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Mass, 10.00am
	7	Thursday	Eucharist Parent Evening, 7.00pm
	16	Saturday	First Eucharist Commitment Ceremony and Mass Book Presentation, 6:00pm
	17	Sunday	First Eucharist Commitment Ceremony and Mass Book Presentation, 9.45am
	21	Thursday	First Reconciliation Celebration, 6.30pm and 7.30pm



## Chinese at St John's



Ni hao! The Year 5 / 6 students (and I!) have been fortunate in the past few weeks to begin our new adventure of learning Chinese at St John's! As you can see in the photo, we interact with a Chinese teacher direct from China, learning key phrases and correct pronunciations of words, followed by a segment learning about the diverse culture and festivals in China. We then have a follow up lesson where we practise our pronunciations with our classmates, take part in quizzes and discuss our learnings.

In the past two weeks we have learnt:

- Ni hao** - Hello!
- Wo jiao** \_\_\_\_\_ - My name is \_\_\_\_\_
- Ni hao ma?** - How are you?
- Wo hen hao** - I am very good.
- Xie xie** - Thank you.
- Bu ke qi** - You are welcome
- Za jian** - Goodbye.



One fun way that we have learned these phrases is through quizlets and song. Here is the link for the 'Ni Hao Panda' song that we learned last week.

Have a look! [Ni hao panda.](#)

Please ask your 5 / 6 student about their lessons. If you would like more information about what we are learning...and perhaps learn along with us!...I am quite happy to share our resources.

**Xie xie,**  
**Za jian, - Ange.**



### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST JOHN'S

#### ST JOHN'S SCHOOL CHOIR

School choir will resume on Friday 8 March at 8:20 in the Multi Purpose Room for students in years 2-6. All interested students are welcome!

#### ST JOHN'S SPORT PRACTICE

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:

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|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Dillon (blue)</b> | <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>   |
| <b>Lyons (green)</b> | <b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>  |
| <b>Durkin (red)</b>  | <b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> |

#### MARATHON CLUB

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 7.45am, weather permitting, for students in year 3-6. Breakfast is supplied and the cost is \$6.00 per student per term. Check the school app for cancelations.

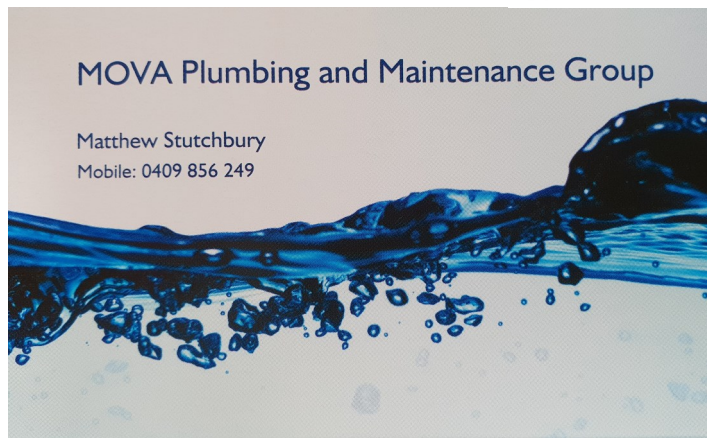
### TWILIGHT SPORT SAUSAGE SIZZLE

- **Sausage in Bread** \$2.50
- **Can of Soft Drink** \$1.00
- **Pop Top** \$1.00
- **Bottle of Water** \$1.00



### MOVA Plumbing and Maintenance Group

Matthew Stutchbury  
Mobile: 0409 856 249



There will be a Sausage Sizzle at the **St John's Twilight School Sports** which will be hosted by the PA and sponsored by **MOVA Plumbing and Maintenance**. All money raised will be donated to the 'Kid's With Cancer Foundation' which was selected by the Student Leaders in consultation with students.

# Wellbeing Behaviour Management Processes at St John's

At St John's we have a clear behaviour management process we use consistently throughout the school, in learning spaces and in the playground. This begins with setting clear expectations as a class. We encourage student voice in creating a list of expectations that everyone in the class feels important to be followed. These expectations incorporate our 3 Rs: Respect Self, Respect Others and Respect Property which form the basis of our school wide behaviour expectations.

If any of these expectations are broken, staff will refer to our Consequence Flowchart. The Consequence Flowchart describes three levels of behaviour with level three representing a highest severity of behaviour. If a student engages in a level 2 or level 3 behaviour, they will be given a reflection sheet to work on with a teacher. The aim of the reflection sheet is for the student to identify their wrong choice, recognise how they felt at the time and most importantly, reflect on what they could do better next time. Any student who receives multiple reflection sheets (ie. more than five in one term) will be supported in additional strategies such as a behaviour support plan or behaviour contract.

If you would like any further information on our behaviour management processes please contact Jacqui Marshall, Principal or Emma Buis, Student Wellbeing Leader. [ebuis@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ebuis@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au).

## Behaviour Consequence Flowchart

### Level 1 Behaviour

Interrupting others (physically/verbally),  
Off task  
Unsafe play (equipment, movement),  
Unintentional disrespect of person and property.

### Level 1

Reminder of a positive behavior you can use instead.

Warning and asked to change your behavior

### Level 2 Behaviour

Inappropriate language (swearing), rough play, reigniting a situation or intentionally antagonising people or situation  
Damage to relationships/people or property  
Repeated or continued level 1 behaviour.

### Level 2

To be completed at time of incident when child is calm.

You will be asked to complete a Behaviour Thinking sheet. This is to help you understand how your behavior has affected yourself and others. This is also a chance to think about a better choice you could've made.

### Level 3 Behaviour

Aggressive Behaviour—verbal or physical (Targeted), Excessive use of inappropriate language  
Refusal to co-operate  
Serious damage to self, others and property

### Level 3

You will be asked to complete a Level 3 Behaviour Thinking sheet and this will go home with you and be brought back to school signed by your parents.

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## School Wide Behaviour Expectations

	Respect Self	Respect Others	Respect Property
Inside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Have a go - "Positive attitude"</li> <li>★ Be ready to learn</li> <li>★ Use an inside voice</li> <li>★ Make good choices</li> <li>★ Follow the expectations of the learning space</li> <li>★ Move safely - Walk indoors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Allow others to learn</li> <li>★ Listen to each other because everyone has a voice</li> <li>★ One person speaks at a time</li> <li>★ Hands and feet to ourselves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Keep our spaces clean</li> <li>★ Return property</li> <li>★ Ask before using</li> </ul>
Outside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Use equipment safely and sensibly and as it is meant to be used</li> <li>★ Use your eyes and ears when moving around</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Work together to solve a problem - Remember there are teachers if you need help</li> <li>★ Be a good role model</li> <li>★ Share equipment, games and spaces</li> <li>★ Hands to ourselves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Put rubbish in the bins</li> <li>★ Put sports equipment away - if you borrow something, return it for someone else to use</li> <li>★ Take care of our gardens and plants</li> </ul>





## BIRTHDAYS

This week we congratulate Havana, Amity, Anthony, Thomas and Marco as they celebrate their birthday.

*We hope you all have a very.....*

**"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"**



WELCOMES PARENTS TO  
OPEN DAY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019  
AQUINAS COLLEGE 12-3PM  
46 Great Pyrie Street, Ringwood

For more information contact  
Mini Saundry 0427 908 344  
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## Australia Computational Thinking Challenge 2019

Students in years 3-6 will again participate in Bebras 2019. The students will participate in this online challenge in a 45min (Years 5 & 6) or a 60min (Years 3 & 4) session at school which will be held between 4th – 15th March and 26th August – 6th September. Students who return a signed consent form will receive a participation certificate for each challenge.

Bebras is an international student challenge run by CSIRO Education and Outreach through the Digital Careers program. The goal is to promote Computational Thinking to students (Primary and Secondary) in a way that highlights student ability beyond Science or Mathematical skills. Using Computational Thinking skills doesn't mean thinking like a computer – it is a way of thinking that promotes problem-solving and it can be used in every aspect of our lives. It uses a number of skills that help us to do this, these skills include: Pattern Recognition, Algorithms and Logic. Bebras Australia is designed to be accessible and easy to use and is linked to the Australian Curriculum.

*We use problem-solving in everything that we do – and future jobs will require this even more. Teaching Computational Thinking is not about how to use technology to solve the problem but rather how to understand the problems and identify the tools needed to solve them. Bebras is a challenge, not a competition. The aim is for students to develop a positive impression about Digital Technologies.*

For more information go to [www.bebbras.edu.au](http://www.bebbras.edu.au)

**BEBRAS**



WILL YOU TAKE ON  
THE CHALLENGE?

[www.bebbras.edu.au](http://www.bebbras.edu.au)



A GREAT SCHOOL WELCOMES YOU!

We are proud to showcase our College and look forward to your company at Open Day. There will be opportunities to meet and chat with staff and students and to take either a guided tour or self-guided tour.

No bookings required.

SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019

12-3PM

46 Great Pyrie Street  
Ringwood VIC 3134

03 9259 3000  
aquinasvic.edu.au



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## SUBWAY SPECIAL FOOD DAY

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** is Subway Special Food Day!

Order forms were sent home today.

All orders need to be completed and returned with correct money by next **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**.

Please be sure to:

1. Clearly write your **name** and **class**
2. Include the correct money

**No alterations can be made to the lunch options**



## MITCHAM THUNDER

Family Day / Registration Day

**Sunday March 3rd. 12pm-2pm**

**FREE**

\*Sausage Sizzle

\*Jumping Castle

\*Fairy Floss

\*Slushies

\*Drinks



Interested in playing basketball?

From 4 - 64 we can cater for you.

Come to our family day for more info.

RANGEVIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Churinga Ave, Mitcham.

