

St John's Parish

Primary School



March 18, 2019 No. 6

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

MARCH	20	Wednesday	Open Morning, 9.30am Summer Sports Day - Year 5/6 PA Meeting, 7.00pm
	21	Thursday	Harmony Day Parish Lenten presentation, 7.00pm
	25	Monday	Open Morning, 9.30am
	28	Thursday	First Reconciliation Celebration, 6.30 or 7.30pm
	31	Sunday	Parish Family Mass & Presentation of Reconciliation Certificates, 9.45am
APRIL	1	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am

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Dear Parents,

We celebrate Harmony Day on Thursday at St John's Mitcham. This is an opportunity to celebrate Australia's diversity with a focus on inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. We are so fortunate to have so many cultures here at St John's. Recent events in New Zealand highlights the importance of helping our children to understand that everyone belongs. The values of compassion and respect should be cherished and nurtured by all.

Our prayer for Harmony Day

Lord Jesus, be with our St John's Community.

Grant us Your peace and harmony.

Gift us with compassion to better understand each other,
wisdom and love to assist each other, and trust and patience
to work and play peacefully together.

Grant that through your disciple St John, our community will be accepting of each other, work together in unity, be selflessly dedicated to one another and to You.

Amen



SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday -Friday, 8.30am -4.00pm

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SECOND HAND UNIFORM

CO-ORDINATOR

Kathleen Spicer

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8.30 -9.00am Multi Purpose Room

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Before & After School Care 1300 105 343

CO-ORDINATOR

Richard

HOURS: 7.00 -8.30 am
3.20 -6.15 pm

LUNCH ORDERS

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PARISH CONTACTS:

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PARISH PRIEST

Father Dispin John

PARISH SECRETARIES

Mrs. Elisa Kelesidis

Mrs. Martine Giles

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Mrs. Maree O'Keefe

We look forward to a wonderful day together celebrating with the following activities:
Cultural capers, prayer, a taste of harmony and lap-a-thon – all celebrating the colours of the world.

Faith Sharing Opportunity During LENT

On Thursday 21 March at 7pm there will be an evening with Fr Elio Capra on prayer and scripture with a Lenten focus. Elio is an entertaining and enriching presenter and this promises to be a great evening. All welcome. Coghlan Centre (Building behind the school) at 7pm.

Student/Parent/Teacher Learning Discussions

On April 2 and 3 (Week 10) there will be student/parent/teacher discussions. We strongly encourage students to attend as prior to these discussions, teachers will be spending time supporting students, enabling them to feel comfortable in sharing elements of their learning with you. At St John's we aim to give our learners increasing responsibility and ownership of their learning so that they can develop into independent, life-long learners. As part of the Visible Learning project, an element of this is students understanding where they are in their learning journey and where they need to go as a next step. This is done through shared analysis of assessments and goal setting in classrooms.

This process is an authentic way to encourage students to take responsibility for their learning, actions and decisions. This process will demonstrate to students that we, as staff and parents, positively support their learning and acknowledge the value we place on their views and respect we have for their opinions. It also clearly demonstrates that, together, we will support their learning and celebrate their achievements.

The purpose of the discussion/conference is to:

- * Celebrate growth in your child's learning, wellbeing and achievements
- * An opportunity for your child to articulate their learning and learning goals
- * A chance for parents to engage in your child's learning

The structure of the discussion/conference is as follows:

- The conference will run for 10 minutes.
- The student, parent/s and teacher will be present at the conference.
- Students with guidance from their classroom teacher will discuss their progress towards achieving their academic learning goals, show evidence of achievement and share future learning goals.
- Parents will be encouraged to provide feedback to their child on their progress.

Teacher to lead discussion on planning for future growth in all key learning areas.

We look forward to this opportunity for students to celebrate their learning. Bookings will open next week.

Building Project Update

We have a meeting planned on Wednesday with representatives from Catholic Education Melbourne and Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne to move the project to the next stage. There has been a lot of work behind the scenes ensuring we have all correct permits and that procedures are being followed. Thanks for your support and understanding.

Thank You

As a community we raised \$950 at Twilight Sports for the student selected cause – Kids with Cancer. Thanks to all parents who supported, especially the Gilbert/Longmore and Stutchbury families for their leadership of the event.

Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6 students had a wonderful time on camp. I would like to thank Kristina Reid, Andy Brown and Melinda Kerwin for their support on camp. Our students have shared the following reflection.

Open Morning

We have our next open morning planned for Wednesday. We look forward to seeing prospective families for a tour of our school.

If there are any younger siblings who will be starting prep in 2020 could I ask parents to please complete enrolment forms and return to the office by the end of this term.

CSEF Eligibility

If you are currently the holder of a Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) you are eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF). The CSEF is an annual payment to the school used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the eligible student.

For more information please read the document included in today's newsletter and complete the application form available at the school office.

Have a good week,

Jacqui Marshall

Principal



On Friday eleven students from St John's attended the annual Mass for Schools, celebrating Catholic Education Week and St Patrick's feast day, the patron saint of our Archdiocese. The principal celebrant was Archbishop Comensoli who spoke to over three thousand teachers and students in attendance about us all being saints. He defined saints as "someone found by God," who spreads the Good News to all. Before mass concluded we were asked to dedicate our energies to ensuring that the message of Jesus Christ and the teaching of the Church will be kept alive in our schools.

"We commit ourselves to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ by working together in respect, love and peace, making God's kingdom a reality in the world. Today we re-commit ourselves to catholic education and to caring for all those in our school community."

Following mass we were entertained in the Treasury Gardens by talented musicians from various Catholic Secondary Schools. It was indeed a great celebration of Catholic Education.



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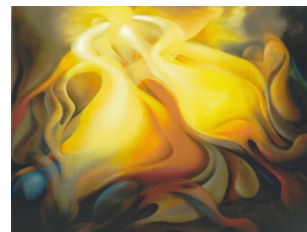
An advertisement for Emmaus College Open Day. It features a photo of two smiling students in school uniforms. Overlaid text includes: 'For Tour Bookings or more information, see College website: www.emmaus.vic.edu.au', 'OPEN DAY' in large letters, 'Vermont South Campus', and 'Thursday, 28 March 2019 | 1.30-6.30 pm'.

Education in Faith News

Our Gospel Challenge this week is to:*think about what we are saying when we pray*

Lord,
You call us out of darkness.
Fill us with your light.
Amen

The Transfiguration baffles many people. Jesus and his closest friends go up a mountain and pray and during their prayer they realise the importance of Jesus and his mission. They connect his mission to historic religious leaders like Moses and Elijah. They feel God's presence. They go back down the mountain and head toward Jerusalem, where their insights will change how they live in the real world.



Our prayer life should help us be Christ's presence to all people - from the people in our schools and local community to the people in faraway lands. Lent is a good time to evaluate our prayer and worship life.

Is prayer a fueling station for our journey as a disciple?



This week students are learning about sixteen-year-old Peter who attends a boarding school in the Solomon Islands which has experienced water shortages for 60 years. Previously students would have to walk kilometres each day in search of clean water. This was particularly challenging for Peter who is living with a disability.

Peter's mother left the family when he was little and has since passed away. His father decided to move from northern Malaita to Honiara, to better provide for his family. He arranged for Peter to stay with his aunt, then attend Aligegeo Secondary School. Groundwater sources at the school have dried up and rainfall is unpredictable. Water in surrounding wells often made students sick or gave them rashes.

Caritas Australia, and partners Caritas Solomon Islands (CASI) and the Solomon Islands Government Rural Water Sanitation and Hygiene division (RWASH), have teamed up with the school to tackle the problem.

CASI provided a 90 kilo-litre water tank, electric pump and technical advice, while the Malaita Provincial Government contributed labour. Staff and students took part in training, dug trenches and are helping with a water management plan. The school now has a safe, reliable water system, servicing around 1,000 people. "Now we can stay at school to wash and not interrupt our official class time,"

Peter hopes to focus on his education and to help others in future by working for an aid and development agency himself.

However much more needs to be done to improve access to reliable water and sanitation in the Solomon Islands.

The money raised from our lap-a-thon on Harmony Day, this coming Thursday, will be given to Caritas Australia to assist projects both locally and internationally like this one.

Have an enjoyable week,
Monica

Important Dates to Remember

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Performing Arts and School Production



Greetings,

Can I begin by saying a huge thank you to all staff, students and parents who have already made me feel so welcome and part of such a lovely community. My name is Lou Devoy and I am the Performing Arts teacher. I am thoroughly enjoying my time here at St. John's and getting to know all my students in class or choir. A special shout out of thanks to those choir members who attended Mass and helped with the singing in February. A reminder there is another Family Mass on Sunday 31st March at 9.45. All choir members are warmly encouraged to come along.

It is with great excitement that we are beginning the planning for our School Production which will take place next term on Thursday 27th June. In the next few weeks, students will begin learning about their class items and the 5/6 students will be taking part in an audition process to determine who plays which role. Students who choose to audition will come home with a script next week and auditions will take place on Monday 25th March and Monday 1st April from 12-2pm. Any parents who might be willing to be part of the costume, backdrop or scenery teams are encouraged to email me your interest and area of expertise. devoy@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au

I look forward to an exciting and busy term ahead and will keep you updated as we move along.

Ms Lou Devoy



YEAR 6 LAKE NILLAHCOOTIE CAMP

Last week the year 6's went to Lake Nillahcootie Camp for three nights. On camp we did a lot of exciting activities, team challenges, canoeing, flying fox and much, much more.

Canoeing was really fun! We got to go on the lake and we were in our canoes with two or three other people. We also got to play a few games on the lake. One of the games was choosing a country around the world and then we tried to tag as many people as we could. When we tagged them they become the same country as us.

The flying fox was one of our favourite activities on camp. It was a couple of metres up from the ground when we first went on and then it got higher along the way. What we had to do was to climb up and then hook ourselves in. Then there was a rope attached to the harness and a bunch of people from our group pulled us along. When we reached the end they let go and we went zooming back to where we started.

By Amity & Sienna

"I loved abseiling and the flying fox because it was a bit scary but fun. We had an awesome time meeting new people and hanging out with our friends".

By Jesse

"I liked the water slide and abseiling because everyone cheered me and I was able to do something new. The talent show was great, everyone was really good and showed off their talents!"

By Abbey

"I liked canoeing because it was fun learning how to do it on our own. We got lost, but found our way back then got really muddy! The week was great, I made new friends from St James and got to spend time with my own friends. I got to do somethings I hadn't done before and we had to work together to do them"

By Phoebe



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Wellbeing Being Kind

Last Friday the 15th of March was National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. In classes, students engaged in the day through discussions and activities involving an understanding of what bullying is (and what it isn't), the different types of bullying and what to do if you ever feel like you are being bullied. Staff and students at St John's agree that the best way to be is being kind to others! Here are some of our thoughts on what it means to be kind....

Kindness means respecting others and helping people when they're hurt (Kane, 5/6)

Kindness means caring about others (Milla, 1/2)

Kindness means helping others (Monica, prep)

Kindness means helping, caring, helping your friend and being nice to everyone (Gemma, 5/6)

Kindness means helping others grow (Oliver, 3/4)

Kindness is something you should always do and saying thank you to people (Elliot, 1/2)

Kindness means reaching out to others, taking the time to listen to others and being the best person you can be (Mrs Marshall)

Twilight Sports 2019

The eager students were well trained in running, jumping and throwing, the House Captains had rehearsed their chants, the staff were mentally prepared, the parents had answered the call for help, the sausages were sizzling and the perfect weather had been ordered and delivered...everything was in place for a brilliant twilight event of Athletics at St John's!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the night. To the students for your eagerness and commitment to competition... but also to helping out other students who needed assistance. To all the parents and staff who volunteered their time to help set up, score, run events and pack up at the end of the night; your help was much appreciated. A special mention to the Stutchbury family (MOVA Plumbing and Maintenance) who donated all the makings of a fantastic sausage sizzle. The moneys collected from the night went to the Kids With Cancer Foundation.

And, of course congratulations to Durkin (red) house for another great win! And to Jack Iacune (Lyons) and Amity Carter (Coghlan) for their determination and success in the Championship Senior 400 metre event. It is celebrating events like this that make our little school come together and stand out from the rest...so well done and thank you!





BIRTHDAYS

This week we congratulate Anna and Zara as they celebrate their special day.

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

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"



MITCHAM EAGLES FOOTBALL CLUB

Mitcham Eagles Football Club are recruiting now for under 12 players to play in the Saturday Footy League. New recruits will receive half price registration of \$75 for 2019. You are welcome to come along to a training session and see what it is all about. Training will commence on Weds 27 March & Wednesday 3 April from 4:45 – 6pm at Heatherdale Reserve.

Please contact Mel Alder 04 2130 0527.

ITALIAN CAPTAINS



Congratulations to Mansahib and Daiah on receiving

Italian Captains Leadership Award for 2019

Bravi!!

ITALIAN—from Signora De Amicis

Ciao a tutti !

Ready for a weekly Italian competition?

Will you be the first student to come and tell me the answer on THURSDAY MORNINGS??

If you've answered yes... then you could win a prize!!!

Here's what you need to do.

Look for the Italian question in the newsletter, remember the answer and then be the first student to tell me the answer on Thursday morning and the prize is yours !!!

Sounds easy !!

Let's get started....

What are the colours of the Italian flag ?

Answer in Italian !!!!

Good luck !!!!



College Open Day

Tuesday 19 March 2019, 2.30–6.30 pm



Our Lady of Sion College warmly invites you to come and see how **your** daughter will embrace life at Sion.

We look forward to welcoming you to our College.

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





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ST JOHN'S PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Easter RAFFLE

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\$1 each or 15 for \$10

PRIZES

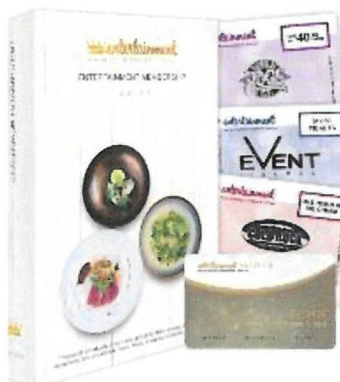
First: Gourmet hamper, including a Hoyts gift card
(donated by Dustin Halse, valued at \$110.00)

Second: 2019 Entertainment Book & bonus chocolates
(valued at \$90)

Third: Chocolate hamper
(donated by Michael Sukkar, valued at \$55.00)

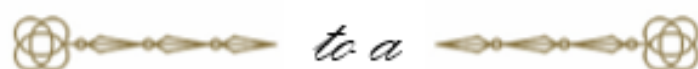
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Friday, 5th April 2019 (last day of term 1)



Please return payments and any unsold tickets by **Monday 1st April 2019.**

WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU



LADIES' DINNER NIGHT

\$35 per head

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Peter Bodman
Director