

St John's Parish

Primary School



March 25, 2019 No. 7

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

MARCH	28	Thursday	First Reconciliation Celebration, 6.30 or 7.30pm
	31	Sunday	Parish Family Mass & Presentation of Reconciliation Certificates, 9.45 and 11.15am
APRIL	1	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am
	2	Tuesday	Student/ Parent/ Teacher Learning Discussions, 3.50-7.00pm
	3	Wednesday	Student/ Parent/ Teacher Learning Discussions, 3.50-6.00pm
	4	Thursday	Open Morning, 9.30am
	5	Friday	Term 1 Ends (Free Dress Day)
	24	Wednesday	Term 2 Commences
	25	Thursday	ANZAC Day - NO SCHOOL
	27	Saturday	First Eucharist Medal Presentation, 6.00pm
	28	Sunday	First Eucharist Medal Presentation & Parish Family Mass, 9.45am
	29	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am

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Dear Parents,

Please note that there is a **School Closure Day – Tuesday 23 April**.

Student/Parent/Teacher Discussions

On Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 April (next week) there will be student/parent/teacher discussions. Bookings will go live tomorrow at 9:30am – instructions included later in the newsletter.

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.

Camp Australia

With the change of Camp Australia over to the Zebedee room I would like to obtain some feedback from parents as to how the program is going. Please feel free to email me both strengths of the program and any challenges

– principal@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au

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

Education in Faith News

Our Gospel Challenge this week is to: *give others a second chance.*

Yesterday we heard Jesus' fig-tree parable. It teaches us that God is the patient gardener, advising the land-owner against cutting down the tree. God promises to fertilise it. Give it time – it just needs a little help.

It's nice to know that's how God deals with us. Too often we give up on people. We think they can't change. Or, we look at how hard it is for us to change bad habits and we want to give up on ourselves. During those times Penance and Reconciliation can be good for us. The sacrament reminds us about God's patience with us and God's willingness to *"fertilise" us so that we grow. God fertilises us through prayer, Mass, service, and friends with similar values. Penance and Reconciliation also reminds us to show God's mercy to others.*

Finally, it reminds us that we can fertilise the lives of others by listening and caring about them without judgment, as well as by challenging their behaviour lovingly when they are on the wrong track.

Lent is a good time to add some fertiliser to our lives. And celebrating Penance and Reconciliation can be a great gardening technique.

We congratulate and pray for Florence, Daniela, Estelle, Mia, Jasmine, Monica, Harry, Riley, Arnold, Connor and Harrison who will be celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this Thursday evening.



This week students are learning about twenty-one year-old Michaela who is helping to build a social enterprise for people with chronic illnesses at The Purple House in Alice Springs. Featured in Project Compassion 2014, the First Australian-run Wellbeing Program, uses its profits to connect and care for dialysis patients who are far from home.

As a Purple House trainee, Michaela completed a Certificate IV in business management. She was also recently promoted from administration trainee to permanent employee, working on The Wellbeing Program.

The young Alywarr woman cares for patients as they receive dialysis and helps them to feel at home and remain hopeful during treatment. Patients in turn pass on traditional knowledge to Michaela. The program is run by the Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation, with support from Caritas Australia.

First Australians are twice as likely to experience chronic kidney disease, and four times more likely to die from it than other Australians*. With the help of staff like Michaela, the Aboriginal-controlled service gives patients the opportunity to stay connected with their culture. They do this through traditional healing practices and income-generating activities, such as making bush balms and soaps.



Profits are invested back into supporting patients receiving remote care and help to get people on dialysis back on country. *"Hope means having something to look forward to. I enjoy building relationships with the patients and learning from them. If we keep our culture alive we can feel strong."*

Have an enjoyable week,
Monica

Important Dates to Remember

March	28	Thursday	First Reconciliation Celebration, 6.30pm and 7.30pm
	31	Sunday	Parish Family Mass & Presentation of Reconciliation Certificates, 9.45& 11.45am

Future Leader Emmaus Seminar

Last Friday St John's Future Leaders In Year Four to Six attended a Leadership Seminar at Emmaus College. At 9:00am the Future Leaders were collected by the Emmaus bus and went to Emmaus. Along the way we picked up students from St Timothy's School. When we had arrived at Emmaus we went to the Galilee Centre where we were welcomed to Emmaus by students and the principal, Mr Tony Hirst.

We listened to Amelia, Evie and Harry's dad, who teaches at the school and he talked to us about being a good leader. We were then asked to describe the leadership strengths of Scott Morrison, Donald Trump, Daisy Pearce and Oprah Winfrey. We broke off into our school groups and discussed leadership skills, facilitated by an Emmaus year eight leader called Matthew.

After a snack we explored what impact we can have in our school. We brainstormed ideas for fundraising, assemblies and special days. We will take these ideas to our Future Leader Meetings. After lunch we came back to school on the Emmaus bus.

Bartek and Kieran



HARMONY DAY 2019

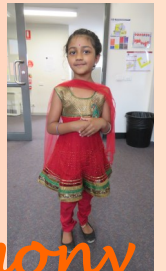
What a celebration of diversity and culture at Harmony Day last Thursday. Thank you to all who participated. A very big thank you to Julie Tauali'i, Perry Natoli, Aunty Heather Kennedy, Ange Crowe and Signora Rosetta De Amicis for sharing their cultures with us and Footsteps Dance Company who led us in African and Bollywood dance sessions. Thank you to the many parents who volunteered to assist us with serving the delicious lunch and thank you families for preparing such wonderful food. Thanks also to all those who volunteered to assist with the lap-a-thon. There was no rain this year but the conditions were very warm, not unlike some developing countries where communities have to walk many kilometres for fresh water. A final thank you to all students who participated enthusiastically in activities and displayed respect to all. When students were asked why we were praying as a whole school, responses included "because we are grateful to God for all the wonderful cultures in our lives", "it is important" and "to ask for peace and harmony in our world".





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BE YOU!.....Supporting Mental Health

The World Health organisation define mental health as being: a **state of wellbeing** in which every individual realises his or her own **potential**, can **cope** with the normal stresses of life, can work **productively** and **fruitfully**, and is able to make a **contribution** to his or her community.

At St John's we aim to support the mental health of all our students. One way we do this is our involvements in the brand new initiative Be You. Be You has combined Kidsmatter, Mind Matters and Headspace into one supportive mental health initiative. Be You's vision is for every school to be a positive, inclusive and resilient community, where every child, young person, staff member and parent/carer can achieve their best possible mental health. We take student anxiety and low self esteem as serious issues and have supports in place for any students who may be experiencing mental health difficulties. If you have any concerns regarding your child's mental health, please feel free to speak out.

Staff will begin engaging in the five Be You domains throughout the year - **Family Partnerships, Learning resilience, Early Support, Responding Together and Mentally Healthy Communities.**

Watch this space for more on Be You!



SUMMER SPORTS 2019

On Wednesday 20th March the 5/6 students went to Heatherdale reserve and participated in the Summer sports carnival. The sports included newcombe, tennis and softball.

The boys softball team had a really good start to the day. We were very supportive of each other and contributed as a team to playing a fair game against all the other schools. We had many close matches, some of which we won. We all had a lot of fun!

The girls soft ball team had a successful day, coming runners up overall to Beverly Hills. The day was filled with fun, excitement and joy for all the girls. We encouraged each other to have a go at all the different positions on the field and to do our best and stay positive. We showed good sportsmanship after each game by shaking hands with the opposition and most importantly we all had fun!

The boys tennis came first overall! We will now go through for our district to the next stage! We showed good sportsmanship, shaking hands with people from the other schools at the end of the games. We had a really good start, dropped a bit in the middle but we were able to finish strongly.

The girls tennis team went really well at the beginning of the day. We were fair players in all our games and scored fairly throughout the day. We came third overall and we each won a couple of games, so it was good that everyone was able to have some success.

A big thank you to all the staff and parents that helped on the day and made it such a huge success! A special thank you to Steve Gilbert and Sarah Longmore for helping with coaching and management on the day.



ITALIAN QUIZ

What is the capital of Italy?
Who will be the first student to tell me the correct answer



CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Kieran who competed in the Regional Swimming Championships recently.
Well done Kieran!!



BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Monique, Wal, Elisha and Natasha
We hope you all have a very.....

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"



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Telephone: 9845 3211

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OPEN DAY

Vermont South Campus
Thursday, 28 March 2019 | 1.30-6.30 pm

HOT CROSS BUN SPECIAL FOOD DAY!



Fruit Bun \$1.00



Chocolate Bun \$1.00

Hot Cross Bun Special Food Day

Friday 5th April

The Parents Association will be selling Hot Cross Bun with 2 choices of fruit or chocolate buns at recess
\$1.00.



EASTER RAFFLE

St John's Parents' Association Easter Raffle tickets went home the week before last with the eldest child in your family.

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

Good luck!

Tickets: \$1 each or 15 for \$10

Prizes:

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

Second: 2019 Entertainment Book (digital edition) & bonus chocolates, valued at \$90.00

Third: Chocolate hamper, valued at \$55.00

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



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

TICKETS

\$1 each or 15 for \$10

PRIZES

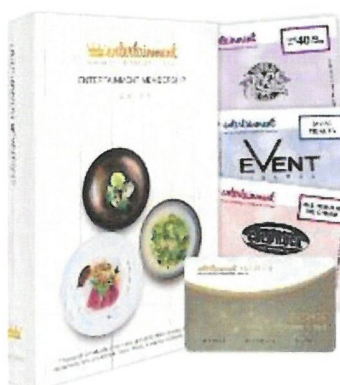
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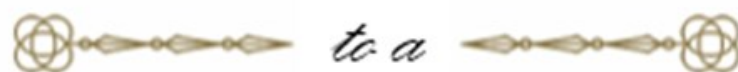
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WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU



LADIES' DINNER NIGHT

\$35 per head

Including shared entrees, a choice of a
main and a dessert with BYO
(no charge for BYO)

FRIDAY, 29 MARCH 2019 AT 7.00PM

ROCCA'S WOODFIRED PIZZERIA & PASTA BAR

SHOP 1, 55/65 RAILWAY ROAD, BLACKBURN

*please RSVP to Trang (Alexander 1/2 SFH)
paile.tdang@gmail.com
0401 232 717*



Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents

Student/Parent/Teacher Learning Discussion will be held between 3.50 - 7.00pm on Tuesday 2 April and 3.50 - 6.00pm on Wednesday 3 April, 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 26 March at 9.30am)

BOOKINGS CLOSE on Tuesday 2 April at 10.00am

School event code

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Go to

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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 26 March 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.