

St John's Parish

Primary School



April 1, 2019 No. 8

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

APRIL	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) Hot Cross Bun 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,

It is hard to believe that this is the last newsletter for term 1. Today I asked some students to share with me what has been a highlight for them this term and here are their responses:

- ◇ *I loved camp because of all the fun activities that demonstrated teamwork – Deedee*
- ◇ *Summer sports, as now I am a senior students I can be more involved – Anna*
- ◇ *Twilight sports because I had the opportunity to participate in lots of events for blue team – Hayden*
- ◇ *Learning letters – Havana*
- ◇ *In year 1 have learnt new things like patterns – Evie*
- ◇ *In Math's I have learnt about new strategies to help me work things out – Sophie*
- ◇ *In Math's I have enjoyed learning about adding doubles – Milla*
- ◇ *I enjoyed Harmony Day as we experienced all the other cultures and food – Jacob*



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

We look forward to seeing you at the student/parent/teacher discussions on Tuesday (3:50pm – 7pm) and Wednesday after school. A reminder the portal will close for bookings at 9:30am tomorrow.

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 would appreciate any feedback about this process as it has come about from a recommendation from our 2018 school review process. So please feel free to email me – jmarshall@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au

Thank you to our prep parents who responded to the feedback request on the transition process this year. There were many affirmations and suggestions for improvement, which will be taken on board.

An important reminder that **school commences for term 2 on Wednesday 24 April**. Staff will be involved in a day of professional learning on Tuesday 23 April and this will be the only school closure day for term 2. Here are the school closure days for the rest of the year (Other than public holidays)– Monday 15 July, Monday 4 November and Friday 15 November.

Thank you to the PA (coordinated by Trang) for hosting a mums dinner on Friday night at Rocca's Woodfired Pizzeria and Pasta Bar, Blackburn. It was a great success!

Have a great week and holiday time with your family. I encourage you to be part of the Easter masses here at St John's Mitcham.

Blessings on you all at this time,

Jacqui Marshall
Principal

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.

BIRTHDAYS

Over the coming weeks we have many students celebrating their birthday. We congratulate Chelsea, Angus, Xavier, Anria, Ava, Eleonora, Riley, Maeve, Will and Zac.

We hope you all have a very.....
"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

Education in Faith News

Our Gospel Challenge this week is to: *forgive others!*

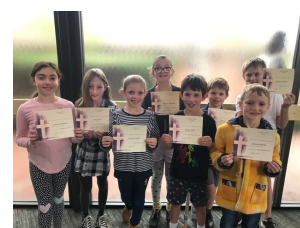
The lost son in the Gospel story this week had wished his father dead by asking for his inheritance. But when he returns because he has nowhere else to go, the father runs to him, gives him the family ring, clothes him in the best robe, and kills a fattened calf (people ate meat rarely). If you read the text closely, you see that the father doesn't even let his son complete the apology before ordering all this.

Lent is a time to come home. We all stray. We live in a world that often calls us away from God. But God knows each of us by our fingerprint, knows when we turn away, and still always stands waiting, scanning the horizon, hoping to see us turn back, looking for a chance to run toward us and embrace us once again.

In what ways do we need to come home to God this Lent?

Reconciliation

This week's gospel is a beautiful parable Jesus tells to teach us about forgiveness and reconciliation. It was told in our reconciliation ceremony on Thursday evening. In his homily Father Dispin spoke of us all being good people who sometimes miss the mark and make mistakes. He emphasised that God is a loving and forgiving God. The church has named and formally recognised seven sacraments as the powerful ways God reaches out to connect with his people here and now. Pope John Paul II said that a sacrament made visible the invisible mystery of God. The sacraments of the church are visible signs that God's presence is real and is among us. They are signs that God loves us. Each of the seven sacraments of the church emphasises a different dimension of our relationship with a loving God. Reconciliation highlights the merciful nature of God. **Daniela, Estelle, Mia, Jasmine, Monica, Harry, Riley, Arnold, Connor and Harrison celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time and received their certificates at the weekend's parish masses.**



Project Compassion

Students this week will meet Salma who lives with her husband, Masud, in the rural community of Gazipur, two hours from Bangladesh's bustling capital. She was just 18 years old, pregnant and fearful for her life and that of her unborn child, when she featured in Project Compassion 2013. In Bangladesh, maternal and infant mortality rates are still tragically high. During her first pregnancy, Salma was very sick, she experienced abdominal pain and couldn't eat. She sought the help of a midwife called Pronoti, trained by Caritas Australia's Safe Motherhood Program. Pronoti helped Salma safely through two pregnancies, thanks to her comprehensive training in midwifery, antenatal and postnatal care. The program has reduced maternal and infant mortality in the area by almost 70 percent. Over 400 women have been trained in midwifery since 2008 – and they have given over 28,000 women antenatal checkups and delivered more than 15,000 babies.



Now 24, Salma smiles as she watches her one-year-old boy and six-year-old daughter play together. She is pleased that they are growing up strong and can focus on their hopes for the future.

"We are poor and so it is easy to get discouraged about the future. However, if we have hope, we have the courage to try and do things that seem difficult or impossible at the time."

***Could all money raised from the walk-a-thon please be returned this week to the office. All money raised will be sent to Caritas Australia to support their projects in Australia and internationally. Project Compassion boxes may be returned after the school holidays.

Wishing you all the many blessing of the Easter Season,
Monica

Important Dates to Remember

April	27	Saturday	First Eucharist Medal Presentation Mass 6:00pm
	28	Sunday	Parish Family Mass First Eucharist Medal Presentation Mass 9:45am
	30	Tuesday	Arnold, Connor and Jasmine's Home Mass 6:30pm





EASTER TIMETABLE 2019

PARISH LENTEN PENITENTIAL CELEBRATION - Tuesday 9 April

7.30pm Service

HOLY THURSDAY – Thursday 18 April

7.30pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by quiet prayer

GOOD FRIDAY - Friday 19 April

11.00am, March of Witness (Stations of the Cross)

3.00pm, Commemoration of the Passion

HOLY SATURDAY - Saturday 20 April

7.30pm, Easter Vigil

(Please note: there will be NO 6.00pm Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday 21 April

St John's Church

6.00am, Dawn Mass (followed by light refreshments in the Church Narthex) - **All welcome!**

8.30am, Easter Mass

10.30am, Easter Mass

(Please note: There will be NO 9.45am, 11.15am or 5.00pm masses on Easter Sunday)

St James Community Centre, Vermont - 9.30am, Easter Mass



EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets and payments for the Easter raffle are due back today.

Could families please return payments and any unsold tickets to the office as soon as possible.

The raffle will be drawn on Friday, 5th April 2019.

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets to support our raffle, and good luck!



BULLYING. NO WAY!

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TOGETHER

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At John's we value how important it is to encourage all students to act kindly and respectfully towards others. We would like to recognise those students who have shown acts of kindness through the introduction of "Kindness awards" which will be given out at assemblies. Congratulations to the following students who are our first recipients of Kindness awards:

Gracie (Year 5) - For checking in with younger students and making sure they have someone to play with.

Jack I (Year 6) - For showing kindness to everyone, patience for younger students and including everyone in his games.

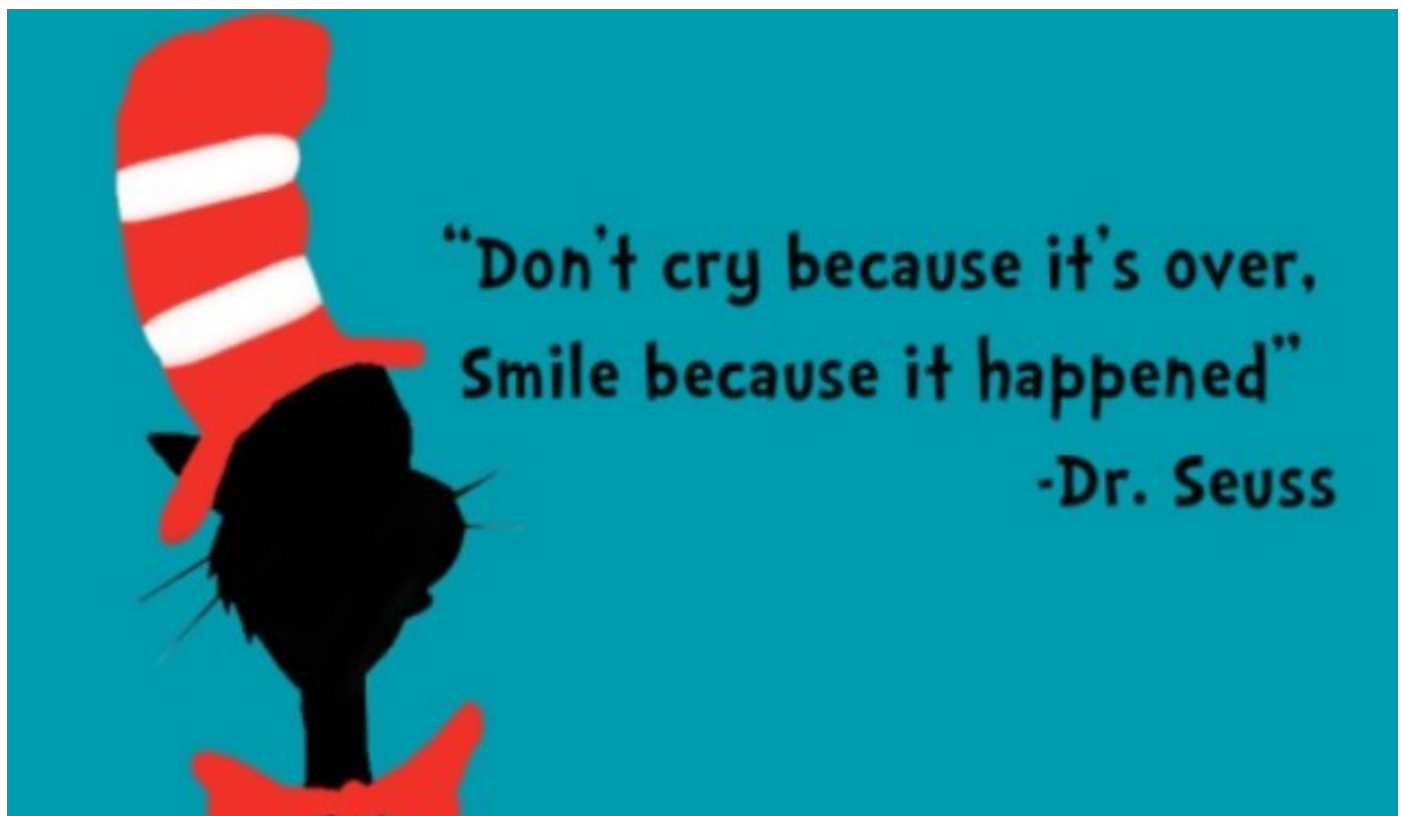
LeBron (Year 6) - For showing patience towards younger students and including everyone in his footy and basketball games.



ITALIAN QUIZ

Which Italian car recently raced in the Grand Prix?

Buona Fortuna !





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

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 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.