

St John's Parish

Primary School



May 13, 2019 No. 11

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

MAY	14	Tuesday	NAPLAN Commences - Years 3 & 5 (14-16 May)
	16	Thursday	First Eucharist Parent Evening with Elio Capra, 7.00pm
	18	Saturday	Year 2 Level Mass, 6.00pm
	19	Sunday	Year 2 Level Mass, 9.45am
	26	Sunday	Parish Family Mass, 9.45am Parish Mission Week (26 - 31 May)
	27	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am

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Family Prayer

God be with our family,
From the youngest to the oldest,
Lighting up our relationships,
Sowing grace into our troubles.

God be with our family,
Weaving love into our work,
Our rest, and our play.

Amen.

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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

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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

Dear Parents,

I hope all our mothers enjoyed their special day yesterday. This week is Family Week in the Archdiocese of Melbourne and catholic schools are asked to reflect and celebrate families and also promote CatholicCare - a social service agency for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. It provides family and relationship services, relationship courses, pastoral services, refugee and asylum seeker support as well as school and education support. All services are offered to the whole community, regardless of religious belief or background.

Grandparents/Special Friends Day

Over the past few years we have celebrated Grandparents/Special Friends Day during this week however this year we will celebrate Grandparents/Special Friends Day in term four on Wednesday October 16. Please let grandparents and special friends know of the date.

NAPLAN

Year Three and Year Five students will be sitting NAPLAN assessments in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Please reassure your child that the tests are just one part of the school program and that they just need to try their best.

Adult Faith Formation Evening

All parents are warmly invited to attend an adult faith formation evening facilitated by Rev Dr Elio Capra on Eucharist. Rev. Dr Elio is a lecturer at Catholic Theological College on Liturgy and Sacramental Theology and an extremely engaging presenter. He has been described as "a modern, straight talking theologian." When asked one day about what he enjoys most about his job he answered, "making a difference in the way people think and live." Come along and have a listen.

Baby News

We congratulate Alina (Prep NC) and family on the arrival of her baby brother Fitz. We wish them every happiness.

Learning Collaborative

You may notice myself and other leaders in the school missing towards the end of this week and beginning of next week. Our team will be attending professional learning with staff from other schools on identifying, contextualising and embedding highly effective practices that improve student learning outcomes here at St John's.

Enjoy the week ahead!



THURSDAY 27 JUNE, 2019



Education in Faith News

Our Gospel Challenge this week is to: *spend a few minutes each day to talk with God in prayer*

The message in this week's Gospel about God being like a good shepherd is clear. We're in good hands – God's hands. Nothing can change that. We can't fall out of God's hands. We can't get cut from or kicked out of God's hands. We don't need to be rich or popular to be in God's hands. Why do we worry?

We can have a life of meaning and loving starting right now if we just recognise where we live – in God's hands. Who is this God? Ignore false images of God as judgmental and punishing. Jesus says he and God are one. So we should look at Jesus to understand God. We will be reminded that God is a loving, merciful, and compassionate parent who cares in a special way for all people including those most forgotten.

I'm not sure if Family Week is planned at this time of the year because of the readings on Sunday or even Mother's Day but when I was leading Children's Liturgy in my parish near home yesterday I was able to share the links of a shepherd, God and our mum's quite easily.



Family Week

We are celebrating Family Week at St John's this week. "Building Connections in the Spirit of Hope" is the theme for Family Week 2019. Families are the number one support for the students in our school, so we want to use this time to celebrate and strengthen family relationships. We are at our best when we are connected to others and to the world around us. Genuine hope is built on vulnerability and love, rather than self-defence and indifference; on a joy that seeks new opportunities, rather than a fear that constantly sees new threats; on a strong community base rather than individualism; on building bridges not walls.

CatholicCare has provided resources to help us. You are invited to look over the resources, particularly the *Building Trust in Relationships and Family Week 2019 Resources and Links for Parents* on CatholicCare website.

We are creating a Family Tree that is displayed in Mary MacKillop Space. Each family is invited to bring in a photo/drawing of their family and display it on our tree. We want to acknowledge, be grateful for and celebrate our wonderful families here at St John's.

Have a wonderful week,
Monica

Important Dates to Remember

May	16	Thursday	First Eucharist Parent Formation Evening with Fr Elio, 7.00pm
	18	Saturday	Year 2 Level Mass, 6.00pm
	19	Sunday	Year 2 level Mass, 9.45am
	26	Sunday	Parish Family Mass, 9.45am
			Parish Family Mission Commences (26-30 May)
	30	Thursday	Parish Family Mission Ends.

MISSION WEEK PROGRAM

A mission will be conducted by Fr. Ray Sanchez, a Passionist priest from Sunday 26 May – Thursday 30 May 2019. There will be morning and evening sessions (repeated) throughout the Mission. All morning sessions will be preceded by **9am Mass** this week.

Session 1: Sunday 26th May 7-9pm

“The Family and How We Communicate”

Our understanding of family has undergone many changes in recent years. Families are under enormous pressure, both from without and within and this affects our society and ourselves. We look at the issues our modern society confronts the family with, as well as the dynamic within it. We search for better ways to cope with change and communicate better within the family.

Session 2: Monday 27th May

10am – 12 noon

Repeat 7.30pm – 9.30pm

“Grief, Loss and the Mystery of Human Suffering”

At some stage, grief and loss situations confront us all. Suffering in one form or another is part of our human condition. In this session we look at these aspects of our lives and explore ways in which our Christian faith helps us find meaning in this.

Session 3: Tuesday 28th May

10am -12 noon

Repeat 7.30pm – 9.30pm

“Sharing Our Faith with Our Children and Grandchildren”

In the past, faith was considered a static thing – you either had it or you did not. Through the study of psychology we have learned that faith, like so many other areas of our life, undergoes constant change and development. Our Church’s expression of faith has also undergone massive changes. In this session we will examine how our faith changes and matures through the stages from childhood to adult faith. We will then explore ways that faith is passed on in families.

Session 4: Wednesday 29th May

10 am – 12 noon

Repeat 7.30pm – 9.30pm

“Prayer, Solitude and Everyday Spirituality”

In this session we explore the rich variety of prayer styles within our Christian tradition. We look at how we can live out every day spirituality in the ordinariness that makes up most of our lives. We are provided with an experience of guided meditation as a form of Christian prayer.

Session 5: Thursday 30th May

10am – 12 noon

Repeat 7.30pm – 9.30pm

“Reconciliation and Eucharist”

A Parish Mission is a time of renewal of faith. We focus on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith as Catholics. We look at its history and explore its meaning as meal in the context of Jesus’ life and ministry. We conclude the mission with a celebration of the Reconciliation.

PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO BRING A BYO SUPPER TO SHARE AFTER THIS LAST SESSION

Wellbeing Being Kind

Congratulations and thank you to the following students who received an award at today's assembly for demonstrating acts of kindness. Keep up the great work and don't forget to Keep spreading the kindness!

For trying her best to make sure everyone feels included. - **Monica (Prep)**

For showing patience and care towards younger students. - **Madison (1/2SK)**

For looking out for his friends and showing care for others. - **Liam (3/4RF)**



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Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and St John's Mitcham is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 6 September 2019.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 6 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

BOOK CLUB

If you would like to order any books from the recent Scholastic Bookclub brochure please do so by Friday 17 May. **No late orders can be processed.**

All rewards points earned from the sale of orders goes towards buying classroom resources for each year level at school.

Any queries can be directed to Jo Novak on 0402 816 685 (Tasha 5/6KR)





Dads Night out



Saturday 18th May 6pm

84 Maroondah Hwy

Ringwood (Rear House of Golf)

Cost is \$35 per person including a Drink on Arrival and Pizza.

Drinks at Cheaper than Bar prices

For details or to register your interest please contact

Steve Gilbert (Jessica 5/6KR, Lucas 1/2 EB)

on steve@clbis.com.au or 0417 119 078

by Wednesday 18th May

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BIRTHDAYS

This week we congratulate Florence, Anthony, Leah, Alina, and Harry.

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

“HAPPY BIRTHDAY”



ITALIAN QUIZ

Name 3 things Italians love to eat.

REMEMBER ...the quiz is open to all students from PREP- GRADE 6

The first student to tell me the answer on Thursday morning WINS A PRIZE!!!

Buona Fortuna
Signora DeAmicis

