

St John's Parish

Primary School



May 20, 2019 No. 12

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

MAY	26	Sunday	Parish Family Mass, 9.45am Parish Mission Week (26 - 31 May)
	27	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am
JUNE	1	Saturday	Confirmation Enrolment & Year 6 Level Mass, 9.45am
	2	Sunday	Confirmation Enrolment & Year 6 Level Mass, 9.45am
	4	Tuesday	Education Board Meeting, 7.00pm
	10	Monday	Queen's Birthday Holiday - No School
	11	Tuesday	Bread Making Day Parent Association Meeting, 7.00pm

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Dear Parents,

Our senior students had a great day today exploring the Chinese Museum.

This week we continue to host school tours for prospective enrolments and look forward to meeting some of our 2020 Prep families on Wednesday when they come to meet with myself, Fr Dispin, Monica and Maree. We have scheduled two dates for interviews with the second date being Wednesday 26 June.

Our year 4 students will be attending the City of Whitehorse National Sorry Day Flag Raising Ceremony on Friday. This is an opportunity to remember and acknowledge the historic apology speech given in 2008 to the Stolen Generation.

I encourage you to make the most of our Parish Mission next week by taking some time to attend some of the sessions conducted by Fr. Ray Sanchez. The completed program is included in today's newsletter.

Aloha and I will see you after the Queen's Birthday weekend!

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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

To order register online:

www.flexischools.com.au

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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: *love one another!*

The message in this week's Gospel is a challenge to all Christians: Love one another as Jesus loved his first followers. Remember the Gospel stories, the Apostles weren't saints! The Gospel shows Jesus constantly correcting them. He catches them fighting with each other, ignoring hungry people who need their help, and sending sick people away who need healing. But through it all, he stands by them. He believes in their goodness and always tries to bring it out by helping them become better people. Why? Because he knew the world would be a better place if they continued to change and grow.

We can do the same thing for our fellow Christians. We need to gently challenge one another to become better people while at the same time recognising our own flaws. Real loyalty means pointing out a friend's mistakes and standing by that friend while he or she works to grow. People who feel accepted despite their flaws are more likely to change into happier and holier people. In the end, that is what the world needs – happier and holier people. By loving our sisters and brothers the way Jesus loved his followers, we are changing the world.

An Evening with Rev. Elio Capra

Elio facilitated a wonderful evening of learning about the Eucharist. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed his unique presentation style, full of humour and artwork to demonstrate his points. He spoke about Eucharist being a celebration, a way to say thank you (efcharistó) and the call to live as Jesus did, showing love to all people.

Harry, Riley, Dani and Harrison are preparing to celebrate Eucharist for the first time and participated in their Home Mass last Tuesday evening. Here are some of their reflections:

"It was a good experience because I learnt about the origins of the Mass" - Harry

"It was fun to see Father Dispin be funny and talk to us in a small group." - Riley

"I liked that I got the opportunity to say one the readings during the Mass.

- It made me feel more involved" - Dani

"I enjoyed being at the home Mass because it was a special way to celebrate" - Harrison

Family Week

Our St John's family tree that is displayed in Mary MacKillop Space is coming along well. Please bring in a photo of your family to add to the tree.

Have a wonderful week, Monica

Important Dates to Remember

May	26	Sunday	Parish Family Mass, 9.45am Parish Family Mission Commences (Sunday26 - Thursday 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.

NIGHT IN THE LIBRARY

THURSDAY 27 JUNE, 2019



PIZZA SPECIAL FOOD DAY!

DON'T FORGET



Friday 24th May is Pizza Special Food Day!

All orders should have been returned today.



You can find magic
wherever you look.
Sit back and relax,
all you need is a book.
Dr. Seuss

Victorian
**premiers'
reading
challenge**



**REACH NEW
HEIGHTS**

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 Year 3 to Year 6 are challenged to read 15 books.

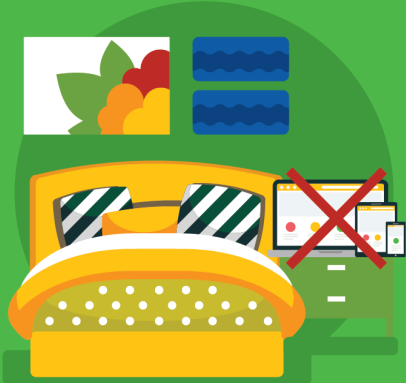
All children from Year 3 to Year 6, who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

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

CYBER SAFETY



Healthy families chat about online experiences



No devices in bedrooms



No screens 1 hour before bed



Have a break after 1 hour of play



Only message and talk online with people you know in real life



Balance screen time with green time

If you are being cyber bullied:

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- Do not respond
- Screenshot the evidence
- Block & report the user

Talk to a trusted adult or visit:

www.kidshelpline.com.au



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At St John's we believe in building strong relationships with families to ensure parents, teachers and students have a shared understanding. Cyber Safety education is an important aspect of our ongoing learning when at school. To help parents and families stay informed, we will be including items in our school newsletter that provide tips, information and current evidence on teaching safe online behavior at home and school.

The items will also be available through a 'Cyber Safety for Parents' tab which will be accessible on our St John's school website.

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS, ROUND 2



NETBALL REPORT

This week we played netball at Mt Pleasant Primary School. Our girls netball team won, 35 to 1 but unfortunately our open netball lost 11 to 2.

There was great teamwork displayed by both teams, passing the ball and getting it to our end of the court. Amity did a great job shooting and Amelia did a great job of moving the ball.

Our open team did a great job of passing but had trouble shooting when we got the ball up our end. Next week both teams are hoping to play well and improve on this week's game.

By Anna and Isabel

FOOTBALL REPORT

It was a good start to the season for the football team. We played Mt Pleasant Primary School at Walker Park. The final score was 65 to 0, a fantastic win for our team.

We had lots of different goal scorers with 8 different players kicking goals. Jesse had the most with 3. Special mention to Dee-dee, Cooper, Tristan and Anthony for their confidence and effort. They did some great tackling and running and applied strong pressure on the day.

Next week we will be playing Beverley Hills PS and we hope to have another good match.

By Jack I & Gabe.



TEE-BALL REPORT

This week the Tee Ball team played against Mt Pleasant Primary School. The open team won by 2 runs but the girls team lost in a close match by 3 runs!

Both teams played extremely well and we did a good job of fielding and hitting. Special mention to Jack and Patrick for their fielding and being back stop. We played with good teamwork and sportsmanship and we are looking forward to our next match!

By Josh C & Thomas K

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Ben Oakley who is celebrating his birthday this week

We hope you have a very.....

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"



ITALIAN QUIZ

How many regions of Italy are there?

Remember... the competition is open to all students from prep -grade 6.

Be the first to answer and the prize is yours !!!!

Buona Fortuna
Signora DeAmicis



St. John's Primary School
Major Fundraiser 2019

WINTER EXTRAVAGANZA



**STALLS - LIVE MUSIC - FOOD - RAFFLES -
SILENT AUCTION - LIVE AUCTION**

**Saturday 27th July 7-11pm
St. John's Primary School Hall
Tickets on sale now!**

**\$15 pp - tickets available from the office or via
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MUST be over 18 years old to attend (BYO)**

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