

St John's Parish

Primary School



June 17, 2019 No. 15

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

JUNE	17	Monday	Year 5 School Camp to Sovereign Hill (Mon 17– Wed 19 June)
	20	Thursday	Confirmation Retreat Day
			Confirmation Parent Night, 7.00pm
	24	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am
	25	Tuesday	Education Board Meeting, 7.00pm
	27	Thursday	School Performance, 7.00pm
	28	Friday	Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass, 10.00am
			Term 2 Ends (Free Dress Day)
	15	Monday	School Closure Day
	16	Tuesday	Term 3 Commences, 8.45am

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Aloha,

Thank you all for the warm welcome back after my long service leave break in Hawaii. I had a wonderful and relaxing time with my family and friends. Highlights for me were walking to the top of Diamond Head, seeing the turtles on the North shore and watching the most beautiful sunset.



I would like to thank Monica O'Shannassy for her leadership in my absence. A lot happens in two weeks and Monica did an amazing job connecting in with students, parents and staff. We always pride ourselves at St John's on teamwork so I would also like to thank the staff for all the extra they did in my absence and to support Monica.

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

Our Year 5 students were very excited to head off on camp to Sovereign Hill this morning. I will be spending the day with them today. Thank you to Andy Brown, Tom Jackson, Julie Carroll and Monica O'Shannassy for taking the time away from their own families to support our students on camp. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures.

With only two weeks left there is a lot happening at St John's

- Our Preps had an excursion to Schwerkolt Cottage today and a visit by the MFB tomorrow
- Our Year 6 students have their Confirmation retreat day and parent night on Thursday at St James Vermont
- Our Year 3/4 students have an excursion to the Immigration Museum on Friday
- Preparations for our School Production with the performances on Thursday 27 June

School Board

We have our next board meeting on Tuesday 25 June commencing at 7pm. The CEM Eastern Region Manager, Marwin Austerberry will be in attendance to support us in relation to Marketing and Enrolments. Our current enrolment for Preps for 2020 is very pleasing and with our new building works commencing before the year is out we are optimistic this trend will continue.

Have a good week,
Jacqui Marshall
Principal

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS ROUND 4

NETBALL REPORT

In Round 4 our netball teams played against St Peter and St Paul's at home. Both teams played well and showed great sportsmanship. The Open team played first and won 14 goals to 9. The most valuable players were Ebony, Maeve and Amity. A special thankyou to Amity who filled in. The Girls team won a hard fought match winning by one goal in the final quarter. The score was 10 goals to nine. The most valuable players were Natasha and Sienna L who played outstandingly. Sienna shot the winning goal - Yay! Each team supported by cheering each other on.



By Jessica and Amelia

FOOTBALL REPORT

Our football team played a game against St Peter and St Pauls at Walker Park. We played a good all round game, starting strong but missing lots of shots on goal in the first quarter. We played well, shared the ball around, tried our best and were all good sports. Leah, Daniel and Chris did a great job and tried their hardest.



A special mention also to Deedee, Tom and Marco for their great games also. They moved the ball carefully and had good communication. In the end the final score was 71-14 with St Johns having a strong win! Well done to all our players.

By Ava and LeBron

TEE-BALL REPORT

Our Tee-Ball teams played a game against St. Peter's and St Paul's at Halliday Park. Both St John's teams won hard fought games that were played with good sportsmanship from all involved. All players from St. John's had an opportunity to bat and field.

A special mention to Ayanna, Lena and Mikayla for playing really well, and being good sports. The mixed team won 18-14. Well done to Tom, Patrick and Kevin for being good team players, setting a great example for all to follow. The boys team won 10-3. Well done to all our players!

By Pally and Jack S

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS ROUND 5

NETBALL REPORT

Round 5 was against St James at Home. The weather was amazing and both teams played exceptionally well and tried their best. The open team had a good win. It was a close match with St Johns winning 11-7. It was a great team effort but a special mention to Ebony, Jess and Maeve for their game. Unfortunately the girls team lost but we all tried our hardest. A special mention to Sienna and Tasha for their great effort.



We are looking forward to our game next week

By Amari & Amity

FOOTBALL REPORT

It was a tough battle for the St John's football team in our match against St James last week which was a very competitive match. Unfortunately St James were too strong and proved that they are a very skilled side. The final score was 60-22, St James way.



Special mentions to Jack I, Leah, Daniel, Tristan and Jacob for their effort, marking and overall strong games and for giving their best effort.

We are hoping to bounce back and have a win next week!

By Will and Jesse

TEE-BALL REPORT

Our tee-ball sides both played tight matches against St James. The girls worked as a team and tried their best, improving on our last match. Unfortunately we lost 20-8, losing by 12 runs. Ayanna did a wonderful job as captain, fielding and helping people know where to go.

Our open team played a very close match, the scores were 15-14, with St John's winning by just one run in the last innings! The team worked well together and our best players did well in their positions. A special mention to Josh and Thomas for their good hitting and running in the match. Next week we hope to do the same and have another win!

By Patrick and Anria



A big thank you to the Future Leaders for organising Green Day on World Environment Day. The purpose of the day was to raise awareness of environmental issues and the responsibility we all have to protect our natural environment.

Congratulations to 3/4KC who did not have any soft plastic or wrappers in their lunch boxes. The Future Leaders are hoping to make every Wednesday a **Nude Food Day** and will be scrutinizing the amount of single use, soft plastic in their classroom at lunch time and recess.

What is nude Food?

Nude food is food that is healthy and environmentally friendly, without packaging.

Why is Nude Food important?

Nude Food is important as it:

- Saves you money by buying products in bulk. Eg purchasing 1L tub of yoghurt and transferring into reusable plastic containers rather than buying more expensive individual serves in excess packaging.
- Saves the planet by reducing the amount of waste that goes into landfill. Eg Instead of wrapping your sandwich in single-use cling wrap you can transport it in a reusable plastic container instead.
- Saves your health by making healthier food choices that support concentration, energy levels and make you feel better overall.



Many thanks,
Monica

Education in Faith News

Our Gospel Challenge this week is to:

think of the Trinity when we make the sign of the cross

Yesterday we celebrated Trinity Sunday when Jesus said to his disciples: 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come.' John 16:12-15



In this text, Jesus is not simply addressing those present with him but all those who will search for the truth down through the centuries to come.

How does the Spirit continue to lead us to the truth?



The early Christians struggled to understand the belief that God is both one and three. Many great councils of the church were held to clarify what this meant and to find the language with which to describe the trinitarian relationship between Father, Son and Spirit. It was not until the Council of Constantinople in 381AD that the doctrine of the Trinity was defined.



Many of the prayers of the church express our belief in a triune God (three persons in one). One of the greatest and most simple of these prayers is the sign of the cross, in which we dedicate ourselves 'in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit'.



St Patrick reportedly used the shamrock to explain the three persons in one God to the pagans of Ireland.

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Congratulations to Josh, who celebrated his First Eucharist last weekend. May he find the Eucharist to be a source of inspiration and nourishment for the rest of his life.



Have an enjoyable week everyone,
Monica

Important Dates to Remember

June	20	Thursday	Confirmation Retreat Day Confirmation Parent Night, 7.00pm at St James
	22	Saturday	First Eucharist: Arnold, Connor and Jasmine
	28	Friday	Feast of Sacred Heart Mass, 10.00am

THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART MASS

We welcome the whole St John's Community to attend the Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass. The Feast of the Sacred Heart will be held on the Friday 28 June, 2019, at 10am at the St John's Parish Church. Please send non - perishable items such as canned goods and clean blankets to school so they may be distributed to those in need through St Vincent De Paul.

St John's Staff Profile

Monica O'Shannassy



Monica has been working in education for almost 30 years. She has been at St John's for an incredible 15 years, working in all year levels in a variety of roles.

Currently Monica is our Deputy Principal and Religious Education leader. She also teaches STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) to our P-4 students.

Monica is passionate about improving student outcomes and encouraging students to be the very best they can be. Monica does an outstanding job of ensuring that our Catholic faith is an integral part of all we do here at St John's, which is extremely important to her.

The best part of working at St John's in her words is "being a part of the community". She loves the families, parents and students that make this school what it is.

Monica and her husband, Jamie have three beautiful children; Maggie, Ned and Tom. She enjoys being outdoors and active. She is a keen walker, whether that is walking her pet dog Terry, or hiking somewhere with amazing scenery. Monica loves to travel, experience new places and learn about different cultures.

Anyone who has ever come in to contact with Monica would tell you about her caring, generous and forever positive outlook. She is always there for our staff, students and families and goes above and beyond to make our school a happy and safe place to be.



PrepNC at Schwerkolt Cottage today.

SCHWERKOLT COTTAGE

Today PrepNC hopped on the parish buses and went to Schwerkolt Cottage in Mitcham, just near Antonio Park.

They learnt about the Schwerkolt family who settled in the area in the 1880's, growing and maintaining fruit trees and a small vineyard. They saw the original stone cottage that the family lived in, the smoking house where they cured their meat and the cellar where they kept their food and produce cool.

Preps are On the MoveAgain!



WOOLWORTHS

Last week PrepNC caught the train to Ringwood station with the assistance of some parent helpers. They then walked to Woolworths in Ringwood to check out how the food is delivered to us in our homes and the processes that take place at the supermarket. They looked in the big fridges and freezers and saw the box crusher in action. They learnt about healthy eating and the benefits of eating a variety of different coloured fresh food.

After a little food tasting they received a show bag and headed back to school on the train again.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION 2019

The Australian Mathematics Competition is an optional activity available to students in middle (Yr 3/4) and upper primary (Yr 5/6). It is a one hour math test involving 25 multiple choice and 5 questions involving a number answer, with an emphasis on problem solving strategies. Students wishing to enter the competition, need to place \$6.50 (competition entry fee) in an envelope with your name, and the title – Math Competition, on the front of the envelope and return it to school office by 20th June.

The competition will be held during school hours in early August.



PRODUCTION UPDATE

Getting super excited now...only 10 more sleeps!

Make sure you have bought your ticket.

Every student needs to deliver their base costume to their teacher by **THIS Wed 19 June**.

Base costumes are what the students will be wearing as their initial costume. It may be black pants and top or coloured, each class has a specific requirement. Other costumes will be added to it on the day. If unsure, please check with your child's teacher.

The Production will be videoed and DVD can be purchased to have as a keepsake. More details to follow.

Monday 24 June will be our Dress Rehearsal Day
IMPORTANT: Photos will be taken of your child in their costume.

The Costume Committee are looking for any black vests that could be worn by some 5/6 students as the Chimney Sweeps from Mary Poppins. If you have and are willing to lend, please send to school ASAP.

Thursday 29 June is our Final Tech Run and Matinee Performance throughout the day, with our evening performance beginning at 7pm. All students will need to be at school at 6.00pm.

A huge thank you to the many staff and parents who are doing a magnificent job in painting scene boards, collecting costumes, making props, and doing all the 'behind the scenes' jobs. I am incredibly grateful for your support and assistance and can tell from my short time here that St John's is a wonderful community with great school spirit.

We can't wait to entertain you soon,
 Ms Lou Devoy



BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations this week to Jacob, Gabi, Jarrod, Connor and Daniel who will be celebrating their birthday this week.

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

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

ITALIAN QUIZ

Name 2 famous Italian volcanoes.

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

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

Buona Fortuna



YOU'RE INVITED

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Ladies Dinner Night



Hosted by St John's Primary School Mitcham

WHERE IS IT

Bucatini
454 Whitehorse Rd
Mitcham

COST

\$40 per head
3 COURSE MENU
A COMPLIMENTARY DRINK

WHEN

Friday 21 June 2019
@ 7pm

SHARED ENTREE

AND

MAIN & DESSERT

AND

TEA / COFFEE

RSVP

By Wednesday 19 June

to Trang (Alexander 1/2 SK) via email:
Paile.Tdang@gmail.com

Please advise of any dietary requirements



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
Trybooking: <http://www.trybooking.com/BBRPW>
MUST be over 18 years old to attend (BYO)**

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