

St John's Parish

Primary School



June 24, 2019 No. 16

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

JUNE	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
	17	Wednesday	Parent Association Meeting, 7.00pm
	22	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am
	28	Sunday	Parish Family Mass, 9.45am

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Dear Parents,

What an exciting term it has been with so many highlights.

Firstly, I would like to begin with our school production – A Night in the Library. I know Lou Devoy has included in today's newsletter her own thank you to those in our community who have shown their support but I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lou for her passion and positivity.

In her short time here, Lou has really taken the time to get to know our students and their talents. Putting together a whole school performance involves vision, collaboration and creativity and Lou displays all these qualities and more. There was such excitement at school today as we had our dress rehearsal and I have included a few photos of students in character. I look forward to celebrating the night with you all.

Our Year 5 students had a wonderful time on camp at Sovereign Hill last week. They had an opportunity to explore what life was like in the 1850's which included panning for gold & attending school. We look forward to sharing photos and recounts with you early next term.

Students have been involved in many excursions and incursions this term, including; Schwerkolt Cottage, Woolworths Ringwood, community walk around Mitcham, Melbourne Zoo, Immigration Museum and a visit by the Metropolitan Fire Brigade.



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

Important reminder Monday 15 July is a school closure day. Staff will be involved in professional learning at school. This will be the only school closure day for the term. Students will return to school for the beginning of Term 3 on Tuesday 16 July.

Reports and Student Learning Folios

Semester 1 reports will be emailed out to parents on Wednesday. A letter was sent via email to all families explaining this process on Friday. This is a new process this year and we appreciate your feedback.

At the end of each semester, we send home student learning folios which include work samples in all curriculum areas of what students have achieved. This week folios for the junior and middle school will come home. The portfolios for senior school students will come home next term in week 2. Our senior school students have had a very busy month with Year 5 camp, interschool sports, Confirmation preparation and major roles in our school production. For this reason, they need a little more time to complete their folios and we thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Education Board Meeting

We have our next meeting this Tuesday 25 June commencing at 7pm in the staffroom.

Emmaus Performance

Our Year 5 and 6 students have been invited to the performance of "The Addams Family" on Wednesday 24 July at the Whitehorse Centre. Students will walk to the venue leaving school at 11:30am and return to school at 3pm. We look forward to this performance and thank Emmaus for the opportunity.

Mothers Dinner

Thanks again to the PA (organised by Trang (Alexander 1/2SK) for hosting the mums dinner at Bucatini on Friday night. All had a great night.

Major Fundraiser – Winter Extravaganza

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for what will be an amazing night on Saturday 27 July. Tickets are on sale in the office. There will be live music, stalls, food, raffles and plenty of auctions. Our goal is to purchase furniture for the Year 1/2 area this year. So please come along, bring some friends and have a great night. More information later in the newsletter.

Have a lovely Winter break with your families over the school holidays.

Jacqui Marshall
Principal

SPECIAL FOOD DAY!

Friday 28th June is Choc Jam Delight Special Food Day!

The Parents Association will be selling Choc Jam Delights at recess for **\$1.00**.



Please remember to bring your gold coin. We look forward to seeing you then.



BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to the following students who will be celebrating their birthday over the next few weeks: Lucas, Zoe, Josh, Elodie, Elizabeth, Daniela, Liam, Lexie, Christopher, Monica, Mason, Maxwell, Alexander and Kevin.

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

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"



Education in Faith News

Our Gospel Challenge this week is to: *show your love for others by being generous*

Food for the multitudes. After feeding the crowds with the loaves and fishes blessed by Jesus, his disciples gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. Jesus, the generous giver, always provides too much, a sign that his gifts are never meant to be hoarded but shared with others. Seeing the poor and hungry of our world, he says to us what he said to the disciples, "give them something to eat yourselves." Nourished by his body and blood in the Eucharist, let us go out and generously share our gifts with others.

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- The actions of our eucharistic celebration are based on the actions of Jesus in this gospel text and later at the Last Supper: the priest takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it and distributes to all who come to the table.
- The twelve baskets full of remaining food signify that the Eucharist can meet all our needs. The abundance of the Eucharist is enough, indeed more than enough, to fill and sustain us.



Congratulations to Jasmine, Arnold and Connor, who celebrated their First Eucharist on Saturday evening.

Loving Father,

We proudly present our children to you.

Reach out to them with your love so that they will always sense your presence in their lives.

Help them, guide them, bless them, love them and enjoy them as we do. These children have experienced the mystery of the Eucharist, a mystery to strengthen them on their faith journey.

We ask you to bless them today and always.

Amen

Have an enjoyable week everyone,
Monica

Important Dates to Remember

June	28	Friday	Feast of Sacred Heart Mass, 10.00am
July	28	Sunday	Parish Family Mass, 9.45am
			First Eucharist Celebration, 11.15am: Daniela, Harry, Harrison & Riley

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.

STREET DANCING

Two weeks ago, Troy from Street Dance Studios, invited any interested students in Years Four - Six to participate in a free Street Dance workshop. Troy is hoping to form a group of interested students to practise each Wednesday at lunchtime and compete in a dance competition in the last week of Term Three. The cost will be \$80 for 8 x 45 minute sessions. If interested the forms need to be returned to the office by the end of term so that we can see if enough St John's students are interested. Spare forms can also be collected from the office.





This term we have been focusing on celebrating students who have demonstrated acts of kindness. Being kind towards others is something we actively encourage in extension and support of our “respect others” school expectations. Congratulations to the following students who are this week’s recipients of Kindness Awards. Continue to spread the kindness!



Eleonora (1/2EB) - For coming to school with a smile and being friendly and respectful towards all her teachers and peers.

Ebony (5/6AB) - For caring for her peers during camp when they were feeling homesick.

Aidan (5/6AB) - For being friendly, considerate and caring towards his roommates at camp.

Bella (1/2EB) - For caring for others in the passive play area and helping pack up the blocks





**MITCHAM THUNDER'S
FREE JUNIOR PROGRAM!**

EVERY SATURDAY DURING SCHOOL TERMS
AT RANGEVIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

FROM 9:30-10:30AM

Come and learn basketball skills in a fun family environment before hitting the courts!

 Mitcham Thunder Basketball Club  @mitchamthunder **INQUIRIES: PHONE 0414 785 682**

PRODUCTION UPDATE

Only 3 more sleeps.....

Don't forget to buy your tickets! Photos will be taken today so you will have an opportunity to purchase them at a later date. A professional company will be coming to video our Production and more details will be sent out soon as to how to purchase and how much, but please know that you will not be allowed to take photos or video it on the night.

I want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the Costume Committee, lead and coordinated by Kellie. They have worked tirelessly to ensure all students have amazing costumes, coordinated with staff to ensure notes have gone home and sourced everything we need. I can't thank them enough, so please thank them for me when you see them, thank you to Maria (Chris), Sarah (Jessica and Lucas), Jackie Harkin (Zoe). Also special thanks to Mesa (Zara & Monique) who helped paint the sets.

A special thank you to all the staff at St John's who have also gone above and beyond their roles to provide support, rehearse class items, coordinate sets, props, costumes, sound, etc. A Production like this really is a community event and as I've said before, it is very clear that the St John's Community spirit is alive & strong.

I do understand that Performing Arts is not everyone's 'thing', but please remember that this Production goes beyond the best actors, singers and dancers. It is also about teaching team work, resilience, patience, persistence, courage to have a go and also just a great exercise in fun! Whatever the outcome on Thursday night, you should be so proud of your students who have endeavored to learn the dance steps, sing the songs, put their hand up for class roles (despite feeling nervous, apprehensive or not good enough) and they have taken a leap of faith, trusting that it will pay off. There will be nerves, meltdowns, and even lots of excited energy (and that will mostly from me!!) but rest assured that when the final curtain comes down, the memories they have made, the life skills they have learned and the overall experience will all pay off in the end, whatever the result.

I feel Thursday is just the final icing on the cake. The joy has been working and getting this far, so hang in there, remind your child that you are proud of them no matter what and we look forward to showing you our Production this Thursday.

'Chookas'

Ms Lou Devoy



Computational & Algorithmic Thinking Competition (CAT)

Maths Extension Education

In Term 1, ten students were selected from Yr 5 and 6 (upper primary) to compete in the Computational and Algorithmic Thinking (CAT) competition at St John's. It is a one-hour problem-solving competition which seeks to identify computer programming potential. Some questions test the ability to accurately perform procedures, others require logical thought, while the more challenging problems require the identification and application of algorithms. In the weeks leading up to the competition the students practiced on trial material. The results for St John's were outstanding, where Will Adams was awarded a distinction and in the top 11 percent of the competition. Five students received a credit certificate. Congratulations to all participants who worked diligently on the challenging problems.

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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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