

St John's Parish

Primary School



August 12, 2019 No. 20

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

AUGUST	12	Monday	Science Week
	15	Thursday	Feast of the Assumption Mass, 10.00am
	19	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am
SEPTEMBER	27	Tuesday	Swimming Program, Prep - Year 2 (Tuesday 27 - Friday 30 August)
	1	Sunday	Father's Day
	2	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am
	3	Tuesday	Swimming Program, Prep -Year 2 (Tuesday 3- Friday 6 September)
	7	Saturday	Bunnings BBQ
	10	Tuesday	Education Board Meeting, 7.00pm
	11	Wednesday	Parent Association Meeting, 7.00pm

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Dear Parents,

Congratulations to all our students who celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday. Both ceremonies were wonderful celebrations. Many thanks to all the families who supported their children, staff who assisted in their preparation and Fr Dispin and Maree who accompany all of us on our faith journeys and coordinate the celebration of sacraments in the parish.



Welcome to Science Week!

National Science Week is Australia's annual celebration of science and technology and involves thousands of individuals and schools Australia wide. It provides an opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of Australian scientists' to the world of knowledge. It also aims to encourage an interest in science pursuits among the general public and inspire young people to become interested and sometimes fascinated by the world we live in. Thank you to Kristina Reid (5/6KR), our Learning and Teaching Leader here at St John's, who has organised a wonderful week of activities.



Students enjoyed the Science Discovery Dome today where they explored space, the first moon landing and cycles of stars and planets. On Wednesday morning, students are invited to dress up as their favourite type of scientist for a Scientist Parade at 9:00am. Parents are most welcome to attend. On Friday afternoon students from each class will showcase the learning that they have been involved in during the week.

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

School Choir

Our choir will be singing at the Oxfam concert this Thursday evening at Box Hill Town Hall. We wish them luck and know that they will perform well. Parents please note that choir practice this week will be on Thursday morning at 8:20am instead of Friday morning so that the choir can squeeze in another rehearsal.

Tournament of Minds

We also wish our two Tournament of Minds groups well as they compete this weekend at Deakin University. Students have created and will perform on the weekend, a ten minute long term challenge as well as solve a spontaneous five minute challenge. Students will be scored and given feedback from a panel of judges on their critical and creative thinking skills, ability to problem solve and presentation of solutions. Good luck Amari, Josh, Jack S, Natasha, Isabel, Jessica, Tristan, Aidan, Anria, Erin, Chris, Sienna, Patrick and Ebony.

Extra Curricular Activities

Choir and Tournament of Minds are two examples of extra-curricular activities we offer here at St John's. There are many more that you may not be aware of and may like to encourage your child to be a part of. Thank you to our dedicated staff and volunteers (Mary) who offer their own time to facilitate these activities. These extra-curricular activities are offered either before school or during lunch breaks and include:

- Athletics Club
- Code Club
- Marathon Club
- Choir
- Gardening Group
- Lego Club
- Scottish Dancing
- VPSDC Dance Group
- Tournament of Minds

PA Survey Forms

Thank you to parents who have returned their PA survey forms already. Could we please ask you to return them to school at your earliest convenience. Your thought and time spent completing these are greatly appreciated.

Have a super week,

Monica

Deputy Principal

SOCIAL JUSTICE@ST JOHN'S - Parkinson's Disease

On Friday the 16th of August, during the first half of lunch the Social Justice Team will be setting up activities to raise awareness of Parkinson's disease. The activities will be held in the passive play area.

Some of the activities will be: trying to complete a small puzzle with mittens, buttoning up a shirt with mittens on and writing your name with the opposite hand. These activities will give students a chance to see what it is like to live with Parkinson's disease.

All participants will receive a nut free piece of rocky road because walking on a smooth surface with Parkinson's feels like walking on a rocky road.

Thank you, we look forward to having many people come along and get involved on Friday.

Education in Faith News

Our Gospel Challenge this week is to: *be brave and do what we think is right*

O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete,
give our candidates the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety.
Fill them with the spirit of fear of the Lord.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday: Ava, Amity, Phoebe, Josh, LeBron, Amari, Gabriel, Jesse, Anthony, Thomas, Sienna, Abbey, Tom, Jack, Jacob, Natasha, Will, Angus, Isabel and Amelia.



Monsignor Anthony Ireland had a few key messages for the candidates to take away including being joyful and spreading the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit and taking on a new mission as well as a new name in confirmation.

As the name implies, the sacrament of Confirmation confirms and strengthens the new life received in Baptism. As Monsignor made the sign of the cross on each candidate's forehead using oil called chrism, calling them by their Confirmation name, he said: "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit." Although the Holy Spirit is received at Baptism, Confirmation focuses on this gift by recalling the promise of Jesus to send the Spirit. Confirmation is often regarded as a sign of maturity in Christ. Having been baptised as a baby, the youth is called upon to renew their Baptismal promises and make a commitment to the Gospel. In particular, Confirmation underlines our commissioning to be bold, apostle-like witnesses to the Gospel.

Candidates select a Confirmation name, usually a saint's name. Saints are Catholic people who lived great lives. They are like heroes, that we admire and try to be like. All saints are known for how much they loved God. Some of them even died rather than say they didn't love God. These saints are called martyrs.

On Thursday we celebrated St Mary of the Cross Feast Day. Mary Mackillop is Australia's only saint at the moment. Our main gathering place here at St John's is named after her and displays one of her life's motto, "Never see a need without doing something about it."

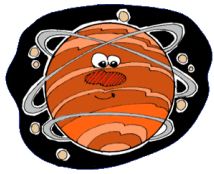
What needs do we see that we should be doing something about?

A sincere thanks to Fr Dispin and Maree O'Keefe who coordinates our sacramental program here at St John's including Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.

Have an enjoyable week,
Monica

Important Dates to Remember

August	15	Thursday	Feast of the Assumption Mass, 10.00am
	17	Saturday	Presentation of Confirmation Certificates, 6.00pm
	18	Sunday	Presentation of Confirmation Certificates, 9.45am



National Science Week

Sunday 10—Saturday 18 august

St John's will be celebrating National Science Week with some activities for the whole school.

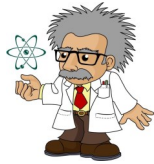
The theme : ***"Destination Moon: more missions, more science"***

Monday 12th August



Incursion provided by the **Science Discovery Dome**.

Wednesday 14th August



Scientist Parade

9.00am

Students are invited to dress up as their favourite type of scientist

Parents are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

Friday 16th August

Special assembly

At the end of the day Students will showcase all the scientific learning that they have been involved in during the week.



OXFAM CONCERT

Just a reminder that the St John's Choir will be singing at the Box Hill Town Hall this Thursday 15th August. Students are expected to make their own travel arrangements and be there by 6.30pm (in Winter School uniform) for a warm up. The Performance starts at 7pm and should be finished by 8.30pm. We look forward to showing you our songs



SCHOOL PRODUCTION PHOTO ORDER

Photos from the school production are still displayed in the foyer of the school office where forms are available and orders can still be made. Cut off date for final orders are this **Friday 16 August**.



SPECIAL FOOD DAY!

Friday 23RD August is Donut Special Food Day!

The Parents Association will be selling donuts with the choice of chocolate and strawberry at recess.

\$1.00 each



Please remember to bring your gold coin.

We look forward to seeing you then.



BIRTHDAYS

This week we congratulate Nathaniel, Jasmine, Alana, Phoebe, Madison and Ben P. as they celebrate their birthday.

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

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

