

St John's Parish

Primary School



August 19, 2019 No. 21

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

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| AUGUST | 27 | Tuesday | Swimming Program, Prep - Year 2 (Tuesday 27 - Friday 30 August) |
| SEPTEMBER | 1 | Sunday | Father's Day |
| | 2 | Monday | School Assembly, 8.50am |
| | 3 | Tuesday | Swimming Program, Prep - Year 2 (Tuesday 3 - Friday 6 September) |
| | 10 | Tuesday | Education Board Meeting, 7.00pm |
| | 11 | Wednesday | Parent Association Meeting, 7.00pm |
| | 14 | Saturday | Bunnings BBQ |
| | 16 | Monday | School Assembly, 8.50am |

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National Science Week



Students investigated, experimented and hypothesised as they explored everything Science last week. The week began with a whole school incursion with an amazing space dome. The school was transformed on Wednesday as young scientists entered the school. On Friday we shared all our scientific learning with one another. Thank you to Kristina Reid for her leadership of the week and ensuring the week was exciting, engaging and there were many opportunities to explore, wonder and challenge our thinking.

It was lots of fun getting dressed up as our favourite scientist. I also enjoyed the Science parade as we shared our costumes with the school - Sophie

I really enjoyed taking photos and making observations of the lettuce plants in different environments - Monica

I really loved the science incursion because it was great to hear from an expert Miles. We got to go into an inflatable dome (planetarium) We learnt a lot about the moon landing which occurred 50 years ago -Arnold

It was really interesting learning about new things in Science - Zarah A

It was awesome to learn what really happens in space - Jasmine

I really liked making satellites with the Year 5/6 students. We researched satellites and design a space probe that could take photos and collect samples - Xavier

Science week was lots of fun. I really enjoyed the science incursion where I learnt about the expeditions (space missions) to the moon - Will

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

Social Justice Initiative

Last week our students were given the opportunity to develop a greater understanding and awareness of what it would be like to live with Parkinson's Disease. Jack, a year 6 student worked with our Social Justice leaders to create activities for students to participate in at lunchtime. The activities included trying to write with your non-preferred hand and completing a jigsaw puzzle and trying to button up a shirt with a mitten on. Well done Jack on helping our students understand the challenges experienced by others allowing them to be more compassionate and to make a difference.



Oxfam Performance

Congratulations to our school choir who performed at Box Hill last Thursday. They sang beautifully and represented our school with pride. Thank you to Lou Devoy and Monica O'Shannassy for their support on the night.



School Pastoral Care Worker

I am pleased to advise all in our community that we have secured through Catholic Care a provisional psychologist who will work in a wellbeing role in the school one day per week. Holly will commence later this week. In next week's newsletter Holly will introduce herself and we will outline how students and parents can access her support.

New Administrative System - ICON

You may have noticed that Jenny has been out of the office over the past few weeks. She has been having training on a new administration system that will be implemented soon. In the coming weeks formal school based receipts may be unavailable whilst we change over. You can still pay school fees at the office and a manual receipt will be given.

District Athletics

On Thursday 29 August students in years 4-6 will be participating in District Athletics. If your child is in year 3 and they have a particular skill in athletics please contact Monica O'Shannassy if you would like them to participate.

Bunnings BBQ

If you can spare some time on Saturday 14 September to support at this event it would be greatly appreciated. The date originally advertised at the beginning of the year has changed. Details on how to sign up included later in the newsletter.

School Nurse

Early this year Prep parents were given the opportunity to complete forms related to the school nurse. The nurse will be at school on Monday 26 August to see students. If you have any questions please contact me.

Swimming program

Students in years Prep/1/2 will commence their 8 day swimming program on Tuesday 27 August. Letters have been sent home with students and permission forms need to be returned to school as soon as possible Please.

Have a great week
Jacqui Marshall

Education in Faith News

Our Gospel Challenge this week is to: *stand up for what we think is right!*

Jesus almost sounds sad in this weekend's Gospel passage. Maybe this story recalls one of the first times he realised people wouldn't accept his Good News. Maybe that reality crushed him.

I've seen that happen to a lot of people after meetings, retreats, or community service trips. They feel filled with Good News but run into friends and family members who call them unrealistic, naïve, or Bible-bashers. I've also seen conflict sparked when young people stand up for what's right, in front of friends or classmates.

Yeah, Jesus was right. Conflict is definitely part of the package. The peace Jesus brings isn't a calm in which no one gets angry. Jesus makes it clear he stands for the peace that can come only when all people find respect and justice. But the people who call others to respect all people and to live justly – hopefully, us – quite often spark conflict.

Conflict is part of the deal for Christians. And it can get ugly. But the Lord had been through it and won't leave us in the lurch.

**When have you seen Christian living spark conflict with friends and family?
How will we deal with conflict as Christians?**

Living With Parkinsons Disease

Thank you to Jack and his Social Justice Team members who led activities on Friday at lunch time to raise awareness for Parkinson's Disease. Jack had organised three activities so that everyone could experience, to a small degree, what Parkinsons Disease is like. Students had to write their names with their non-preferred hand on a white-board, button up a shirt with mittens on and complete a jigsaw with mittens on. Jack made 'Rocky Road' for all participants to share, as he thought "Rocky Road" could also describe the journey of a person living with Parkinson's Disease. Jack and his family also participated in A Walk in the Park, beginning at Federation Park on the weekend.



Have a good week everyone,
Monica

HELP NEEDED!

Is there any wonderful parents who would be able to spare some time to cover books please? We have some great new titles the students are clamoring for. If you can help, there are bags of books and covering materials ready and waiting. We would be very grateful if you could take them home and cover them at your leisure.

Alternatively, if you are willing and able to spend half an hour or more returning books to shelves in the library you would be very welcome. Perhaps just after school drop off or before pick up?
Please see Sue in the Library

BIRTHDAYS

Another big week for birthdays as we congratulate Jeff, Gemma, Amelia, Ebony, Jack I. and Cooper.

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

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH MITCHAM

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?
Are you interested in becoming Catholic?



Information sessions:

Tuesday 10 September
or
Tuesday 17 September



7.30 pm in Zebedee Room at St John's

Both Sessions are the same – come to either



Contact the Parish Office: 9873 1341

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS—RCIA

COME AND SEE

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a journey of faith—a journey of seeking, meeting new people and learning about the Catholic faith. St John's RCIA team are inviting adults who are interested in asking questions about the Catholic faith—and about becoming Catholic to come and join us.

Members of the RCIA team will be speaking at all Masses this weekend and they will be available after Mass if anyone would like a chat.

Two information sessions have been planned:

- **Tuesday 10 September &**
- **Tuesday 17 September 7.30pm** in the **Zebedee Room** at **St John's**. (Both sessions are the same.)

If you are a Catholic already—you might like to invite family members and friends who seem interested to come along—you may like to accompany them to the information meetings if asked.

Enquiries: Jenny Kearney 0412379357 or Maree O'Keefe 9873 1341

Congratulations to our two St John's teams who competed in the Tournament of Minds, regional tournament held at Deakin University on Saturday and Sunday.

Tournament of Minds provides an opportunity for students to experience group participation in challenging, creative problem solving activities. Each team performed their Long Term Challenge, which they have been creating over the past five weeks, in front of an audience and judging panel.

Both teams performed an Arts Challenge titled "The Wizard of Aus". The teams also participated in a Spontaneous Challenge in front of a panel of judges.

Students will receive feedback from the judging panels, in the next few weeks at school. We hope to share the performances with the rest of the school community at an assembly later in the term.

Thank you to the parents who supported the program and thank you to the following students who participated and represented our school very well. We are all very proud of your achievements.

⇒ **Team 1:** Josh, Amari, Anria, Ebony, Aidan, Erin, Chris

⇒ **Team 2:** Jack, Sienna, Isabel, Natasha, Jess, Tristan, Patrick

Here are a few thoughts from the students who represented our school in Tournament of Minds, 2019.

What was the best part about being involved in TOM?

Patrick- Working with others and making the costumes.

Anria - It was a good opportunity to show your skills and perform in front of the judges.

Erin - Working with others students to create the script, costumes and sceneboards.

Ebony - Communicating with my group and coming up with creative ideas.

Sienna - The long term challenge, it was fun acting and writing a script.

Chris - My favourite part was making the props and costumes.

What did you enjoy the most?

Natasha- I enjoyed collaborating with others and doing the script.

Josh - Making the props and backdrops and being able to work with different people.

Ebony - Getting to perform on the day and showing off our hard work.

Sienna - Practising the spontaneous challenges.

Chris - Getting to perform our long term challenge.

Why would you recommend TOM for other students?

Erin - It's really fun because you get to make your own ideas up and you get to be creative

Amari - Because you get to be creative and make loads of fun, it's a great opportunity for everyone.

Ebony - Because you get to work with people you haven't worked with before.

Sienna - Because it's a good learning experience and it challenges your thinking.

Chris - I would recommend it because you work with new people and it is really fun.





~*~12 weeks until Fete Day~*~

Hi...and welcome to the next issue of **FETE NEWS** for 2019.

It's better to donate than to accumulate

REMINDER this Sunday, 25 August

Drop off at the Parish Garage between 9am and 12pm.

If you have good quality things in your home that “no longer spark joy” you can drop them off for Bric-a-Brac, Pre-Loved Clothes and Pre-Loved Toys.

Please provide your pre-loved clothes washed and ironed and where appropriate on a hanger. This will greatly assist our wonderful volunteers sort and arrange the many thousands of items received. Short on hangers! We'll offer an exchange when you drop goods off. Thank you in advance.

Can't make this weekend! Then consider these drop off dates:

- 22nd September
- 20th October
- 27th October
- 3rd November
- 10th November

Calling for volunteers – Can you help?

Planning for the 2019 Fete is well underway and the Fete organisers are seeking assistance in a number of valuable areas. These roles are not onerous but all make important and valuable contributions to the success of the Fete.

Food Safety Advisor

Each year the Fete includes a range of stalls providing freshly cooked food and options for the sale of precooked food.

This role is invaluable in establishing the food safety requirements stallholders must achieve and to ensure stallholders are aware of the requirements and have undertaken food handling safety training as required.

This role also liaises with the Food Safety officer on Fete day.

Can you help? Interested to learn more? Contact Jen Harvey 0419 522 797 or email admin@stjohnsfete.org.au



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Traffic management

Safety management near the busy Whitehorse Rd entrance on fete day includes the approved closure of a section of the service lane and as well as closing off the east bound 'u' turn lane in the centre median.

This work is required to be undertaken with the relevant **traffic management certification**. We need a person for 2019. This involves role attendance early on Fete day for about 30 – 45 mins and then again from 6.00pm.

Can you help? Interested to learn more? Contact: Shane Laffin 0418 177 347 / email admin@stjohnsfete.org.au

Ride ticket sales – Fete day Co-ordinator(s)

Coordinate the selling of individual ride tickets on the day from 10am – 4pm. Able to check height and age and you are away. This also includes the collection of wristbands that have not been collected via the schools

Can you help? Interested to learn more? Contact Jen Harvey 0419 522 797 or email admin@stjohnsfete.org.au

Lolly stall

Do you remember what Milk Bars were like when we were kids? That's the concept behind the **Lolly Stall**, 1 cent Mates, 2 cent Freckles. You can make the Lolly Stall how you would like it to run. All lollies are donated by the children of St James and St Johns.

Can you help? Have a group that may be interested? Want to learn more?

Contact Jen Harvey 0419 522 797 or email admin@stjohnsfete.org.au

Apprentice stallholders:

Stallholders for the following stalls have indicated that they will not be continuing into next year. In response, the organisers would like to invite anyone interested to join these stallholders for a no obligation introduction to the workings of each stall. Contact Jen Harvey 0419 522 797 or email admin@stjohnsfete.org.au

- *Pre-loved clothes*
- *Plants*

Electricians:

Dean, our Fete Sparky, does a massive job in ensuring that our Fete is equipped with sufficient power to keep running the whole day. If you are a sparky and can spare a couple of hours in the lead up, during the day or the next day we would love your help?

Can you help? Interested to learn more? Contact Dean Spicer 0427 508 813 or email admin@stjohnsfete.org.au



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SAVE THESE DATES



- 25th August: Pre-Loved Drop Off
- 22nd September: Pre-Loved Drop Off
- 7th October: Raffle tickets sent home
- 20th October: Pre-Loved Drop Off
- **22nd October: Stall Holders Meeting**
- 27th October: Pre-Loved Drop Off
- 2nd November: Raffle tickets due back
- 3rd November: Pre-Loved Drop Off
- 10th November: Pre-Loved Drop Off
- **15th November: CAKE DROP OFF at Cake Stall (1pm – 3pm)**
- **16th November: FETE DAY**
- **16th November: Bump Out; 5pm – 7.30pm.**
- **17th November: Working Bee; 9am – 1pm. BBQ lunch provided**
- **27th November: Post Fete Review; 7.30pm**



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BAKE A DIFFERENCE
*and help support animals in need by
 supporting my Cupcake Day event*



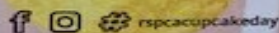
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Passive Play Area

Please donate to my fundraising page.
 Go to rspcacupcakeday.com.au click
 'Donate to a friend' and search for my name!

\$1.00 each

rspcacupcakeday.com.au



Saturday 14th September, Nunawading Bunnings

If you are able to sign up for a 90 minute spot,
 Please register at the address below...

volunteersignup.org/XTH34

Or contact Steve (Jess 56KR/ Lucas 12EB)

0417 119 078 - steve@clbis.com.au



SPECIAL FOOD DAY!

Friday 23RD August is Donut Special Food Day!

The Parents Association will be selling Donut 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.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

St John's PA invites all dads, grandads and special friends to our annual
Father's Day Breakfast

Yummy food, coffee, excellent company and a raffle prize.

Friday 30th August, 2019

7.30am or 8am

Coghlan Centre

\$7.00 per person



For any questions regarding the breakfast, or if you would like to help, please contact Liz Swaine on either elizabeth.swaine@bigpond.com or 0409 709 203 (Jack 5/6TJ).

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Please return this slip with correct money in an envelope to school by Tuesday 27th August 2019

Family Name:

Name of Eldest Child:

Number of Children attending:

Names of adults attending:

Sitting (please circle): 7.30am OR 8.00am

Dietary requirements:

☐ Yes I can help!

Name:

Phone: