

# St John's Parish

## Primary School



August 5, 2019 No. 19

### COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

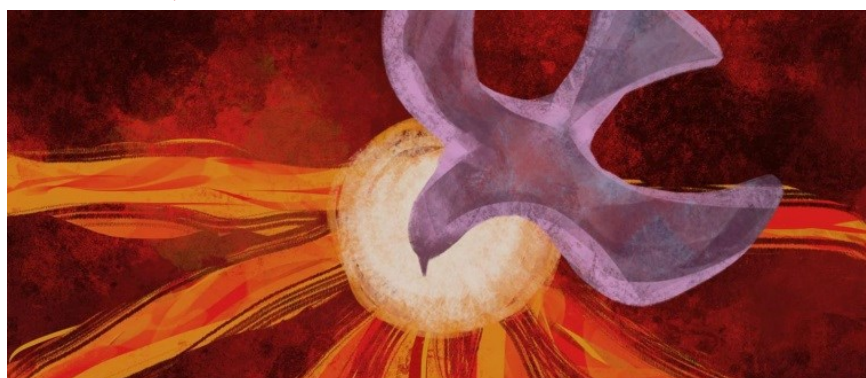
<b>AUGUST</b>	6	Tuesday	Education Board Meeting, 7.00pm
	7	Wednesday	Parent Association Meeting, 7.00pm Confirmation Practice Day, Year 6
	8	Thursday	Feast of St Mary of the Cross
	10	Saturday	Confirmation, 1.00pm & 3.00pm
	15	Thursday	Feast of the Assumption Mass, 10.00am
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	19	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am
	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)

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## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

10 August 2019

We keep our Year 6 students in our thoughts this week.



God of Life, You have called us all by name to be your children.  
Guide, protect and inspire us as we prepare our children for the  
Sacrament of Confirmation.

Continue to keep all your children in your tender, loving care.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

### 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](http://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

We thank 1/2SK for sharing their learning at assembly this morning. It was so lovely hearing them talk about the importance of friendships and how we can problem solve social situations at school.

Our semester two Future Leaders were presented with their badges this morning and it was great to see so many family and friends in attendance.

The aims of the Future Leaders are as follows:

- enable student voice and action
- represent the needs of students
- build leadership qualities and skills
- use creative thinking and design to solve problems and put ideas into action
- develop students' understanding of society and democratic processes
- enable the school and students to live the principles of catholic social teaching
- provide peer learning opportunities

### **Congratulations**

We congratulate Shannon Kearns (1/2 teacher) for being fully welcomed into the Catholic Church on Sunday having received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation here at St John's Mitcham.



### **Swimming Program**

Students from years prep to year 4 will be participating in a swimming program this semester.

The junior school dates are Tuesday 27 August to Friday 30 August and Tuesday 3 September to Friday 6 September. The lesson time will be 1:50pm to 2:30pm at Nunawading.

The middle school dates are Tuesday 22 October to Friday 29 October and Tuesday 29 October to Friday 1 November. The lesson time will be 9:20am to 10am at Nunawading.

Permission and information notes will be coming home closer to the dates.

### **Science Week**

We look forward to celebrating Science Week next week. Activities planned include whole school incursion, scientist parade and assembly to showcase our learning. Specific details are included in today's newsletter.

### **Board Meeting**

The following items are on the agenda for our board meeting Tuesday night.

School Improvement Plan – Pedagogies, New school improvement data, specific school policies to be ratified, marketing and building updates.

### **School Fees**

School fee accounts will be coming home today and they are due to be paid in full by the end of this term. Families that did not pay their account in full at the start of the year, are asked to pay all outstanding 2019 fees by the end of term 3, Friday 20 September.

2020 Student Levies will be added to your account and due for payment in December.

If you are experiencing financial hardship please make a time to speak with me.

Have a good week everyone,

Jacqui Marshall  
Principal

# Education in Faith News

Our Gospel Challenge this week is to: *share with others!*

This week's Gospel, when Jesus teaches his parable of the rich man, is important for us. Our culture pushes us to buy nonstop and do whatever we can to get more money and more things for ourselves. Some people joke and say that those who die with the most toys win. That's an easy trap to fall into, but Winston Churchill once said something like "you make a living with what you get, but you make a life with what you give".

A "more for me" attitude can take over your life and kill relationships. This week's Gospel condemns greed not because greedy people go to hell but because greedy people construct their own hell on earth.

Greed traps people by keeping them from the best part of life, that which matters to God – sacrifice for others; service to the poor; relationships based on character, not appearance. We build a life – and find real happiness – by using our talents for others and putting their needs first. Oscar Romaro's famous quote, "Aspire to be more rather than have more," sums up this Gospel reading's message for me.

I still forget sometimes.

**When have you seen greed hurt people? Has it ever hurt you?**

Congratulations to Jack on celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation last week.



Congratulations also to Mia, Monica, Florence and Estelle on receiving the Eucharist for the first time yesterday. We hope you find the Eucharist a source of nourishment throughout your life.



Have an enjoyable week, - Monica

## Important Dates to Remember

August	7	Wednesday	Confirmation Practice
	8	Thursday	St Mary of the Cross Feast Day
	10	Saturday	Confirmation Ceremonies, 1.00pm & 3.00pm
	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



The OXFAM Concert is coming up on Thursday 15 August. Ticket prices are Adults \$17 and Concession \$12 and they can be purchased at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BDQIB>

Please book early to avoid disappointment. (Performers do not require a ticket.)

In the week of the performance, please note that we will change our rehearsal day to Thursday 15th August at 8.20am instead of Friday, just to ensure we are ready to go!

I look forward to seeing you all there, - Lou Devoy



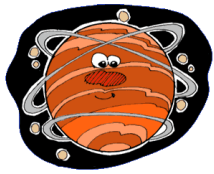
## BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Bella and Oliver who will be celebrating their birthday during the week ahead.

*We hope you both have a very.....*

**"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"**





# National Science Week

Sunday 10—Saturday 18 august

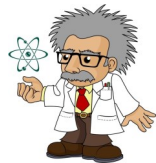
St John's will be celebrating National Science Week with some activities for the whole school.

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.



Wellbeing

Kindness Awards



Thank you and well done to the following students who received an award at today's assembly for demonstrating acts of kindness. Keep up the great work and don't forget to spread the kindness!

**Ava B-** for showing initiative in her role as Sports captain and retrieving sports equipment for another student.

**Daniel** - for taking his role as environmental captain seriously and giving up his lunchtime to help out with a job which needed to be done.

**Jesse** - for patiently teaching a peer how to kick a footy.

**BULLYING. NO WAY!**  
TAKE A STAND  
TOGETHER

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