St John's Parish Primary School

November 6, 2019 No. 28

COMING UP AT ST JOHN'S

NOVEMBER	7	Thursday	Prep 2020 Orientation, 9.15 - 10.45am
	8	**Friday**	**Lob-A-Choc Day - Free Dress**
	9	Saturday	Year 4 Level Mass, 6.00pm
	10	Sunday	Year 4 Level Mass, 9.45am
	11	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am
	13	Wednesday	Prep 2020 Orientation, 2.00 - 3.00pm
			Parent Association Meeting, 7.00pm
	15	**Friday**	**School Closure Day**
	16	Saturday	St John's Community Fete
	17	Sunday	Working Bee, 9.00am
	19	Tuesday	Prep 2020 Orientation, 9.15 - 10.45am
	21	Thursday	2020 First Reconciliation Parent Night, 7.00pm
	23	Saturday	Year 5 Level Mass & Creed Presentation, 6.00pm
	24	Sunday	Year 5 Level Mass & Creed Presentation, 11.15am
	25	Monday	School Assembly, 8.50am
	29	Friday	Cinema Under the Stars, 6.30pm

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Dear Parents,

We hope you all enjoyed your extra long weekend. We are certainly in the home straight now with the spring carnival upon us, planning well under way for 2020 school year and the fete just around the corner.

Last Thursday night we welcomed our new Prep 2020 families with an Information Evening. We have 24 students enrolled which includes 16 new families. Our two prep teachers for 2020 will be Naomi Ryan (Curtis) and Shannon Kearns. The first orientation session is this Thursday morning.
One of the activities on the night included parents having the opportunity to share their hopes and dreams for their child as they begin their prep journey.

-We hope our son will feel welcomed as a part of the family/community.
-Continue to thrive as a happy and confident young boy.
-To make good friendships and to learn in an encouraging environment.
-Comfortable to be herself.
-For our child to be happy, comfortable and confident in her new school community

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

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:

PARISH CONTACTS:

PH: 9873 1341

PARISH PRIEST
Father Dispin John

PARISH SECRETARIES
Mrs. Elisa Kelesidis
Mrs. Martine Giles

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

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-For her to to learn values and to think about them
-That she is excited about coming to school and feels part of a welcoming community
-That her strengths are developed and is supported to meet her potential

2020 Class groupings

After a process of consultation with staff members the following structure has been agreed upon
Prep - 2 classes
Year 1/2 - 2 classes
Year 3/4 - 2 classes
Year 5/6 - 2 classes

Teachers are in the process of organising classes for 2020. They will consider the needs of all students and provide well-balanced class groupings for 2020. To achieve this, we must consider the academic, emotional, social and behavioural needs of all students. Teachers will draw upon their collective knowledge of the students to arrange the classes. We thank you for your trust as we move through this process.

2020 Daily Timetable

Next year will see a slight difference in our daily timetable. After much thought and discussion, it has been decided that we will change the time and length of our outside breaks. Students will still have the same amount of outside break time and teaching time as this year - it will just be structured differently. Students will break at 10:55am and come back inside to eat lunch at 11:35am. The second break will be at 1:25pm to 2:20pm. We will have the same starting time at 8:45am and finishing time at 3:20pm.

St John's Mitcham Principal Appointment Process

It has begun! The involved process of finding a Principal for St John's Mitcham in 2020 is well underway. A panel representing parents, Catholic Education Melbourne and the Parish as well as Fr Dispin has already had two productive meetings. The panel has worked to establish criteria for an outstanding Principal based on feedback received from the teachers and parents of St. John's community. The position has been advertised in The Australian newspaper as well as on the CECV website. Soon, the panel will look at prospective applicants, check references and then interview by the end of November. Please keep the panel in your prayers as they look to choose the best candidate to help shape our school into the future.

Fete

Congratulations to the Tham family who won the wonderful prize of a Bucatini voucher for early return of raffle tickets last Monday at assembly. We have another draw at next week's assembly so please ensure your raffle tickets are returned so that you have a chance to win the prize.

This coming Friday is our traditional Lob-A-Choc Free Dress Day meaning that all students may wear free dress to school for the day if they bring a block of chocolate. These blocks of chocolate become prizes at the ever popular Lob-A-Choc stall that the school staff run.

The fete is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community to raise funds for the parish and schools. Friendships have been formed and strengthened as people run stalls and activities with one another so please try and sign up for at least an hour on the day. Sign up links can be found in the Fete Newsletter that was sent out earlier today.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Maeve and Estelle Gill who represented St John's at the State School Sports Victoria Athletics Carnival. Estelle placed first and second in her events and Maeve second. A wonderful achievement by both girls.

Enjoy the shorter week,
Jacqui Marshall

Religious Dimension

Our Gospel Challenge this week is to: *share our toys and games with others*

We had a wonderful day last Wednesday "socking" it to poverty and raising awareness and funds for communities in poorer countries. The student community raised over $900 which will be sent to Catholic Mission to distribute to communities in need. Thank you for all your support and generosity.

Last Sunday's Gospel (Luke 14:25–33) Jesus spoke about giving up our possessions to follow him. 'In the same way, unless you give up all your possessions you cannot be my disciple.' Perhaps these words of Jesus are best understood as a readiness to renounce worldly wealth if that becomes a hindrance to following his way. It implies the need for an attitude of detachment from the things of this world. There is a strong tradition of complete renunciation of personal belongings among those taking special vows to religious life within the church, but each believer is invited to ponder the meaning of Christ's words and our response to them. The church teaches that earth and its riches belong to all people. No one has an intrinsic right to more of earth's goods than another. At the same time, to guarantee personal freedom and dignity and to provide for needs, each person has a right to own private property. We must manage the inherent tension between meeting our own material needs and the needs of all other people on earth. Our attitude to our own property must be governed by moderation, concern for justice and a sense of solidarity with those who have less.

- **How difficult is it for us to control the desire to 'have' more rather than to 'be' more?**
- **What possessions mean the most to you? Why?**

Important Dates

November	9	Saturday	Year Four Level Mass, 6:00pm
	10	Sunday	Year Four Level Mass, 9:45am
	21	Thursday	Parent Formation Evening for Reconciliation,7:00pm
	23	Saturday	Year Five Level Mass and Creed Presentation, 6:00pm
	24	Sunday	Year Five Level Mass and Creed Presentation 9:45am
December	1	Sunday	Prep 2020 Welcome Mass, 11:15am
	8	Sunday	Jacqui's Parish Farewell Mass, 9:45am
	15	Sunday	Children's Mass, 11:15am
	17	Tuesday	Thanksgiving Mass, 7:00pm

Have an enjoyable week, Monica

Islamic Museum Excursion

On Monday the 21st of October, our 5/6 students visited the Islamic Museum of Australia as part of our Religious Education studies. The excursion was a chance to learn about the Islamic faith and explore the similarities and differences between this faith and the Catholic traditions. Students also had the chance to learn about the history of the Islamic faith and it's connection to Australian history.

It was a very powerful experience that allowed our students to develop greater respect and appreciation for other faiths, cultures and traditions.

Below are some reflections on the day from our students on what they learned and the connections they made between the Islamic faith and Catholic teachings.

"The Islamic family tree is heavily linked to the Christian Bible." Thomas K
"Jesus is not seen as God but a prophet in the Islamic faith. His name is Isa in Arabic." Jacob T
"I learnt that Muslims first came to Australia in the 1700s from Indonesia and traded with the Aboriginals." Angus
"I learnt that Muslims pray 5 times a day and at specific times." Ebony
"I learnt that some Muslim women wear a head scarf known as a hijab, but they don't all wear them" Sienna
"Muslims pray in mosques and there are loads of Islamic mosques all around the world" Amari
"I learnt that not all Muslims have to fast during Ramadan. Some people such as the sick, elderly, young children or pregnant women don't have to." Anna

The Australian Mathematics Competition

Congratulations to the 21 St John's students who competed in the Australian Mathematics Competition earlier this year.

Special mention to Thomas Kelly, Joshua Plant, Tristan Crawley, Jessica Gilbert and Mia Moran who received a distinction award and was placed in the top 20% of the country.

Congratulations also to the 10 students who received credit certificates. All students who competed in the competition will receive their certificate, individual performance report and a copy of the competition test at assembly on Monday 11th November.

Kellie Cumming

2020 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The Parent Information Night for First Reconciliation is on **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 21 2019 at 7.00pm** in the Coghlan Centre. At this meeting we will explore the sacrament itself and how it will be celebrated with your child next year.

For those parents who were unable to attend the "readiness" meeting and would like their child to celebrate sacraments in 2020, you will need to contact me on
Phone 9873 1341 or email Maree.Okeefe@cam.org.au to make a time to meet with me and collect a family activity booklet as well as the dates for next year and indicators of readiness.

Many thanks
Maree O'Keefe
Pastoral Associate

ITALIAN FASHION PARADE

Congratulations and well done to all the grade 3/4 students for participating in the Italian Fashion Parade .
You all worked very hard during Italian lessons leading up to our successful parade. Thank you to the parents that came along to watch, the school captains for providing the music, Amari for taking the photos and Ms Devoy for her backstage role.
Now we need to get ready for Italian Day on Thursday 28th November.

Ms Rosetta DeAmicis

Our Lady of Sion College
SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE Ephs 4:15

Come and see how your daughter will embrace life at Sion.

Final Talk and Tour Mornings for 2019:

Monday 14 October, 9.30 am
Friday 22 November, 9.30 am

Visit our website to register at www.sion.catholic.edu.au

Application forms are available on our website for download or you can contact our Registrar:
Ms Robyn McCann
9890 9097 or registrar@sion.catholic.edu.au

We look forward to welcoming your family to the College.

1065 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill
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MISSION MASS

On Wednesday 23rd October the School Captains, Vice Captains and Social Justice Leaders went to St Patrick's Cathedral to participate in a Mission Mass. This liturgy was to celebrate the end of Mission month where Catholics are encouraged to make a difference in their local communities for people who are less fortunate, including communities in India and Africa. We represented our school at the mass and took our school banner as a sign of our participation. We enjoyed spending time with other schools and participating in mass with a full

BIRTHDAYS

This week we congratulate Tom, Scarlett, Milla and Kieran as they celebrate their special day.

We hope you have a very……
"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

Melinda Kerwin

Melinda has been working as a Learning Support Officer at St John's since 2011. She previously completed a Diploma of Primary Teaching and worked as a teacher for a number of years before starting her family.

Currently Melinda works in the 5/6 learning area. She works with students in small groups for maths, reading and targeted oral language programs. Melinda is a qualified GRIN (Getting Ready in numeracy) tutor, which is an intervention maths program we run here at St John's. She is also responsible for coordinating the BEBRAS program here at St John's which is a problem solving and creative thinking challenge students participate in twice a year in the 5/6 level.

Melinda is passionate about supporting students on their journey to become the best they can be. She strongly believes that all students can learn and loves when a student realises they have achieved a goal they've been working on. At school she is heavily involved with many groups and extra programs we offer such as Marathon Club, managing the worm farms and Gardening Club.

Melinda loves working at St John's because it is a place where everyone is welcomed and feels like they belong. Outside of school Melinda, her husband and three children are all mad Collingwood supporters. She enjoys travelling, particularly throughout Australia and spending time with her friends and family.

We are very fortunate to have Melinda as part of our community here at St John's. She is extremely dedicated, hard working and patient with all students. Melinda has a wealth of knowledge and experience and is always happy to lend

Thank you to the wonderful mum's who helped make "Think Pink Day" so successful

<u>Public Speaking</u>

Dear parents & family members,

This term our 5/6 students have been participating in public speaking workshops to improve their skills and overall confidence in presenting to an audience. Next Tuesday you are invited to listen to the students present. Each student will present a poem as part of a group, and another speech of their choice. They have been learning to incorporate expressive skills such as tone of voice, emphasis, pitch and posture into persuasive, impromptu and entertaining speeches.

On **<u>Tuesday November 12th</u>**, students will be presenting at the following times.
5/6 KR will be presenting from 9am to 10am.
5/6 TJ will be presenting from 10am to 11am.
5/6 AB will be presenting from 12pm to 1pm.

All parents and family members are welcome to attend this session and it would be wonderful if you could attend it to see the progress each child has made through this program. We will also be videoing each presentation for students to include in their Semester 2 digital portfolios.

St. John's Parish Community Fete

SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2019

~*~12 DAYS UNTIL FETE DAY~*~

Hi...and welcome to the next issue of **FETE NEWS**. 12 Days to go!!! Apologies, Lots of information in this one but we are getting to the pointy end of things!

Cake Stall

We are inviting all school families to bake something delicious for the cake stall this year. A favourite cake, slice or biscuits would be a wonderful and much appreciated contribution to our cake stall. Be on the lookout for further instruction attached to the end of this newsletter. Please note NO PLATES will be distributed this year. Historically only 25% of the total plates and bags distributed have been used, which has resulted in unnecessary waste.

Melissa's Garden

We are re-naming the plant stall to "Melissa's Garden" this year, as a tribute to Melissa Greenwood who recently passed away. Melissa has the run plant stall in recent years and has been a generous contributor for many more years at the St John's Fete. Melissa's family and friends will run the stall this year in her honour.

Calling all Green and Brown Thumbs!

The fete is only weeks away. We welcome donations of cuttings or seedlings that are potted and ready to sell. Spare plastic pots are not required this year, but decorative pots or garden ornaments that can be sold "as is" are welcome.

Please email Anthony at anthchan1@hotmail.com or call 0425 726 633, to let him know what you are growing. We will arrange collection on the Thursday 14th or Friday 15th before the Fete, or you can deliver them to the school on Friday 15th. Many thanks to all the growers who have supported the stall over the last few years.

Ride Wristbands via Trybooking

Purchase your $30 Wristbands before Fete Day and SAVE! The wristband gives you unlimited rides, plus a drink and a sausage in bread from BBQ stall [$35 FETE DAY]. NB. Height restrictions apply. There will be some toddler rides which will be free for toddlers. Use the TRY BOOKING website to pay on-line, then collect your wristbands from the school office - bring you E-ticket as proof of purchase. Online bookings close 6pm Friday 15th November, after this time you can purchase from the **RIDE TICKET STALL**. Tickets can be collected from the school offices from Tuesday 12th November. If not collected by Thursday 14th November pick up from the Rides stall. Keep an eye out on FaceBook for the rides that will be there. https://www.trybooking.com/BGMGG

Loaves and ~~Fishes~~....whoops I mean Freshes

Fresh to the Fete this year is the **"FRESH MARKET CORNER".** There will be fruit, there will be vegetables, there will be eggs and there will be bread.....but not for long. Get in early before stock runs out. Thanks to our friends at **Big Watermelon Bushy Park and Bakers Delight Ringwood Square.** Please sign up to help Bosco and his family serve fresh produce to our community volunteersignup.org/DD99M

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Face Painters and Cashiers Needed!

Well it's that time of year again where we are asking those who love to see the smiles on kids painted faces to sign up and help us on the Face Painting Stall!

The face painting stall is always a busy but very happy and fun one to volunteer at and we need at least 4 people per one hour shift to assist us on the day. Most volunteers like to set aside 2 hrs as once you are set to go and in to the swing of it, it's a lot of fun and the time goes very quickly.

The designs we have created are quite easy to replicate with a few tips, tricks and special brushes and paintcakes we have purchased. We are always happy to meet with anyone who would like a few tips and volunteers are also welcome to borrow one of our kits and the book of designs to practice prior to the fete. Please contact Kylie Brooks-Verberne (cralkyll@tpg.com.au) or Lena Zappia (davelena@tpg.com.au) should you wish to meet with us to practice. On the day at least one of us and other regular helpers are there too to assist!

Cashiers are also an important and valued member of our stall. They are needed to take money and to direct those excited children waiting in line. Sign up here volunteersignup.org/QA99K

Raffle Tickets due back to the school Asap!

Raffle tickets were due back Friday 1st November – sold or unsold. If you still haven't submitted this back to school please do so asap. Each book needs to be accounted for. GREAT Prizes to be won!

Colouring Competition

Colouring In sheets are at the back of this newsletter. For those that are at nearby Kindergartens please share with them too. Don't forget to hand them in FETE DAY! Great Prizes to be won!

Posters

Help spread the word about our FETE! More and more households have a NO JUNK MAIL sticker on them, so this year we are trying a different approach in getting the word out there. Your local Café, Kindergarten, sporting club may be willing to put up a poster on their notice board. If your local haunts can do this for us grab a poster or two. POSTERS will be available by Friday 8th November, at the school offices or Narthex

Many Hands Make Light Work!

A lot of hours is put into running a FETE, please spare some time to help our volunteers by giving us an hour or two on a stand. Volunteer links can be found on the last page.

If you can't help FETE Day please consider either the day before or the day after FETE.

Pre-Fete Set-up Fri 15 Nov (Morning)	Pre-Fete Set-up Fri 15 Nov (Evening)
Pre-Fete Set-up Fri 15 Nov (Afternoon)	Bump Out - Sat 16 Nov (evening)
Working Bee Clean up Post Fete - Sunday 17th November	

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