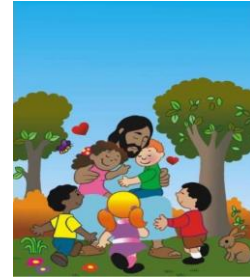


ST JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Let the
Little
Children

Principal's Notes

Dear Heavenly Father, Creator of all
We thank you for the sun that brightens our days
and gives life to our planet.
We thank you for the star of the nights
which remind us you are always watching over us.
Help us to show our love for you
in our dealings with each person we meet each day

What another action packed week in the life of St John's School!!

Swimming Carnival

Last Friday, the Year Three to Six classes with staff, family and friends celebrated the St John's School Swimming Carnival, which was a fabulous afternoon. The number of competitors in the races continue to grow, which is wonderful when students and parents put their children's names forward to have a go at the races.

Congratulations to Medal Winners

Junior Girls Runner-up - Skyla Breen	Junior Girls Champion – Ella Mongoo
Junior Boys Runner-up – Tallan Mallard	Junior Boys Champion – Hamish Miragliotta
Inter. Girls Runner-up – Arlie Mallard	Inter. Girls Champion – Millie Gerreyn
Inter Boys Runner-up – James Robinson and Seven Forsyth	
Inter Boys Champion – Jake Cornelius	Senior Girls Runner-up – Bella Wheeldon
Senior Girls Champion – Chloe Doyle	Senior Boys Runner-up – Tim Fairall
Senior Boys Champion – Matthew Greenlees.	

Final Faction Scores

1st Hayes: 250pts
2nd Pelsaert 216pts
3rd Batavia: 193pts
Abrolhos 155pts



But in the words of Vice Captain of our winning faction, Hayes, Elise Breen, "all students were winners!", such wise words from someone so young, but a sign of a great leader.

A huge thank you to Patrick Matthews who organised another wonderful Carnival. Thanks to the staff and, parent helpers: Cameron and Sue Miragliotta, Donna Rowe, Claire Tutton who braved the water, and to judges Tonia Morrison, Yvonne Mansfield, Candi Forsyth and Brett Love. Without the help and support of parents we would not be able to hold a Carnival.

Water afternoon

While we were at the Senior Carnival the Pre-Primary to Year 2 students had great fun at a Water Play afternoon. Thank you to Mrs Murphy for organising the afternoon.



**Reminder : P&F Sundowner and Official Opening of the Playscape:
Friday March 9th from 5pm – 7pm**

*Term 1 Week 6
March 8th, 2018*

Dates can also be found
on the school website

FRIDAY 9th March

Prayer Assembly –
Spiritual Ministry

P&F Sundowner 5-7pm

TUESDAY 13th March

March Munch Year 5/6
Incursion

WEDNESDAY 14th March

Board Meeting @ 6pm

THURSDAY 15th March

Assembly - Year 2

FRIDAY 16th March

Prayer Assembly - Year 4

WEDNESDAY 21st March

Harmony Day
Mass of the Oils – 5pm at
the Cathedral
School Banking

Newsletter Inserts

Little Joeys Flyer
Ngala presents –
And go to sleep
flyer.

Staff Professional Development

On Tuesday of this week while families enjoyed an extra-long weekend, the staff undertook Professional Development to further develop our knowledge, understanding and implementation of the Digital Technology curriculum.

We were very fortunate to have Deanne Poole, a consultant from the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) council present the new curriculum for us.

Farewell

Last week we sadly farewelled Tanya Cook, one of our cleaners who left to take up fulltime employment in another industry. The appointment process for a new cleaner is currently underway.

Achievement recognised

We are very proud to last week receive a letter from ACARA to congratulate St John's School on again achieving above National growth for the 2017 Year 5 children from their Year 3 assessment.

Cyclic Review

Next week we will have a panel of visitors in the school and classrooms as St John's School undergoes a Five Year Cyclic Review. The Cyclic Review is a Government and CEWA System requirement which focused on the School Improvements and improvement processes over the last five years and looks forward to the next 3 years. At St John's we are very proud of the school improvement achievements made over the last five years, as evidence by our ACARA recognition above, and are looking forward to sharing them with the visiting panel. I am sure you will make our visitors welcome.

Maureen Barrett - Principal

Assistant Principals, News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Prayer Assembly

This Friday, 9th March, the Spiritual Ministry will be leading the school in prayer at 8:45am. All welcome to attend. Next week the Year Four class will be leading the school.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Friday, 9th March, the Year Six class will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the church at 9:00am.

Project Compassion-CARITAS FEATURE STORY (Evangeline Story- Australia)

Evangeline is strengthening Aboriginal culture, while making a living for herself and creating opportunities for her community. Featured in Project Compassion 2016, Evangeline was employed by the Caritas Australia supported Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation and quickly rose to the role of Senior Arts worker.

Her work at Djilpin Arts has supported the organisation's growth from a multi-media project to a multi-level contemporary arts and culture centre. An example of excellence in Indigenous tourism, it's now a key employer for young people in the remote Northern Territory community of Beswick (Wugularr).

This year, in 2018, Evangeline is busy guiding tourists, coordinating cultural activities and helping community members to practise and market their arts, such as weaving and jewellery-making.

"Now we have a new gallery up. And we have our new kitchens, we look after these and we now maintain this to make sure it's running okay and in good condition. We're also trying to open up another tour for tourists to go around the waterfall, we're just planning that now."

Evangeline's career has flourished, and she has become an inspirational youth leader.

Evangeline says that Caritas Australia's support for Djilpin Arts, through Project Compassion, is vital for all Wugularr's young people. Although their families do their best to pass on knowledge, Elders are dying and she is keen to spearhead the preservation of culture and lore for future generations.

"It's good for them to learn and to keep their culture strong," Evangeline says



Fruit of the Spirit

This is the last week that we will be focusing on the Fruit of Joy.

Hint of the week for spreading Joy: Be adventurous. There may be things that you don't yet know about that will bring you joy. If you have a hard time determining where you can find joy, perhaps you haven't yet had sufficient new experiences to expose you to all potential sources of joy.



Try new activities, meet new people and try new things. **How will you spread the Fruit of Joy?**

ADMINISTRATION

Three Way Personalised Learning Plan (PLP) meetings

The three-way PLP meetings for Pre-Primary to Year Six have concluded. If you haven't yet arranged a time to conduct a PLP, please meet your child/ren's classroom teacher and organise a mutually suitable time. It is an expectation that all children attend a PLP Meeting.

Twilight Inter-School Swimming Carnival 2018

Twilight Interschool Swimming Carnival will be held on **Thursday, 5th April commencing at 4.00pm**. More information on this event will be given closer to the date.

Sun Smart



Please continue to remind your child/ren of the importance to be sun smart. Too much of the sun's UV rays can cause sunburn and irreversible damage to the skin and eyes. There have been many children coming to school with red faces on a Monday morning after an eventful weekend in the sun.

Assembly

Next **Thursday 15th March**, St John's School will hold an Assembly at 2.20pm in the School Hall. The Year Two Class will present an item. All families and friends are welcome to attend.

Brett Love – Assistant Principal

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WELCOME SUNDOWNER

Father Larry will officially open the Nature Playspace at 5.45pm. Supper will commence at 6pm. [We look forward to welcoming you all Friday evening to our first community event of the year.](#)

SCHOOL BANKING

The next banking date is scheduled for Wednesday 21st March (week 8).

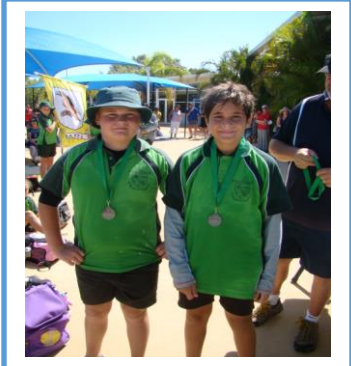
EASTER RAFFLE

The Easter Raffle will be drawn Friday 23rd March (week 8), following Prayer Assembly. We appreciate the support from families selling raffle tickets and donating towards the Easter baskets.

Thank you
P&F Committee



SWIMMING CARNIVAL



Water fun day

