Principal’s Report

Dear Parents,

Last week our grade 5/6 students enjoyed a fantastic learning camp in Canberra. They completed many fun activities and should be commended for their exceptional behaviour. Thanks also to the staff who attended, especially Danielle Kemp and Di O’Hehir for their organisation.

Division Swimming:

Tomorrow, Kierah Lawler is representing our school at the Division Swimming Carnival. We wish Kierah all the best.

3/4B & 1/2C Class Mass:

There is a Mass at 9:30am tomorrow morning for students in 3/4B and 1/2C, all welcome to attend.

Bring an Egg & Caritas Casual Clothes Day:

Next Tuesday, 15th March, is ‘Bring an Easter Egg’ and Caritas casual clothes day. Students who wish to wear casual clothes should bring in an Easter Egg and a gold coin donation. The Easter Egg will be used for our end of term Easter raffle and the gold coin will go to Caritas to help those who are less fortunate than we are.

Foundation Students Fulltime:

Foundation students commence school on a full time basis next week; our newsletters will then be sent home on a Wednesday.

School Sores:

Please be advised that there have been some cases of school sores across the school. If your child contracts school sores they need to be excluded from school until treatment commences. On their return to school all exposed sores need to be covered by a water proof band-aid.

Social skills for children:

An important part of student learning in primary school years is learning to socialise with others. Learning and developing these skills needs to be a partnership between home and school to ensure positive relationships are formed. Being sent home with this newsletter are some skills which children need in order to socialise effectively, please take the time to have a read.

Regards,

Justin Greenwood
Principal
Junior School News

Each week the junior classes have been looking at a different nursery rhyme. The children have enjoyed learning and reciting them as well as completing activities based around them. They particularly enjoyed saying the rhymes in different tones and speeds.

During religious lessons we have been focusing on Lent and how we can use this time to grow as individuals and use our strengths to help those less fortunate. All four classes are doing a fantastic job in raising money for Caritas. Keep up the great work.

On Thursday the 10th March, 1/2C have a class Mass with 3/4B. All families are more than welcome to join us in this celebration.

Middle School News

A reflection of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program from last week by the 3/4 students:

For our first rotation today we put down smelly manure and turned over the dirt. We also watered the fruit trees and the big long pumpkin vine.

In the kitchen we separated into two groups. Group 1 made tasty mini bread rolls. We took turns kneading the dough. We had to let it rest for a while and then it expanded.

In group 2, we made yummy pumpkin soup. We used scales to weigh 750g of pumpkin and 250g of potatoes. We also cut up one huge onion. It made our eyes water.

Next week, we are looking forward to our excursion to the Men’s Shed Community Garden.

Senior School News

Last week we embarked on the exciting journey to Canberra. It was an action packed camp and the students participated in a wide variety of activities.

We visited the Electoral Education Centre, High Court of Australia, National Gallery of Australia, Cockington Green Gardens, AIS, National Museum, Parliament House, Telstra Tower, Royal Australian Mint, Australian War Memorial and Questacon.

The students should be congratulated on their exceptional behaviour throughout camp. The reverence and respect shown at the Australian War Memorial was outstanding.

This week, the students will begin a class project on their favourite place in Canberra or an Australian politician.

Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

St Francis Xavier College Year 7—Tours

Wednesday 9th March 5:30—6:30pm for students wishing to have a tour.

Both Officer and Berwick Campuses will be running tours on this night for perspective St John’s students. Parents should still attend the information night on Wednesday 2nd March.

Enquiries—9707 3111

Birthdays

8/3/16 to 14/3/2016

Ben Blackley
Maddison Chilver

SAKG Roster

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**PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS**

**Scholastic Books** - Book order forms have been sent home. Please make sure your orders are back by **this Friday, 11 March**. **No late orders accepted.**

**Bulb, Slice and Pretzel Rod Fundraiser**—We are running three drives together, you can purchase items from any or all of them. Please have your order forms back to the office by **this Friday, 11 March**. Additional forms are available from the office.

**Easter Raffle**—Raffle Books have been sent home today for this year’s Easter Raffle. There will be three prizes per class and three major prizes for the whole school. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday, 24 March after Stations of the Cross. Raffle books need to be back by Wednesday, 23 March. Extra books are available from the office.

**Easter Raffle Prize Wrapping—Wednesday, 16 March**—On Wednesday, 16 March we will be wrapping Easter raffle prizes immediately after line up. Anyone who is able to help, please join us in the canteen.

**Free Dress Day—Bring an Easter Egg—Tuesday, 15 March**—Next Tuesday, 15 March will be a free dress day. In return each child is asked to bring an Easter egg, or other Easter novelty, for us to use in the Easter raffle. This year the social justice leaders have asked that each child also bring a gold coin for their Caritas collection.

**P&F Meeting—Wednesday, 9 March**—P&F Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be held this Wednesday, 9 March immediately following line up, in the staffroom. Pre-schoolers are always welcome.

**Pakenham Bucks**—When you shop at Hardy’s The Good Guys in Pakenham let them know, before you pay, that you would like Pakenham Bucks for St John’s and they will give you a voucher to drop into the office at school. For every $25 you spend the school will receive $1 to redeem on anything in the store.

**Dates for your Diary**
- **Tuesday, 9 May**—Mothers’ Day Lunch

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**Sport**

| Children will take part in a 50 minute sport lesson once a week on the following days. Sports uniform is to be worn on your child’s allocated sport day. |

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**Canteen Roster**

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**KOO WEE RUP CATHOLIC PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP**

Including the communities of St Joseph’s, Iona; St James, Nar Nar Goon; Holy Family, Maryknoll; St John’s, Koo Wee Rup and St Mary’s, Lang Lang.

**Administrator:** Fr. Peter Kooloo

**Ph:** 03 5997 1510  **Fax:** 03 5997 2220

**Mob:** 0438 622 766

**Parish Deacon:** Rev. Tony Aspinall

12A Pearson Street, Bunyip, 3815

03 5629 5865 or 0414 468 692

**Email:** apaspinall@bigpond.com

**Baptism Enquiries**—Mrs Eileen Crowley—Contact St John’s School Office on 5997 1653 or Mob: 0409 971 712

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES:**

- **St Joseph’s, Iona**—Sunday 11am
- **Holy Family, Maryknoll**—2nd Sunday, 8am
- **St James, Nar Nar Goon**—Saturday 6.00pm
- **St John’s, Koo Wee Rup**—Sunday 9:30am
- **St Mary’s, Lang Lang**—3rd Sunday, 8am

Alternatively, upon request.

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**Fees—EFT Details**

Families wishing to pay fees via EFT can do so using the following details:

- **BSB:** 083 879
- **Acc No:** 69544 2410
- **Acc Name:** St Johns Primary School

Your family name or account number must be noted in the detail.

EFTPOS is available at St Johns for payment of fees. Please note: We **do not offer CASH OUT**.

**Guitar Lessons**—Guitar lessons are conducted weekly at school by Tutor Teach Me Guitar—for all enquiries please contact them on: **1800 983 991**

**Piano Lessons**—Ann Larkins is conducting private Piano lessons for interested students. Please contact Mrs Larkins on: **0417 102 087**

**Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop will be open on Monday afternoons 3:00pm to approx. 3:20pm.

Alternatively completed order forms, with payment, can be left at the office. These will be processed Monday afternoon and uniform will be sent home with your child. If you have any queries please call Amber on 0417 502 927.

EFTPOS, Cash or cheque made payable to St Johns PFA.