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Principal's Message



Dear Johnnies Community,

This week we began the Year 7, 2022 interviews and it has again become a highlight of my Term 1. We are in an envious position to have 200 applications for 150 positions in Year 7. This makes it extremely difficult to make discernments, however, we always fall back on our enrolment criteria

and guidelines and these can be accessed on our webpage: Key Enrolment Dates and Information (stjohns.qld.edu.au)

It is always heartwarming and incredibly affirming when new and old parents speak so highly of the school. Our strong points are our evidenced academic performance and our community, which are influenced by our values, adopted from the Sisters of the Good Samaritan order. Johnnies has a fine reputation, and it is our obligation to maintain and improve our way of living and learning together.

This week we elected a new P&F committee and I congratulate Chris Lysaght, Terri Beal, Tania Burton, and Giuseppina Painter. Other members present were Deb Vincent, David Hobbs, Damien Quinn, (retiring President) and myself. We had a few apologies as well. I invite more parents to come along and keep abreast of our college progress and changes in education and help us build community and engagement for parents. You are most welcome even if you can only make the odd meeting. Our next meeting is in week 3 of Term 2, Tuesday 4th May, 5.30pm.

Next Tuesday is our first Board meeting for the year, also at 5.30pm. If there are parents wishing to be on the Board, you will need to notify me beforehand so that I can send you some formation details about the functioning of a Pastoral Board and not a Board of Governance.

Last Monday, Mark O'Connor and I attended our Cluster meeting at St. Columban's College, Caboolture. It was an enlightening meeting on certain areas of compliance and the

BCE NAPLAN strategy. I thought it would be timely to remind parents that St John's takes NAPLAN seriously. It is firstly a diagnostic test in the subject areas of English and Maths, and secondly it is, whether we like it or not, a publicly displayed performance of all schools across Australia. Therefore, my message to Year 7 & 9 students and parents: NAPLAN is important, and we need to make sure that we are well prepared so that we can maintain and improve our results as we are almost always above State, BCE and National benchmarks. There could be some room for improvement in some of our results in numeracy and reading. That is our target for the next few years.

Next week is very busy with activities around the school. Please read further in this newsletter for any changes to normal routines. I will also, along with our Leadership Team, be involved in interviews.

From time to time, arguments or misunderstandings are brought to my attention. We all have them. The following blessing can be used as an important reflection on how we speak to people:

May you know blessing when you have been misjudged or when your words or intentions have been misconstrued or mistaken.

May you settle into that place within you that is filled with truth and authenticity and may you find there your true intent and your most authentic meaning.

May you also find the words that will transform perceptions and invite reconciliation among those who people your life.

May the God of Authenticity bless you. --Maxine Shonk, OP

Chris Gold
Principal

SPECIAL REPORT: A Conversation on Consent

The recent allegations of sexual assault covered in the media, has sparked an online petition instigated by a former student from a private girl's school in the eastern suburbs of Sydney. The petition asked for former students who had experienced sexual assault whilst still at school to come forward and share their stories. The petition has since gone viral with an enormous response from thousands of young women who have either signed the petition or shared their experience.

The accounts shared by these young women are disturbing, shocking, graphic, and upsetting. It has set in motion a wake-up call for many schools to reassess their curriculum around sex and life education. The clear message arising from this is that education around consent is being delivered too late, with many young women being subjected to sexual assault before they reach Year 10. The petition is calling for change to help protect young people across the nation.

This also highlights a strong need for parents to step-up and start having conversations around consent. It is not enough to assume that your teenager knows or understands what it means and the implications surrounding it. Teenagers need to learn about boundaries, enabling them to respect themselves and their partners. Talking about consent regularly will help normalise it and encourage your teenager to experience healthy relationships as they journey into adulthood.

For support in relation to some of the issues raised in this Special Report, please contact one of the following services:

1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732)

Lifeline 13 11 14

Beyond Blue 1300 224 636

An eight minute segment on Consent is presented by Michael Carr-Gregg:

https://schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-conversation-consent?utm_campaign=c

Celebrating a Strong Catholic Identity

Catholic Perspectives – Catholic Social Teachings

Next week we are celebrating Harmony Week which involves numerous activities focusing on diversity. We are also halfway through Project Compassion and our students are demonstrating an excellent commitment to raising money to support Caritas. Caritas supports community ventures that allow for individuals to improve their lives. This comes right down to the bases of Catholic Social Teaching. In the Religious Education Program, year levels examine a specific teaching, and currently Year 10 students are investigating a social justice issue to evaluate societies and the Church's response. This week's Catholic Perspective information is a short extract from a rather long explanation on Catholic Social Teaching. The full version is located on the College website.

"The Catholic perspective on relational and sexual health is situated within a larger framework of human flourishing. Because human beings are created male and female in the image of God, God wills the flourishing of all human beings. We know this not only through the Genesis narrative, but also through the accounts of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus talks about the reign of God at a time when the weakest, the oppressed, the marginalized in society will finally be treated with the respect and just love that they deserve. In chapter 6 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus says: Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. These are strong words if we take them seriously. What they are saying is that what God wants, what God desires for us, is a society of justice, peace and joy for everyone (Romans 14:17). God desires a society in which people truly flourish. But such flourishing can never occur in isolation. Human beings flourish precisely in and through their relationships with other people, with the world around them and above all with God. The flourishing of the individual, in other words, is always associated with the flourishing of the community ..."

BCE Curriculum (bne.catholic.edu.au)



Fiona Baker
Assistant Principal Formation and Identity



Fourth Sunday of Lent

Why do we do what we do during Lent?

Why Do We Pray?

As Catholics, we believe that personal prayer is not complete unless our prayers are joined with the community of faith who is the living Body of Christ. The Sunday liturgy is the greatest form of prayer because together we receive the gift of the

Holy Eucharist — the very real presence of the Risen Christ. Attending weekly (or daily) Mass is an essential part of a healthy prayer life.

Deepening Prayer

Throughout the season of Lent, we are called to deepen our prayer life. For some of us, this means beginning a habit of daily prayer, setting aside time each day to share our hopes, joys, fears and frustrations with God. Praying first thing in the morning, while the house is still quiet, or talking to God while on your commute to work are simple ways to integrate prayer into everyday life. Praying the Rosary, visiting the Blessed Sacrament or attending a daylong silent retreat may bring you to new places in your relationship with God.

Why Do We Fast?

Lent has traditionally been the season where we give something up, often sweets or a favourite food, in order to focus on the sacrifice Christ made on the cross. Fasting is much more than a means of developing self-control. Fasting is spiritual and physical purification; the pangs of hunger remind us of our hunger for God. Fasting and abstinence help us to participate more fully in the cross of Christ.

Fresh Ways to Fast

- In the Western world, fasting from food is a reminder of our abundance and a way to walk in solidarity with people around the world who struggle with daily hunger and starvation. Pause to remember families that face hunger as you fast.
- Limiting social-media exposure or fasting from the 24-hour news networks are ways to quiet our minds and open our hearts to transformation.
- We might also strive to fast from anger, road rage, workaholicism, judgment or jealousy.

Lent is a time to fast from those things or habits that may have become a roadblock to our relationship with Christ.

Church Guidelines for Fasting and Abstinence

The law of abstinence obliges those 14 years of age and older not to eat meat on Fridays throughout the season of Lent as well as on Ash Wednesday. The law of fast obliges all those from ages 18 through 59 to refrain from eating between meals and to limit their eating to one full meal and two lighter meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Why Do We Give Alms?

Charitable giving is a very ancient practice; almsgiving was normative long before the time of Jesus. The Lenten call to almsgiving means making the needs of other people our own. One of the central lessons of the cross is compassion; the heavy burdens we carry help us to appreciate the suffering in others. Sharing our material goods is often just the beginning of real Christian giving. We are also called to share our time tending to people in need.

Ideas for Giving

- Volunteer at a soup kitchen
- Help younger students with their studies

- Donate to Project Compassion

Lent is a time to prepare for Easter; it is a necessary prelude. The sacrificial practices of Lent prepare and purify us in body, mind and spirit for the passion of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Retrieved from <https://teachingcatholickids.com/why-we-pray-fast-and-give-alms-during-lent/> 12/03/21

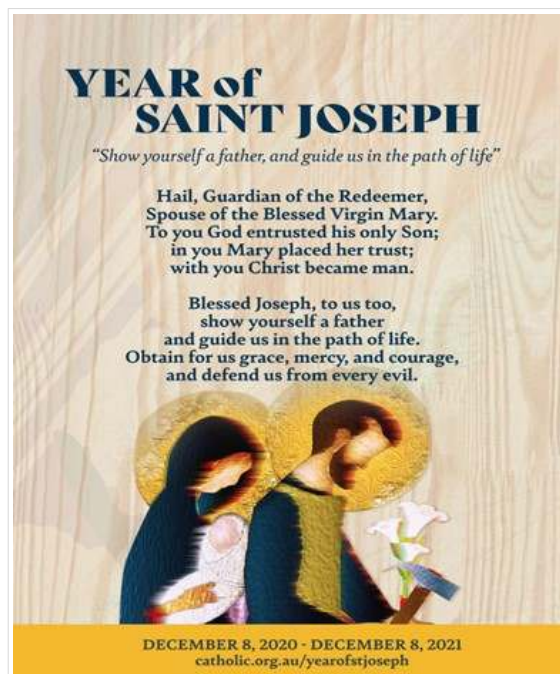
Year of St Joseph



On 8 December 2022, Pope Francis published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* (With a Father's Heart), commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St Joseph" from 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021.

Joseph was a humble, strong, loving, obedient and accepting human-being, the foster father of Jesus, who willingly took on the role of father. He protected the Holy Family in times of adversity and challenges and truly trusted in God. His virtues were modelled by Jesus, and he lived in Jesus' shadow. Joseph was a gift to the world and Father of Christian people. The aim of this Apostolic Letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and zeal.

Ref: Joseph@Michael O'Neill McGrath, OSFS/www.bromickeymcgrath.com 2013



Project Compassion House Fundraising Challenge

House Fundraising Challenge	Melaleuca	Banksia	Casuarina	Acacia
Weekly Tally	\$185.00	\$230.40	\$112.60	\$91.65
Overall Tally	\$409.75	\$419.70	\$265.00	\$351.65

Tracey Langford
Campus Minister

Supporting a Connected Community

International Women's Day Celebration

On Monday St John's College celebrated International Women's Day with a morning tea for all the wonderful women and staff within our organization and a presentation from a special guest speaker for our Year 10-12 students.

Kaylene Langford our guest speaker, is not only a past student but a passionate entrepreneur, career coach, writer and keynote speaker, and the founder and owner of StartUp Creative. Her business has a hugely popular online platform, podcast, and print magazine that educates, inspires and supports creative entrepreneurs and future innovators. In her spare time, she walks her own talk with a busy yet balanced schedule of exercise, meditation, sunshine-seeking, reading, research and personal goal-setting, as well as the occasional sneaky Instagram scroll. Her first book, "How to Start a Side Hustle" is forthcoming from Hardie Grant Books. In her presentation, Kaylene focused on "Feminine Business - What we bring to the table". Kaylene provided our young people with simple yet excellent strategies for dealing with and addressing issues around body image/identity/ society's expectations/ stereotypical expectations. We thank Kaylene for giving her time and sharing her expertise and experiences with us and reminding us not to let outside factors determine who we are.

Happy International Women's Day to everyone in our St John's Community.



Harmony Week Preparations

Harmony Week- Everybody Belongs



Next week, the Stewardship and Culture Committee in collaboration with the Arts Committee, will be running activities for Harmony Week. We are excited to be cooking and selling Pad Thai Noodles and Nigerian Jollof Rice. Students are asked to wear different colours (as bright as can be!) to celebrate Harmony Week and acknowledge that Everybody Belongs here at the school.

Wednesday 17th March

Free Dress Day \$2 donations

All proceeds going towards the installation of flagpoles to proudly fly the Australian National Flag & Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flags at St John's College



Tuesday:
Music of the World- On the Piazza
Presented by the Arts Committee

Wednesday:
Colours of the World Free Dress \$2
Donation SRC- St. Patrick's Day Fun and Games

Thursday:
Foods of the World- Come and purchase some delicious Indonesian, Nigerian, Irish, French, Australian food and much more!

Friday:
National Day of Action - School Captains



Friday 19 March 2021 -
National Day of Action

Take Action Together

National Day of Action

Friday the 19th is The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. This day of action is recognised throughout Australia and is a day for schools, students, and the community to say **Bullying No Way!**

“Bullying is deliberate verbal, physical and/or social behaviour intended to cause ongoing physical, social and/or psychological harm. Bullying can make you feel anxious, depressed, and lonely. It can happen anywhere — in person, or online using various digital platforms and devices (cyberbullying). It might be obvious to others or hidden.

Bullying is never OK! “

No one deserves to be bullied or hurt. You can choose to:

- treat others how you would like to be treated — with kindness and respect
- include others in games and chats
- only share information about others with their consent

Committee members are looking forward to facilitating the activities and fun next week. Please see the flyer for details.

Food of the World day

On Thursday 18th March, food from around the world will be available to buy at lunchtime. We will have Pad Thai and Nigerian Jollof rice as our main meals plus several treats from other countries.

Amanda Tollner

Student Mentor- Stewardship and Culture Committee

Fostering a love of Learning and Teaching

Arts Week Lunchtime Activities

Arts Week has been ablaze with colourful activities. The Arts Captains: Ewan Cassidy, Rosie Abt and Charlo Chesterman along with members of the Arts Committee have exciting activities planned for lunchtimes:

Monday – face painting and henna hands

Tuesday – paint splatter

Wednesday – the Rave Cave

Thursday – music on the Piazza

Friday - Chalk painting.

Arts Week will culminate with the annual Art Exhibition. This will be the first and only Arts event for 2021. The junior and senior Art and Media Arts students will have their work displayed. Emerging indigenous artist, Nikita Newley will be onsite completing an artwork that will be auctioned on the night by Mr. Dave Cuskelly. There will be People’s Choice prizes, music, street theatre and food trucks. The sign on desk will open at 6:00pm with the official opening at 6:30. The entry is free to see the artistic talent at St. John’s College. See you there!



Kathryn Kiernan-Molloy

Drama Teacher

STUFFit Student Film Festival Facilitator

Library News

CHESS CLUB HAS OFFICIALLY KICKED OFF!

Last Friday, during second break our first official Chess Club took place. There was a good selection of students across multiple grades and with various chess ability. Will Higgs, a Year 11 student, is to be congratulated on his facilitation of this successful activity.

There were many students who could not make it due to excursions and other commitments, we look forward to meeting some new faces this Friday.

Read on!

Miss Corey, Miss McCaul and Miss Rowe



College Business

Random Lock Check

Dear Parents,

This week we conducted a random locker check in one section of the school. 74 out of 280 of these lockers were not secured with a lock. Earlier this year we had an unfortunate incident at the College which involved our lockers being broken into at night and items being stolen. The Police attended the incident, however, as some of the lockers were unlocked we were unable to claim compensation for the stolen property.

All St John’s students are provided a new lock in Year 7. It is expected that they keep this lock for the duration of their

schooling years and use it daily to safely lock away their belongings.

If locks are lost a new one will need to be purchased – all locks must be school issued. Locks are \$15.00 and can be purchased via Qkr! or with cash/EFTPOS and can be collected by visiting the office before school or during break times. If any students have forgotten their lock combinations they can once again visit the office to obtain their code.



Random locker checks will continue throughout the year. Please help us in reminding students the importance of taking responsibility for their belongings.

Tuckshop Volunteers



TUCKSHOP ROSTER				
Tuckshop Convenor: Sharon Brady Contact: 0411 583 169				
WEEK 88 - TERM 1, 2021				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
15 March	16 March	17 March	18 March	19 March
Angela	Volunteers Required	Pam	Naoline	Volunteers Required

The Week Ahead

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Monday 15th March	Morning: Open Boys Football Training All Day: Year 7 2021 Interviews Continue Afternoon: Netball Matches Open Boys Rugby Training Open Girls Football Training
Tuesday 16th March	Morning: Surfing All Day: Music of the World (Harmony Week)
Wednesday 17th March	All Day: Colours of the World Free Dress Day (Harmony Week) Afternoon: Open Boys and Girls Football Matches Open Boys Rugby Training 1st, 2nd, Intermediate A Netball Training Drama Production Rehearsals
Thursday 18th March	All Day: Foods of the World (Harmony Week) Afternoon: Y7, 8, 9 & Intermediate Girls Netball Training Open Boys Football Gym Session
Friday 19th March	

Note: Please check Team App for full updates on Sports Training and Match Information.

Embracing change and continuous improvement

Careers Hub

Do you need additional Career information? Everything you need is easily accessible in two convenient locations...

1. Parent Portal.
Click here to access the Careers Bulletins and Careers Handouts on the Parent Portal (under the Career Button)
2. Dedicated Careers Website.
Click here to visit the Careers website. Under the "Important Info" tab you will find links to video presentations, university information, ADF, TAFE, Traineeships and so much more.

Don't forget to check out our online Calendar for all the upcoming Information Sessions and Webinars that can help get your career started today. St John's College Nambour Careers - Calendar Of Events (stjohnscollegecareers.com)

To speak with a Careers Counsellor email Bernadette or Kim at sjccareers@bne.catholic.edu.au. Alternatively book an appointment via the online [Appointments Calendar](#).

Community News



Gallery

Arts Week Lunchtime Activities



Chess Club

