Dear Families,

It has been an eventful time since the ending of Term One, with the burning of the St James church. Emails were sent over the holidays keeping families updated and staff participated in a briefing on Monday. The exterior of the church has been declared safe and work is continuing to clear the site of debris. I would like to thank the St James Parish community for the support they have offered throughout this challenging time. Masses have continued in Star of the Sea Chapel and we would like to thank Mrs Diazas, the Presentation Sisters and staff for the support they have provided our parish. At some stage in the future, assistance will be asked from the school community and I know that many people will volunteer. This Saturday, April 18 at 6pm Mass (Star Chapel) Archbishop Denis Hart will celebrate Mass and it will be a wonderful opportunity to show our support for Fr Michel; can families please contribute a small plate of food to share a quick supper after Mass.

Sr Clare Mahon (Presentation Sister) kindly offered fifty free tickets to a comedy show to lift the spirits of our students following the burning of our church. The show is on May 9th from 4pm at Docklands and the tickets are available for collection (first in) from the school office to St James families. The only condition is that if you take tickets, they must be used. The show is a family friendly comedy and is in its fourth year of touring. We thank Sr Clare for this very kind gesture.

PrepSibling Enrolments 2016

Prep 2016 sibling enrolment meetings will take place from May 12-15. Letters of offer will be sent home next week to all Prep siblings for 2016. An Event Code will be sent and you will be asked to make a time to see myself and Fr Michel with your child. It is a great opportunity to meet your child, answer any questions and gather information that will assist in their transition to school. Non-sibling interviews will be held from April 28—May 1st.

Uniform

Students have the first two weeks of Term Two to transition from summer to winter uniform. As from Monday April 27, all students are expected to be in winter uniform, except Tuesdays and Fridays (sport). Students participating in tennis lessons are expected to change back into school shoes at the conclusion. Can parents please send in a note if their child is for a good reason, not in correct uniform.

School Grounds

Over the holidays two new benches were constructed for the dual purpose of: sitting and playing. Many students have been improvising and using their creativity to make shops out of the benches. Another bench will be built at the entrance around the Banksia tree. All benches are built from the ‘environmentally friendly’ spotted gum and compliment the fantastic work done by parents at our last working bee.

Calendar

Last term, we established a Parent Calendar that can be accessed through the school website or more easily through an application on your smartphone. We recommend that you follow the instructions to allow you greater knowledge of upcoming school events.

Curriculum News

This term, classes will be learning about topics in History. For many it will centre around ANZAC Day before spreading to a range of concepts from Prep—Year Six such as: students learn about their own history and that of their family; this may include stories from different cultures; history of their local area; the history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples and European exploration; the founding of British colonies through to Federation. Term Overviews will be sent home next week and will provide you with more information about your child’s learning.

Digital Contemporary Learning Night

This Monday April 20 from 6-7.15pm we will be holding our first Digital Contemporary Learning Night. An invitation through CareMonkey was sent home last term and due to an extraordinary response (over 110 students plus parents), it has been decided to allow everyone to attend. The evening will showcase our student knowledge of how our students utilise the latest technology to enhance their learning. There will be opportunities for you to engage in learning with your child/ren. The evening will begin in the Hall and families will proceed in designated groups to the Senior Building. A recent article in The Australian (link to the article is below) highlighted the importance of an … “Ability to develop computational thinking and ICT capabilities in our next generation will not only equip them to leverage and create innovative technologies but will be critical to their ability to compete and thrive in the global knowledge economy.” Most of the careers our students will participate in are yet to be created and it is imperative that they develop the skills of creativity and innovation, as evidenced by Lucy F’s presentation (Year 6) at this week’s assembly. Famous developmental psychologist Jean Piaget stated that the goal of education was: “to create individuals who are capable of doing things, not simply of repeating what other generations have done.”

I will be away next week, while continuing my studies in a Master of Educational Leadership. Mr B will also be joining me and in my absence, Mr Buckley and Mrs Ferrari will assist with the school administration.

Peace and blessings,

Simon Millar –Principal of St James
SATURDAY 18 April
6pm MASS
STAR of the Sea Chapel

This Saturday evening Archbishop Denis Hart will be celebrating Mass with us to support our parish.

St James Families are warmly invited to attend Mass.

Please bring a small plate to share in the school hall after Mass.

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Sister Clare Mahon (Presentation Sister) has kindly offered tickets to the St James Community in the hope of lifting the spirits of the children, following the damage to our Church. Razzamatazz is a family friendly Comedy show which runs for 60 minutes with no interval, starring Marty Putz and Jonas Jost.

If you are interested in attending, please see the office. Unfortunately we cannot cater to all, so first in, first served.
Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 2 and I trust you had a relaxing and prayerful Easter. It was lovely to see many of you at our Easter liturgies and experience Holy Week and Easter Sunday from the children’s perspective. We warmly invite you to 6:00pm Mass this Saturday where Archbishop Denis Hart will be celebrating Mass with our Parish. Please join us in the Hall afterwards for a cup of tea. Thank you to those Choir students who are singing and to our School Captains; Grace and Patrick for taking up the Offertory. It will be a Parish School community celebration.

There have been several Sacramental and Mass changes on our School Calendar, please check for changes. The children making their Eucharist and Confirmation Sacraments will be attending Masses on some Thursdays with the Parishioners in preparation for their Sacrament. These will be outlined at the Information night. Our Whole School Masses will be celebrated as School Liturgies in our hall.

Please see the following dates:
Year 1&2 Family Faith Night - Wednesday 22nd April 5pm in the Year 4 classroom.
Eucharist Information Night - Thursday 30th April 7pm in the Year 4 classroom
Reflection Day and Faith Formation Night - Thursday 28th May
Sacrament of Eucharist - Sunday 31st May - venue and time TBC

Friday 12th June - Liturgy for the Feast of the Sacred Heart and St James Feast Day in hall 10:30-11am

Confirmation Information Night - Thursday 18th June - Year 4 classroom 7pm
Reflection Day and Faith Formation Night - Thursday 30th July
Sacrament of Confirmation - Sunday 2nd August - venue and time TBC

Looking forward to seeing many of the Year 1 and 2 children and their families on Wednesday night at their Family Faith night with Denise Arnel.

*Cathy Ferrari and the Faith Team
( Nina Farrar, Cathy Busch, Nancy Ohlert, Elly Dillon and Jo Fraser)

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**EASTER LITURGY**

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**CARITAS CLASS LENTEN FUNDRAISERS**

Term 2 Week 1: **Year 2**- Crazy Hair Day
(gold coin donation)

Term 2 Week 2: **Year 3**- Pyjama Day
(gold coin donation)

Term 2 Week 3: **Year 4**- Friendship bracelet stall

Term 2 Week 4: **Year 5**- Cake/Sweets Stall

Term 2 Week 5: **Year 6** – Cake/Sweets Stall

Please support us as all the money will go to Caritas (people in need).

From The Social Justice Captains
**Julia, Belle, Sarah M.K & Coco**
ENRICHMENT ELECTIVES

We need your help!!

We are calling for parents with one hour to spare over a 5 week period next term to assist with our Enrichment Program.

Starting on 30th April, the program will run each Thursday from 12.30pm to 1.30pm over 5 weeks.

We would like to focus on areas of learning in which students can be enriched, challenged...

Do you know about mathematics and its application in the share market, architecture, building... could you see yourself sharing this knowledge with a group of students? We would love to hear from you.

Do you know about literacy or have a passion for reading or writing? Could you see yourself sharing this knowledge and passion with a group of students? We would love to hear from you.

Do you have a science background? Do you have an IT background? Are you artistic? Are you musical? We would love to hear from you too!!

The more groups we are able to form the more enriching this program will be and the greater number of choices we will be able to offer the students.

Please contact edillon@stjamesbrighton.catholic.edu if you are able to assist.

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LITERACY

CLASSROOM HELPERS SESSION

Thursday 7th May

9 am in the Library

Prep to Year 2 Parents WELCOME

See eForm on CareMonkey

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ITALIAN DAY

TUESDAY 19 MAY

It's time to celebrate the passion and vibrancy of the Italian culture!

Get into the spirit and dress up with Italian flair! The tricolori green, white and red are the national colours of Italy, so wear them loud and proud on Italian Day! Alternatively you could get really creative and dress as your favourite Italian hero.

Captain Nutrition will make pasta on stage in the ‘Spectacular Spettacolo’ show called “Tasty Tunes”. Be sure to plan an Italian colours themed menu for the lunchbox.

Lots of exciting activities are planned focusing on Italy’s culture and love of food and of course, there will be gelati for everyone!

(Please contact Angela in person or phone 93364766 this week if there is a problem with food allergies).

Please encourage your child to get involved to make this day another huge success!

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Reading Recovery (AKA... Mrs Ohlert’s Super Dooper Reading Club)

Reading Recovery is a short-term literacy intervention programme with the prime goal of accelerating literacy learning for students who have not yet established effective Reading and Writing processes. Educator and psychologist Dame Marie Clay developed it in New Zealand. Clay used evidence from her intensive research and observation of good classroom practice to develop Reading Recovery.

At St James we identify students experiencing reading and writing difficulties after their first year of school and provide an intensive, individually designed and individually delivered series of lessons for 30 minutes five times a week for approximately 20 weeks. Reading Recovery is supplementary to the ongoing literacy activities in the child’s classroom.

The early years of school are critical for students; hence by intervening in Year One, the second year of school, Reading Recovery can set the stage for later learning. The remarkable progress made by children participating in Reading Recovery clearly demonstrates that all students can achieve success.

Nancy Ohlert
Reading Recovery Teacher
HOLT SOCCER LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP

St James School was thrilled when the Girls won the 2015 Holt Soccer Lightning Premiership.
This was the second year running that the Girls had won.
The boys also put in a stellar effort. Thankyou to our wonderful parents who helped with coaching and supporting the children.
CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH TEAMS!
Yay…School’s back!

Firstly, a massive thankyou to the Parents who helped with the Working Bee. It is the beginning of a great garden journey. (Have to mention Jason Steenholt from Aintree Landscapes Pty Ltd—his own business, for his wonderful expertise and skills).

Lots of reminders…..No food day next Friday 24th April as has been postponed to Wednesday 13th May. Also…Flexischool payment for this food order will be available.

The Walkathon will be our Autumn event this year…May 29th (in the morning) to alleviate a busy fundraising Term 3. More details to come from Fran P, Katrina M and Kris B, thanks girls.

Dad’s Drinks tonight (16th not 23rd April), check calendar for future dates or email Jarrod Harrington (jarrodvh@yahoo.com.au).

No PA meeting tonight. Next meeting will be Thursday 14th May. All Welcome.

St James Mother’s Day Luncheon is on Friday 8th May, 12 Midday @ The International Event Centre on Bay Street Brighton. It is being held in the Georgian Room (at side entrance), with some venue parking available (arrive early). It is $70 per head which includes champagne and canapés on arrival, main course, dessert and tea/coffee. It also includes a fabulous guest speaker “Cate Steains”, who has spent time working for the United Nations, supporting women and children in war-torn foreign countries. There will be a French Champagne Bar, a Lucky Draw ($10) and a Table Draw ($10) whereby the whole table wins a Prize Gift Pack for each person.

Please leave any Pamper/Gift Donations in basket in the foyer or see Bernadette Dodd. We are looking for wine, chocolates/treats, soap, skincare etc.

The Mum’s Lunch is such a great way to catch up with friends, meet new friends and remind ourselves of what a great job we do every day….Celebrate Motherhood.

Jane Gale
PA President

Thankyou to all families for their fantastic support of our Easter Raffle. So many donations were made and an amazing number of raffle tickets purchased.

A special thankyou to my helpers - Fran Passuello, Tina Failla, Sue McCarthy, Julia Rivolland and an extra big thanks to Marina McCubbery for helping with the wrapping and the sorting of money and tickets.

Gab Sinn

Annalise’s doll Isabelle attended school on Monday and Tuesday this week and we were thrilled to see that she dressed in the appropriate uniforms on both days!

St Finbar’s Netball Club

Girls in year 2 and 3 are invited to enrol in the NetSetGo Program at St Finbar’s Netball Club in 2015.

The program will run on Wednesday afternoons at St Finbar’s Primary School, 50 Centre Rd, Brighton East from 4.00pm to 5.00pm. The season will run from 22nd April to 9th September, excluding school holidays. Fees for 2015 season are $110, which includes registration with Netball Victoria and a NetSetGo Pack. For more information go to the St Finbar’s Netball Club website:
http://www.stfinbaranetballclub.com
Or contact Bridget on 0417 310 134

Please note that parents are expected to participate in a ‘Parent Supervisor’ roster throughout the season.

For registration go to Trybooking:
http://www.trybooking.com/128577
On Saturday 8th of August we are raising the stakes....

Preparations are in full swing for the St James Major Fundraiser 'A Night in Monte Carlo' and glamour is on the cards...

The aim of the evening is to have fun, socialise and have a great night but also raise money for our fabulous school, so please consider if you, your business, family or friends might be able contribute to our auction items for the event.

We would love to hear from you by contacting Connie Sands on conniesands@bigpond.com or Phone: 0416 24 0767 and of course we look forward to seeing you on the red carpet.
Expanding your comfort zone - for kids!

Is talking to other children in your class within your comfort zone? What about talking to children in other grades, or children who do the same activities outside school? Is climbing up high or going on a ride in your comfort zone? What about performing at assembly or singing in the choir?

Your comfort zone consists of all the things you feel comfortable doing or being a part of. Being out of your comfort zone involves feeling uncomfortable or nervous about trying or doing something. It may be that you haven’t done that thing before, or it might be that you didn’t have a good experience the first time. We all have different comfort zones and these change over time.

Expanding your comfort zone does wonders for your confidence and self-esteem! Gradually stretching your comfort zone, rather than rapidly trying to change it is the way to go!

Experiencing new things and new challenges is part of getting older. This may be your first year at St John’s, or may be your very last year at St John’s. You may be learning to read and writing it ‘oh so difficult’, or you may be fretting about changing schools next year and making new friends. We all constantly have to adjust and stretch our comfort zones when we are presented with new and unfamiliar experiences and challenges. This is a good thing, and an integral part of growing up!

If you never, ever felt uncomfortable and challenged, well then, you would know everything there is to know about everything wouldn’t you? That seems impossible. Each day would be pretty boring too! Your teacher would try to teach you things and you would already know them. Your friends might invite you to try something new and you would already know what is it like. Stretching your comfort zone allows you to experience new things for the first time and this can be very, very exciting and fun!

If you want to concentrate on expanding your comfort zone, start by focusing on today and tomorrow. Think of a couple of things that might be just a slight stretch out of your comfort zone. These might include reading an extra page or chapter of your book or telling a friend that they are fun to be with. It might include playing with some new friends at school or trying a new type of food. Remember to congratulate yourself and to feel good if you do something out of your comfort zone.

Stretching your comfort zone takes bravery. Sometimes we are not able to do something out of our comfort zone, the very first time we try. Don’t worry if you can’t do something the first time. Try again another time and maybe you will be able to do it then!

“A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions!”

Tessa Sibbel
Psychologist, MAPS

“Being Me: A kid’s guide to boosting confidence and self-esteem”

Wendy Moss

Congratulations to Caroline F (Yr 4J), who received a Highly Commended in the 2015 Visual Arts Exhibition, which was held as part of Catholic Education Week. Fabulous effort Caroline!
Welcome Back to Term 2!

This term we welcome our new permanent assistant, Laura Steel. Laura is studying a Bachelor of Education (P-12) at Vic Uni. We are very excited to have her and the children are welcoming her into our OSH family.

Next week’s theme is **it’s Autumn**! Have a look at the planner below to see the exciting things we have planned for before & after care as well as the breakfast and afternoon tea on offer.

This term we are focusing on obtaining parent feedback and incorporating this into our program.

This week’s parent feedback question:

*What do you think your child’s favourite thing to do at OSHClub is?*

Please come and write your feedback on a post-it note or directly into our reflection journal.

**Just a Few Reminders:**

- For any bookings please log in to your account online at www.oshclub.com.au. Any issues with your online account please contact the St James account manager, Ambika, directly. You can email her at ambika@oshclub.com.au or phone her on 03 8564 9027.
- For any on the day bookings please call the program phone on **0412 570 934** and leave a message or send a text.

Come by and have a chat anytime! See you soon,

Steph
Looking for a Babysitter??

Hi my name is Ginger Lynch

Lives: locally in Brighton

Age: I am seventeen years old DOB: 19/11/97

Mobile: 0401062225

Email: lyncgi@starmelb.catholic.edu.au

Education: I am currently in year 11 at Star of the Sea College- Brighton

Availability: I am available immediately. I am able to babysit a part time position, afterschool hours during the week and I am also available on weekends and during school holidays.

Attributes: I am a responsible, hard working, friendly and I love children. I recently did work experience at St. James Primary School as my ambition is to be a teacher when I’m older.

Experience: I have babysitting experience with looking after my baby cousins and looking after children in my old street where the kids where aged 5-14, as well as part time work in a bakery and football umpiring.

BABYSITTER

Hi, my name is Raphaela Columb and I am currently a Year 12 student at Star Of The Sea College.

I am also a past Prep to Year 6 student at St James.

I have a lot of babysitting experience, and have nannied 3 children under 5 years old several days a week for the past 4 years and have looked after many other families casually.

My contact number is 0415955877

St Patrick’s Cathedral Choral Scholarships 2016

Cathedral Choir Scholarships are available for boys entering Year 5 in 2016.

Applications close
Friday May 15, 2015

Auditions
St Patrick’s Cathedral, Saturday May 23, 2015

Applications available online:
www.stkevins.vic.edu.au

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BRIGHTON BEACH KANGAROOS Auskick 2015

Recruiting all 2007 babies!

Join the Brighton Beach Kangaroos Under 8 team & receive a 2 piece pack signed by North Melbourne’s Nick Dal Santo, playing socks, shorts, sticker, hoodie & a personalised bag!

Auskick Season Dates
Sat 2nd May – Sat 16th August
10.30am - 12 noon
Wylie Street Reserve - 3 Wylie Street Brighton

Email your enquiries to Info@brightonbeachfc.com
Visit our website at www.brightonbeachfc.com

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