



Presenting Primary

Regular Primary Newsletter

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Dear Families

It has been an amazing year of learning at St John's and I thank you all for your support and involvement in our College during the last four terms.

It was wonderful to have so many of our families attending the Early Years' Night of Celebration held last Friday evening in the College Auditorium. The children got a real thrill from being able to perform on stage for their families and friends, and their level of confidence has certainly grown through the experience. I am sure many of them are looking forward to doing it all again next year.

We have ended the year with the usual flurry of activities and fun. The Prep children enjoyed an excursion to St John's Cathedral in the city, the Year Six cohort spent two days on the secondary campus learning all about the exciting opportunities available in Year Seven and the students in Years Three to Ten attended a Christmas Chapel Service to celebrate the real meaning behind the Christmas season.



On Monday this week, we also held our Leadership Assembly and the current Year Six students passed the symbols of leadership onto the Year Fives who will step into leadership roles next year. To conclude an excellent day, the Year Six students, and their parents, attended a special Dinner that

evening to reflect on the amazing experiences of 2016 and to acknowledge the leadership the Year Six cohort provided throughout the year. We congratulate the Year Six students for the enthusiastic way in which they served our College this year.



Christmas Concert

Tomorrow, Friday 2 December is the last day of school this term and we will conclude the year with a Christmas Concert in Living Faith Chapel, commencing at 9.00am. Families are invited to attend, however, seating in the Chapel is limited. Students may wear their sports uniform with a colourful Christmas shirt replacing the sports shirt on this occasion.

Term One, 2017

Our first day of school in 2017 is Monday 23 January and all Prep to Year Six students should come to school on this day wearing their formal uniform. We will hold our 'Meet the Teacher' and 'Play Date' afternoon on Thursday 19 January and this is when the children will learn which classroom they will occupy in 2017. Families are invited to come along at the following times on Thursday 19 January:

- 1.00-2.00pm Little Saints Play Date and Parent Information Session
- 2.30-3.15pm Prep Play Date and Parent Information Session
- 5.00-6.15pm Years 1 to 6 Meet the Teacher Evening



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Class lists will be finalised in mid-January once all new enrolments have been completed and parents will be able to confirm their child's teacher from Tuesday 17 January, by logging onto the parent portal via the 'My St John's' tab on the College website.

It is important that all parents are familiar with using the parent portal because it is through this avenue that excursion permission notes and payments will be completed, student progress can be followed via Learning Analytics and other important information will be made available from January 2017. If you have not used your unique password to access the parent portal, I encourage you to do so in the near future so that you are ready for the new school year.

Please be reminded that the Tuckshop has also transitioned to an online ordering process and all tuckshop orders must be made through Flexischools. Information about this process is outlined at the end of this newsletter.



Cyber Safety

For many of our students, one of their very popular past times during the holidays is playing computer games such as Minecraft. Children often love the experience that comes from playing in virtual worlds and they enjoy watching funny You tube clips and other online videos. It is very important that children are always supervised when they are using devices that are connected to the internet. They can so easily wander into inappropriate sites or access images and information that are not suitable for their age group.

Children can also communicate with strangers without realising the dangers and sometimes they can post photos and comments that should never have been open to the world wide web. Children are young and they lack the life experience of adults. This makes their judgement and decision making, at times, fall short of what is appropriate. They need the watchful eye of an adult when they are playing or surfing on the internet. I encourage families to ensure that their children are carefully supervised while they are playing on the computer or iPad these holidays. I also encourage families to ensure that their children are participating in a range of different fun experiences, both indoor and outdoor. This can minimise the risk of a child becoming 'hooked' on their computer game and focussed only on reaching the next level.

Early in Term One, next year, we have a guest presenter, Susan McLean conducting Cyber Safety workshops for our students and providing a workshop for parents. The world of technology changes so rapidly that it is essential for us to regularly keep informed of the dangers of the internet, how we can protect our children from them and how we can educate them in online etiquette. I encourage all families to make a point of attending this parent workshop, which will be held on **Monday 13 February at 6.30pm**. Every year there is something new to be aware of and keeping informed is the first step in keeping our children safe.

Christmas Wishes

While the busyness of the Christmas season can often cause some stress when we are trying to organise gifts, special meals and family get-togethers, my prayer for you all is that your family will find peace in the joy and wonder of Christmas and that your hearts will feel touched by the love of God.

We wish you all a very special Christmas and look forward to seeing you again in the new year.

Kind regards

Sandra Hawken
Head of Primary





Play School LIVE In Concert "Prince of Bears"

The most interactive show ever. Audiences will be singing all their favourite nursery rhymes and Interactive songs with assistance from two presenters and the starts of the show Humpty, Jemima, Big Ted, Little Ted, Fergus and special appearances for the first time on stage Slush, Sam the lamb, Scrap, Meeka and Diddle (normal toy size not characters).

Prince Big Ted has a royal crown; he has a royal cloak but doesn't have a royal castle. He sets off to find one, and is joined by his friends Humpty, Jemima, Little Ted and the Play School toys as he travels through a fun filled world of nursery rhymes, songs and stories. Get ready to sing, dance and jump for joy, with a live show that will delight and captivate all Play School fans.

Saturday 17 June
St John's Anglican College
College Ave, Forest Lake
Session Time 10.00am
Show Duration 40 Minutes

After Presale All Tickets \$19.80. each
Adults and children require a ticket each and babies under 12mths are free and sit on the knee.

Bookings www.kidspromotions.com.au
or phone: 1300 788 028 landline callers
or 03 9739 6300 for mobile callers.



**COME TO OUR
END OF YEAR CONCERT
5:00PM
17TH DECEMBER, 2016
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All choreography, music and costumes are age appropriate



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LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be outside the Coman Building tomorrow
(Friday 2 December).

If your child has lost any items during the year, please feel free to
have a look! Thank you.



Flexischools Online Ordering

Tuckshop is available at Morning Tea and Lunchtime, Tuesday to Friday during term-time.

Using the Flexischools cashless payment system will provide a convenient and more efficient ordering and payment system. By paying online, orders are faster and more accurate, giving parents and students peace of mind that their order and payment is received at the School.

HOW TO REGISTER - go to www.flexischools.com.au

- Step 1 : Click the 'REGISTER' button
- Step 2 : Enter your Email Address
- Step 3 : You will be emailed a link to an online form – follow the link
- Step 4 : Choose a Name and Password and complete the form
- Step 5 : Add each child's name and year group
- Step 6 : Top-Up the Account – VISA, MasterCard or Direct Deposit

Once registered, you can start placing orders immediately.

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- Step 1 : Click the 'LOGIN' button
- Step 2 : Enter your Username and Password
- Step 3 : Click online ordering next to the student name
- Step 4 : Select Day and click Morning Tea or Lunch order
- Step 5 : Select the Items to add to the Order then select Next
- Step 6 : Select Place Order
- Step 7 : Payment Options - If you need to add funds to your account select Continue
- Step 8 : Do the Top Up - Select, enter details

**** TUCKSHOP ON-LINE ORDERING CLOSSES AT 9am ****

St John's Anglican College now has a partnership with Flexischools which guarantees that parents are fully supported by the Flexischools Customer Service Team, who monitor orders every day. Parents have peace of mind knowing they can obtain assistance with every aspect of the online ordering system including signing up or adding funds, placing an order, order missed in cut-off time and if your child is sick and you need to cancel an order.

Flexischools tracks all orders by ensuring they are downloaded and labels printed. If there are changes to an order, or school computer problems, Flexischools will send through all orders to the Tuckshop via fax or email. No order will be missed.

If you have any questions, please contact Flexischools via Help Line 1300 361 769 from 7.00am-6.00pm or via email help@flexischools.com.au