



Presenting Primary

Regular Primary Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Every second year we hold a Carnival at the College and this is our major fundraiser for that year, contributing substantial funds to a variety of programs and projects at St John's and enhancing the educational experiences of your children. This year the College Carnival will be held on Saturday 21 May, from 1.00pm to 7.00pm and we invite everyone to get involved to make this year's event super successful.

Besides all the fun of the rides, the great range of food available and finishing the event with fireworks, we also like to provide a variety of stalls for visitors to enjoy. We are looking for parents and friends to assist with convening some stalls, donating items and/or assisting on the day. Many hands make light work and the more people we have involved, the more we can share the work around.

Our 2016 stalls are likely to be:

- Second Hand Toys
- Things in a Jar
- Lucky Dip /Lucky Sticks
- Cakes and Sweets
- Chocolate Box
- White Elephant
- Second Hand Books
- Lucky Balloons



Every year level (K to 6) requires at least one person to be the year level convenor who will oversee the running of one of the stalls. Please contact me if you are willing to assist with convening so we can confirm your year level stall. Once confirmed, families will be asked to contribute to the success of the stall. For example, if Year 3 looks after the 'Things in Jar' stall, all Year 3 students will be asked to bring along items to fill bottles or jars to be sold at the Carnival.

The roles we are asking parents to take on are not arduous or difficult and they are not overly time consuming, but they do provide major support to St John's. So please let me know how you can contribute to this year's Carnival. We would also love to hear your suggestions for another stall or activity at the Carnival. If you have any good ideas to help make our Carnival the best, please let me know.

One of the College parents, Tammy Duggin assisted stall convenors at our last Carnival and she will be on hand to assist again this year. She can be contacted via email tammyduggin@bigpond.com and mobile 0409 001 169 for further information and advice about the stalls. Please give her a call and get involved today.

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Special Events and Activities

We have a number of events and activities taking place and information about those occurring in the first few weeks can be found below.

Storytime Fun – Monday 29 February

Storytime Fun is for pre-Kindy children and their carer and is held on the last Monday of each month from 8.45am to 9.15am. Usually we meet in the library but on this occasion our 'Outdoors Storytime Fun' will be held on the oval. Come along and experience the joy of learning about books. Please bring a hat.

Excursion to Gallery of Modern Art – Thursday 3 March

Students in 1/2H, 2S and 2K should have received information regarding this special excursion. Please return permission slips as soon as possible.

Funky Hair Day – Friday 4 March

We are once again, joining with our Secondary students to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation, Shave for a Cure initiative and to do so, will host 'Funky Hair Friday'. This event will be for students in Prep to Year Six and will be held on Friday 4 March.



For a **gold coin donation**, students are welcome to funk up their hair with scrunchies, spikes, waves, curls, bandanas, toy animals! If you can wear it in your hair – it can be part of Funky Hair Friday! All donations will be collected by classroom teachers on the day.

Students in **Years One to Six** may also elect, with signed parental permission only, to have their hair sprayed with temporary bright colours. Secondary School senior students will be undertaking the colouring supervised by College staff.

To be able to participate, it is necessary for the permission slip (attached) to be returned to your **classroom teacher by Monday 29 February and with a \$4.00 donation enclosed.**



Primary Cross Country – Wednesday 9 March

Please feel welcome to attend our annual Cross Country which will be held on the Primary campus, commencing at 9.00am. Kindergarten children will be the first group to participate, followed by the Year 3 to 6 classes, Year 2, Year 1 and then the Prep classes. All races should be concluded by morning tea and we will resume normal lessons straight after the morning tea break.

While we will acknowledge the runners in every year level, we only present Championship awards to winning students in the 9 year to 12 year old age groups, who are able to progress to the next level of competition at the Inala District Carnival.

All students need to wear their full College Sports uniform with sports hat and bring along a water bottle and sunscreen (which needs to be applied before coming to school as well). The focus of the day is participation and having fun. We look forward to seeing parents join us for this event.



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Trivia Night – Saturday 12 March, 6.30pm at Living Faith Chapel

The P&F sub-committee Friends of the Arts (FOTA) hosts this annual event and it is a great opportunity for parents and friends to enjoy a social evening together. I am told that parents are always keen to beat the teachers so come along and join the fun. Tickets are \$15 per person with funds raised going to support our Performing Arts Programs.



Email Melissa Nicol on mgnichol@bigpond.com to book your tickets.

International Book Giving Day

Thank you to all the families who participated in our International Book Giving Day. The number of students involved has grown significantly since last year and we also received extra donations from outside our College community. Many children contributed more than one book for swapping and this resulted in us being able to donate over 160 books to others.

We were able to give approximately 60 books to Uniting Care Community Services (FIS Program) -supporting children after separation, and another 100 books were given to Lady Cilento Children's Hospital. This is a wonderful outcome for everyone. Thank you to Mrs Sanders and Mrs Shaw for organising this special event.

Ball Skills

Outdoor education and sporting activities are an essential component to an outstanding education and so all our year levels have specialist sports lessons each week. At St John's we also aim to work in partnership with our parents and provide them with some tips and suggestions that can be used at home to complement the programs being taught at school. With this in mind, Mr Murray has developed some tips to help the youngest members of our school develop ball skills, co-ordination and stamina. Please read the attached flyer to find out what you can be doing with your child to help them develop these important qualities.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions about the program we have at St John's. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Kind Regards
Sandra Hawken
Head of Primary