



Presenting Primary

Regular Primary Newsletter

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Dear Families

We have a wonderful term ahead of us and we look forward to sharing many special events with you over the coming weeks. On Saturday 8 October you are invited to visit our Primary College Creations in Living Faith Chapel. This annual art exhibition features a work of art from every student in Kindergarten to Year Six and will be open for visitors this Saturday afternoon. Families are invited to pop in any time between 1.00pm and 4.00pm to view the artwork and enjoy the atmosphere.



Families who visit College Creations at this time will be able to vote for the artwork of their choice and the student whose art attracts the most votes will be awarded with the 2017 People's Choice Award, which includes a certificate and prize. One art piece from each class will also be selected for framing and will be displayed in our Chapel gallery during the coming year. At the conclusion of the twelve months of display, the framed artworks are returned to the student artists, who can take them home for safe keeping. It really is an honour for students to have their art on display for everyone to see and it is so encouraging to have families supporting this event.

Parents who are members of the P & F sub-committee, FOTA (Friends of the Arts) will run a small canteen with drinks and snacks for those who are interested. We thank them for supporting this event. On Monday 10 October, families are also invited to visit the secondary campus from 6.00pm to 7.30pm, to view the College Creations presented by the senior students.



Families with children in Kindergarten and Prep have also been invited to enjoy a Play Date in the Prep playground on the same afternoon as the Primary College Creations. The Play Date will run from 1.00pm to 3.30pm on Saturday 8 October and is a great opportunity for parents to meet new and old friends while the children play together in a safe environment. We encourage our families to come along and participate in one or more of these family events.

Parents Online

In this busy, technological age, many people are finding it more and more convenient to complete transactions online and from the comfort of their own home. For this reason, the College has taken steps to give families more opportunities to complete transactions with the College, online. Last term online Tuckshop ordering was introduced to primary families and this term parents will be introduced to online permission and payment options for excursions and incursions.



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In the coming days every primary family will receive a unique logon code and password. (These were sent to families earlier in the year but are being re-sent for your convenience.) The logon and password are required to enter 'Parents Online' through the 'My St John's' tab on the College website. Inside the 'Parents Online' page, families have access to some presentations and information provided throughout the year.

From this opening page, parents are also able to enter two new areas:

1. **Parent Lounge**, which is a portal allowing parents to pay their school fees, give permission for their son or daughter to attend an excursion or incursion, check medical details and pay for certain events and activities.
2. **Learning Analytics**, which is available for families with children in Years 3 to 6. The portal provides academic information about your child and how they are progressing academically.

It is very important for all families to retain their Parent Online logon and password and to become familiar with our new online facility. Information about all our excursions, camps and incursions from 2017 onwards will be provided to families through Parent Lounge. Families will be notified by email when excursions and other events are coming up and they will be asked to access Parent Lounge to complete permission slips and make payments.

Information about accessing Parents Online is outlined below and there is a separate attachment with further information regarding the online Flexischools ordering system for the tuckshop. Please note that while we are using both online and traditional processes this term, we will transition to fully online processes from the commencement of 2017.

Although these new online procedures are different and may initially take some families a little time to adjust to, we are sure that in the long term, the new processes will make completing transactions easier for our families.

Access to Parents Online

From the College website: www.stjohnsanglicancollege.qld.edu.au
Click on My St John's (very top right hand corner of the main page)
Click on Parents Online

Enter your username and password:

User Name: «Username»

Password: «Password»



NOTE: For those parents who presently use Parent Lounge to access information and make payments, it can be accessed through Parents Online.

If, after you logon to Parents Online, the Parent Lounge tab does not appear, please contact Mrs Linda Pettit lpettit@sjac.qld.edu.au or our Marketing Assistant, Rebecca Cole rcole@sjac.qld.edu.au who will assist you with your password.



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College Musical

Our College musical occurs every two years and auditions for our Year 5 and 6 students who want to participate in next year's spectacular show will occur in Week 3 this term on Thursday 20 October. The musical is a wonderful opportunity for our primary students to be involved in a large scale production with our secondary Performing Arts students.



For the auditions, students will be asked to sing The College Song (Living faith, Living forest) and will then be taught a short dance routine. Auditions will be held in the Music Room and interested students are asked to meet Mr Morgan outside the Music Room at 1.00pm on 20 October.

Operation Christmas Child



Families supporting Operation Christmas Child this year need to have their items for the shoe box gifts delivered to school no later than **Friday 14 October**. Operation Christmas child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, which aims to give children in disadvantaged circumstances around the world, a Christmas gift. This is a such a worthwhile initiative bringing joy and happiness to the children and providing them with items for play and/or personal care, that they might not otherwise receive.

To be part of this exciting project, all your child needs to do is to bring an item(s) to school and give it to their classroom teacher. To ensure we include the correct range of gifts, we request that you purchase a gift for the same age and gender as your child and refer to the guidelines provided below. We also require shoeboxes covered in colourful Christmas paper. The lid and base need to be covered separately to comply with customs regulations. Each box requires \$9 to cover postage, so if you would like to assist in this area, your donation would be greatly appreciated. Please bring your items to school no later than Friday 14 October 2016. Together we can fill numerous shoe boxes and brighten the lives of many children.

Gift Ideas for Boys or Girls

- **Something to love** (teddy bear, doll or soft toy etc.)
- **Something for school** (exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser or chalk etc.)
- **Something to wear** (t-shirt, thongs, shorts, underwear, beanie or sandals etc.)
- **Something to play with** (tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument or yo-yo etc.)
- **Something for personal hygiene** (soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, hair-clips, or scrunchies etc. – no toothpaste please)
- **Something special** (carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, necklaces, craft kits, stickers, note or photo of yourself)

Note: No liquids, glass, food, toy guns, used items or lollies please

Go Kids Finalists

At the end of Term Three a number of St John's students were finalists in the local Forest Lake GO KIDS program. The program was designed to support and foster the involvement of young people in the community, along with encouraging a positive 'have-a-go' attitude. We congratulate Chanelle Ogilvy and Tinashe Nyatsanga for being finalists and Sienna Kaczmarczyk for taking out the 'Go Kid of the Moment' Award and receiving a \$500 gift voucher. The GO KIDS program will run again this term and nominations for the next round need to be made by 30 November 2016.



Kind regards

Sandra Hawken
Head of Primary



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Scholastic Book Club Information

Issue #7 Orders close 24 October 2016

Your child has been given the latest Scholastic book club brochures. Please follow the links on www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP if you wish to place an order.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept any orders through the College.

Important Note: When placing an order, the postcode is 4077 (we realise the postcode is incorrect but this is the number that has been allocated to us by Scholastic).

For each order our parents place with Scholastic Book Club, the College will earn bonus points which we can use to obtain resources for the students so we thank you in advance for all your support.

If you have any questions, please email Mrs Cheryn Shaw cshaw@sjac.qld.edu.au.



Does your little one love to dance? A brand new weekly dance class designed specifically for 2-5 year olds is starting at the Forest Lake Community Centre from October 19.

Run by Chelsea Clark from CJ Dance - a fully qualified dance teacher who has recently relocated from Sydney - the hour-long class will incorporate elements of ballet, tap and jazz fostering a sense of enjoyment and creativity in young students, encouraging imagination and an appreciation of movement and music.

Classes will be held weekly on a Wednesday from 9.30am-10.30am and the cost is \$15 per class. For more information visit cjdance.com.au or call Chelsea on 0423977437.



Racing every Friday night throughout terms 4 & 1

New Season Starts on Friday 7 October 2016

Racing starts at 6.15pm

At Sam Riley Swim School, 7 High Street, Forest Lake

For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/LakesSwimmingClubInc>

Or Email us at lakeswimming@gmail.com