



ST JOHN XXIII PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter No. 14



15th August, 2024

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Catholic tradition teaches us that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was taken body and soul into heaven as a reward for her faithfulness. Her life and devotion should be an example for us.

*Almighty Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
you have revealed the beauty of your power
by exalting the lowly virgin of Nazareth
and making her the mother of our Saviour.
May the prayers of this woman clothed with the sun
bring Jesus to the waiting world
and fill the void of incompleteness
with the presence of her child.*

Amen



Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy week for our school. We have the Year 5/6 Camp and the Year 1/2 Extended Day, so the school was very quiet today. The children at both activities are very excited and having a ball. One of the 5/6 students told me it was the best camp ever. Many thanks to the staff for giving up their time so that the children will have memorable experiences.

Remember to start organising your child's dress up for our Book Week Parade on Monday 26th August. It would be great to see as many family members come along and stay for the parade and open classroom.

Our St Luke's Parish is celebrating our 60 year anniversary with a dinner dance at St. Monica's College on Friday 4th October. Please see notice in this newsletter for details.

Frank Vetrone
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 3

- Tues 20th Aug - Year 1/2 Mass
- Fri 23rd Aug - School assembly - 5/6 B presenting
- **Mon 26th Aug - Book Week Parade & Literacy Open Classroom 9-10:30 am**
- Tues 27th Aug - Prep Mass
- Fri 6th Sept - School assembly - 1/2 C presenting
- Fri 13th Sept - School assembly - 3/4 C presenting

Term 4

- Wed 9th October - School Production (**Students with A-L surnames** unless otherwise communicated)
- Thurs 10th October - School Production (**Students with M-Z surnames** unless otherwise communicated)
- Saturday 12th October - St John XXIII 50th Celebration for families and community 10.30 am - 1.30 pm
- Thurs 12th December- Christmas carols and Carnival 5-8 pm

CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS AT SCHOOL

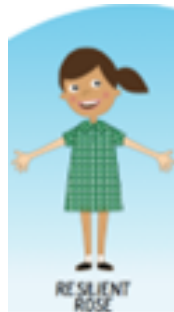
If your child celebrates a birthday at school and you want to provide a treat for the children, the following guidelines apply due to the number of children with known and unknown allergies.



Baked goods (both homemade and bought) such as cakes, biscuits, cupcakes, loose lollies in lolly bags and chocolates etc. are **NOT** to be provided to celebrate birthdays. Wrapped lollies and water based icy poles, are acceptable. Unacceptable goodies will not be distributed and will be sent home.



Be the Best Me AWARDS

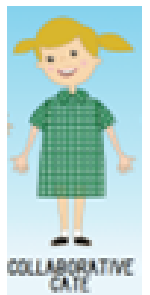


SILVER AWARDS

Prep A - Liam N, Jayden T

GOLD AWARDS

3/4 B - Michelle N
3/4 C - Layale T
5/6 B - Emily F, Olivia D



Presented on FRIDAY 23rd August at 2.45pm.

Book Week 2024
Book Week Parade & Literacy Open Classroom
9:00am-10:30am

Reading is Magic!

This term, we're thrilled to celebrate the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book Week with the enchanting theme "Reading is Magic."

This year we will celebrate Children's Book Week with a magical Book Week Parade on Monday, August 26th, after flag raising.

We encourage all students to dress up on this day and get creative with the theme. Children might like to dress up as their favourite book character, or a magical item to match this year's theme, eg. a wand, a talking hat, a magnifying glass - the possibilities are endless! Parents and younger siblings are invited to join in the fun too! After the parade, we'll have a special time for parents to see a literacy lesson live in action with their children in the classrooms.

In the lead-up to Book Week, why not embrace the magic at home? Develop positive reading routines and share the joy of stories with your children.



Packages include 2 or 4 front row seats as well as a VIP merchandise pack.

This is an exclusive opportunity as front row seats will not be available for purchase outside of auctions.

Following the auction non front row seats will be sold at \$20 per adult ticket.

<https://www.32auctions.com/sjproduction>

**WIN A
VIP PACK**

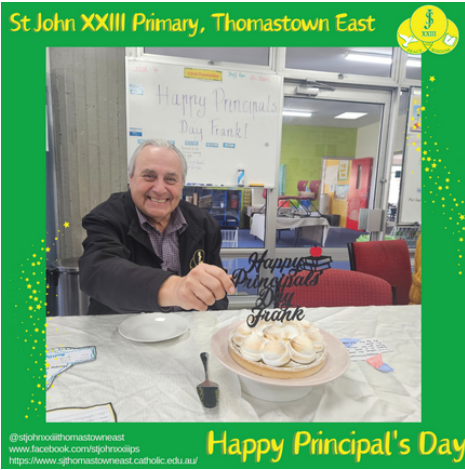


Visit the link and place your bid to win a VIP Package to our school production including exclusive front row seats and a VIP merchandise pack.

St John XXIII Primary School



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT ST JOHN XXIII





ST JOHN XXIII TRIVIA NIGHT

Thank you to the PA for planning the trivia night, and to all those who attended. It was a wonderful evening. We look forward to our next school function.



CELEBRATING 60 YEARS AS PARISH

DINNER DANCE

October 4th, 2024

Doors open 6 PM

St Monica's College

Tickets \$50

Child (under 12) \$25

Doors open at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm
Includes DJ, photo display and raffle

Some dietary requirements can be catered for,
please discuss when you book.

Please call the parish to book as places will fill
quickly, Mon-Fri, 9am to 1pm, Ph:94652180
or at www.trybooking.com/CTRZU





**REFER
A FRIEND!**
RECEIVE A \$100 UNIFORM
VOUCHER

Did you know that 91% of current families would strongly recommend St John XXIII to prospective families?

Our community knows that St John XXIII is an exceptional school that offers unrivalled learning and wellbeing approaches that is not found in other schools. Let's spread the word about the hidden gem of the northern suburbs!

For every family that enrolls as a result of a direct recommendation of a current family, the current referring St John XXIII family will receive a \$100 uniform shop voucher upon the new families acceptance.

Further, to financially support new families who are transferring to St John XXIII we are offering a free uniform set, that reflects the season they enrol, to all new students transferring from another school. That's a saving of over \$200 for each student that transfers. Contact the school office for more information.

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<https://www.sjthomastowneast.catholic.edu.au/>





SEEKING STALL HOLDERS

ST JOHN XXIII PRIMARY SCHOOL
THOMASTOWN EAST
CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER, 5-8 PM

MARKET STALLS \$50

SELECT YOUR OWN SITE
INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SITES FOR YOU TO PICK FROM

DEMONSTRATION STALLS \$50

A GREAT WAY FOR ORGANISATIONS & SPORTING CLUBS ETC TO CONNECT WITH THE COMMUNITY

For further information email:
stjohnxxiiichristmas@gmail.com

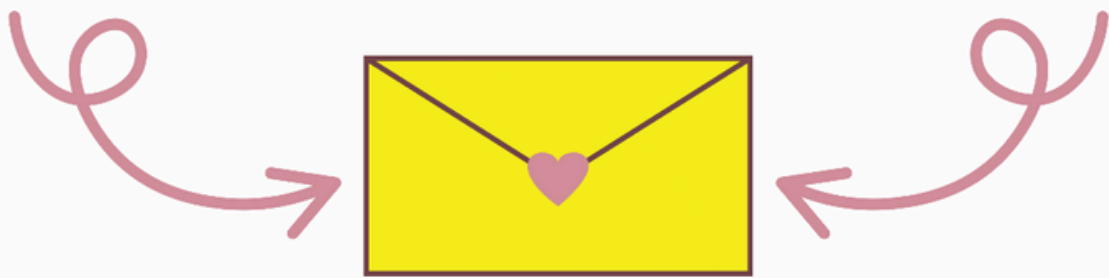
LIMITED SPACES
AVAILABLE



Learners Today - Leaders Tomorrow



SUBSCRIBE TO OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY MAILING LIST



In our 50th Year at St John XXIII we will celebrate our rich history.

Former students and staff are encouraged to join our mailing list and ensure you directly receive information about our Golden Jubilee events.



St John XXIII Primary School Thomastown East (previously named St John's) is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2024. For 50 years St John's has provided quality education, positive connections and cherished memories to a countless number of community members.

We encourage all past students, staff members and families to complete this form to join our mailing list and ensure you keep up to date with news and events related to our 50th anniversary.

Please share this form with any other St John XXIII alumni, former staff or families you are in contact with.

<https://forms.gle/Soz9ByuJscpno4CG7>

St John XXIII Primary School Thomastown East

1974-2024



Celebrating 50 Years

JOIN PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY TO
CELEBRATE OUR RICH HISTORY

SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER

10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Class reunions will be held at midday

- *School Tours
- *Memorabilia Displays
- *Sausage sizzle
- *Coffee Van
- *Ice Cream Truck
- *Commemorative items for sale
- *Raffle

**17 REGAL AVE,
THOMASTOWN EAST**

Their Care (Outside of School Hours Care)

Exploring our environment.



This week children from Lalor East PS and St John XXIII PS were able to explore our indoor/outdoor and gym spaces. We were all able to engage in many meaningful, learn based experiences. The highlight of this week was our cooking class, where children were able to make pastry animals, bake and eat 😊. We also explored arts and crafts where children together with their educators were able to transfer their imagination and ideas on paper. Some OF OUR children were intrigued by the recycling boxes that we have in our service and use those to create robots, cars or even a rubbish trucks. Cooperative play helps kids hone their social skills as they figure out how to negotiate group dynamics. It helps them learn how to collaborate and compromise with others, recognize and respond to others' feelings, share, show affection, resolve conflicts, and adhere to the rules.

To register or update your current bookings, please visit www.theircare.com.au and click on 'Book Now' in the top right-hand corner. Email – lalorest@theircare.com.au
Mobile – 0477 177 646
Phone – 1300 072 410

Seeking Donations

Our Year 3/4 students are seeking donations as part of their involvement in weekly Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden sessions. If you have any of the following produce, please send it along to the school office by Friday 23rd August.

~Dear Neighbours~

If you possibly have any spare or unwanted lemons either in your house or growing in the garden, please donate them to St Johns XXIII. We are trying to raise money for possible equipment.

We are planning to make lemon products and sell them for the schools good and to maybe get new playground equipment. Here are some things we could make that you could possibly help us with by donating lemons with..

- Lemon Juice
- Lemon Fertilizer
- Lemonade
- Zests, spices and syrups

(If you would possibly like to donate and be nice enough to, please bring them in a box with your name and I might bring a recipe home for you 🍊)

- Your neighbour Khloe and the St Johns Community !! ❤️

Dear members of the community if you have any spare fruits and vegetables at your house then the year 3/4's at ST John's XXIII would love it if you donate some to us. We would like to make them into lots of house products and food. We want to raise money for the school to buy equipment for our

Dear members of the community,
If you wish you are welcome to gift a donation of lemons, oranges, chilli's or vegetables for the school students at St John XXIII to make tasty recipes.

Our intention for the recipes is to sell them for our schools kitchen garden so that we can buy ingredients and equipment to help our students learn more efficiently

Dear members of the community, if you have any juicy big tomatoes to give to our kitchen garden program, for making an opportunity to make kitchen recipes such as Sauces, jams, juices and give us an idea of what to do for raising money for equipment to get better resources for our kitchen and garden program.

From Levia

Kitchen Garden program.
If you have olives, limes, lemons and anything please donate them to our school.

From Evelyn Arena.



.snj

yay!

Hi

Thanks

DEAR NEIGHBOURS,

If you have any leftover orange or lemons can you please put them in a box if you would like to donate to the children at St John XXIII primary school. Thank you for your generosity! Please send me St John XXIII primary school.

Thank you !!! 😊

We are going to use them for useful products.

From: Jazmyra

.bye

neighbour

community

Kitchen Garden

Dear children, adults, parents and grandparents of Thomastown and the members of the Community

If you have any fruits or vegetables like oranges, lemons, carrots and a lot more, please have them in a basket or a bag. If you do have fruits or vegetables or even herbs please donate them to the St John XXIII primary school because it is for a great cause. We are planning to have a fundraiser for our kitchen garden so that we can buy tools and soil. We appreciate your donation and your kindness and generosity.

From Neriah

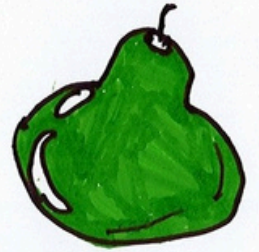
P.S you are helping St John XXIII





Dear members of the community, if you have any yummy **thyme** to spare, that will be greatfull. We have been thinking... we can make

- :lemon cookie
- :lemonade
- :lemon bars
- :lemon curd



You can put it in a basket and come to St John XXIII and drop it in the office.

From

Arwa



Dear members of the community, If you have any spare lemons, fruits or veggies, can you please put them in a plastic bag and donate it to the children at St John XXIII for a good cause.

We would like to use them for special recipes and turn them into household products.

We are planning to sell these products to the community, to raise money for our Kitchen Garden program at school.

We appreciate the kindness.

From: Aveendeeep



lemon



olive



Red chili



orange



Yellow chili





Tranquility Psychology Services

Tranquility Acceptance. Change



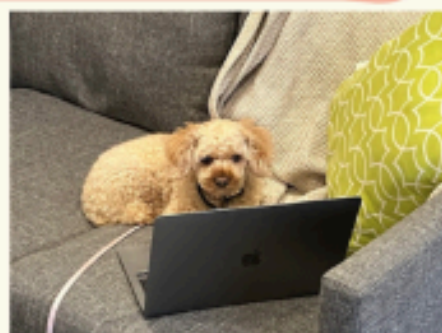
Immediate Availability

Psychology Services

Kristin provides therapy from a strengths based approach for a range of needs. Kristin has a special interest working alongside neurodivergent individuals and their families. Additionally, Kristin supports people experiencing, anxiety, intellectual disability, depression, sleep issues and more! Parenting/ carer sessions also available.

Assessments

- ADHD
- Autism
- Learning Difficulties
- Intellectual Disability
- Functional Capacity Assessments



Who?

Children, adolescents and adults

The Team

Kristin is a psychologist with experience in community, disability, family violence, education, and health sectors. She works from a neuroaffirming approach. **Sasha** is a miniature cavoodle who loves belly rubs.

Contact: info@psychtranquility.com.au.

Location: Bundoora, Watsonia and Telehealth

<https://www.psychtranquility.com.au/>

Phone: 03 8840 6510

Fax: 03 9125 8269



St Monica's College, Epping

Enrol Now for Year 7, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians & Carers,

Applications for **Grade 5 students starting Year 7 in 2026** are now open and will close on **Friday, 16 August 2024**.

Application for enrolment is available on the St Monica's College Website: www.stmonicas-epping.com/apply. Click on the apply button to complete your online form and submit with documentation required.

If you would like to attend a school tour, please visit our website to make a booking.

For enquiries, please contact the College Registrar, Mrs Lina Sirianni on 9409 8800 or email registrar@stmonicas-epping.com.



ENROL NOW FOR YEAR 7 2026



Applications close on Friday 16 August 2024



Apply Online

www.parade.vic.edu.au

Email: enrol@parade.vic.edu.au

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FREE EVENT
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OPEN DAY

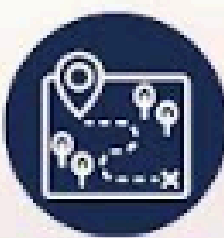
SAT 7 SEPT | 10AM-1PM

- Butterfly House
- Petting Zoo
- Spring Menu Sampling
- Rhythm & Moves
- Face Painting



PLUS

- Sausage Sizzle
- Coffee Van



Tour our Centre



Meet our Educators



Discover our Programs

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