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In All Things Love

Uniform Shop

Open on Monday and Fridays
8.30 am to 9.30 am

Playgroup

Friday - 10.00 am to 11.30 am

Out of School Hours Care

Daily

7.30 am to 8.30 am
and 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm

Tuesday 2.45 pm to 6.00 pm

Bookings essential

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Mass Times

Saturday 6.30 pm

Sunday 8.30 am English &

10.30 am Polish

Weekday 6.30 pm English & Polish

Except Tuesday

(check with Parish)

Newsletter

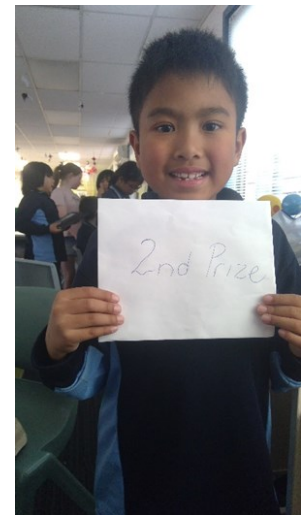
2019

'ST JOE'S HAS TALENT' SHOW!

Our annual Talent show raised \$181.30 for our local St Vinnies chapter. Many thanks to all who participated: entertainers, helpers, judges and audience members – we are all helping to make a difference!!



The Reece Brinckman Memorial Trophy was won by magicians Amber & Alice.



Karl danced into 2nd place.



Alyssa, Jordyn, Lily & Anna – 3rd place



We acknowledge that our school is on Kurna country. We recognise and respect the Kurna people as the continuing custodians of the Adelaide Plains and pay our respect to Elders past and present.

Principal News

This week brings to an end Term 3. The year is certainly moving quickly. I encourage you to take some time to relax and spend time with your children during the upcoming school holidays. I hope you can also find some time for yourself also. I know our teachers will both appreciate and benefit from things moving a little slower over the next two weeks. School holidays provide both children and teachers the opportunity to refresh and recharge in preparation for the following school term.

Curriculum News

In this newsletter edition I have included two mathematical tasks which you might like to have a go at with your child/children at home. This week's Mathematical tasks:

Reception to Year 3

A basketballer scored 9 points in two games. What might her scores in each of the games be? Record as many possibilities as you can.

The difference between two numbers is 5. What might the two numbers be? Record as many possibilities as you can.

Years 4-7

$5\square 2 - \square\square 4 = 68$. Work out as many possible answers for this subtraction number sentence as you can.

A problem for $8 \div 2$ is: There are 8 tennis players. How many teams of 2 are there? Make up two different types of word problems for $36 \div 3$.

Happy inquiry.

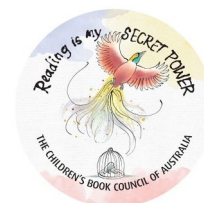


Children develop their reading skills, knowledge and understanding by reading regularly. Below are some strategies you might like to try at home to support your children's learning:

Encourage and model reading in the home

- Listen to your child read their reading material and ask specific questions related to what they have read
- Read with your child
- Share what you are reading with your child
- Read your child a bedtime story
- Talk to your child about the different situations you find yourself in whereby you are required to read texts.

Happy reading.



NAPLAN Results 2019

Last week our Year 3 and 5 children brought home their individual 2019 NAPLAN results. As with any form of summative assessment (testing) we must remember that the results demonstrate how children perform on a given day, with a given circumstance in a structured environment. The results should always be considered as being indicative of their performance rather than a definitive account of the testing.

The results do not define your child as a learner. Under the NAPLAN model, attainment is considered as the knowledge and skills that students develop and are tested in formal tests and examinations. This attainment is summarised in test scores and grades. This differs from your child's achievement. Achievement is considered as the much broader range of knowledge and skills that students develop which are not tested. This knowledge and range of skills relate to the personal and social development of the individual. The data from the NAPLAN test does not take into account your child's sporting, musical or artistic abilities. NAPLAN doesn't reflect their sense of humour, their creativity, their sense of identity, joy or kindness to others and all that we see on a daily basis at home and at school. We must remember that these results do not define who they are or what they are capable of becoming. Like you, we are proud of your child and how they continue to grow as a unique and special person with a good sense of self-worth and a commitment to always doing their best.

If you require any further clarification regarding your child's results, please don't hesitate to see your child's teacher, Louise Moody or myself.

Catholic Schools Music Festival Choir

On Monday evening I had the pleasure of witnessing 14 of our children perform at the Festival Theatre as part of the Catholic Schools Music Festival Choir. Natalie Doyle once again coordinated our involvement in 2019. Natalie has been working with the choir regularly this year in preparation for the festival choir event. The Catholic Schools Music Festival Choir is held during the last week of Term 3 each year. It is a wonderful advertisement for Catholic Education in South Australia. A big thank you to Natalie Doyle for all her efforts in preparing our children for this year's event.

Autumn Festival Multicultural Day

Our Mid-Autumn Festival and Multicultural celebration took place here in the school grounds on Friday, September 13 between 11:30am and 2pm. The event was a great success with many families joining in the festivities. Our children had the opportunity to try a range of different foods from around the world along with come to school dressed in their national costumes and colours. Each class made a presentation or performed on the day. I particularly enjoyed the Vietnamese Hat Dance along with the Dragon Dance. A big thankyou to members of our Parents and Friends who worked closely with APRIM Simon McCullough to put the day together. A big thankyou also to our classroom teachers who prepared their child to perform in front of the school community. Also thankyou to our recently retired Vietnamese language teacher; Phuong Ngo who worked with a small group of children to present a Dragon Dance. Finally a big thankyou to all our parents who prepared and donated food for the children to try as part of our shared picnic lunch. Moving forward we plan to continue to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival each year in a similar way.

Parent Workshops with Mark LeMessurier

Last year our school applied for a PIE Grant (Parent Initiatives in Education) and earlier this year we were informed that we were successful in obtaining the Grant. This has provided us with funds available to use for two Parent Workshops.

We engaged the wonderful expertise of Mark LeMessurier to facilitate both Parent Workshops this year. The first workshop, "A Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum; How does that feel for Parents, What does it Mean, What Next?" was held on Wednesday August 7 here in the School Hall. It was pleasing to see the number of parents, carers and members of the wider community join us.

The second workshop, "Real Ideas to Tame Ugly Behaviours" was held on Wednesday September 18 in the School Hall. Once again it was pleasing to see the number of parents, carers and members of the wider community join us.

Principal News Continued

What is Social development?

Children are born social. Social skills develop as children interact with supportive, stimulating, safe people and places. Social development is about the ability to recognise, interpret and respond to social situations in ways that society sees as appropriate. It's a known protective factor for children and young people's mental health and wellbeing. This kind of learning is passed on to children and young people by those who care for and teach them, through social relationships within the family or with friends, and through participation in the culture around them. Through their relationships with others and their growing awareness of social values and expectations, children and young people build a sense of who they are and of the social roles available to them. As they develop socially, individuals both respond to the influences around them and play an active part in shaping their relationships.

From birth, children delight in positive social interactions with people. Babies spend almost every waking minute developing their first relationships with family. Through these first relationships, children learn that they can trust others to care for them, get their needs met and enjoy life with others. Friendships and relationships with other children become more important to children as they grow. Developing social skills helps children enjoy getting along with others and manage life's ups and downs, which is important for their lifelong mental health and wellbeing. Children learn social skills through their interactions with others. They benefit from having lots of opportunities to interact and play with people of a variety of ages to develop and practise their social skills.

For further information visit **Be You** (formerly Beyond Blue)

<https://beyou.edu.au/fact-sheets/development/brain-development>

Extended OSHC Opening Hours Trial

Due to demand from within the school community, we have decided to trial an extension to our OSHC opening hours each morning. Commencing on Monday October 14, throughout Term 4 OSHC will open between 6:30am and 8:30am each morning before school to accommodate families who start work early. If we find as a school community that the need remains, we will continue to open the service earlier on a permanent basis.

Curtin University School Climate Surveys

This term families, children and staff were provided with an opportunity to participate in a School Climate Survey on different facets of school life. Thank you to families who contributed their perspectives, the results of which will be collated by Curtin University. The *Parent Survey* provided an opportunity for parents and carers to tell the school staff how things are going for them and their children. This information will be used by the leadership team and School Board to inform future directions. In a similar way staff were given the opportunity to participate in the *School Organisational Climate Survey* and children, the *What's Happening in this School Survey*.

Safety Message

Students and families are reminded to be wary of approaches from strangers, especially when they are unaccompanied or travelling to and from school. If they are approached, students should not respond and should not accept offers of rides or gifts. Students should seek the assistance of other nearby adults if they feel unsafe and should report the event to a trusted adult (parent or school staff member) as soon as possible. SAPOL advises that taking out a mobile phone and calling police can deter the offender and they recommend the student making a formal report to their closest police station.

Upcoming Events

I would like to draw your attention to the following upcoming events:

Term 3 Concludes – 12:30pm Friday September 27.

Term 4 Commences – 8:45am Monday October 14.

I hope you have a positive end to the school term and enjoy the upcoming break.

Working in partnership with you in the best interest of all our children.

Shaun O'Leary.

APRIM News



Catholic Charities Casual Clothes Fundraiser

Catholic Charities supports Catholic welfare agencies within the Archdiocese of Adelaide. Their primary role is to raise money by way of donations in order to partly fund the works of these charitable agencies as they help make the daily lives better for disadvantaged people within our community. While the agencies are Catholic welfare agencies, they provide critical care for all people in need. As part of a fundraiser we invite all children to wear casual clothes on the final day of school and to bring a gold coin donation. Thanks for your support.

APRIM News Continued

Thank You!

On Friday 13th September we celebrated the **Mid Autumn Festival and our Multicultural community**. The food donated was amazing. This great celebration could not have occurred without the wonderful parents who organised it and those who worked hard on the day serving food and cleaning up afterwards. We all appreciate your effort and support. Thanks very much.



Simon McCullough

Christmas Raffle

Another group of our wonderful parents are setting up the Christmas Raffle. This will be drawn at the St Joseph's "On the Green" celebration, Friday 6 December. We are looking now for prize donations, these can be taken to the office. Thanks so much for your generosity.



Confirmation

The celebration for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Saturday 9 November in St Maximilian Kolbe Church at 10.00 am. First Communion will be celebrated later in November on a date yet to be confirmed.

School Band

The School Band, 'Peace and Harmony' will begin again next week, after school on Thursday 26th September. A reminder to be prompt about picking students up at 4 pm. The students will be preparing for the Semaphore Street Fair on Sunday November 24th. (A date for your diaries).



OSHC

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Next term OSHC will be trialling 2 hrs of care in the morning, extending the morning OSHC care from 1hr to 2hrs. We will be open from 6.30 - 8.30am

Casual attendance in OSHC

Please remember to check **your personal myGov** downloaded site and then **Centrelink for messages**.

When parents use OSHC casually, you won't automatically receive CCS (Child Care Subsidy).

You will need to visit **your myGov website** to check for messages. Follow the prompts—confirming that you used the OSHC service.

This will occur for casual attendance of the service.

Centrelink is just confirming that you are using the service.

Please remember to make a booking when you need OSHC.

All bookings can be made by ringing or messaging the OSHC mobile on 0437 863 067.

If there is no answer, leave a message on the service. I will call or message you back. Making a booking helps us keep the child/staff ratio in line with legislation.

24 hours' notice is necessary when cancelling a booking or charges will occur.

Thank you for your cooperation. Have a great week.

Please feel welcome to visit OSHC, where children are in a safe supervised environment. Where learning happens while children play, have fun and make new friends.

Mieke OSHC Coordinator

Community Market Stall



Our Community Market Stall operates each Tuesday morning from 8.30 –9.00 am. Come along with any fruit, vegetables, herbs etc. Bring what you can, take what you like. We also have tea and coffee available so you can have catch up with other members of the community.

