Newsletter 2

DAY 1—MISSION SUCCESSFUL!

Friday, 30th January 2015 will be recorded as a monumental day for our parish community—the day learning commenced at St John the Apostle Catholic Primary School.

As a staff we were so proud of the positive approach the students had towards their new school.

Our senior leaders have already demonstrated a dedication to making our school a place that is welcoming and inclusive of all.

We look forward to a fantastic journey together!

HOT SHOTS TENNIS COACHING

This week students from Years 1—6 will commence tennis clinics facilitated by a coach from the Hoppers Crossing tennis club.

The students will be introduced to the skills and rules of tennis in a modified version of the game. We hope to target students who show exemplary skills by running an offsite ‘St John the Apostle Open’ at the Hoppers Crossing courts.

All the equipment including racquets and nets will be supplied by the school. Students who take lessons may bring their own racquet if they prefer. Hopefully we have a future Australian Open winner amongst our students!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

- PATIENCE REQUIRED!

Thank you to families who have experienced delays in the supply of school uniform components.

The girls summer dress and some sport shorts sizes have either been out of stock or supplies have been delayed. Families are asked to do their best to provide their children with appropriate school wear until this situation is remedied.

1. Please wear sports uniform until the summer dress is in stock.

2. If the school sport shorts cannot be worn yet, please wear other suitable shorts.

Please ensure all uniform items are clearly named, particularly jumpers and hats. Named items can be immediately returned to their owner when found.

A guide to the school uniform expectations and answers to frequently asked questions can be found and downloaded from the school website.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE—REGISTER NOW!

If you are intending to use this service it is vital that you complete the necessary paper work and submit it to:

Quantin Binnah Community Centre
61 Thames Blvd, Werribee.
Ph: 9742 5040.

Enrolment forms are available from the school office and at Quantin Binnah.

Those families already enrolled, please collect and drop students off at the portable classrooms at the rear of the school. An access gate will be open on the boundary near the portables.

SCHOOL FEES & LEVIES

Thanks to those families who have paid student levies by cash at the front office. Families wishing to pay by credit card or eftpos, we ask you to
delay your payments a week or so until our electronic transfer hardware arrives.

PREP ORIENTATION
REST DAYS.

To assist Prep students in coping with the fatigue which is associated with commencing school, the first five Wednesdays of Term One are designated rest days for Prep students. To assist parents with arranging care for their children on these days, the dates are listed here:

- Wednesday, 4th February
- Wednesday, 11th February
- Wednesday, 18th February
- Wednesday, 25th February
- Wednesday, 4th March

During these days Prep teachers will conduct assessments of students from P-6 and engage in curriculum planning. They may also arrange extended formal meetings with parents regarding their child’s progress.

FEE PAYMENTS

Student Levy

Thank you to families who have already paid their student levy using cash.

If you are using eftpos, we ask that you delay your payment until the week starting Monday, 9th February. This will allow us time to establish the infrastructure and procedures for processing these electronic payments.

The student levy is a $280 payment per child which subsidises some of our resourcing for the students. It includes the supply of stationery, art materials, technology, sport equipment and technology. This payment is due by Friday, 13th February.

Family School Fees

These payment can be made using a series of options outlined below:

Option 1: Payment in full due by May 28th ($1250)

Option 2: Payment in three instalments:
- Instalment 1 ~ $420 due by February 12th
- Instalment 2 ~ $420 due by April 23rd
- Instalment 3 ~ $410 due by June 25th

Option 3: Payment by direct debit only ~ $156.25 per month (8 payments) from 15th February to 15th September

Option 4: Payment by direct debit only ~ $75.00 per fortnight for 16 payments from 29th January to 27th August plus one payment of $50 on 10th September

(Please Note: The $100 enrolment fee will be deducted from the above figures)

If you are wishing to use a direct debit option please collect the necessary forms the front office or email Janet in the school office at:

office@stjatarneit.catholic.edu.au

We will send the form to home with your child.

Parish Stewardship Contribution

Each family as part of their enrolment agreement has pledged a contribution to St. Andrew’s parish to assist in the payment of our land loan and the supply of our Pastoral Associate, Marthense Temming.

These payments will commence in February. If you have elected to pay using the envelop system, your envelopes will arrive shortly. Payments made via envelop can be brought to the school or the parish office.

ASSEMBLIES

The school community will also have the opportunity to gather fortnightly to celebrate the amazing learning happening at our school. Assemblies will commence at 9am and will have a duration of approximately 40 minutes.

Families are invited to join us on these days. Tea and coffee will be available from 8:40 – 9am in the community space at the front office. Once students have organised themselves for the day, families will be invited to take a seat within the Year 1-6 Learning Space.

The first assembly is scheduled for Friday, 13th February.

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to those parents who have kindly offered to assist with tasks which help the day to day running of the school.

A volunteers meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 17th February at 7pm. At this meeting we will aim to:
1. Gauge from the community the support we have on offer.
2. Outline the types of tasks that we require assistance with. (e.g. Book covering, preparing fruit for students, basic ICT tasks, end of term cleaning, grounds maintenance, etc.)
3. Take nominations for representatives who can liaise between the school and the large group of volunteers.

The meeting will take place in the community space at the school entrance and will commence at 7pm. The meeting will run for one hour.

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE
COMMUNITY MASS.

The next Community Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, 28th February at 5pm. It will take place for the first time in our new school building and will be followed by tea and coffee in the community space.

During this Mass the teachers will be commissioned by our parish to serve the students of the St John the Apostle in their spiritual, social, physical and academic development.

We look forward to seeing many school families in attendance.

SCHOOL CAR PARK SAFETY

Our school carpark is only a part of the car parking in the master plan. It has a 20 car capacity, so we urge parents to use the street parking along Cottesloe Blvd & Kingbird Ave to ease the carpark traffic.

A note of safety— pedestrians should not enter the school through the car par entrance gates. Please walk along the paths at the school entrance and enter the school grounds via the smaller pedestrian gates near the flag pole.

Parents walking students from the car to their class should cross the carpark using the zebra crossing.

A gentle reminder for drivers to take note of the directional arrows on the carpark. We understand that at this early stage parents may be unsure of which direct to exit the parking area. Time will assist us in fine tuning this matter.

OUR COMMUNITY SPACE—A PLACE WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our school has been designed to create a welcoming environment that promotes the formation of a well connected community.

We urge parents when able, to use the community space to get to know other families. Parents are welcome to make tea and coffee and sit at the casual seating area by the front windows.

We look forward to many informal chats within this space.

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Volunteers Meeting

Name: _____________________
I will be attending the volunteers meeting on Tuesday, 17th February (7pm—8pm)

Signed: _____________________

Eldest Child’s Details

Name: _____________________
Year Level:
- Prep
- Yr 1
- Yr 2/3
- Yr 4/5/6

Community Mass

Name: _____________________
We will be attending the community mass on Saturday, 28th February at 5pm.
Please place the following chairs for our family: ______ (insert number)

Signed: _____________________

School Assembly

Name: _____________________
We will be attending the school assembly on Friday, 13th February. Please place
the following chairs for our family: ______ (insert number)

Signed: _____________________