Congratulations to the rainfall team on completing the upgrade to the sports oval. It has greatly improved the playing surface and our children will be able to enjoy the oval for many years to come. We thank you for your hard work and dedication.

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Diary Dates / Important Notes 2015

- Sun 14/2-Family Mass & Staff Commissioning 9:00am
- Wed 17/2-Parent Info Night
- Thur 18/2-Class Mass 2/3WO At 9:00am

* All Assemblies are held in the St Dominic Centre on alternative Mondays at 2:20pm
** Class Masses are held at 9:00am in the Chapel
From the APRIM

Family Mass and Staff Commissioning: 14th February 2016

This Sunday morning @ 9:00am, the House Captains and SRC reps are hosting our first family mass for 2016 at St. Luke’s Church, Noarlunga Downs. Everyone in our St. John’s community is invited to attend. Also at this mass, the staff of St. John’s will be commissioned to their ministry of the St. Luke’s parish.

Each month a different class hosts the family mass at St. Luke’s but your child is welcome to participate in all masses, not just their own class. The family masses will be celebrated at the 9:00am mass again this year. Children’s liturgy is offered at this mass on Sundays except when we host our school family mass and this offers a lovely opportunity for your child to make new friends and to reflect upon how St. Luke’s community is an important aspect of the St. John’s school community.

Lent

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Lent calendar:

Noarlunga-Seaford Parish
St Luke’s Church
Corner New Honeypot Road & Goldsmith Drive
NOARLUNGA DOWNS 5168
PO Box 406
NOARLUNGA CENTRE 5168
Office Hours: Monday-Friday (10am-4pm)

Office:  T: 8382 1717
          F: 8326 7999
          E: nswcp@tpg.com.au

Parish Priest: Fr Charles Gauci
Assistant Priest: Fr Saminathan Arockiasamy
Parish Manager: Toni Fishlock

Masses
School Thursday 9:00am (please check front page)
St Luke’s Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 9am / 5:30pm (Youth )
Seaford (SEM) Sunday 10:45am

Did you know that you can download a Lent Calendar for your smartphone, or use the web version and set it as your homepage, to ‘Learn More’ and ‘Create Change’ this Lent?

Use the calendar to deepen your spirituality this Lent and learn about Caritas Australia’s work in six countries across the globe. Explore Project Compassion, meet inspiring people and reflect on the Lenten period through daily readings, prayers and social justice actions.

A children’s version is available online also; reflect together as a class, whole school, family and parish!

View or download at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/lent-calendar
**Continued from the APRIM**

**Shrove Tuesday**

Our first fund-raising event for Project Compassion was held on Shrove Tuesday. Many thanks to the families for their generous donations and to our helpers... The pancakes were delicious.

We were so overwhelmed with donations that we have enough mix to have another pancake stall at recess time later in the term. More details will follow shortly.

**School Uniform - Second Hand Cupboard 2015**

The Second Hand cupboard, located in the St Dominic Centre, will be open every Wednesday morning from 8:45 until at least 9:00am. Should you wish to arrange a different time please contact Naomi Ellis on:

0408 118 775

For all new uniform purchases including replacement sun hats (see details below) please contact or visit:

LOWES at Centro Colonnades
Beach Road, Noarlunga
Ph: 8326 2528 Fax: 8382 7473

- PLEASE NOTE: All students are supplied with a sun hat by the school when they commence. However spares / replacements will need to be purchased from Lowes at Colonnades at a cost of:

  - Slouch $14.99
  - Legionnaire $12.99

Online ordering is also available: www.lowes.com.au

**Lost Property**

All named items are returned on the same day that they are found and any unnamed items will be held by Mrs Peters for a few days before going to the St Vinnies box.

**2016 Sacrament Program**

It's not too late to join this year’s sacrament program. Any child who has been baptised and is in Year 3 or above is eligible to enrol in the program. Children already baptised in another Christian tradition will first need to be received into the catholic Church. If you would like any further information regarding Baptism for your child or joining the sacrament program please contact me before Friday 25th February.

Kind regards,
Dee-anne Peters
Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission
E: dapeters@stjohns.catholic.edu.au
P: 8382 2064
Swimming Information

Swimming Lessons Information

Swimming Lessons begin in week (Wk. 4) for Reception – Year 4 students. All Swimming and Aquatics notices have been distributed. If you have not received this information yet, please contact your child’s teacher. Given that some lessons this year are in the morning and reflecting on previous year’s procedures the following procedures will apply this year.

All students in Reception – Year 4 are to wear their **Sports Uniform**

Students needs to....
- Bring a towel (named)
- Bring a pair of goggles (named) especially if they will be in the swimming stroke group
- Bring a pair of thongs

Reception to Year 2
- Students will come to school with their bathers underneath their sports uniform
- Underwear (named) in a plastic bag.
The Reception to Year 2 children will be getting changed back into their Phys Ed uniform at school after their lesson. The plastic bag will then be used to put their wet bathers and towel into.

Year 3 & Year 4
- Wear their bathers underneath their sports uniform
- Students will be returning to school at 12:45pm and will be getting changed back into their Phys Ed uniform at school after their lesson. The plastic bag will then be used to put their wet bathers and towel into.

Parents of Reception - Year 4 students are reminded that if they collect their child early from Noarlunga Swimming Centre, they must sign an attendance list available from the class teacher. Please ensure that all notes are returned and completed correctly and students with medication (asthma puffers) have them at every swimming session.

A specific note with details regarding medication was sent home in the Swimming / Aquatics. Please see your child’s class teacher for any clarification.

Please note all Asthma / Medical care plans are required to be up to date for swimming and camp excursions.
School Crossing Information

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Our Year 6 & 7 students each year take on the responsibility of Road Crossing Monitors. As monitors, they have been given delegated authority by SAPOL to direct traffic and help our children cross the road safely. All students and parents need to take notice of the requests of the Road Crossing Monitors. There is always a teacher on duty on both sets of School Crossing to supervise.

Changes to Parking along Carmichael Road
I am writing to draw you attention to changes to the Parking along Carmichael Road. Over the weekend Council has moved the Kiss & Drop (2 min Parking) further up Carmichael Road from the alley way up to Howe St. This can be seen in the photo. It was decided to move the Kiss & Drop Zone further east on Carmichael Rd to avoid cars stacking up around the corner on Holly St causing congestion and a hazard, placing students in danger.
There is new signage for the newly marked area can be used for “long term parking between 9am – 3 pm. There is new signage coming for the other areas. The “old” Kiss & Drop Zone in Carmichael Road can now be used for long term parking, but I remind you that cars should not be “standing” around the corner onto Holly St.

Bomb Threats to Schools
You may be aware of a spate of bomb threats occurring in schools locally and interstate. Last week several State Schools (Noarlunga Downs being one) were targeted and received hoax calls or threats. I write to inform you that all of our staff have been alerted and are familiar with our well-rehearsed evacuation protocols and emergency procedures, should a threat be made. We have received advice and protocols from Catholic Ed SA to follow in the event of a threat being made. Parents will receive a SMS informing of a threat being made and procedures to follow. All Staff have been briefed with the procedures to follow in the event of a threat being made.
Welcome to our New Students and Class Awards

We would like to welcome our New Students that started in Reception and Years 1 & 2
Jemma Black
Kobi Black
Elye Charleston
Summer James

Look at our New Receptions who have made a great start at St Johns

Class Awards: Assembly Term 1 Week 2

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Notices

Calling for volunteers – we need your help!

St John the Apostle Catholic School will be participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to get this program running we need your help. The program requires volunteer School Banking Co-ordinator’s to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time (approx. one hour) one day a week during school term and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Please indicate your interest in volunteering for this great program by advising either Frank DeTullio or Lee-Anne Fernandez.

FROZEN FRIDAY IN THE CANTEEN

This Friday IN THE CANTEEN WE WILL BE SELLING ICE BLOCKS from 1:15pm to 1:30pm
- Quelch - 50c
- Juicies - 75c
- Ice Money - 60c
- Zooper Dooper - 50c

Piano (Keyboard) Lessons

For interested student’s piano lessons are available during school time. For more information please contact Tracey on 0416 126 304

Little Johns Playgroup

Wednesday 17 February
Play dough fun and music time
Please bring a some fruit to share and a gold coin donation
MASTER ART SKILLS

Take your painting, drawing, photography and sculpture skills to the next level using various alternative techniques including multimedia.

Learn from sculpture and multimedia artist, Zoe Brooks in this four week program.

DATE: Tuesdays Term 1, starting 16 February to 8 March 2016

TIME: 3.30–5pm

COST: $20 for four weeks

AGE: 8–13 years

WHERE: Onkaparinga Youth—Christie Downs, 13 McKinna Road, Christie Downs

BOOKINGS: 8186 5133 christiedowns_youth@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

FURTHER INFORMATION: Youth Arts Program Officer, 8186 5133 or zoebro@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

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