Dear Families, Staff and Friends of St John’s

Safety Alert
I have been informed by SAPOL that there have been a number of approaches to students by a male in the Moana and Aldinga areas. I advise that, “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.”

Frank DeTullio - Principal

Parent Information Night
I’d like to thank all the families who came along to the Parent Information Night last night. It was great to see so many parents and caregivers come along to support their children, the teachers and the wider school community. As I have mentioned previously, the staff at St John the Apostle School are here to work in partnership with you, working together to educate the students in our school community. Thank you must also go to the staff for preparing and presenting their talks and to Janine and the OSHC staff, for coordinating the crèche.

At all presentations last night I spoke about several important issues:

Parking - School App
Office 365 - Canteen

For those who could not attend the session last night, the presentation will be uploaded to our school web site, school app and school facebook page. It is of vital importance that parents are aware of these matters.

School App
If you are reading this Newsletter on your phone via the app can I say thank you. If you are not – please please download the app. This is fast becoming the most efficient way of communicating information to parents. Lee-Anne Bamard will send out information reminding parent of school events or what is happening at school. We currently have just over 200 subscribers but if all parents (both) have the app, it should be closer to 400. Lee-Anne will get you onto the app!

Office 365
Office 365 is offered to every student free of charge. With Office 365, your child/family will now have access to the latest version of Word for writing, Excel for spreadsheets, PowerPoint for presentations, and OneNote for organization and note taking. You / your child can download and use Microsoft Office software on up to five devices (families with more than one child will have multiple licences), on their own home or personal Mac or Windows PC, and their iPad/iPod/iPhone or Android mobile devices. These tools will be available to your child / family while they are enrolled at St John the Apostle Parish School.

Information on how to install O365 were distribute to each individual family (these are individualised for each student as it contains their user name, password and email address). This is essential for parents to download O365.
From the APRIM

Second Sunday of Lent, Cycle C
February 21, 2016
Gospel Reading

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, John, and James.

Family Connection
In Sunday's Gospel, the voice from heaven speaks to the disciples saying, “Listen to him.” The Transfiguration was a focused moment for the disciples when they heard God speaking to them and experienced Jesus in glory. They most certainly left this focused moment with a new appreciation for the importance of Jesus’ words even if they did not yet understand everything that he had taught them. During Lent, we are invited to consider our attentiveness to Jesus and to one another. In the pace and noise that often characterizes family life, how well do we listen to one another? What opportunities do we have for quiet prayer?

Consider whether the noise and pace of your family life allows family members opportunities for quiet prayer. During Lent, it may be appropriate for your family to choose a time for quiet in the household by turning off televisions and electronic devices. Consider whether your family would like to establish such a time during this Season of Lent and suggest that it might allow you the opportunity to listen more attentively to one another and to find time for quiet prayer.

http://loyolapress.com/sunday-connection

Thank you to all the families who supported our family mass last Sunday. It was a lovely celebration when staff members of St. John’s school were commissioned to provide a high quality education for your child in partnership with the Noarlunga/Seaford parish. Our house captains and other children represented our school beautifully by performing special roles in the mass.

Sacrament Group Date Claimers: (for the children and their parents who started the program in Term 4 2015)

8th March, 5:30pm @ St. Luke’s church: Welcome to 2016!

12th April 5:30pm @ St Luke’s church: Confirmation Workshop
3rd May 5:30pm @ St Luke’s church: Confirmation Workshop
13th May 7:00pm @ St Luke’s church: Celebration of Confirmation

2nd August 5:30pm @ St Luke’s church: First Eucharist Workshop
9th August 5:30pm @ St Luke’s church: First Eucharist Workshop
14th August 9:00am @ St Luke’s church: Celebration of First Holy Communion

Baptism: if you are interested in having your child baptised and would like some more information please email dapeters@stjohns.catholic.edu.au or ring me on 8382 2064.

www.thesoutherncross.org.au please view the Southern Cross Magazine via the link above.
School Uniform - Second Hand Cupboard

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.

Canteen Info

MUNCHMONITOR – Starts Monday 21/2/16

Log on to www.stjohns.catholic.edu.au and click on the link under School Canteen or use the Schoolstream app and go to the Munchmonitor tab.

When registering for the first time you will need:

SCHOOLID: Cardijn
PASSWORD: munch5168

- Assembly-Next Monday Year 6/7 Sampson will be coordinating our Assembly. Assembly is held fortnightly on a Monday at 2.20pm in the St Dominic Centre. Parents are welcome to attend.
**St John’s OSHC**

- **M:** 0409 094 888

- OSHC operates at St John the Apostle Parish School from 6:30am—6:30pm, Monday to Friday during the school term (except staff training days)
  
  i.e. **We do not run vacation care but are able to supply you some information.**

- We have bookings capacity for a maximum of 35 students per session.

- All OSHC staff have senior first aid qualifications.

- Enrolment forms must be completed in order for your child to attend OSHC.

- Bookings must be made prior to 2pm on the day OSHC is required (subject to availability).

- If you have booked your child into a session and they no longer need to attend, please notify the school as soon as possible.

- The Behaviour Management Policy (BMP) of the St John’s OSHC program follows the same principles and procedures as the school’s.

- Hats must be worn all year except for the months of June, July and August.

**Little Johns Play Group**

- Wednesdays from 9:00—11:00am during school terms.

- Gold coin donation and piece of fruit each visit to share at morning tea.

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**Car Parking**

As I have communicated with you, there have been changes to the Kiss & Drop designated area on Camichael Road. After discussions with Council representatives last week, the length of the new Kiss & Drop area will be reduced. This may take several weeks to happen (they have to paint over yellow lines), until that happens parents need to follow the signs. Our sign on the fence has been relocated.

In simple terms, if there is an unbroken yellow line on the road, your vehicle cannot be stationary there at any time, not even if you are in the vehicle waiting for the car in front of you to move on. Queueing of vehicles on Camichael Road and onto Holly Street is dangerous practice and makes it very difficult for the traffic to flow.

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**Little Johns Playgroup**

Wednesday 24th February

There will be NO Playgroup this week due to Swimming