Dear Families, Staff and Friends of St Johns

Swimming
This week our R - 4 students have been participating in the Swimming program at the Noarlunga Leisure Centre. It has been great seeing the children so excited about their lessons. These swimming lessons play a vital part in the total development of the child. I have received great positive feedback from the Noarlunga Centre’s swimming coordinator she has been impressed by our student’s behaviour, organisation and skills. This positive feedback makes me proud of our students and school.

Many thanks to Mr Marsh for coordinating our Swimming Program, and to parents for your assistance in organising the students each day. Year 5’s will be participating in a Beach Safety program (for the first time) and the Year 6/7’s will once again participate in the Aquatics program later this term.

School Closure Day
There will be a School closure Day on Friday 11 March. Approval was given by the School Board. All staff will be involved in Trauma Sensitive Schools Project. The project will assist staff to understand the particular issues surrounding children who present with trauma-consistent behaviour. This is a 2 day course – school will remain open on Thursday 10 March (the first day of the project) and classes will have relief teachers. OSHC will be available during this period.

School Security
The staff and I have had discussions regarding the security of the school in particular reference to the Staff Car Park and the toilet area near the canteen. I know that this has also been discussed by several parents. I have already had preliminary discussions with a fencing contractor of several possibilities of how we can secure the car park / toilet areas. I will consult with staff further as any new fencing put in place will result in changes to practices and routines. The safety and protection of all students is a high priority and one I treat with the utmost sensitivity. The challenge is have a school that is welcoming but not restricting students movements nor have it fenced like a prison. At last night’s School Board meeting, approval to begin securing the area in front of the Office / Car Park and Roller Door area was approved.

Students from R/M and R/1CL enjoying their swimming lessons.

Diary Dates / Important Notes 2016
Mon 29/2 to Fri 4/3 - Year 7 Camp
Thur 3/3 – Class Mass - 4/5 Unit
Fri 4/3 – Clean up Australia Day

* 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

Third Sunday of Lent, Cycle C
February 28, 2016

Gospel Reading
Jesus preaches a lesson on repentance.

Family Connection
We may be unfamiliar with fig trees, but we might know about the growth of spring flowers. Perhaps we have looked at a dry, brown flower bulb and wondered how this produces the colourful tulip or daffodil blossom that we expect to bloom in the spring. We don't have to be gardeners, however, to know about patience and hopefulness. As parents, we practice these virtues each day with our children. We may become frustrated and even angered by their wilfulness and lack of cooperation. Yet we continue to offer our attention and guidance in hope that one day our efforts will bear fruit. Sunday's parable suggests that God is like that with us, working with us in patience and in hope that one day we will show evidence that such work is not in vain. As parents, we know God's kindness when we find evidence in our hope for our children. I wonder if God finds such glimmers of hope as he works with us?

Cyclone Winston
On Saturday Fiji and Tonga were battered by a severe Category 5 tropical cyclone - one of the southern hemisphere's biggest storms on record. Our thoughts, prayers and sympathies are with all Fijian and Tongan families in our parish community, as well as with all the people of these island nations. The death toll from the natural disaster has risen to 36. Homes have been destroyed, many people have been evacuated from their homes and much of the area is still without power. There is a critical need for clean water, health supplies and emergency accommodation to get immediate relief to those who have lost everything and ensure families can stay safe and healthy.

If you would like to support the Fijian and Tongan people through a monetary donation, please consider contacting Caritas Australia.

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/children baptised, please contact me at dapeters@stjohns.catholic.edu.au or phone me on 8382 2064. Father Tony is available to visit school to run a short information session in the coming weeks. Please let me know if you are interested in attending.
Goodluck
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Canteen
The new lunch system is working wonderfully. This system will only work with parent support and it will take less than an hour of your time. This new procedure will only require your help from approximately 12.20 – 1.00. This will require you to:
Collect the lunches from Cardijn College Canteen (use back car park entering off Goldsmith Drive using the rear door to the canteen)
Shirley (Canteen Manageress) will have all lunches for St Johns prepared. These need to be placed in foam boxes (Hot / Cold).
A sheet of all orders for the day will be given to the helper.
Return to St Johns Canteen (Park in Staff Car Park)
Place hot food in pie warmer (will already be on) and cold food in fridge. Approximately 12.55 place labelled lunches in the appropriate class basket.
Lunch Monitors will collect lunches at 1.00.

Please contact Lee-Anne Bamard in the front Office for more information.

Class Awards : Assembly Term 1 Week 4

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| 6/7SB | Arthur Covington, Emily Dugan, Kirsten Fry |

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
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
SCHOOL ID: Cardijn
PASSWORD: munch5168

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:

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

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Notices

Library News
Come and check out our year 2/3 Wheatland/Osborn display and find out why they have a ‘Minion’ Reasons to read!!!

Book of the week is Ginny and Cooper
Check out the review written by Rhea Shibichan

OSHC would like to say a big thank you to the Ross Family for their donation of the Air Hockey Table

Oliver enjoying Some time on the Air Hockey Table

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.

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.

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