Dear Families, Staff and Friends of St John

School Board AGM
I draw your attention to the School Board Annual General Meeting which will be held on Wednesday 16 March. This is an important school event that gives parents the opportunity to hear about the success and the great learning experiences that occurred here at St John’s over the last 12 months. We also elect new members for the School Board. This School Board plays a vital role so that parents can be involved in the successful operations of the school. The role of the School Board, in part, is to:
- develop the relationship between the school and the local Church
- promote education excellence within the school
- support the administration of the school
- foster harmonious and positive collaboration within the school community
- protect children monitor buildings and grounds development and maintenance

We have a number of vacancies on the School Board for 2016/2017. Nomination forms will be sent home this week. I invite you to consider these opportunities that are available in our school community. These nominations are due to the office by Tuesday 15 March. I am more than happy to discuss these roles with you in more detail.

Trauma Sensitive School Training
The entire St John the Apostle staff are involved in Trauma Sensitive training today and the tomorrow (School Closure Day). Schools are designed to provide children with safe environments to learn, grow and develop. Unfortunately some children arrive carrying an overwhelming burden, which if not understood and managed, impairs their ability to learn and to benefit from the rich possibilities that the school environment can provide. As educators, we are increasingly aware of the complex and difficult life experiences that some of the children in our care may have faced. Some of these experiences death of a parent / grandparent or arriving as a refugee may be obviously traumatic and readily apparent to educators. However, others, such as living in a family where relationships may have broken down or witnessed domestic violence, we need to know how to respond in a way that enhances the child’s ability to learn and develop. Trauma and neglect can interfere with a child’s capacity to successfully engage in learning – whether this is an infant learning how to feed and sleep, a toddler learning how to explore the world through play, or a child learning to read and relate to peers. This training explores the interconnected and critical importance of the attachment relationship, the development of the human brain, the differential impacts of trauma on children’s social and emotional health and the importance of providing a school environment that is supportive to the social and emotional needs of students.

School Closure Day
There will be a School closure Day tomorrow Friday 11 March. OSHC will be available.

Literacy Workshop R-2
Tuesday 15 March 2.20 – 3.00
Next week, Dee-anne Peters & I will be running a Literacy Workshop which will focus on Jolly Phonics. Last week, the Junior Primary teachers participated in Jolly Phonics PD which resulted in several changes which will improve this program. Phonics and sight words is a very important part of the R-2 literacy program. Please come along to this session. The first session was run yesterday and 12 parents attended and found the workshop very informative. If you cannot make this time, please see Dee-anne Peters who will discuss this with you.

A place of .... Welcome, Love and Truth
Spiritied by our Catholic faith and in partnership with parents, parish and the wider community, we are committed to providing a high-quality, holistic and contemporary education for our students. We respond to the message of St Luke the Evangelist, by being a welcoming and inclusive school community, as part of the Noarlunga/Seaford Parish.

We acknowledge the writing of St John the Apostle, God is Love (1 John 4:8), by striving to love one another as God loves us.

We continue the tradition of St Dominic, by seeking truth and justice through lifelong learning and prayerful reflection.

Diary Dates / Important Notes 2016

MON 14/3 - Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

TUE 15/3 - Year 5 Water Safety Program

THU 17/3 – St Patrick's Day Mass

FRI 18/3 – Palm Sunday Liturgy @2:40pm

* 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**

**Caritas Australia**

End poverty  
Promote justice  
Uphold dignity

**Inspirational women**

Last Tuesday, 8 March, was International Women’s Day. Caritas Australia have produced two beautiful articles to celebrate women who work to help communities around the world. Click the links below to read their inspirational stories. [http://www.caritas.org.au/](http://www.caritas.org.au/)  You can read about Kylie’s and Megan’s story on the Caritas website.

Last Thursday, Bronni Moore and I took a group of ten house leaders and the SRC presidents to a Caritas workshop called “Just Leadership”. The children represented our school in a very reverent manner. They learnt about how to plan a socially just event in their school setting. I will continue to work with these students as they further develop their skills in “Just Leadership”. Watch this space for details about future fundraising ideas!

**Family Mass**

Sunday 20th March @ 9:00 am  
St. Luke’s church, Noarlunga Downs  
Hosted by Year 2/3 Wheatland/ Osborn & Year 3 Marcelline classes.  
Please come along and join our parish in the next family mass. This is a lovely way to support our children in their faith journey. Notes will be sent home with the children in these classes next week but our whole school is invited to join us. I’m looking forward to seeing you there.

**Class Awards : Assembly Term 1 Week 6**

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Royal Commission to Child Abuse

Last week with Cardinal George Pell’s evidence, as a Catholic and a Catholic Leader it was confronting and difficult. Below is a commentary from Francis Sullivan who heads the Truth Justice and Healing Council of the Catholic Church, who puts a lot of what happened into perspective. This week has been a dreadful time for the Catholic Church in Australia. The Royal Commission finished hearing evidence into the Melbourne Archdiocese and all but finished with the Ballarat Dioceses including the Christian Brothers. The hearings culminated with a marathon four-day evidence session from Cardinal Pell via videolink from Rome. By any measure it was a gruelling experience for all. The interest, commentary and temperature around this past four days has never been greater – both here and internationally. So what has driven this? Firstly, Ballarat and the parts of Melbourne that were investigated by the Commission are at the very epicentre of child sexual abuse within the Church in Australia. More crimes and cover-ups are associated with these two places over more years than anywhere else in Australia. Secondly, the administrations of Archbishop Little in Melbourne and Bishop Mulkearns in Ballarat clearly failed in dealing with two of the Church’s most high profile and appalling offenders – Peter Searson in Doveton and Gerald Ridgeway in Ballarat. This opened the door to perhaps hundreds of children being abused and, in many cases, damaged for life. Thirdly, the high profile and extremely effective survivors group which has taken its campaign to send a very clear message about the abuse suffered by so many little children at the hands of those dressed as priests and brothers. What becomes clearer and clearer every time we sit through a hearing and every time we hear the horrendous stories of abuse is the need for an Independent redress scheme, the need for uniform child protection laws across the country, new approaches to the way in which survivors can access the courts and more rigorous child protection standards for all institutions including the Catholic Church. There is little we can do about the abuse of the past other than ensure everything has been revealed and the survivors are treated fairly with respect and dignity. What we can and must do is continue to work as hard as possible to ensure every child in a Catholic school, parish, home, welfare organisation, hospital or other facility is safe. And that goes beyond the very minimum child protection standards but must include that they are loved, are cared for and are valued.

Francis Sullivan, Chairperson Truth Justice and Healing Council

Canteen Info

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

Canteen Roster for next week (T1 Wk 7)

| M: | 14/3 | Public Holiday |
| T: | 15/3 | Christine Hadfield |
| W: | 16/3 | Jamie Maiden |
| Th: | 17/3 | Stephanie Rand |
| Fr: | 18/3 | Louise Edgar |

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.
**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)

  *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.

**Library News**

**Book of the week**

*Alice Miranda At School*

Come and read the great review by Alyssa Quilliam

**Scholastic Book orders to be returned Tuesday 15th March**

**CRAZY HAIR DAY**

CRAZY HAIR DAY - Friday 18 March (Gold Coin Donation)

Wear your Craziest hair on the day!

Come and See Michele Murray-Walpole get her hair shaved at 1.45pm!

All monies raised will go to Support Tricia Clark’s Mothers Day Classic Walk/Run

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**Notices**

**Year 5 Water Safety REMINDER NOTE**

The Year 5 students will be participating in the 1st part of their water safety program at Port Noarlunga Beach on **Tuesday 15/3/16 (10:30am – 2:40pm)**

We will be leaving school at **10:30am for an 11:00am** start and returning to school around **2:40pm**.

Students will need to be at school at normal time.  
*Your child needs to wear:*

- Their sports uniform to school with their beach clothes (shorts or bather bottoms and a rash vest or t-shirt) underneath.

**Little Johns Playgroup**

Wednesday 16 March - Week 7

9:00am to 11:00am

SPECIAL EVENT—THE POLICE

(Please bring some fruit to share and a $2 gold coin donation)