Dear Families, Staff and Friends of St Johns

Welcome to the 2017 school year and what a great start to the year we have had. I hope that you and your family have had a relaxing holiday and the return to school has been smooth. I especially welcome families who are new to St John’s and I hope your association with the school is full of wonderful experiences.

The children in the Reception classes have settled particularly well this year and I acknowledge the success of the long transition program we initiated last year in contributing to this.

Our aim at St. John’s is to engage parents in their child’s learning. If you need to meet your child’s class teacher, please make a mutually convenient time to meet so that the focus can be on your child’s learning. We love having volunteers assist in many aspects of our school life. Please ensure that you have completed the volunteer’s induction form, including relevant medical details and emergency contacts and this has been registered at the office. All volunteers require a current police clearance to be sighted and registered. If you are only planning on volunteering 7 times or less through the entire school year, you may qualify for “coffee card” access. This allows infrequent volunteers to work in the school under constant supervision of a staff member. Please see Lee-Anne Barnard in the office if you’d like more details.

The first weeks of school are an exciting time in any school as our students and staff continue their learning journey. Learning more about themselves, learning more about relationships with others and deepening their understanding of faith. Each year, all classes from Year 7 to Reception participate in a unit of work titled – Belonging, Connecting and Relating. All students whether they are new to our school or moving to a new year level undergo a period of transition. They experience different levels of anxiety and change and react differently. This unit of work assists in laying the foundations for positive relationships and learning for the 2017 school year.

This term will be a busy term full of activities for the children, with Aquatics and Camp being a highlight for the Year 7 students. A calendar of events was sent home at the end of Term 4 and a copy is available on our school website. Please place these dates in your diary. It is important to work in partnership with home and school. Students enjoy and benefit greatly from parents being involved in their schooling.

Best Wishes
Dee-Anne Peters
New Students
We welcome all of our new students and their families to the St John the Apostle Parish School community and we trust that their time with us is full of rich and rewarding experiences. Please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

New Staff
We also welcome Simon Holmesby who has joined our St John the Apostle School staff. I also welcome back Ruth Sampson from maternity leave. Simon and Ruth share a class in the Year 6/7 Learning Community. They have settled in well and I wish them a successful and rewarding year.

Farewell
As announced at our end of year mass and graduation, our School Bursar, Jo Saleeba has retired after 42 years’ service to St. Johns. We thank Jo for her outstanding dedication to our school over this incredible amount of time and we wish her good health and happiness in her retirement.

Safety Reminders
As we start the 2017 School Year there are several procedures in place to ensure the safety and welfare of students, parents and staff ...

• Before School – the gates are opened at 8:30am and students assemble on the court area and wait for the teacher to indicate it is 8:40am when they may enter the school buildings to prepare for the start of the school day. Classrooms and Corridors are not opened or supervised until 8:40am.

• Playground – for safety reasons the playground is out of bounds before and after school. Even if you are available to supervise your children, the area is still out of bounds due to advice received from our Insurer.

• Staff Car Park – Please do not use the disabled park unless you have a valid permit. The council can issue a $380 fine for misuse of this space. Also, no double parking is permitted in the staff car park.

• Fire Drill – We will be conducting a fire drill in the coming weeks. If you are on the school premises and hear the Fire Alarm, please follow the Evacuation plan as displayed in classrooms or follow staff directions. Our Evacuation point is on the school oval, so make your way safely out onto the oval when you hear an alarm. If we need to evacuate the school for any reason, Lohmann’s Park (Gulfview Road, opposite IGA) is our assembly point.

• Signing In/Out – when volunteering in any capacity, including classroom reading, please sign in at the Front Office. This record is used in the event of an Evacuation to account for all persons on site. Please collect and wear a visitor’s badge while you are at school. You are required to sign out and return your badge as you leave.
Parking around St Johns
At the start of a new school year, with new families joining St Johns it is important to know the parking procedures around the school. This week whilst on Yard Duty I noticed that the 2 minute “Kiss & Drop Zone” (Broken Yellow Lines) has been working efficiently. But it only takes one car to park longer than the allowed 2 minutes for this procedure to break down. This area is designated in the morning and afternoon for parents to stop and let children out or pick up and then leave straight away. This is not a parking area. A map of parking arrangements can be found in the 2017 Family Information Booklet.

Please obey the road rules as listed. Council rangers are permitted to photograph offenders and fines will be issued.

Parking is only permitted on the school side of Winnerah Road, Carmichael Road, Holly Street & Howe Street.

Yellow Lines – Cars must not stop on solid Yellow lines, not even for a few seconds.

Broken Yellow Lines – Are just like yellow lines but there are times where parking is permitted. Around St Johns, cars can park on these broken yellow lines between 9am – 3pm, but during pick up & drop off times, cars cannot stop on the broken yellow lines.

School Crossings – You cannot stop within 20 meters on the approach side of a school crossing or 10 meters on the departure side. There are yellow lines to signify this.

Double Parking – this is always an offence at any time, but the danger is increased in the vicinity of schools, especially when children are entering or leaving.

Student representative Council (SRC) Semester 1 2017

Congratulations to our newly elected SRC reps for Terms 1 & 2

Armani M & Ava R
Hugo B & Lily N.
Oscar R. & Chloe R
Scarlett W & Domenic V
Ella B & Lucas A (Secretary)
Kyra H. & Llewisy S (Treasurer)
Sophie Mc. & Nate M
Clayton W & Hannah L
Arthur C (Chair) & Isabel J

SRC Presidents:
Chelsea V & Jacob P.

SRC members have a duty to represent their peers. SRC members must listen, research issues and use the data to show that the SRC knows what is important in our community. SRCs need to report back to their peers and report to staff and community. I look forward to working with these young ambassadors!

New Newsletter Format
You may notice the updated formatting of the Newsletter for 2017. Many thanks to Lee-Anne Barnard for her concept and work in designing this format. I hope you appreciate the new look. Whole school newsletters will now be published fortnightly on the even weeks of school term. Important updates will be posted on the school stream app as appropriate.
Welcome to the start of an amazing year ahead. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and holiday break and are looking forward to the busy weeks ahead in Term 1.

With Frank still at Our Lady of Visitation at Taperoo, I have been asked to continue in the role as the Religious Education Coordinator (REC) on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday. This is a great honour and opportunity that I am really looking forward to.

Please do not hesitate to drop in for a chat. My door is always open.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 5:23-24
Jesus said to his disciples; “If you are about to place a gift on the Altar and remember that someone is angry with you, leave you gift there in front of the altar. Make peace with that person, then come back and offer your gift to God”.

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today’s reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord’s Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbour.

Family Connection
Families have rules. Without rules, family life would be chaos. As a family, brainstorm a list of rules that you are all called to follow in your home in order for you all to get along together. Think about rules for play time, rules for eating, rules for how to speak to one another, rules for going out with friends, and so on.

A PRAYER FOR OUR STUDENTS
DEAR GOD,
THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF EDUCATION IN EVERY FORM.
AS OUR CHILDREN PREPARE TO START A NEW YEAR
MAY CONFIDENCE BE THEIR FOUNDATION;
MAY GRACE BE THEIR GUIDE AND
MAY HOPE BE THEIR COMPASS TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE.
I PRAY THEY WOULD HAVE EYES TO SEE
THE NEEDS OF THOSE AROUND THEM
AND A HEART TO LOVE WELL.
MAY THEY FACE EACH DAY WITH POSITIVITY
KNOWING THAT NO MATTER
WHAT COMES THEIR WAY,
THEY DO NOT HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE.
AMEN
REMINDER: Family Mass – Family Mass & Commissioning of St. Johns Staff  
Date: Sunday 12th February 2017  

Time: 9:00am  

Where: St Luke’s Church, Honeypot Road, Noarlunga  

The Year 4/5 Classes (Miss Lowey and Ms Clark) and 2017 House Captains will be assisting Mr Marsh in coordinating this special celebration in our parish and all families and children of St. Johns are invited to take part.  

Class Masses – Thursday 9am in the Chapel  
  Week 3 - Miss Pittard  
  Week 4 – Mrs Wheatland  
  Week 5 – Miss Lowey  
  Week 6 – Mrs Mashford  
  Week 7 – Ms Clark  
  Week 8 – Mr Egidio  
  Week 9 – Ms Marcelline  
  Week 10 – Mrs Martin  

Up Coming Dates –  
Confirmation workshop dates:  
• Tuesday 28th March 5:30pm @ St Luke’s  
• Tuesday 11th April 5:30pm @ St Luke’s  
• Tuesday 9th May 5:30pm @ St Luke’s  
• Friday 12th May 7pm @ St Luke’s - Sacrament of Confirmation  

1st Communion:  
• Sunday 13th August
ST JOHN DIRECTORY
School
info@stjohns.catholic.edu.au
P 8382 2064

St Johns OHSC
After Hours Mobile
m 0409094888

Little Johns Playgroup
Wednesday 9am - 11am
Mrs K Darlington
p 8382 2064

Attendance Matters
If your child is going to be absent, late, or leaving early please notify the office on 8382 2064 before 9am. Please provide the following details:
• Child’s name
• Reason for absence/early departure/late arrival
• child’s home room teacher

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
PLEASE NOTE: All students are supplied with a sun hat by the school when they commence. You can NOW purchase a replacement hat from the FRONT OFFICE at a cost of: $15.00 - Slouch

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

PROGRAM ACHIEVE AWARDS

2/3WO
Ashton B
Cameron L

3/4AM
Andreas M
Keianna H
Nelson G

4/5KL
Khamron G
Malakai N
Alyssa Q

4/5TC
Tyler R
Daniel G
Mina D

6/7RP
Chelsea V
Zane C
Blake J

6/7SH
Ronan M
Oscar G
Get involved in the School Banking program.

St John The Apostle is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver.

1. Online
   Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch
   Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver’s licence and birth certificate.

   If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Tuesday. Each week you need to bring in your bank book/s and place them in your classroom office box for processing.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
OUR FIRST DAY AT ST JOHNS

Little Johns Playgroup

Every Wednesday from 9am to 11am
We welcome new families to come and join in our fun!

(Please bring a piece of fruit and a gold coin donation)