Dear Families, Staff and Friends of St Johns

Project Compassion launch with the Archbishop

Yesterday, Naoimh Lewis and I took a group of year 6 leaders to St. Luke’s to celebrate the launch of Project Compassion with a special liturgy which was led by Archbishop Philip Wilson. The children represented our school in a reverent manner. We begin the season of Lent Next Wednesday as we celebrate Ash Wednesday. All families and friends are welcome to attend this mass at 11:30am in the St. Dominic centre.

Cardijn College Dux Assembly
On Friday 10 February, I attended the Cardijn College Dux assembly. I am proud to announce that 4 of the 31 students who were acknowledged for being in the top 15% ATAR scores in Australia were St. Johns old scholars. Congratulations to Sarah Aboulhosn, Louis Covington, Michael Ellis and Antonia Sinopoli. It’s inspiring to hear the dreams and aspirations of these young people as they now make their way to university or begin a new adventure living overseas. Our prayers and best wishes are with you.

Federation of Parents
Next Wednesday, Leanne DeYoung will be attending St. Johns to host a parents forum. This will be an opportunity for all parents to have their voice heard in regards to how you would like to engage in your child’s learning here at St. Johns. The session will be held at 9:30am to 11:00am in the OSHC room. You are very welcome to stay for Ash Wednesday mass at 11:30am. If you would like to have your say but are unable to attend, please send an email to info@stjohns.catholic.edu.au and place Parent Federation in the subject line.

Best Wishes
Dee-Anne Peters
School Crossing
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.

School Closure Day
There will be a School closure Day on Friday 10 March. Approval was given by the School Board. All staff will be involved in developing their knowledge in Office 365. OSHC will be available on this day and I ask that you book into OSHC by Wednesday 8 March. We will need at least 6 children booked into OSHC to be able to offer this service.

Parking along Carmichael Road
I am writing to remind you of the Parking along Carmichael Road. This avoids cars stacking up around the corner on Holly St causing congestion and a hazard, placing students in danger. Please always check the signage before leaving your car unattended.
As many parents now park in the street surrounding the school, I remind you to be mindful of young children and families getting in and out of cars around the school and slow down.
Lent is almost upon us. Next Tuesday (28/2) is Shrove Tuesday day and we will be celebrating by having pancakes at school. We are asking that all students in Years 4-7 donate either a bottle of pancake mix or various topping that pancakes are served with (lemon, sugar, honey, jam) The pancakes will cost $1 and the money raised will be donated to Project compassion. If you are able to assist on Tuesday between 9am -11am to cook or serve pancakes please let me know via email info@stjohns.catholic.edu.au or calling the front office on 8382 2064.

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday (1/3). Ash Wednesday is the first day of the liturgical season of Lent. In this season, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the high point of our Christian life, Easter. Each year, the readings for Ash Wednesday are the same. They call us to a change of heart and teach us about the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These disciplines are to be part of the Christian life during every season, but during the season of Lent, we renew our commitment to them. The meaning behind tracing a cross on our foreheads with ashes (the liturgical sign of Ash Wednesday) is a summary of our Christian life. On one level, the ashes remind us of our origin and our death. (In the words of the prayer said when we receive ashes: “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.”) The ashes are also the sign of our victory: the cross of Christ

We will be celebrating a whole School Ash Wednesday Mass with Fr Tony at 11:30 am in the St Dominic Centre and everyone is welcome.

There will also be an Ash Wednesday Mass at St Luke’s Church at 7:30pm.
Gospel Reading for this Sunday  
Matthew 6:24–34

Enough, then, of worrying about tomorrow. Let tomorrow take care of itself. Today’s Gospel reading is from part three of the Sermon on the Mount’s three-part instruction by Jesus on the way of life in the Kingdom of Heaven. Part three deals with trusting God and performing deeds of loving service to our neighbour. The Aramaic word mammon does not have a negative connotation. It means “property” or “money.” What Matthew is pointing out is that since human beings are not self-sufficient, we are dependent on something outside ourselves. It should be God, not the material goods we own. This is not to say that we don’t need material goods. But the reading goes on to remind us not to be anxious. Look at the beauty of nature. The birds do not sow or reap. The flowers do not work or spin cloth. Yet they are provided for by God. Human beings are worth much more than these. How could God not provide for us as well? If what we place first in our lives is God’s kingdom and his justice, we will have what we need. Matthew concludes by reminding us to address each day’s problems as they come, confident that we are in God’s loving care. He is a loving father who holds the whole world in his hands. He will certainly care for us.

Family Connection

In our families we learn about caring. We learn to care for our own needs and the needs of others, and we learn to take responsibility for the needs of our household. Sometimes caring for these needs means that we are unable to do other things that we would enjoy more. At times, we can be tempted not to take responsibility for what we are given to care for.

Project Compassion Launch at Cardijn –

On Tuesday 21st February we were invited to Cardijn College to celebrate a Liturgy of the word with Archbishop Phillip Wilson and the Southern Catholic Schools to Launch Project Compassion for 2017. Mrs Peters and Naoimh Lewis accompanied our Year 6 SRC reps and House leaders to the event.

Class Masses – Thursday 9am in the Chapel
Week 5 – Miss Lowey  
Week 6 – Mrs Mashford

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

Have a great week  
Justin Marsh  
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St Johns OHSC
After Hours Mobile
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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

R/1LM
David O
Ava R

2/3WO
Ruby T
Anthony C

R/1SM
Alvin A
Savanah V

3/4AM
Zac J
Alyse C

1/2E
Chloe R
Chelsea W

4/5KL
Luke B
Layla B
Joseph M

4/5TC
Elicia S
Poppy M
Danielle G

6/7RP
Year 7 Camp

6/7SH
Scarlett B
Jackson B
Mitchell J
**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
(Please remember to use the St Johns tab when ordering)

**TERM 1 CANTEEN ROSTER**

**Week 5**
- Mon 27/2 - Reggan Gurr
- Tue 28/2 - Naoimh Lewis
- Wed 1/3 - Lyn Gassmaniss
- Thu 2/3 - Barbara Wise
- Fri 3/3 - Louise Edgar

**Week 6**
- Mon 6/3 - Martina Dunlop
- Tue 7/3 - Naoimh Lewis
- Wed 8/3 - Lyn Gassmanis
- Thu 9/3 - Stephanine Rand
- Fri 10/3 - PUPIL FREE DAY

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Important Announcement**

Dear Parents & Caregivers,
Due to a recent incident at a government school involving the drawstring from a school hat we would advise you to remove the drawstring for safety reasons.

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**BABY NEWS**

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Stadler, Rylie and Charlotte on the safe arrival of their new baby brother Jackson Stadler. Also Amy Brockman (6/7 Teacher) and Ben on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby girl Mia. Everyone is doing well and settling in nicely.

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**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)
Well it’s almost that time of year again. The School Netball and Soccer seasons for 2017 are approaching and will both begin in Term 2.

This year Chrissy Hadfield will be taking over as our school soccer delegate (I will assist her in this role). Chrissy attended the first NDJSA meeting for 2017 on Monday night and has received lots of information in regards to team and player registration. This year we will have a school soccer email address stjohnsschoolsoccer@hotmail.com where Chrissy is able to be contacted.

Great news - We have also spoken with Seaford Soccer Club and we will again use their grounds for our weekly matches.

Expressions of interest notes for School Soccer (Yr 1-7) and Netball (Yr 2-7) have been handed out this week. If your child wishes to play please complete the form and return along with the $10 deposit in the envelope required by Wednesday 8th March.

Swimming trials for the Year 4-7 School SACPSSA team will be held on Monday 27th February and Tuesday 28th February at the Noarlunga Swimming Pool. Students only need to attend one of the trial nights and will be required to pay a pool entry fee of $6 to Mr Marsh (not the centre) on arrival. Students selected in the team will have another training session on Tuesday 7th March and will participate in the SACPSSA Carnival at UNiSA Magill Pool on Tuesday 14th March for 12:30pm – 3pm. Good Luck to all those who trial.
AS PART OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK REGENERATION FESTIVAL

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