**The Lord’s Message**

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

*John 14:27*

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**Important Dates**

**Term 2**

**Week 4**
- **Friday 6 May**
  Mother’s Day Stall
- **Sunday 8 May**
  Mother’s Day

**Week 5**
- **Monday 9 May**
  Education Week Assembly
- **Tuesday 10 May**
  NAPLAN Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 Commence
- **Wednesday 11 May**
  PA Meeting, 6.30pm
- **Thursday 12 May**
  Senior Boys Futsal, Interschool Darebin Division
  Easter Afternoon Tea, 2.30pm

**Week 6**
- **Monday 16 May**
  Special Assembly - 75th Battle of Crete & Greek Campaign, 8.45am
  Battle of Crete Photo Exhibition at College
- **Wednesday 18 May**
  Maths Olympiad 1

**Week 7**
- **Friday 27 May**
  Divisions Athletics Carnival, Senior Students

**Week 8**
- **Monday 30 May**
  Semester 1 Exams Commence, Years 3-11
- **Friday 3 June**
  Report Writing Day – No School For Students

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**From the Co-Principals**

**Senior School News**

Χριστός ἀνέστη!
On behalf of all staff we would like to wish every family Χριστός ἀνέστη! We hope you had a blessed Easter with your loved ones.

**ANZAC DAY Ceremony**

On Monday the 25 April a number of Junior and Senior College students and teachers were invited by the Hellenic RSL to participate in the ANZAC DAY march to the Shrine of Remembrance. It was an honour and privilege for our College to participate in such a significant event and we extend a sincere thank you to the members of the Hellenic RSL for their thoughtful gesture.

On Tuesday 26 April we held our ANZAC DAY commemorative assembly at the College. We began with prayer to remember and thank all the men and women who made sacrifices over the years in order for us to enjoy our freedom. Our College captain, Kon Eliades, then read the commemorative address and the ODE.

ANZAC Day occurs on 25 April every year. On this day we honour all the men and women who have participated in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations around the world, including the ANZACs (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) who fought at Gallipoli and in Turkey during World War I. Incredibly, more than 100 years have passed since Australia’s involvement in the First World War.

The Ode comes from a poem, *For the Fallen* by the English poet and writer Laurence Binyon and was published in London in 1914.

“*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.*”

We listened to ‘The Last Post’, observed ‘One minute’s silence’ and finished with ‘The Rouse’ and our National Anthems.

Lest we forget

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**Semester 1 Exams**

Monday 30 May – Thursday 2 June

**Years 3-11**

**School Closed**

Friday 3 June – Report Writing Day

Monday 13 June – Queen’s Birthday
**Naplan 2016**
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for Year 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 10th May, Wednesday 11th May and Thursday 12th May 2015 (Week 5). Please see page 5 of this newsletter for the full timetable.

**Lateness to school**
I wrote to parents at the start of term asking for their support in ensuring their children arrive early to school. Unfortunately a number of students persist in coming late in the morning. Morning assembly starts at 8.30am and students are expected to arrive at school by at least 8.20am. Late comers must report to reception and sign in. It is important that all students are punctual to school and classes. As we all recognise, lateness to school or class without a very good reason is disruptive to everyone else in the school who is trying to work and study. Arriving to school on time emphasises the importance of being ‘reliable’. As a result of the continued late arrivals students will be issued with an after school detention for two late arrivals during the week. The detention will be served on Friday afternoon with Mr. Savopoulos from 3.15 to 3.45pm in the conference room. Please support us in instilling good habits in our students.

**Uniform**
We have one of the classiest uniforms in education and we expect our students to be correctly attired when they attend school. Please support the College by ensuring that your child wears the College uniform correctly. Uniform details are published in the Student Planner. All Year Level Coordinators have been asked to monitor the correct wearing of uniform and students not wearing the correct uniform will be excluded from classes and parents notified. I’ve been notified that the uniform shop is stocked with all sizes of our winter and summer uniform.

**Happy Mother’s Day**
I would like to wish all Mothers, a wonderful Mother’s Day.

Kind Regards,
Mr J. Savopoulos
Co-Principal

**Junior School News**
Χριστός Ανέστη!

**NAPLAN**
Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will sit for the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test next week. For students in Years 3 and 5, there are four tests covering numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar). For students in Years 7 and 9, there are five tests including two tests in numeracy – a calculator allowed test and a non-calculator test. The results provide information about student achievement that can be used to inform teaching and learning programs. NAPLAN tests provide point-in-time information regarding student progress in literacy and numeracy and are intended to complement the wide range of formal and informal assessments that are already conducted in schools. NAPLAN test results are not intended to be used in isolation from other school-based assessment programs.

**Rostered Playgroup**
We seeking expressions of interest from parents who would like to enrol their child in a Rostered Playgroup. Your child needs to have turned 3 by the end of April. We are looking at running the session on Monday from 8.30am – 12.30pm. Please contact Miss Galanis for more information.

**2017 Enrolments**
Do you have a child who will be commencing Prep in 2017 or know someone who is interested in coming to St John’s? Enrolments are now open and application forms can be collected from the front office. Please complete and submit your enrolment forms to Miss Galanis. You can also schedule an appointment to meet with Mrs Anamourlis.

**Greek Program**
We would like to welcome our new Greek teacher Mrs Androniki. The Year 3 – 6 Greek classes have been split into two levels to support student learning needs.

**Battle Of Crete Assembly**
A special Assembly will be held on Monday 16 May to commemorate the Battle of Crete. Mr Tony Troudalakis and Mr. Jim Claven (Historian / Author) will be in attendance. A special photo exhibition will be set up in the gallery from Monday 16th to Friday 27th May.

**Brain Food**
Students have a short break at 10 o’clock each day and are encouraged to eat Brain Food. Brain Food consists of fruit, vegetables, cheese or yoghurt. They are not allowed to eat non healthy snacks during this time.

**School Uniform**
I have noticed that a number of boys are wearing elasticised and cargo pants to school. These are not part of the school uniform and cannot be worn to school. Boys are expected to wear tailor pleated pants. School pants can be purchased from the school uniform shop. Uniform inspections are conducted on a weekly basis. Parents will be contacted if students are not wearing appropriate uniform. Students need to be well groomed and their uniform should be clean and well presented. Please support us in our endeavours to make students proud of the way they wear their uniform.
Lateness
It is imperative that students come to school on time. School commences at 8:30am. Latecomers miss out on the vital introduction to the lesson. Furthermore students who arrive late cause disruption to the class. All continual late comers will be reported to the Dean of the Junior School and will result in a detention.

Greek Books
We are requesting donations of Greek books that are in good condition to start up a take home reading program this term. Please place all Greek book donations in the box provided in the Junior Office.

Uniform Donations
If you have any uniforms that no longer fit your children and are still in good condition then we would greatly appreciate them being donated to the school. These uniform items will be forwarded to various families.

Kindest regards,
Mrs Anamourlis
Co-Principal

Narratives
In term 1, Year 3 students learned about narratives. Here we developed character and setting descriptions by including lots of adjectives and similes. We also elaborated on our complications and resolutions with fantastic results. The wonderful Year 3 students have now written and published their first narrative, with front covers and backpage blurbs. Super work Year 3’s!

Mr T. Snelling
Year 3 Teacher

Maths Help Club
Every Tuesday
Time: 3.30pm to 4.00pm
Location: Library

Mr J. Failla
Head of Maths and IT

SCIENCE NEWS
On Friday, 22 April we had Two Darebin Crime Investigators (Police Constables) and Father Leo come to our College to talk about what they do within the local community. The two Police Constables talked about local crimes such as; residential and commercial burglaries, recovering stolen vehicles, theft from motor vehicles, criminal damages, minor assaults and robberies. They also showed students the process of investigating finger printing. All students from Years 7, 8 and 9 had their fingerprints taken either by Police Constable Maffei or Mr Failla whilst the other Police Constable talked about why finger printing, which is an old procedure from the late 1800’s, but is still very important in crime investigations today. For six weeks the Year 8 science class has been learning about “Forensic Science”. The class completed a number of experiments and are putting together a Personal Portfolio, that includes;

- Witness/Memory
- Personal Lip Analysis
- Anthropometry
- Personal Fingerprints File
- Dusting for Print Analysis
- Feather, Fur & Hair Analysis
- Teeth Analysis
- Chromatography and Time of Death

Police Constable Maffei showed her Fire Arms and her Bullet Vest to students. Students were amazed how heavy the vest was and Christian Psarakos from Year 7 tried it on.

Father Leo explained what occurs in the Prison System with Christians looking forward to talking to Father Leo about his vast experiences and spiritual guidance.

Reflecting on the morning, a number of students from all levels asked questions like: How do you join the Police Force? How often do you use the gun? Which university course has the Bachelor of Forensic Science?

For 2 hour, students’ learning was enhanced as they learned what actually happens in the real world, their
knowledge of “Crimes”, Police Investigations and what happens in gaol.

A crime scene exists in the Library and the Years 7, 8 and 9 participated in a competition, collecting evidence and creating a scenario about “Who did it?” This was due on Tuesday, 3 May, 2016.

Regards,
Mr J. Failla
Year 8 Science Teacher

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

St John’s College honours Anzac Day
A large number of St John’s students, parents and teachers took part at the ANZAC Day March to the Shrine of Remembrance on Monday 25 April 2016. The following students attended:

Primary School
Elcheik George, Georgiou Anthony, Gorail Teresa, Pavlides Nikita, Matti Veronica, Savvinos Alexander, Souris Spyridoula, Theodoreskou Michaela, Tsibrakos Agim,

Senior School

A big thank you to all our parents who took their child to this Event and who also marched with the Hellenic Sub Branch of the RSL. Well done to all the students and parents!

Mrs A. Papakonstantinou
Events Coordinator
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Parents’ Association News

Lambathes
(Πασχαλινές Λαμπάδες)

The sale of lambathes and tsourekia has been an overwhelming success this year. Thank you to everyone for their support in purchasing from the PA. This year has been our best yet with all stock practically sold out!

Congratulations to Stefan Stefanidis who won the Easter hamper. We hope you enjoy your goodies.

The PA would like to wish all our students, staff and their families Χριστός Ανεστή and we hope you have a wonderful Easter.

DON’T FORGET
MOTHER’S DAY STALL
FRIDAY 6 MAY 2016

With a HUGE variety of gifts from $2.00 to $20.00 as well as hampers to be raffled at $2.00 per ticket containing lots of goodies for Mum to enjoy, Students can spoil their Mums on Mother’s Day with gifts lovingly selected for their very special Mum.

The Parents’ Association wishes all Mums, Guardians, Grandmothers and Great Grandmothers a very special Mother’s Day.

Mother’s Day Hampers

Our Mother’s Day stall is being organised and will be run on Friday 6 May 2016. A hamper has been kindly donated by Pamper Hamper Gifts for raffling. We would like to be in a position to raffle two more smaller hampers but need donations to complete these hampers. Any items that you believe can be included in a hamper, should be provided to the Parents’ Association via the Junior School reception. Any items that parents wish to donate should be provided as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,
Parents’ Association
St John’s College

Easter Afternoon Tea

The Easter Assembly will take place in the Gymnasium on Thursday 12 May, 2.30pm. At the end of the Assembly, every student will receive a traditional Easter treat (koulouri/tsoureki) very kindly prepared by the Ladies of the Central Philoptohos of the Archdiocese. Students allergic to eggs and nuts should not be taking these treats.

Everyone Welcome to attend!