The Lord’s Message

“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33

Important Dates

Term 2

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

Week 9
Wednesday 8 June
Maths Olympiad 2
PA Meeting, 6.30pm
Saturday 11 June
Axion Estin Feast Day, Leaders to attend the Monastery

Week 10
Monday 13 June
Queen’s Birthday – Public Holiday
Tuesday 14 June
Opening Of The New Science Labs & CETS Building, 1pm
Friday 17 Junior
Whole School Liturgy, 8.40am College Gym

From the Co-Principals

Senior School News

Χριστός άνέστη!

Thank You

I would like to thank the Parents’ Association for their efforts in fundraising i.e. Easter and Mother’s Day. Their commitment and support of our College is greatly appreciated.

Annual Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia National Schools’ event - Perth

We have always strived to enter teams in the annual Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia National Schools’ event and have worked diligently to keep costs at a minimum, in order to encourage students to actively participate and enjoy the experience of travelling interstate and representing the College in various cultural and sporting events.

This year, St Andrew’s College in Perth hosted the event and we had 27 students participating. The event was held from Monday 2 May and concluded on Thursday 5 May. Sincere congratulations are extended to all students for their participation, collegiality and perseverance and a huge thank you to Mr Sherwood, Ms Hodgson and Ms Giannos for supporting our students in Perth.

Easter Afternoon Tea celebration

We held our annual Easter Afternoon Tea celebration on Thursday 12 May at 2.30pm. We would like to thank His Grace, Bishop Ezekiel, Father George, from the Antiochian Orthodox Church, the Reverend Fathers, Father Chris and Father Leo, Board Member, Mr Georgiou. A special thanks to the ladies from the Central Philoptochos who graced us with their presence and for providing the delicious Greek traditional Easter koulourakia and tsoureki. Also, a sincere thank you is extended to Mrs Papakonstatinou for coordinating the celebration.
Monday 16 May - 75th Anniversary Battle Of Crete Assembly And Photo Exhibition 8.30am

We celebrated the 75th Anniversary Battle of Crete by hosting an assembly where the key note speakers were Mr Ange Kenos, President of the Essendon RSL and Mr Tony Tsourdalakis, Secretary of the Battle of Crete Commemorative Council. Mr Ken Tsirigotis, a former student of the College and currently an engagement and development officer with Melbourne Legacy, also attended. This was followed by our VCE students attending the 75th Anniversary Battle of Crete photo exhibition in the gallery. Father Chris led the assembly with prayer. We encourage parents to visit and view the photos on display.

Educational Consultants

Professor Patrick Griffin and Mr Michael Francis from the Melbourne Graduate School of Education, Melbourne University met with staff to outline the PD sessions to be implemented over the next few weeks to develop a shared understanding of 21st century learning and teaching.

The Child Safe Standards

The Victorian Government is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. Ministerial Order No. 870 sets out specific actions that registered schools need to take to meet the Child Safe Standards.

As part of the Victorian Government’s commitment to implementing the recommendations of the Betrayal of Trust report, there is a new regulatory landscape surrounding child safety, underpinned by new Child Safe Standards.

The Child Safe Standards are compulsory minimum standards for all Victorian schools, to ensure they are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect.

To create and maintain a child safe organisation, an entity to which the Child Safe Standards apply must have:

1. strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements
2. a child safe policy or statement of commitment to child safety
3. a code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children
4. screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel – child safe officer
5. processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse

6. strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse
7. strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children.

The College will develop these standards and consult with staff and parents before implementation on 1 August 2016.

General Achievement Test (GAT)

All St John’s College students enrolled in one or more VCE Unit 3 and 4 sequences MUST sit the 2016 GAT:

DATE: Tuesday 7th June
TIME: 10.00am to 1.15pm
VENUE: Room 18

Each student may take an English and/or bilingual printed dictionary into the GAT, but not a thesaurus or a combined thesaurus-dictionary. Electronic dictionaries and calculators are not permitted. Each student will need pens, pencils, sharpeners and an eraser to complete the GAT. Each student must use either a blue or black pen to complete the two writing tasks and a pencil for the multiple-choice answer page.

Students are NOT permitted to bring into the examination room: blank sheets of paper and/or whiteout liquid/tape. No calculator is allowed in this examination and mobile phones will be collected at the beginning of the GAT and returned at the end.

All students are required to remain in the room until the end of the GAT. Copies of previous GAT papers are available on the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au

What is the General Achievement Test (GAT)?

The General Achievement Test is a test of general knowledge and skills in:

- written communication
- Mathematics, science and technology
- Humanities, the arts and social sciences

These areas are very broad. Each represents a body of general knowledge and skills that students are likely to have built up through their school years.

The GAT is a general test; no special study is required for the GAT. Students will already have done preparation for the GAT in past study of subjects like English, Mathematics, Science and History, where they have built up general knowledge and skills in writing, numeracy and reasoning. These are the knowledge and skills that will be tested. If you require further information please see us.

Kind Regards,
Mr J. Savopoulos
Co-Principal
Junior School News

Χριστός Ανέστη!

Rostered Playgroup

We are 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 Tuesday from 8.30am – 12.00pm. 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.

Junior School Exams

Junior School exams for Years 3 – 6 have been scheduled for Monday 30th of May to Thursday 2nd of June. Please note that Friday the 3rd of June is report writing day and students are not expected to attend school.

School Uniform

I have noticed that a number of boys are wearing elasticized and cargo pants to school. These are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn to school. Boys are expected to wear tailored, pleated pants and only black or navy socks. White socks should only be worn for sport. School pants can be purchased from the school uniform shop. All students need to wear proper school shoes. (not runners/sport shoes). Uniform inspections are conducted on a weekly basis. Parents will be contacted if students are not wearing the 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.

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

Maths Help Club

Every Tuesday
Time: 3.30pm to 4.00pm
Location: Library

Mr J. Failla
Head of Maths and IT

SPORTS NEWS

Perth Sports

Well done to all of the students who participated in the 2016 Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, National Schools Event. Our students were excellent ambassadors for St John’s College and did us proud in the various sports and Spoken Arts.

Below are the students who were voted ‘most valuable player’ for their sport.

Netball- Angelique Psarakos
Girls Table tennis- Anastasia Dimitriadis
Boys Table tennis- Alex Selimoski
Boys Futsal- Dimitrios Lagoutatzis
Boys Volleyball- James Khoury
Girls Volleyball- Tiana Stavros
Spoken Arts- Theodora Tamvakis, Florentia Theodoreskou, Tiana Stavros and Georgia Lountzi.

A big thank you to Mrs Hodgson and Ms Giannos for their support throughout the week and we look forward to doing it again next year in Sydney.

Mr D. Sherwood
Head of Health & PE
11 May Feast Day of Saints Cyril & Methodius
The Year Six students with Mrs A. Anamourlis and Mrs A. Papakonstantinou, represented the College at the feast day of Saints Cyril and Methodius, in Preston. Students observed the Divine Liturgy with piety and respect and received Holy Communion. Parishioners were pleased to see our students and hear them say the Our Father prayer, as well as chant Χριστός Ανέστη. Well done to all the students!

A photo with Father Demos!
Mrs A. Papakonstantinou
Events Coordinator

Parents’ Association News
The Mother’s Day stall was a wonderful success this year. We hope all our Mums, Grandmothers and Guardians had a fantastic Mother’s Day.

Just a reminder that the Annual Dinner Dance is to be held on 27 August 2016 so make sure you…

Kind Regards,
Parents’ Association
St John’s College

St John’s students with Rev. Vasilios at the end of the service

save the date

Dine & Dance}

ADMIT ONE
All Greek Schools Sports
Nutella Cake

Serves 6 to 8

1. Beat 1½ cups Nutella with 4 large eggs in a large bowl until well combined and slightly increased in volume, about 2 minutes.
2. Fold in the ½ cup all-purpose flour until combined.
3. Scrape into a greased and parchment-lined 8-inch pan and bake at 170ºC until the centre is just set, 35 to 40 minutes.
4. Let cool in the pan for 10 minutes, then cool on a wire rack until room temperature. Frost with ½ cup Nutella, and serve.

Chocolate Fudge

Serves 6 to 8

1. Melt 45grms of chocolate chips with 1 can of condensed milk and ¼ cup sugar in the microwave for 3 minutes.
2. Mix well until fully melted and smooth, then pour into a greased and parchment-lined baking sheet.
3. Chill overnight, then cut into squares the next day.

Mini Muffins

Makes 24

1. Preheat oven to 180°C fan forced.
2. Spray a 24 cup mini muffin tin with cooking spray and set aside.
3. In a bowl, mix 1 cup self-raising flour and 3 tbs sugar together.
4. Pour in 1 cup thickened cream and fold mixture together using a spatula until all ingredients are just wet.
5. Spoon into the muffin tin and bake for 10-15 minutes.
6. Leave to cool in the tin for 2 minutes and then cool further on a wire rack.

White Chocolate Tim Tam Balls

Makes about 40

1. Break up 330g White Tim Tams biscuits roughly, place in food processor and blend until they resemble course biscuit crumbs.
2. Add 1 ½ cups desiccated coconut and blend until combined.
3. Add 1 can sweetened condensed milk and process until ingredients are combined.
4. Transfer mixture to a mixing bowl and refrigerate for approximately 30 minutes to allow mixture to firm up.
5. Remove from fridge and roll mixture into small balls. Roll each ball in extra desiccated coconut.

These are best refrigerated and served the next day as it gives them a change to firm up.