**The Lord’s Message**

“All of us sin constantly. We slip and fall. In reality, we fall into a trap set by the demons. The Holy Fathers and the Saints always tell us, ‘It is important to get up immediately after a fall and to keep on walking toward God’. Even if we fall a hundred times a day, it does not matter; we must get up and go on walking toward God without looking back. What has happened has happened – it is in the past. Just keep on going, all the while asking for help from God.”

Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

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**Important Dates**

**Term 2**

**Week 11**
- Monday 20 June
  - Immunisation Year 7, 10.30am
- Tuesday 21 June
  - Careers Expo
- Friday 24 June
  - Senior School Formal
  - Term 2 Concludes F-12

**Term 3**

**Week 1**
- Monday 18 July
  - Staff Professional Development Day
- Tuesday 19 July
  - Term 3 Commences for students

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**Message From The Board**

We would like to inform the school community of the following developments:

1. The process to appoint a new principal has commenced. We received 40 expressions of interest and 5 were shortlisted. We have conducted two rounds of interviews. We will keep you informed of further developments.
2. We are in the process of upgrading the entire information technology infrastructure of the College. More details will follow shortly.
3. We have also engaged the services of the Eminent Professor of Education from Melbourne University, Patrick Griffin and an educational consultant, Michael Francis, to assist in the continual development of St John’s College as a College of Academic Excellence.

His Grace Bishop Iakovos
Chairman of the Board

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**From the Co-Principals**

**Senior School News**

**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 College’s Child Safe Standards policy is currently under review by teachers and the PA and will be forwarded to the Board for approval at the end of the semester before implementation on 1 August 2016.

**Meetings with Years 5 & 6 parents**

I’ve been meeting with parents of our Years 5 and 6 and they are pleasantly surprised about the range of VCE subjects we offer at the College and our excellent VCE results. The list below confirms the VCE subjects we
offer and the Three Year Strategic Directions plan explains the excellent VCE results we have achieved over the last three years.

**VCE Units 1 and 2**

- Year 11
  - English
  - EAL
  - Accounting
  - Biology
  - Business Management
  - Chemistry
  - Food and Technology
  - Health & Human Development

- Year 12
  - English
  - EAL
  - Accounting
  - Biology
  - Business Management
  - Chemistry
  - Food and Technology
  - Health & Human Development

**VCE Units 3 and 4**

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- Position on Better Education website 2011 ranked 424 2012 ranked 287

- Continued improvement in 2016

**3.9% in 2012**

**2.7% in 2011**

**achieving 40+**

**students**

**GOALS**

**SMART**

**years**

**improve VCE results by 10%**

It was based on the taking of a symbolic oath by VCE students, parents and teachers. The results have been remarkable.

Three Year Strategic Directions 2013-2015

This program was designed to improve our VCE results. It was based on the taking of a symbolic oath by VCE teachers to improve VCE results by 10% each year, the introduction of SMART goals for staff and students, regular briefing sessions with students and the development of the 3-way partnership between, students, parents and teachers. The results have been remarkable.

**Level Crossing Removal Project – Bell Street, Preston**

I met with Anna Rose, project manager, and her team from the Level Crossing Removal Authority and discussed the Bell Street Project. More information will be available in the near future. Refer to attachment on page 5 of the newsletter.

**Happy Holidays**

I would like to thank all students, parents and staff for their support during term 2 and wish everyone a safe and relaxing break.

Kind Regards,
Mr J. Savopoulos
Co-Principal

**Junior School News**

**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 8.45am – 11.45am. 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.

Grandparents’ Morning

Grandparents’ morning will be held on Thursday 23rd of June.

Parents/Visitors Toilet

We would like to inform all parents and visitors that they can now use the visitors’ parent toilet which is located in the multipurpose room. All visitors must collect a key from the junior school reception in order to gain access to the toilet. 

No adult is allowed to use the student toilets.

Junior School Carpark

Please take care in the Junior school carpark. A number of parents are not being vigilant and are not adhering to the safe use of the carpark. I have noticed a number of parents driving around other cars rather than patiently waiting to drive off safely. The safety of our children is paramount and we need to ensure that we do not place our children in an unsafe situation.

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| 1.1 Increase VCE median score by 10% each year for the next 3 years – SMART GOALS | 2011: 26/50
2012: 25/50 | 28/50 30/50 |
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| 10% increase per year with the aim of maintaining the increase year to year |
| 1.2 Increase number of students achieving 40+ 2.7% in 2011 3.9% in 2012 | Students select subjects they are interested in after taking part in Careers Counselling and VCE Information evening 2.7% in 2011 3.9% in 2012 | 8% 10% 12.5% 15% | 10% increase per year with the aim of maintaining the increase year to year |
| 1.3 Improve our VCE ranking | Position on Better Education website 2011 ranked 424 2012 ranked 287 | 139 84 66 | Continued improvement in 2016 |
Mobile Phones
Please note that junior school students are not allowed to have mobile phones at school. In exceptional circumstances where students need to bring a mobile phone to school a note should be written to the Principal requesting permission to do so. If students are caught with a mobile phone it will be confiscated and parents will be asked to come and collect it.

School Uniform
A number of students are wearing beanies, scarves and gloves to school. Please note that all items must be navy in colour.

School Play
We are kindly requesting donations of the following for our upcoming plays in term 3.

- 2 dog costumes
- 3 white rabbit costumes
- 3 caterpillar costumes
- 3 Cheshire cat costumes
- 6 judges’ wigs
If you are able to sew any of the above costumes or make a donation please let Mrs Chochlaka know.

After School Activities
The after school activities have been very popular in term 2. In order for the program to run effectively we are requesting the following:

- If you enrol your child then it needs to be a commitment for the whole term
- If your child will not be attending please inform the supervising teacher
- Ensure your child has work to go on with particularly during homework/maths club
- Pick your child up by 4.15pm (except for Friday dance - 4pm)

Term 3 Afterschool Activities
A list of term 3 activities will sent home in the first week of term 3. Please enrol your child only if they are going to benefit from participating in the activity. Activities such as homework club/maths club are not intended to be a child minding service but an opportunity to support children with homework/maths tasks. When children attend and don’t have homework they interrupt the learning of others.

Next term we are requesting a voluntary term fee of $50 per family, money raised will be used to purchase resources for the afterschool programs.

Kindest regards,
Mrs A. Anamourlis
Co-Principal

YOU CAN DO IT, PROGRAM ACHIEVE
This semester students have been looking at the component ORGANISATION in the You Can Do It! Program.

ORGANISATION
Young children, who are organised, plan to do their best in attempting new tasks and activities. They listen carefully to what their parents and teachers want them to do. Children who are organised use their time carefully by getting their work and chores done before they play. Organisation also means that children take care of their things and put things away where they belong after they are finished using them. They also try to keep their room (both at home and school) tidy and clean.

EXAMPLES OF ORGANISED BEHAVIOUR IN CHILDREN
- Before leaving home, he/she makes sure that everything he/she needs is in his/her bag.
- Carries his/her own bag.
- Wants to do his/her best.
- Listens to parents and teachers when being told to do something.
- Puts away toys, books in the right spot after using them.
- Gives parents or teachers important notes.

WAYS TO PRAISE YOUR CHILD FOR ORGANISED BEHAVIOUR
- “You are really good at getting ready on time.”
- “I see you are organised. You put all your toys away.”
- “Good for you. I see you are trying your best.”
- “You are really good at keeping your school bag neat and tidy.”
- “I am pleased to see you organised and completing your homework.”

TEACH YOUR CHILD THE FOLLOWING ORGANISED THINKING
- SETTING GOALS It is good to do my best work.
- PLANNING MY TIME It is good not to waste time. It is good to be on time for things.
- LISTENING CAREFULLY it is good to listen to my parents and teachers extra carefully when they are explaining something to me.
- TAKING CARE OF MY THINGS I need to put things in their proper places. I need to clean up and be neat.

Mrs H. Vlahos
Special Needs Coordinator
Parents’ Association News

Father’s Day Hampers

The Parents’ Association is also seeking donations of items that can be included in the Father’s Day Hamper(s). Any items that you believe can be included in a hamper, should be provided to the Parents’ Association via the School. Any items that parents wish to donate should be provided by 31 August 2016.

The Parent’s Association sincerely thanks you for your donations.

Thank you as always.

Kind Regards,
Parents’ Association
St John’s College

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Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia
Ενορία Αγίου Ιωάννου Του Βαπτιστού
998 Lygon Street, North Carlton

Την Παρασκευή 24 Ιουνίου στις 7 η ώρα το βράδυ και μέχρι τις πρώτες μεταμεσονύχτιες ώρες του Σαββάτου 25/6/16 θα γίνει στην Ενορία μας Ιερά Αγρυπνία επί τη μνήμη του Γενεθλίου του Τιμίου Ενδόξου Προδρόμου Ιωάννου του Βαπτιστού.

Παρακαλούνται οι πιστοί να προσέλθουν για να λάβουν την χάριν και ευλογία του Αγίου Ιωάννου του Προδρόμου και να προσκυνήσουν τα Τίμια Λείπανα αυτού.

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia
Parish of St John the Forerunner and Baptist
998 Lygon Street, North Carlton

On Friday 24 June 2016 at 7.00pm and until the early hours after midnight Saturday 25 June 2016, a Holy All-night Vigil will be held at our parish for the feast of the Nativity of St John the Forerunner and Baptist.

We ask the faithful to attend in order to receive the grace and blessing of St John the Forerunner and to venerate his Holy Relics.

On Thursday 23rd June 2016 at 8.45am, St. John’s College will be celebrating its annual Grandparents’ and Special Friends’ Morning in the Gymnasium.

The celebration will begin with a selection of performances in the Gymnasium and concluding with a morning tea.

We would be grateful if parents could prepare a plate of favourite sweets or cakes, so that our Grandparents and Special Friends are able to sample a delicious variety during the morning tea on this special day.

We would love some parental assistance. If you are able to help, please see Mrs Kordas, Mrs Vlahos or Mrs Anamourlis.

Dear Grandparents, Special Friends and Parents of the St. John’s Community,

Please join us at our annual Grandparents’ and Special Friends’ Morning

Date: Thursday 23rd June, 2016
Time: 8:45am
Venue: College Gymnasium

We would be delighted to entertain you with music and performances
Bell Street, Preston boom gates to go!
Early construction is planned to commence in 2018

Sign up for email updates at levelcrossings.vic.gov.au or connect with us at facebook/levelcrossings

Coming up in 2016:
- Geotechnical investigations to learn about the ground conditions
- Community consultation
- Site surveys, including feature and environmental surveys
- Traffic studies
- Determining where the existing service utilities are located
Greek Spinach and Feta Quesadillas

Have you ever tried Greek ‘spanakopita’ or spinach and feta cheese pie? If you have, you’ll know how delicious it is. Try this lighter Greek-Mex version, served with a traditional Greek salad or some fresh and tangy tsatziki sauce.

Serves: Serves 2

Ingredients
- 200 grams fresh spinach
- 2 spring onions, chopped finely
- 1 tablespoon chopped dill
- 70 grams feta cheese
- 3 or 4 chopped sun-dried tomatoes (optional)
- 4 flour tortillas (about 20cm-diameter ones)
- salt and pepper for seasoning and a little olive oil for cooking

Method
1. Wash the spinach, then wilt it down in a pan (or even in the microwave) for a few minutes. Afterwards, squeeze out as much of the water as you can and place it into a large bowl.
2. Add the chopped spring onions, dill and sun-dried tomatoes (if using) to the bowl. Then crumble in the feta. Give it all a good mix together and put aside while you make the tsatziki.
3. Now heat up a skillet/frying pan. Spread half of your spinach mixture over two of the tortillas and top with the other two. Press down a little then place one of the rounds into the pan. (the pan can be dry or you can add a drizzle of olive oil to help the tortillas to crisp up. But be careful the tortillas don’t burn!) When it’s nice and browned and crispy, carefully turn it over and let the other side cook for a minute or two. Repeat with the second round.
4. Slice each round into six quesadillas and serve hot with the salad or tsatziki sauce.

Baklava Cinnamon Rolls

Swirls and swirls of cinnamon, honey, and walnuts make perfect rolls for breakfast, dessert, and Greek-themed parties!

Ingredients
- 2 sheets puff pastry
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup walnuts, very finely chopped
- 1/4 cup cinnamon
- 3/4 cup honey
- 1/2 cup walnuts, chopped

Method
1. Preheat oven to 180c.
2. Spread melted butter on both dough sheet. Sprinkle brown sugar, sugar, finely chopped walnuts, and cinnamon on top of dough sheets. Beginning on one side of the dough, roll up the dough sheet tightly, cinnamon-roll style.
3. Slice rolled log into 1-1/2 inch pieces, placing the spirals of dough inside a well-greased 9x13 inch baking dish.
4. Bake for 10-14 minutes, or just until the cinnamon rolls are golden brown on the edges and cooked through.
5. In a small bowl, stir together honey and chopped walnuts. Spoon honey-nut mixture over warm cinnamon rolls. Serve warm and enjoy!