The Lord’s Message
“You don’t become holy by fighting evil. Let evil be. Look towards Christ and that will save you. What makes a person saintly is love.”

St Porphyrios of Mt Athos

Important Dates

**Term 3**

**Week 4**
Wednesday 10 August  
PA Meeting, 6.30pm
Friday 12 August  
Whole School Liturgy, 8.40am College Gym  
Orthodoxy Day – Nuns’ Visit & Exhibition

**Week 5**
Monday 15 August  
Science Week
Wednesday 17 August  
Junior School Mad Scientist Day
Friday 19 August  
Maths Olympiad 4

**Week 6**
Monday 24 & 25 August  
VCE Greek Bonegilla Excursion  
Saturday 27 August  
PA Dinner Dance

Orthodoxy Day

**Friday 12 August**  
Nuns’ Visit  
Exhibition: Books, Vestments & Icons by Fr Leonidas and Fr Demos

The Dormition of The Theotokos

**Monday 15 August** – School Closed

PA Dinner Dance

**Saturday 27 August**

Message From The Board

Wednesday 3 August, 2016

On behalf of the Board of Directors of St John’s College,

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Lance Ryan as our new Principal.

Mr Ryan is currently Head of Campus and Innovation at Braemar College. Having held a range of senior leadership positions in a variety of Independent Schools, his progressive educational vision is firmly focussed upon student success, staff capacity and school growth. With a passion for learning, Lance has an academic background based in the Social Sciences, Philosophy and Education. Having taught in both the primary and secondary areas, his determination to improve student learning is matched by his commitment to the wellbeing of students, staff and the whole school community.

Mr Ryan is married to Natalie and they have two school aged children.

Mr Ryan will commence at the beginning of term 4 this year and looks forward to meeting with the entire school community.

In the interim, Mr Savopoulos & Mrs Anamourlis will continue as Co – Principals until the end of the year and will be supporting Mr Ryan to transition into his new role.

I express our sincerest gratitude to Mr Savopoulos and Mrs Anamourlis for their tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to our students, teachers and families.

We congratulate Mr Ryan on his appointment and wish him a long and rewarding journey.

In closing, I wish to thank ANZUK Recruitment and especially acknowledge and thank the members of the selection committee.

Prayerfully Yours,

Bishop Iakovos of Miletopolis

Assistant Bishop to His Eminence

Co-Chair Board of Directors St John’s College-Preston
From the Co-Principals
Senior School News

Academic Excellence
The following students achieved excellent results during semester one and received merit certificates during the Senior College assembly:

Year 7: Yianna Manifavas, Steven Chhiev, Christian Psarakos, Anna Roussos, Athanasi Triantafillou, Dion Karellas and Monique Kolyvas.

Year 8: Deanna Pace and Michael Chhiev.

Students in Years 9 & 10 will receive merit certificates next week.

VCE 2017
I have been meeting with parents and students of Year 10 to discuss our VCE program for 2017. Once the meetings have concluded students will select their subjects for next year.

Child Safe Standards Policy
The Child Safe Standards was implemented on 1 August 2016. Below are the first four principles of the policy based on Ministerial Order No. 870 which sets out specific actions that registered schools need to take to meet the Child Safe Standards.

Guiding Principles
The implications of the vision statement are teased out in the thirteen Guiding Principles for the provision of a safe and supportive school environment.

St John’s College:
1. Affirms the right of all school community members to feel safe at school.
2. Promotes care, respect and cooperation, and values diversity.
3. Implements policies, programmes and processes to nurture a safe and supportive school environment.
4. Recognises that quality leadership is an essential element that underpins the creation of a safe and supportive school environment.
5. Develops and implements policies and programmes through processes that engage the whole school community.
6. Ensures that roles and responsibilities of all members of the school community in promoting a safe and supportive environment are explicit, clearly understood and disseminated.
7. Recognises the critical importance of pre-service and ongoing professional development in creating a safe and supportive school environment.
8. Has a responsibility to provide opportunities for students to learn through the formal curriculum, knowledge, skills and dispositions needed for positive relationships.
9. Focuses on policies that are proactive and oriented towards prevention and intervention.
10. Regularly monitors and evaluates its policies and programmes so that evidence-based practice supports decisions and improvements.
11. Takes action to protect children from all forms of child abuse and neglect.

Policy Statement

1. Purpose
This policy was written to demonstrate the commitment of St John’s College to child safety and establishing and maintaining child safe and child friendly environments.

2. Context
This policy reflects our commitment to provide a safe environment where every person has the right to be treated with respect and is safe and protected from harm.

It complies with our obligations under the Department of Human Services which is responsible for overseeing and upholding child protection in Victoria. Numerous Acts (laws) help to govern and guide the process of child protection in Victoria. These acts include:

Principal Acts:
- Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 (as amended 2014)
- Education and Training Reform Act 2006

Other relevant Acts:
- Failure to Disclose 2014
- Working with Children Act 2005
- Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005
- Family Law Act 1975

3. Scope
This policy, from the date of endorsement, applies to all people involved in the organisation, including:

- Employees (permanent and casual)
- Volunteers
- Any other individual involved in this organisation

4. Commitment To Child Safety
All children involved at St John’s College have a right to feel and be safe. We are committed to the safety and well-being of all children and young people participating in our programs and the welfare of the children in our care will always be our first priority. We aim to create a safe and friendly environment where all children and young people are valued and feel safe.

Our Child Safety Officer (Mr Savopoulos, Senior College, and Mrs Anamourlis, Junior College) is the primary point of contact to provide advice and support to children, parents, employees and volunteers regarding the safety and well-being of children in our organisation.
Carpark
St John’s College is committed to the safety of our children within the local area, both inside and outside of the school grounds.
To reinforce safe driver behaviour around the College, we strongly urge parents and carers to drop off and pick up their children safely from school by adhering to the parking regulations and relevant signage i.e.

Signage

NO STOPPING - a vehicle must not stop in a No Stopping zone

NO PARKING - a vehicle must not stop in a No Parking zone

BUS ZONE - a vehicle must not stop in a Bus Zone

CLEARWAY - a vehicle must not stop along a sign posted Clearway

DOUBLE PARK – a vehicle must not double park

Under no circumstance must a vehicle enter or leave the carpark illegally.

Every driver needs to adopt responsible and good driver behaviour in and around our College. Drivers are also reminded of their requirement to comply with road user legislation. Drivers who continually ignore parking regulations at our College will be reported to the relevant authorities.

Finally, please do not leave children in cars unsupervised, particularly on a warm day. The inside of a car is much hotter than the ambient temperature of the day outside and can heat up very quickly, causing dehydration.

Let us all work together as a community to ensure the safety of each and every child in our school zone.

Kind Regards,
Mr J. Savopoulos
Co-Principal

Junior School News

Welcome to our School
We would like to welcome Eleni Tyrpani to our school. We wish her a long and rewarding journey.

Rostered Playgroup
Rostered Playgroup has commenced. Your child needs to have turned 3 by the end of April. Sessions are held every Tuesday from 8.45am – 11.45am. Please contact Miss Galanis for more information.

Orthodoxy Day

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2017 Prep Transition
Our Foundation Transition program has commenced for all students who are enrolled in Foundation in 2017. Sessions are held on Tuesday afternoon from 12.15pm – 3.15pm. 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 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.
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.

Term 3 Afterschool Activities – Student Pick-Up
All students need to be collected from their scheduled activity and parents must sign them out. Children are not allowed to wait for parents in the carpark.

Dormition OF The Theotokos
Please note that there will be no school on Monday the 15th of August due to The Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos.

Kindest regards,
Mrs A. Anamourlis
Co-Principal

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SENIOR COLLEGE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Year 7 Religious Education Lesson / Prac. Work
A very big thank you to giagia/γιαγιά Maria who visited our College last week in order to demonstrate and teach the Year 7 students how to bake the offertory bread or prosforo. Students worked in teams of four and under the expert guidance of grandmother Maria, baked their own prosforo. Year 7 RE students will now need to bake their own offertory bread at home with the help of grandparents and parents. Thank you Giagia Maria! / Σ’ ευχαριστούμε γιαγιά Μαρία!

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The prop design group preparing props for our upcoming school performance

Mrs A. Papakonstantinou
Events Coordinator
JUNIOR COLLEGE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Year 3 Reflection
Each day during pastoral care, the Year 3s highlight the importance of the “You Can Do It!” values, and we refer to these often during the day. It is important to keep the values in the students’ minds and to be clear about expectations and what is required throughout the day.

Students are reminding, supporting and assisting each other about the importance of the values. They do this by picking up someone else’s blazer and returning it to them. They ask others to be quiet and not speak so loudly so that they are able to concentrate themselves. They are “looking out” and taking the “imitative” to support one another in class.

This is something I have noticed students do well at St John’s, not just in Year 3 but across the school. I am impressed with the various values being displaced when I am out in the yard simply walking from one end of the school to another or, when I am on yard duty.

The students, teachers and parents of St John’s have been very welcoming! I would like to simply express my gratitude and appreciation by pointing out my observations during class time with the students and generally across the school.

Well done to the leaders of the school, to the teachers of the school and to the parents who are all welcoming and supportive!

A special thanks, however, to the students of St John’s!

Mrs N. Simos
Year 3 Teacher

Parents’ Association News

Tickets for the Dinner Dance on 27 August 2016 are now selling. Tickets are limited this year so we encourage you to buy your tickets early so as to not miss out.

Pricing: Adult tickets: $70
Children (under 12): $40

Parents’ Association Dinner Dance

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Kind Regards,
Parents’ Association
St John’s College
Corn Fritters

Ingredients:
- 1/3 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, or more to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- Handful of parsley, finely chopped
- 1/3 cup soymilk
- 2 cups corn kernels
- Vegetable oil

Method:
1. In a large bowl whisk together cornmeal, flour, baking powder, salt, pepper, and parsley. Add soymilk and mix together with a wooden spoon until thick and thoroughly mixed through. Add the corn kernels and mix well with the flour mixture until all the kernels are well-coated.
2. Heat up a skillet over medium high heat and add some vegetable oil to the pan.
3. Using a 1/3 cup measuring cup, scoop corn mixture out and place into the skillet, gently pressing the mound down so it's flattened. Cook for 5 minutes on one side, or until it's browned, flip, and cook another 5 minutes, or until it's browned. Remove and repeat for all the other corn fritters.
4. Serve immediately.

4 Ingredient Zucchini Tater Tots

Ingredients:
- 3 large potatoes, peeled
- 2 zucchinis, about 2-3 cups shredded
- 1½ teaspoons salt, plus more for sprinkling on top
- Olive oil

Method:
1. Place potatoes in a large pot and cover with cold water. Bring water to a boil and cook potatoes for 20-30 minutes, until fork tender but still have some give in the middle. Drain water and let potatoes cool until they are comfortable to handle. You want them to still be warm.
2. Preheat oven to 180 degrees. Grate potatoes on the large side of a box grater and put into a large bowl. Grate each zucchini and squeeze out the liquid. Place grated zucchini into the bowl with the potatoes and add 1½ teaspoons salt. Use your hands to mix everything together.
3. Line a large cookie sheet with baking paper. Use your hands to form small cylinders with the mixture. Use about 1 tablespoon per tater tot. Place the cookie sheet in the freezer for about 10 minutes to allow them to firm up.
4. Brush the top of each tater tot with a small amount of olive oil and sprinkle each one with salt. Bake tater tots until browned and crispy, about 30 minutes flipping halfway through. Serve with ketchup, sweet chili sauce if desired.