The Lord’s Message

“There is your brother, in need, crying, and you stand there confused over the choice of an attractive floor covering.”

St Ambrose of Milan

Important Dates

Term 2

Week 3
Monday 25 April
ANZAC Day – Public Holiday
Friday 29 April
Greek Orthodox Good Friday – No School

Monday 1 May
Greek Orthodox Easter Sunday

Week 4
Monday 2 May
Greek Orthodox Easter Monday – No School
Greek Orthodox School Sports’ Competition – Perth
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
Wednesday 11 May
PA Meeting, 6.30pm
Thursday 12 May
Senior Boys Futsul, Interschool Darebin Division
Easter Afternoon Tea, 2.30pm

Week 6
Monday 16 May
Battle of Crete Photo Exhibition at College

Wednesday 18 May
Maths Olympiad 1

Thursday 19 May
Special Assembly- 75th Battle of Crete & Greek Campaign, 8.45am

From the Co-Principals

Senior School News

Welcome Back For Term Two

Welcome back to all students, parents and staff. We hope you had a restful break and are ready to take on the challenges for term two. I look forward to working closely with you during the term to build on the foundations we have established and to help our students achieve to the best of their ability. Have a great term!

Vice Captains For 2016

During last year’s speech night we introduced our College Captains for 2016 – Konstantina Stavros and Kon Eliades. A number of other students were also added to the leadership group. From this group two students have exceeded expectations by representing the College during many events, leading our Assemblies and acting as role models for other students. After discussions with the leadership group we decided to elevate these students to the positions of Vice Captains to support Konstantina and Kon. The new Vice captains for 2016 are Chrysoula Kouklatzis and Haralambos Karakoutos. Well done Chrysa and Harry!

ANZAC Day March

A number of students and staff will represent the College during the ANZAC DAY MARCH on Monday 25 APRIL. ANZAC DAY is a significant event in the history of Australia and we at St John’s are honoured and privileged to accept the invitation to march with the Hellenic RSL on the day. Students and staff are to meet at the northern side of Princes Walk; next to federation Square at 11.45am. The parade concludes at 1.15pm and students are to be collected, by parents, next to the three flag poles in front of the Shrine. There will be no school on Monday 25 April for students.
Casual Dress Day
Our College Captains have organised a casual dress day for Friday 22 April. Students are expected to give a gold coin donation on the day. Donations will be forwarded to the Royal Children’s Hospital. Students are reminded that they must dress appropriately i.e. no singlets, no short shorts, no thongs etc.

Easter
The College will be closed on Orthodox Good Friday 29 April and Orthodox Monday 2 May. Kali Anastasi!

Perth Trip
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 is the host school and we have 27 students participating. The event takes place from Monday 2 May and concludes on Thursday 5 May. We would like to wish all students a safe journey and to remind them that competing and performing at your best is more significant than winning. I would also like to thank Mr Sherwood, Ms Hodgson and Ms Giannos for supporting our students in Perth and Mr Stan Palassis for his tireless work behind the scenes in order to ensure the success of the trip.

Expectations
We would like to remind parents and students of certain guidelines and expectations for Term 2:

a. Morning Assembly
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’. Please support us in instilling good habits in our students.

b. Uniform
All students are expected to wear the correct school uniform at all times. Please support the College by ensuring that your child shows pride in the College by wearing their uniform correctly. Uniform details are published in the Student Planner. All Year Level Coordinators have been asked to monitor the correct wearing of uniform.

c. Guidelines for using Mobile Phones at St John’s College
• Mobile phones are not to be used for any purpose on school premises, grounds or during off-site activities i.e. camps, excursions; unless prior permission is granted

• Students are required to hand in their mobile phone to the front office for safe keeping and at the student’s request, it will be returned to them at the end of the day.
• Parents and carers may contact children if required by leaving a message with the school office.
• If a student requires the use of a telephone in the case of an emergency, they are required to use the phone in the school office.

d. Consequence of students using digital and electronic devices
Where a student is found to have a digital or an electronic device, it will be confiscated and will be available for collection by the parent/carer at the end of the school day.

Kind Regards,
Mr J. Savopoulos
Co-Principal

Junior School News
Welcome back to term 2.
I would like to express my sincere thanks to Mr Walkley for his professionalism and for all his efforts in the past year. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours and look forward to his visits.

2017 Enrolments
Do you have a child who will be commencing Foundation 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.

Allergy Awareness
St John’s College is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for our students and has therefore adopted an allergy awareness policy to protect students who are at risk of an allergic reaction. We encourage all parents to support the nut free policy that the school follows. Parents are asked not to provide nut products such as Nutella, peanut butter or any other food containing nuts. Please encourage your child not to share food with others.

Buying From The Canteen
Parents are reminded that students from F- 2 are not allowed to purchase items from the canteen. A lunch order will need to be written out even if it is only to purchase a snack. Students from Years 3 – 6 are allowed to purchase items from the canteen but are reminded that lunches need to be ordered via the lunch order system.

Please note that as we are currently in the Lent period, no meat products will be sold at the canteen.

Maths Olympiad
A number of students from years 4 - 6 have been selected to participate in the Maths Olympiad.
The Olympiads
- The annual Olympiad consists of 5 separate contests spread across the year.
- Students compete on an individual basis and must complete each of the 5 contest papers to be eligible for awards.
- Team scores are calculated after the 5th contest by the sum of the top 10 overall student scores within the team.

The Olympiads Aim To:
- Introduce students to important mathematical concepts.
- Teach major strategies and develop flexibility for problem solving.
- Foster creativity and ingenuity and strengthen intuition.
- Stimulate enthusiasm and enjoyment for mathematics.
- Provide for the satisfaction, joy, and thrill of meeting challenges.

Student Awards
- a certificate for each participating student.
- a medal for any student who obtains a perfect score.
- a trophy for the highest individual scorer in each team.
- a metal pin for each student whose total score is in the top 10% of scores.
- an embroidered Olympiad cloth patch for each student whose total score is in the top 25% of scores.

Team Awards
- a plaque for each team whose score is in the top 10% of scores.
- a large plaque for the team with the highest score.
- a perpetual shield for the team with the highest score. This is kept for one year and then passed on to the winner of the next year’s contest.

2016 Olympiads
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Healthy Eating
We would like to remind parents of the importance a healthy breakfast can play in a child's education. A nutritional breakfast has been shown to improve memory, academic ability, problem solving and creative ability. Missing breakfast can cause children to become lethargic, irritable, inattentive and restless in class. Whilst a child is at school they will consume around a third of their daily nutritional requirements through eating recess and lunch. Therefore, it is important that the lunchbox is well planned and contains a variety of healthy choices to ensure your child consumes enough energy and nutrients to help them concentrate, learn and play. It is a very long time between a child's evening meal and lunch at school.

After School Activities
After school activities have commenced this week and will conclude on Friday 24 June. All activities from Monday to Thursday conclude at 4.15pm. On Friday’s the Junior dance group finish at 3.45pm and the Intermediate group finish at 4pm. Please be on time to pick up your children.

Lunchtime Activities
A number of lunchtime activities have been organised for our students this term.
- Monday: Borrowing sport equipment
- Tuesday: Writing club
- Wednesday: Chess
- Thursday: Chess

Lego Donations Required
We are hoping to start up a lunchtime Lego club and welcome any Lego donations.

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 to be passed on to our new families.

Parent/Grandparent Room
Every Thursday afternoon from 2.45pm – 3.15pm the multipurpose room will be open to parents/grandparents to come in and make a cuppa and catch up with other members of the school community. We look forward to seeing you. Please feel free to email me with any suggestions or concerns.

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

National Greek Sports and Spoken Arts Event – Perth

All is set for the National Greek Sports event, which is held from the 2nd-5th May. 27 Students will be travelling to Perth to compete in various sports and the Spoken Arts. We wish them well!

All students attending are reminded to return all forms and payment as soon as possible.

Inter-school Sports

Students in Years 5 & 6 have commenced their winter school competition against local primary schools in the Darebin Division. They will be competing in soccer and netball each Friday morning in both home and away games.

Mr D. Sherwood
Head of H&PE

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Η Μαθητιώσα Νεολαία του Κολλεγίου ο Άγιος Ιωάννης τιμά τους Ήρωες του Απελευθερωτικού Κυπριακού Αγώνα 1955 - 59

Μέσα στα πλαίσια των εορτασμών για την έναρξη του απελευθερωτικού αγώνα της ΕΟΚΑ 1955 – 59, την Κυριακή 3 Απριλίου, επέληξε επιμνημόσυνο δέηση εἰς τον Ιερό Ναό του Αγίου Άγιου Φώρεστ Χιλ υπέρ των ήρωων του κυπριακού αγώνα.

Το μνημόσυνο, εκτός των φορέων της κυπριακής πατριάς, τίμησαν με την παρουσία τους και οι μαθητές του Κολλεγίου Άγιος Ιωάννης οι οποίοι μαζί με τους τυμπανιστές και τους αρχηγούς του μαθητικού σώματος εδώσαν σήμανα το παρόν τους στις εκδηλώσεις μνήμης για τους ήρωες της Μεγαλονήσου.

Μετά το πέρας της Θείας Λειτούργιας οι μαθητές μαζί με τους επισήμους, τον Ιερέα Κ. Σταύρο Κακάβα, και τη συνοδία της κυπριακής σχολικής δυνάμεως, υπέστησαν τη διεύθυνση του κ. Σ. Τσιόλα, παρέλασαν προς το μνημέο των πεσόντων, παραπλεύρως του ναού, όπου έγινε κατάθεση στεφάνων και το παρόν τους στις εκδηλώσεις μνήμης για τους ήρωες της Μεγαλονήσου.

Μετά το πέρας της Θείας Λειτούργιας οι μαθητές και τα μαθητικά σώματα καταβαίνουν στο σχολείο για τη διεξαγωγή της σεμινάριος με τον Ι. Κακάβα και τη συνοδία της κυπριακής δυνάμεως.

Η Μαθητιώσα Νεολαία του Κολλεγίου ο Άγιος Ιωάννης τιμά τους Ήρωες του Απελευθερωτικού Κυπριακού Αγώνα 1955 - 59

The following students attended the Forest Hill event:

Well done to all our students and their parents!

75th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete

On Sunday, 10 April, leaders and students represented our College at the Doxology at St Eustathios Church, commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of
Crete, a battle that changed world history. Many students, along with their parents and teachers, took part in the ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance. School leaders, Konstantina Stavros and Kosta Eliades, laid a wreath at the Eternal Flame on behalf of the whole of St John’s community.

The following families attended:
Eliades, Efstratiadis, Evans,
Gentikoglou, Karakoutos,
Ketikitis, Kouklatzis, Mouzakitis,
Pace, Psarakos, Ragavanis,
Stavros, Souris, Theodoreskou,
Triantafillou and Velves

Many thanks to all our lovely parents who supported this Event.

The Science Department is offering 3 trophies for the best “Formative Essay”. One student from:

- Year 7
- Year 8
- Year 9,

and 5 individual Merit Certificates will be awarded.

In the Resource Centre, the Science Department has set up a “crime scene” where the students need to collect evidence. Forms have been left with the Librarian. Student will write a “Formative Essay”. Your English/Science Teachers will assist you with the draft.

THE COMPETITION ENDS ON 3.00PM THURSDAY 28 OF APRIL, 2016
Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Parents’ Association is once again pleased to offer Lambathes (Πασχαλινές Λαμπάδες) for Easter. We will have a wide range of new designs for children of all ages on sale in Term 2.

We will also have an Easter hamper which will be raffled. Raffle tickets will sell for $2 each.

This year, the Parents’ Association will also be selling home-made τσουρσκια in the days before Easter.

We invite you to purchase your Lambathes (Πασχαλινές Λαμπάδες) from our selection in Term 2.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Parents’ Association is seeking donations of items that can be used for the making of Lambathes (Πασχαλινές Λαμπάδες) for Greek Orthodox Easter. Any items such as tulle, netting, ribbons and religious items for decorations that you may be able to donate should be provided to the Parents’ Association via the School.

The Parents’ Association is also seeking donations of items that can be included in the Mother’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 20 April 2016.

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

Kind Regards,
Parents’ Association
St John’s College
ANZAC Day March Meeting Point

ANZAC Day March - Monday 25 April

All students and parents attending the March are to meet at Princes Walk at 11.45am sharp for a 12.20pm start with the Hellenic RSL.

Parents are to collect their child/ren from the Shrine at 1.15pm (near the 3 flags)

Please Note:
Both Flinders St and Swanston St will be blocked due to the March.

Important Information
As of Term 2 the College Newsletter will be distributed every fortnight. The newsletter will be emailed to each family. If your email details have changed please inform the office so that you are assured of receiving the newsletter. A printed copy will also be available from the office.
Left over tsoureki dough – Make some Easter Bunnies or little chickens (see pictures above).

For something different - why not make some Easter Bunny Koulourakia (see pictures above).

Impress your guests this Easter with some creative crafts (see pictures to the left).
**Easter Recipes by Mrs A**

**MRS A’S TSOUREKIA**

**Ingredients**
- 8 eggs
- 250g butter
- ½ cup of oil
- 1 cup milk
- 3 oranges (juice & zest) & zest of 1 lemon
- 1 flat teaspoon salt
- 1 sachet mahlepi or 15g loose
- 3 cups of sugar
- 100g fresh yeast
- 1 cup warm milk
- 2½ kg strong plain flour

**Method**
1. Dissolve yeast in 1 cup warm water. Add 1 tablespoon sugar and ½ cup flour and mix. Leave in a warm place to rise.
2. In a big bowl add half the flour and salt. Make a well in the middle.
3. In a separate bowl mix the eggs & sugar. Add orange juice, zest & mahlepi.
4. Warm the milk. Melt the butter.
5. Add the oil to the melted butter.
6. Add all wet ingredients to the flour. Add remaining flour and mix well. The more you mix the better! (dough should be soft)
7. Allow to rise in a warm place. (on top of a warm oven or as silly as it sounds in the car!)
8. Once the mixture has risen, mix it again.
9. Make different shaped tsourekia.
10. Brush your tsourekia with: (egg yolk & teaspoon of water) Sprinkle sesame seeds of flaked almonds on top of your tsourekia. Allow to rise in a warm place for about half an hour.
11. Bake at 160°C for about half an hour. Place on a rack to cool.

**MRS A’S KOULOURAKIA**

**Ingredients**
- 250g butter
- ½ cup warm milk
- 6 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- ½ cup freshly squeezed orange juice
- 1 teaspoon baking powder or ammonia
- 1 packet vanilla sugar
- 1 kg self raising flour

**Method**
1. Cream butter & sugar
2. Add eggs one at a time
3. Add orange juice, & vanilla sugar
4. Mix baking powder with warm milk and add to mixture
5. Add self raising flour
6. Make various shapes & brush with beaten egg and water mixture or milk
7. Bake at 180°C for 10 – 15 minutes
**MRS A’S KOURABIEDES**

**Ingredients**
- 500g unsalted butter
- 2 egg yolks
- 1 packet vanilla sugar
- ½ Greek coffee cup ouzo
- Juice from 1 orange and ½ lemon
- 1 flat teaspoon soda
- 2 flat Greek coffee plate of sugar
- 2 handfuls of chopped roasted almonds
- Flour ½ self raising and ½ plain (as much as is required to have an nice soft dough)
- 1kg icing sugar to coat biscuits

**Method**
1. Cream sugar & butter together until creamy and white
2. Add egg yolks
3. Add vanilla sugar, ouzo & orange juice and mix well
4. Add almonds & flour and mix
5. Bake at 180C° for about 10 to 15 minutes
6. Brush with mixture of 1 teaspoon rose water and ¼ cup water.
7. Cover in icing sugar.

**MRS A’S MELOMAKARONA**

**Ingredients**
- 2 cups vegetable oil
- 250g butter
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 1 cup orange juice
- 2 eggs
- Zest of one orange
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ plain & ½ self raising flour (as much as you need to make a soft dough)

**Syrup**
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups honey
- 2 cups water

**Method**
1. Mix all wet ingredients and add to flour.
2. Make melomakarona shapes and bake at 180 for about 10 – 15 minutes.
3. Allow biscuits to cool.
4. Add cold biscuits to hot syrup. Place biscuits on cooling rack and allow excess syrup to drain.
5. Sprinkle biscuits with crushed walnuts and place in an airtight container.