

# ST JOHN'S COLLEGE BULLETIN

## Term One, Issue Three, 2024

"Keep in mind that you must always be setting an example through your moral life and your actions." - Saint Anthony the Great

### From the Principal

#### Information Evening

Thank you to the many families that will attend the F-12 Information sessions to be held on 27 February. Unequivocal evidence suggests that the closer the partnership between teacher-parent-student the stronger and better the progress made. I commend the interest taken and wish all every success as programs are better understood, positive connections formed that leads to effective student growth and development.



Please join us for an  
**INFORMATION  
Evening**

**TUESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY**

7:00pm - 8:30pm  
St John's College

1 Blanch Street, Preston | Senior School Resource Centre

#### Co-curricular Opportunities

The commencement of the broader program over the last fortnight has been one of my recent highlights – it has been wonderful to note voluntary student uptake and interest in a range of cultural, sporting, creative or performance-based pursuits.

There is still time to become involved. For our new or younger students, following the establishment of routines and confidence within the core program, this is often a great way to learn a new skill, explore a passion or simply meet other students and have some 'fun'. The number and range of groups speak for themselves! I warmly commend the staff on their enthusiasm and commitment to creating an interesting broader program:

- Bouzouki Ensemble
- Byzantine Chanting Group
- Choir (JS)
- Greek Band
- Homework Club
- Instrumental Music -String, Brass, Woodwind and Junior Band
- Soccer (South Melbourne Hellas Clinic)
- Sport – GOANSSE training
- Tennis (F-4, 5-8, and 9-12)

For dates and times, please refer to the timetable sent by SEQTA message. Please note that some activities are seasonal, so changes will occur to complement the core program.

I am delighted to also advise that Study and Mentor sessions for our VCE students are also planned. Please be on the lookout for activities linked to our Ariston Program that aims to extend and challenge our students.

### Years 7 and 8 Cyber Safety Incursion

On Monday 19 February, First Constable Andy Moreton attended the College, to meet and speak with our Year 7 and 8 students about Cyber safety.

Cyber safety, also known as online safety, internet safety and electronic safety (e-safety), is the safe and responsible use of information and communication technologies, such as the internet, social media, online games, smart phones, tablets and other connected devices.

Cyber safety education provides students with the knowledge and skills they need to stay safe in online environments. It involves acknowledging the benefits and opportunities offered by the online world, while understanding the risks and avoiding potential harms.



### Grip Leadership Conference

Late last year, the Junior School received nine outstanding applications for student leadership. Staff agreed that we wanted to extend our student leadership opportunities to these nine students in different ways by giving them additional roles of responsibility in various sub committees. On 12 February, these nine amazing students attended the annual GRIP student leadership conference at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. This was a fantastic conference where students received a range of practical tips on student leadership and making a difference in our school. The theme of this year's conference was 'Taking steps in leadership'. Whether it be stepping up and using talents, stepping in to help when needed, stepping out of our comfort zones and trying something new or stepping closer to be a friend to others. The day was filled with several fun, interactive tasks and two of our students, Sienna and John, also participated on stage. - Mrs Watson and Mr Emmanuel





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### JS Super-Stars Awarded at Assembly

Junior School teachers are excited by the efforts of so many students as we get the term underway, and we celebrated these super-stars at our first JS Assembly on Thursday. JS Captains Kosta, Sienna and Sophia 'stepped out' of their comfort zone and hosted to an audience of over 200 people. They introduced speakers and performances as we sang and shared our learning across all ages – even the Foundation students took the stage. Classroom Teacher Awards were announced, acknowledging individuals who make a positive difference to the classroom environment and the overall running of our beautiful Junior School! Congratulations to all the students who received these awards – We are grateful for YOU! - *Ms Pimpini and the JS Team*

Eirianna A	Foundation A	Drawing detailed pictures with excellent colouring in.
Serafim A	Year 5/6B	Ensuring that all tasks are completed to a five star standard - with an emphasis on fantastic book presentation.
Mariah B	Year 5/6C	Proactive in seeking feedback about her learning goals.
Stanley G	Year 5/6A	Being an exceptional ambassador for St John's at the GRIP leadership conference.
Sophie G	Year 3/4	For being a great role model and displaying excellent listening skills. I am so proud of you!
Gianni K	Foundation A	Displaying the 5 Ls of listening.
Nicole K	Year 2	For showing determination in all of your work and having a go at all tasks.
Nicholas M	Year 1	For using amazing handwriting and taking care in the presentation of your work.
Juliette M	Foundation B	For showing Philotimo to her classmates and including others.
Petros R	Year 3/4B	For displaying amazing listening skills consistently in class and producing very impressive work. Well Done!
Poppy S	Year 5/6B	Greek - completing tasks in a timely manner and with great effort.
Kryssa S	Year 5/6A	Making an excellent all round start to the year.
Vaios T	Foundation B	For displaying his 5Ls' of learning and having great manners.
Alex T	Year 5/6B	For maximising class learning time and using class time effectively.
Spyridon V	Year 2	For always following our classroom routines and being an example for others.
Antonia Z	Year 1	For trying your best at all tasks.
Joey Z	Year 3/4	Greek - Engaging positively in Greek classes; songs, writing and discussion.



### PA Family Picnic



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the PA Family Picnic Night! It was an absolute delight seeing such a fantastic turnout, and we're thrilled that everyone felt like part of our welcoming and loving community. Huge thanks to our sponsors and vendors—Manassis, Tennis Titans, Our Daily Bread, Ap' Ola Gr, Panagia Soumela, and our very own St. John's Dance group, for their generous support and contributions, which truly enhanced the event experience. We're already eagerly anticipating our next gathering and the opportunity to continue fostering this wonderful sense of community. A special thanks to our amazing Parents' Association for their time, dedication, and hard work. You all make our community shine brighter!

### Key Commencement Events and Dates

- 27th Feb 2024 - Whole School Information Evening
- 28th Feb 2024 - No School for Foundation Students
- 29th Feb 2024 - Years 11 and 12 Talk - 'Panagia and her choices' with Fr Leo
- 1st Mar 2024 - Year 5 & 6 Inter-School Sport
- 6th Mar 2024 - Junior School Assembly
- 7th Mar 2024 - Whole School Athletics Day
- 8th Mar 2024 - Year 5 & 6 Inter-School Sport
- 11th Mar 2024 - Labour Day Public Holiday - No School
- 14th Mar 2024 - Career Expo - Years 10 - 12

### SJC Whole School Athletics Carnival

Our annual Whole School Athletics Carnival is just around the corner! This year, it will be held on **Thursday 7th March 2024**. A friendly reminder to please complete the online permission form as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing all students dressed up in their house colours! Parents are welcome to attend.

