

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE BULLETIN

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"Every time you say: 'Lord, have mercy on my child,' he will receive from Christ a good thought... The more you Pray the more good thoughts your child will acquire." - Saint Porphyrios of Kavsokalyvia

From the Principal

Antipodes Festival

It is very difficult to describe, in detail, the atmosphere and pride experienced following my observations of a most successful Antipodes Festival. Let me, however, try!

- Our dancers have worked diligently for that moment, and it showed. I loved their costumes and so did an enthusiastic audience.
- Photos with our Prime Minister were a bonus – but they were the stars for me!
- Our Greek Band played with great competence and feel for their music – hard to believe this was their first public performance. Stunning!
- It never fails to impress me when students sing – wowing an audience of nearly 4,000. Daunting, although they showed no signs of this.
- Special congratulations. Alexandra and George! In 40+ years of education, I could count on one hand, the number of students I have seen do this with such poise.
- The pride, involvement and passion of staff who manned the SJC stall – it was commented on by several independent parties on how busy and friendly our stall seemed. We were busy talking to new families, current families, and a strong group of passionate alumni.
- To our wonderful families who came along in support, along with several Board members – I hope you enjoyed the efforts of our children as much as I did. Very proud!
- To those who worked to make this happen – Mrs Drougas, Mr Raspa, Mr Thanos (Dance) and Mr Krestas (Band). Warm congratulations and special thanks.

I was proud to be associated with SJC and there to witness a great two days.



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The Active Citizens Program - Year 7

The Active Citizens Program (ACP) focuses on students becoming "active" citizens and positively contributing to our community. Our lessons are primarily focused on how we can make small changes that in turn, make the world a better place. It is run with Year 7s once a week. This term, our topic is Environment and Living Things and one of the activities students participated in was, The Green Amazing Race. This involved students responding to multiple choice questions about the environment that were posted around the school. Another exciting event that took place was Clean Up Australia Day, where students walked to Ray Bramham Gardens, located next to our school, and enthusiastically picked up litter that the community left behind. It has been a positive start to ACP and Mrs Spanos is highly impressed with the eagerness and achievements of the Year 7 cohort this year!



Confirmed Calendar Dates

- 11th Mar 2024 - Labour Day Public Holiday - No School
- 13-25th Mar 2024 - NAPLAN
- 14th Mar 2024 - Career Expo - Years 10 - 12
- 14th Mar 2024 - Pi Day
- 15th Mar 2024 - Years 5 & 6 Interschool Sports
- 16th Mar 2024 - Fr Leo Student Confessions
- 20th Mar 2024 - Drumming/Marching Practice
- 21st Mar 2024 - Harmony Day
- 22nd Mar 2024 - Years 5 & 6 Interschool Sports
- 24th Mar 2024 - Commemorative Service & Wreath Laying
- 25th Mar 2024 - Greek Independence Day