

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE BULLETIN

Term Two, Issue Two, 2024

"Fathers and Mothers: Go and lead your Child by the hand into the Church." - Saint John Chrysostom

From The Principal

Rehearsal – Critical Incident Management – Evacuation
Please be advised that mid-way through Wednesday 1 May, our students from Foundation to Year 12 were involved in a critical incident rehearsal focusing on the safe evacuation of our buildings and related facilities.

These rehearsals play a vital role in ensuring the safety, health, and well-being of our students, staff and any visitors on site. I was impressed by the timely response and the way our students moved in a purposeful manner to the appointed area. If you have any specific questions or need further details, please contact the school.

ANZAC Day



Last Friday, our students gathered with reverence and gratitude, to honour the ANZACs during our morning Assembly. With solemnity, they laid a wreath and recited the Ode, paying tribute to the sacrifices made. The Qualities of service, courage, ingenuity, good humour and mateship were emphasised.



Ariston Program



Ariston Project Update: Maths Competition

St John's congratulates students Daniel B, Aathan K, Archer K, Zoe T, Andrew C, and Timothy W as they embarked on the University of Melbourne School Mathematics Competition this week. Run by staff at the Mathematics and Statistics Department of the University of Melbourne, this state-wide competition challenges students to adopt a more creative, problem-solving approach to Maths and expands their learning strategies beyond the regular curriculum. Well done to all the students involved, and we look forward to this being the first of several Maths initiatives in 2024. - Mrs Laura Wilcox - Ariston Coordinator

Psychology



In Psychology, any students can tell you that the brain is responsible for everything we think, feel and do. But what student has actually had the experience of seeing and touching this amazing organ? The Yr 11 Psychology class has! They were captivated as they headed to the science lab, put on their lab coats and safety goggles. They waited in anticipation with their scalpels at hand, ready for the brains to arrive.

Some students were excited, some anxiously nervous...but all enthralled at the experience of dissecting a brain. The smell, the goo, the nausea, all forgotten as they picked up their scalpels and explored what they had learnt about the brain...See for yourself!

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Easter Hat Parade - Junior School



Today our Junior School came together as a community with the focus on Orthodox Easter, highlighting faith, tradition, and culture. We were honoured to have Ged Kearney MP attend our Assembly to wish our students "Kalo Pascha" and a happy Easter. Our student class representatives spoke confidently about their Term 2 learning thus far. Finally, two of our Junior School students took the community on a journey through Holy Week with a special video. The Assembly concluded with a traditional Easter hat parade, which was a vibrant display of faith, Greek tradition and culture. Well done to all our students on their crafty creations! We take this opportunity to wish our students, parents, staff and the whole community a blessed Easter! Καλο Πασχα και Καλη Ανασταση!

Holy Week - Our Journey to Pascha

This week in Orthodoxy, our students have engaged in various activities discussing the importance of Holy Week in the Orthodox Christian calendar. They acknowledge that Pascha – Easter, is the 'Feast of Feasts' as it is the most important feast day in our Church. From completing various crafts, discussing icons that represent each day of Holy Week, to interpreting Gospel readings and in-depth relevant texts, all our students across the College can confidently speak about the importance of Holy Week and our upcoming Pascha celebrations.

On behalf of the Orthodoxy Team, I wish all who will celebrate Pascha on Sunday *Καλή Ανάσταση!* - May we have a Good Resurrection! May you feel the joy and promise of Pascha when you hold your lighted candle and chant *Χριστός Ανέστη* - Christ Is Risen.

Miss Krikelis
Head of Orthodoxy



Confirmed Calendar Dates

- 3rd May 2024 - Orthodox Good Friday - No School
- 4th May 2024 - Orthodox Holy Saturday
- 5th May 2024 - Greek Orthodox Pascha
- 6th May 2024 - Greek Orthodox Easter Monday – No School
- 7th - 10th May - GOAANSE - St Spyridon NSW
- 8th May 2024 - Year 5/6 Science Incursion
- 9th May 2024 - Mother's Day Stall - Junior School
- 10th May 2024 - Year 5/6 Interschool Sports - Soccer and Netball
- 10th May 2024 - Mother's Day Afternoon Tea & JS Event
- 11th May 2024 - St Cyril & St Methodius Feast Day - Preston Parish
- 12th May 2024 - Mother's Day
- 16th May 2024 - Whole School Divine Liturgy - Kourtessis Centre
- 17th May 2024 - Year 5/6 Interschool Sports - Soccer and Netball

HELLENIC WOMEN'S FEDERATION
OF VICTORIA
107, 111 EAST GLEN
PO BOX 100 MELBOURNE VIC 3001
PRESIDENT: EMILY CALIC - VICE PRESIDENT: JORNA NASTROU
It is with great pleasure that we invite you to celebrate
PROTOMAYIA - MAY DAY FESTIVAL
Date: Tuesday 11 May 2024
Time: 10am - 12pm
Place: Metropolitan Community Church, 107, 111 East Glen
Program:
- Prayers - singing hymns, covered bread and olive oil, an antiphonal
- Patriotic songs
- Competition for paper plates or 'Patriotic Plates' and 5000 tickets
- Refreshments to follow
Cost: Free entry
RSVP: For details ring Terrie Mavroukas 0488 191000 (0471 171 000)

Let's build an amazing Term 2 together!
VillageOSHC
VillageOSHC is creating an exciting new year of activities and experiences for all our children and staff.
This means for VillageOSHC Term 2 is Building Strong Foundations
Helping our children through a fun program consisting of group activities, arts, science, and sport games, healthy snacks and a special outdoor play area along with a special Easter day!
We look forward to welcoming you on our journey.
Enrol and Book for Term 2 at VillageOSHC.com.au

SAVE the DATE
for the
ST JOHN'S COLLEGE ANNUAL DINNER DANCE
SATURDAY JUNE 15th 2024
This is a night of fun!