Dear Parents

Yesterday afternoon the children in the Pre Primary to Year 6 classes were entertained, thanks to the generosity of the P&F, by the Kamboon Percussion duo. The children were invited to participate in numerous percussion patterns incorporating clicks, stamps and claps, etc. Items such as chairs and brooms were also used as instruments, culminating in an impressive drum display.

Yesterday morning students in Years 4, 5 and 6 attended a free Waste Education Programme workshop run by the City of Stirling. Students and staff were equally impressed by the content of the workshop and we hope to have students showing greater awareness of the recycling and waste aspects of resources around the school.

A very big thank you to our P&F Lapathon Organisers, Karen Wilsoncroft and Emma Taylor, for coordinating the Lapathon for Learning Logo competition. The children got right into the spirit of the theme and produced some fabulous entries. Our Student Councillors took their judging responsibilities very seriously and also enjoyed the importance of their role. Congratulations to the overall winner Anica Alo from Year 4.

Today we were informed by the Catholic Schools Performing Arts Committee that Imogen Sartorello has been awarded the Shield in the Instrumental Solo Primary School Section for her outstanding cello playing. Imogen was one of three primary student instrumentalists selected to attend a ‘play off’ performance last Friday evening which, due to her amazing aptitude for ‘phrasing’, she won! Hearty congratulations, Imogen.

You may have noticed staff wearing bright orange vests whilst on duty recently. These vests have been added to our Recess Duty repertoire to ensure students can readily locate us if there is a need during their play time. There is a pocket for our red, emergency card that we send up to the office for staff support if a child is suspected as being in need of medical help… This was previously kept in our little First Aid bags we keep close at hand while on duty.

St John’s School will be trialling a change to bell times in Term 4, 2017 where school commences at 8:40am, lunch is put back to between 1:05 and 1:40pm and school concludes at 3:05. We would appreciate your support in this trial by endeavouring to have your children at school on time to commence the day and we look forward to receiving your feedback on the changes towards the end of next term.

Regards

Mary Bizzaca
Principal

Prayer for the Athletics Carnival

God of joyful blessings,
We pray that our Athletics Carnival will be a time of celebration for our school community as we share our skills, efforts and enthusiasm, working together in our teams for the benefit and joy of the whole community.

Bless the teachers and parents who are giving so generously of their time to help make the carnival a wonderful day.

We pray in gratitude for our Guild Captains and Student Leaders who will be working hard to encourage team spirit and sportsmanship.

May we all continue to grow together in a spirit of joy and love.

Amen

Newsletter Attachments (Electronic version only):
• St John’s Guild Program—7 September 2017
School News

Absence SMS Messages
Beginning today, we have started sending out SMS notifications to parents regarding students being absent. If your child is not at school and the school has not been contacted about the absence, you will receive an SMS. This is an accountability requirement for the school and is an important part of our attendance procedures. Please call the school office before 9:30am if your child is absent to avoid receiving an SMS. It is a requirement to follow up an absence with a written note or email to the teacher explaining the absence. Please come and talk to the admin staff if you have any questions about this.

Kaboom Percussion
On Monday the students from Pre-primary to Year 6 were treated to the amazing percussion and rhythmic sounds of Kaboom Percussion. Cat and Josh (from Kaboom) took the students on a musical adventure showing us that you don’t need a lot of instruments to make a good piece of music. With songs composed for Cups, Brooms, Chairs, Egg shakers and Body percussion, students were able to get involved with every piece of music. Joe (in Year 5) even had the opportunity to try his hand at acting. Students helped Cat and Josh compose a piece of body percussion and the day’s performance ended in a drumming piece testing Josh and Cat’s speed abilities, with bets on who would drop the first drumstick (poor Cat!!).

Students had the following comment to make:
“It was great because they did lots of tricks” – William (PP)
“Really good music and really good tricks” – Molly (Yr 2)
“They had really good tricks and I thought the performance was skilful and interesting” – Chase (Yr 5)

Today’s performance will inspire many creative compositions in the music classroom and I am sure inspire our own drum students to continue to develop their skills and playing. A few things we all learnt from Cat and Josh is that a little bit of hard work can go a long way; that music can be interesting and creative, with a few party tricks; and that you don’t need to own an instrument to make music.

A big musical thank you to the P & F for funding Monday’s valuable incursion.

Waste Education Talks
Cara from Tamala Park Waste Management came to the school yesterday to speak to the students from Year 4, 5 and 6 about recycling. Cara brought in many examples of recycled goods and explained how the recycling system works in the City of Stirling. All students received a pack with recycling ideas, a pen and a highlighter.

All students enjoyed this valuable learning experience.

“On Monday the 4th of September, Cara came to our school to teach us about where rubbish goes and ends. We all got a bag with an activity sheet, highlighters, pen and information brochures.” Thomas Hunt, Yr 5

Happy Birthday
Sept 7 Bella Zimbulis Yr 6
8 Jackson Paynter Yr 3
10 Jed Harper Kindy
10 Grace McKenna Kindy
10 Cooper Howard Yr 5

Guild Athletics Carnival
PP - Year 6
Abbett Park
Thursday 7 September
The Guild Athletics Program is attached to this week’s newsletter.

Children will walk to the venue with their class teachers. Children should have lunch, snacks, drinks and their school hat in their bag.

Asthmatics should bring their own puffer in their bag. Sunscreen should be applied prior to leaving home. Teachers will have sunscreen in the tent areas. Please remind your child to reapply sunscreen at morning tea and lunchtime.

Children may leave with parents at the conclusion of the carnival. Please let your child’s teacher know if you intend to do this otherwise they will walk back to school with their teacher and can be collected at the usual time.

Parent help is required for the set up and running of the carnival. If you are available to assist in any way please let Mrs Washer know. Set up starts at 7.30am. Carnival starts at 9.45am.

Interschool Athletics Carnival
Year 3-6 Squad
WA Athletics Stadium
Monday 18 September

Term 4 In-term Swimming at State Swim
The In-term State Swim forms need to be completed and returned to school by the end of week 9 – Friday 15th September.
Our school has been selected to participate in the Amart Community Kickbacks Program. Under this program, the school can earn 5% of your purchases at Amart Sports as in-store credit to spend on our school sports programs.

All you need to do is join Team Amart, select our school from the list of participating groups and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Amart Sports. You’ll receive access to great member prices and other benefits and the school will receive a 5% credit from everything you spend. Our nearest store is:

AMART SPORTS INNALOO (next door to Toys r Us)
401 Scarborough Beach Road
Innaloo
**VACSWIM SWIMMING LESSONS**

Enrol your children now in VacSwim swimming lessons during the October and December/January school holidays.

With swimming pools and beaches a part of the Western Australian lifestyle, ensuring your children can swim competently and safely is a must for all families.

Your children can join in the fun of learning to swim in lessons conducted at pools and open water venues across the State. VacSwim is for all children - from beginners through to advanced survival, rescue and resuscitation.

Your children can learn to swim for just:
- $7.00 per child for a five day short program
- $13.00 per child for all other programs.

It's even cheaper if you have three or more children:
- $18.00 a family for a five day short program
- $35.00 a family for all other programs.

To find out more about VacSwim and to enrol online please visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming

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**Mums Raising Boys** (up to 12 years)

This workshop will discuss:
- The importance of the mother-son relationship:
- What boys need from their mums:
- Practical ways to improve & maintain a positive and rewarding relationship.

Date: Wednesday 13 September 2017
Time: 6.30pm to 9.00pm
Where: Lotteries House, 7/70 Davidson Tce, Joondalup

Bookings are essential – please phone 6164 0200 to enrol