Welcome
Welcome to 2017 at St John the Apostle! Welcome back to many students and families. Welcome also to our new families. It’s lovely that you’ve become part of the story of St John’s and thank you for choosing St John’s to be a part of your family’s story.

Thank you everyone for your kind and generous welcome to the community. I have had the privilege of having three of my four children learn at St John’s (they are now very happily learning at St Francis Xavier College) and it is an absolute pleasure to be Acting Principal during 2017 while Mr Matthew Egan Richards is leading St Claire of Assisi Primary School in Conder. While I have been a parent at St John’s it is now a very different position to be a leader and member of staff. It is an honour to help St John the Apostle to continue to grow as a provider of a well-rounded, aspirational and 21st century education for all of its students.

Welcome to our new staff members, Mrs Rebecca Stevenson, Mr Andrew Aifantis and Miss Ellen Fletcher. They have been embraced by the students in their classes and I am very glad to be working alongside such positive and affirming teachers. In fact, I have been deeply impressed by the commitment and dedication of the entire staff to the learning and welfare of every student entrusted to our team.

Theme for 2017: Come and See
Our school theme for this year comes from a passage in John’s Gospel (1: 38-39) that tells the story of a crowd following Jesus. One of the crowd asks “Rabbi, where are you staying?” and Jesus responds “Come and you will see.” I am particularly touched by Jesus’ invitation in this scripture passage to simply meet him. That’s all we are asked to consider. Last week Mrs Stephanie Stewart and Fr Gerard prepared for and led the entire staff in a Reflection Day based on this passage and we look forward to developing this theme further over the course of the year.

Temporary teaching arrangements for Year 6
We also welcome Mr Angus Karo who is sharing the teaching responsibility of 6 Maroon with Mr Anthony Ganley for the first three weeks of this term. Mrs Lyn Griffiths has taken leave to support and care for her family while her young granddaughter receives intensive treatment for a brain tumour that was discovered suddenly during the school holidays. We look forward to Mrs Griffiths’ return to our community and more so we hold her whole family in our prayers during this time.
Parent Information Night & BBQ
I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the Parent Information Night & BBQ next Thursday evening from 5.30pm. As in past years we will begin in the hall where I can introduce myself to you and also share with you the whole school focus for teaching and learning this year. We will then move to classrooms for short sessions with classroom teaching teams. We will run all classroom sessions twice for those who have siblings. Following this, families are welcome to stay for a BBQ and the opportunity to meet or catch up with other families.

Staffing news
We are currently in the process of selecting a new Finance Officer. Mrs Sharon Cardone resigned from her position during the school holidays to take up a new opportunity. The position has been advertised and should be filled in the coming two weeks. Thank you for your patience regarding fees and payments as we operate with basic finance support from generous Catholic Education officers who are also supporting other schools during this time.

We are also in the process of employing a new Chaplain. Many of our students and families loved working with Mrs Moira Sutch over the last few years and will miss her warmth and care. We look forward to announcing the new Chaplain soon.

After one week I am definitely on my way to achieving my goal of learning everyone’s names. The children have been helping me enormously. They are just friendly and beautiful!

Matthew Garton
Principal (Acting)

CATHOLIC LIFE & REFLECTION

“Rabbi, where are you staying?”
He said to them, “Come and see”. John 1:38-39

A dear friend read this scripture during a meeting last year. It spoke to me. I had a post-it-note on it for quite a while and would be drawn back to it. It was the idea of invitation, an invitation to be in relationship with Jesus, not forced or demanded, but invited.

And so the journey of our 2017 theme began.
This year our aim is to transform our understanding of God’s constant invitation to relationship. We will explore this through the lens of John’s gospel with a view to deepen our understanding of and connection to the person of John as our school’s namesake.

St John the Apostle is patron saint of friendship, love, loyalty and authors. We will be exploring each of these with the children over the coming year. Term One will focus on friendship.

The background to this year’s artwork was created in a local support group for people living with Parkinsons Disease. Painting with Parkinsons is just one of the programs offered by Parkinson’s ACT; a volunteer self-help organisation who provide information, support and activities for those living with Parkinson’s, and their carers.

For more information on Parkinson’s ACT call 6290 1984 or visit http://www.parkinsonsact.org.au/

Many blessings to you all,

Ps. This year, not only did the days of summer blend blissfully together but I really did lose my watch!

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

Multicultural Carnivale Fete

Raffle Tickets

Please return all raffle tickets (sold or unsold) and money to school by Friday 10 February.

Community Council News

The Community Council AGM for 2017 will be held on Monday 13 February. ALL parents are invited to attend this meeting. Positions will be filled at this meeting, including Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Parents who wish to nominate for a position, or enquire about more information, can do so by writing to the Council on: CommunityCouncil.sjaps@cg.catholic.edu.au.
Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival will be held on Monday 20 February at CISAC Aquatic Centre for Years 2-6. A note with full details will be sent home early next week. The day requires many helpers. A current Working with Vulnerable People card is required. If you can assist please fill in the form and return to school, you will be contacted before the carnival to advise you of your job/s for the day.

Class Awards

Presented at Assembly next Monday, 2.00pm

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Weekly Notes & Forms

The following notes have gone home this week and are currently on the [school website](#) or as an e-form on Skoolbag.
- First Day Byte
- Fees – CE Systemic Discount
- Change of Details
- Yr 6 Camp Notes
- Year 6 Leadership Shirts
- Mufti Day
- Fete Order Form

Dates to Remember

- 6, 7, 8 Feb - Year 6 Camp
- 8 Feb - Kindergarten rest day + assessments
- 9 Feb – Parent Information Night & BBQ, 5.30pm
- 10 Feb – Mufti-Day for School Fete
- 13 Feb – Community Council AGM, 6.00pm
- 15 Feb – School Photos (Years 1 – 6)
- 15 Feb – Kindergarten rest day + assessments
- 16 Feb – Opening Mass, 11.00am
- 17 Feb – Multicultural Carnevale Fete, 4.00pm

Student Banking

Student banking is every Tuesday. Bank books will be sent to the front office for processing. The books will be returned to students within a few days.

Tuckshop News

We are in need of volunteers for our Tuckshop. The tuckshop operates Tuesday-Friday. If you are able to help please contact the front office. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Happy Birthday...

Happy Birthday to Axel R, Elijah R, Mackenzie O, Erin T, Emily S, Alicia M and Genelson K who all had birthdays during the last week.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

MUFTI DAY!

FRIDAY

10 February 2017

We’re having a **UNIFORM FREE DAY** in exchange for the children bringing in a donation to help fill our hampers for the Fete.

*Each grade has been allocated a theme and the new donated items will be used to make extra large hampers, which are raffled on Fete day.*

Two year levels are asked to donate items to assist other stalls throughout the fete (please see over).

***If you would like to donate a baby bath, large basket, pet bed, large plastic box or other container for holding the goodies we’d be very grateful***

This is a fun stall to be working on so if you think you might be able to assist me to sell tickets on the day or have any other contributions please don’t hesitate to call me or register at

[http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054dabaf2aa6f94-volunteers](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054dabaf2aa6f94-volunteers)

Thank you for your continued support of Fete 2017

Catherine Braybon  0408 983 725

P.S. Students should wear sensible clothing and shoes!
**Suggested items for each hamper and grade level.**

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<td>Babies and Toddlers</td>
<td>Bottles, bibs, toys, singlets, bunny rugs, rattles, clothes, nappies, powder, wipes, dummies, food containers, bath-wash, wraps.</td>
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<td>Boys and Girls Lucky Dip And Chocolate Toss</td>
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<td>Kids Treasures</td>
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<td>Chef's Pot</td>
<td>Pots/pans/trays, bowls, cooking spray, utensils, patty cases, packet mixes, pot holders, cookie cutters, recipe books, measuring cups/spoons, tea towels.</td>
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<td>Year 5</td>
<td>Pamper Yourself</td>
<td>Chocolates, gourmet nuts/biscuits, wine, stationery, bath bombs, soap, gourmet foods/sauces, boxed glasses, magazines, CDs/DVDs, yummy non perishables.</td>
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<td>Year 6</td>
<td>Bags of Jelly Lollies And Chocolate Toss</td>
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Fete Four – Your child can get a sausage sizzle, drink, lucky dip and face paint or hair spray without having to carry around any money!

Ride Wristband – Enjoy unlimited rides on the storm ride, teacups, giant slide and jumping castles!

Cow Pat Bingo – Purchase a square (or several!) for a 1 in 100 chance to win $250!

Please return order and payment by Wednesday February 15 2017

- Prepaid fete fours and ride wristbands may be collected from the canteen during the fete.
- Cow pat bingo draw will also be displayed near the canteen.
- Ride wristbands purchased on the day will be $30 each or $5 per ride.

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Parish News

Parish Assembly
The Heart of our Parish

12 February 2017
11:00am – 1:00pm

Program

- Coffee
- Welcome & Prayer
- The challenge of transition
- Developing a pastoral focus for 2017
- Conversation on Discipleship & Mission
- Concluding with a sausage sizzle

Parish Centre

Child minding will be available

All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend the assembly.
Belwest Foxes Soccer Club, located in Latham, will be holding an Information Day for all those interested in playing the “World” game. The Information Day will be on Saturday, 4 February, from 10am – 2pm at Belwest’s home grounds behind the Latham Primary School off Macrossan Crescent.

If you would like further information before the day please do not hesitate to contact one of the Registrar’s for your particular age group or better still come on down on Saturday and have a chat and meet some of the Belwest Committee.

Who can you contact for further information?

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Belwest Foxes Committee