

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE BULLETIN

Term Two, Issue Five, 2024

"When your children are still small, you have to help them understand what is good. That is the deepest meaning of life."- Saint Paisios the Athonite

Child Safety

SCHOOL GATES OPEN AT 8:20AM & CLOSE AT 3:25PM

In the interest of student safety and welfare, parents are reminded that staff supervise the school grounds from 8:20am in the morning and until 3:25pm each afternoon. We thank you for your co-operation in ensuring that the school grounds are vacated outside these times, unless directly supervised in our OSHC program or one of the nominated outside of school hours activities, such as sport or dancing/music.



Year 7 and 8 Orthodoxy Excursion

Last week our Years 7 and 8 students attended an Orthodoxy Excursion to the Parish of The Presentation of Our Lord in Coburg. Our College Chaplain, Reverend Father Leonidas Ioannou, provided our students with an extensive tour and presentation of the Parish, enlightening our students on various aspects of the Orthodox Christian Faith.

From our arrival, our students were immersed in a discussion about the architecture of the church building and how one conducts themselves upon entering the church. It was followed by an intensive discussion of the iconography displayed on the church walls, including the stories and themes presented in the icons. Reverend Father Leonidas focussed on the way Panagia is represented in various icons to our students.

The students viewed liturgical items that are used in the services of our Church and their meaning and symbolism. The vestments worn by the clergy were also presented individually and explained in detail.

It was truly an engaging hands-on experience for our students learning about our Orthodox Christian faith. We thank Reverend Father Leonidas Ioannou for providing our students with such a fruitful, enriching and rewarding presentation.

Miss Krikelis - Head of Orthodoxy

From the College Chaplain - Fr Leo

"A great influence is exercised on the child by frequently taking him to Church, by having him kiss the Holy Cross, the Gospel, the Icons, and by covering him with the veils. Likewise, at home frequently placing him under the Icons, frequently signing him with the Sign of the Cross, sprinkling him with Holy Water, the burning of incense, making the Sign of the Cross over his cradle, his food, and everything connected with him, the Blessing of a Priest, the bringing into the house of Icons from Church – the Service of Supplication – and in general everything from the Church, in a wondrous way warms and nourished the life of Grace in the child and is always the most safe and impenetrable protection against the attacks of the invisible dark powers who everywhere are ready to penetrate into the developing Soul so as to infect it by their activity."

Saint Theophan the Recluse

2026 Enrolments Close 14th August 2024



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Year 8 Boys Interschool Sports - Soccer



Whole School Pyjama Day



On Friday the 21st of June 2024 the Orthodoxy Team is hosting a Pyjama Day fundraiser! All students from Foundation to Year 12 can come to school dressed in their pyjamas, oodie or onesie! For the Pyjama Day fundraiser, our students will be raising money for 'Our Daily Bread' to purchase much needed winter essentials for those in need in our community. All students who will be participating, are asked to bring a Gold Coin Donation on the day.

Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the week for students to have the chance to win an awesome hamper valued at over \$80. Raffle tickets cost \$1 for one ticket or \$2 for three tickets. The raffle will be drawn at our Monday Morning Assembly on the 24th of June.

On Friday 31st May, the Year 8 boys soccer team, participated in the Interschool Sports Soccer Tournament, which was held at John Cain Reserve. The boys displayed remarkable resilience and teamwork, despite being undermanned and playing one man down in all their matches, which was led by their Captain Konstantine. The boys showed great fight and determination, which exemplified the true spirit of St John's.

The game saw St John's play against Northcote, who eventually won the pool. They were a formidable and well organised side and despite our best efforts, one man down, we could not break through their defence. Northcote were the victors 3-0. The second game was a nail biter, player against Thornbury, which saw Christos L make a sensational darting run down the left wing and volleyed an absolute ripper to nearly secure the win for St John's. Thornbury capitalised on a deflection, eventually running out winners, 2-1.

The final game against Lalor North, was a showcase of St Johns' potential and teamwork. Dominating the field, St Johns emerged victorious with a staggering 7-0, with George C scoring a wonderful hattrick.

Despite the challenges of playing with one man down throughout the tournament, the boys demonstrated commendable spirit and perseverance. Their ability to fight hard and support each other in every game is a testament to their character and dedication. The team's performance, especially in the final game, highlights their potential and sets a strong foundation for future tournaments.

The team consisted of Xavier S, Timothy W, Emmanuel G, Danny E, Christos L, George C, Konstantine P (Captain), Andreas X, Jonathan V, Dimitrios X. (Could not attend – Richard B, Joseph T, William K) Well done boys!

Special Thanks to Paul M for helping out during the day.

Mr. Stefanos Chrisoulis

Upcoming Events



Historic Apostolic Visit of HIS ALL-HOLINESS ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW to Australia
OCTOBER 4 - OCTOBER 19, 2024

SYDNEY Friday 4 October Arrival Sydney International Airport Saturday 5 October Official Welcoming Reception Cathedral of the Annunciation 11 Our Lady, 242 Cleveland St, Redfern Sunday 6 October Patriarchal Divine Liturgy ICC - Sydney Theatre 14 Darling Drive, Sydney	MELBOURNE Saturday 12 October Arrival at Tullamarine Airport, Melbourne Sunday 13 October Patriarchal Divine Liturgy Margaret Court Arena Clydesdale Drive, Melbourne Monday 14 October National Parade 844 Ardena 200 Barmen Ave, Melbourne Tuesday 15 October Official Dinner Centennial at Melbourne Park 14 Olympic Blvd, Melbourne
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SAVE THE DATES



Winter Wonderland a Family Fun Night
activities | soft play | jumping castle | floor games | food & drink
MON 15TH JULY 2024 3:30PM - 6:30PM
At: The Coburg on Victoria
23-29 Victoria Street, Coburg 3058
\$15 per person
For all bookings please contact:
Janine 0457 800 233
Dimitria 0458 539 609

Confirmed Calendar Dates

- 15th June 2024 - Parents' Association Annual Dinner Dance
- 18th June 2024 - General Achievement Test (GAT)
- 19th June 2024 - Year 3 & 4 ACMI Stop Motion Excursion
- 19th June 2024 - Interschool Debating Round 4
- 20th June 2024 - Foundation - Year 2 Kew Traffic School Excursion
- 21st June 2024 - Whole School Pyjama Day
- 26th June 2024 - VCE Unit 1 & Unit 3 Trial Exam Week
- 26th June 2024 - Year 10 Work Experience
- 26th June 2024 - Year 7 Soccer
- 27th June 2024 - Junior School Multicultural Assembly
- 27th June 2024 - Last Day of School for students