

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE BULLETIN

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"There is no better way to teach a child Christianity than to live it truly and from the heart. You cannot teach what you do not live." - Saint Silouan the Athonite

From the Principal

Over the last two weeks, SJC has undertaken over 20 extra-curricular activities. This edition of the Newsletter is dedicated to celebrating some of the standout highlights from these initiatives. I warmly commend our staff and community on their significant efforts to create a program that engages, challenges and makes life at school fun and interesting.

Well done everyone!

STEM Week



After last year's success, STEM Week returned this August, bigger and better than ever! Excitement filled the air as students, teachers, and parents celebrated the wonders of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The week featured a variety of activities and challenges across all math, science, and digital technology classes, with junior and senior students collaborating on experiments in an inspiring environment.

Highlights included a captivating live Science Show, a visit from the Spiral Potato food truck, and a flight simulator for aspiring aviators. The chess tournament saw Adam S win for the Senior School and Evangelos P for the Junior School. In the Mintie Wrapper competition, Eirini N and Evangelos P impressed, with lengths of 1.1m and 1.2m. Tyhia K amazed everyone by reciting Pi to 122 digits, while Noel H recited 100.

Sebastian M solved the Rubik's cube in an impressive 58 seconds, while Dimitri T set a record with a time of 32 seconds. Olivia M won the 'Take the Cake' competition, and Lefteri L guessed the correct number of jelly beans in the jar.

STEM Week 2024 was a celebration of innovation, creativity, and the limitless possibilities of STEM. Thanks to our dedicated staff, we're already excited for next year!

Laila Sarraf

[View our STEM Week Photos and Video here](#)

Green and Gold Day



TODAY WE HAD A MOMENT TO SHARE, JUNIOR & SENIOR TOO. SCHOOL WAS BRIGHT AS WE SHARED OUR PRIDE, AUSSIES AS WE DO.

AS WE CELEBRATE OUR OLYMPIANS AND THEIR PARIS EFFORTS RIGHT NOW, JUMPING, RUNNING, SWIMMING & MORE - THEY ARE AMAZING - WOW!

WE ALL DRESSED UP IN GREEN & GOLD AND OUR VOICES WERE TRULY LOUD AS AUSTRALIANS, WE BAND TOGETHER @ St JOHN'S WE ARE PROUD.

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Year 9 and Year 10 Camp

The three days at The Summit were unforgettable and packed with diverse experiences. We kicked things off in the Stadium with the Five Keys: "Have Fun", "Play All In", "Make Mistakes, Get Comfortable Being Uncomfortable", and "Don't Go Home Wondering What If", and completing activities like Screaming Goats and Gecko.

Wednesday's Snowy River Challenge saw Despoina bravely fall into the water, with Archer stepping in to help, followed by tightrope walking and a thrilling Highwire session. The communication was fantastic, and California Girls never sounded so good coming out of the Wombat Hole. Thursday started with a chat about intentions and challenging fears at Summit Window, with Despoina, Zahara, and Mr. Edge showing outstanding commitment.

We then ventured to the Cave, and California Girls got more of a workout, this time from Tyhia, who was one of our braver explorers. Zoe let it slip that she gets comfort in seeing others go before her, which instantly meant she is first up on the next challenge! And own it she did, on Leap of Faith, being one of two that made it all the way upside down.

Next was the Laser Skirmish with Aathan leading a fierce battle and cementing his future as a motivational speaker, finding ease in yelling at everyone to either cover him or to "STAND UP SO I CAN SHOOT YOU!" The Monster Course brought everyone together, with Gigi, Tyhia, Nick, Daniel, and Aathan driving the energy. The camp concluded with Clap Ball, Orienteering, and a ride in a WW2 Army Tank for Archer, our Values winner. Huge thanks to all involved for making the camp extraordinary!

Ms Natanya Thrift



Grandparent's Day

Yesterday was filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories, as we welcomed our wonderful Grandparents to celebrate their special day with us. Our Junior School students were thrilled to show off their classrooms, share stories, and work on fun activities with their loved ones.

Thank you to all the grandparents who joined us and made this day unforgettable! Your wisdom, warmth, and endless love are truly inspiring. Happy Grandparent's Day!




FATHER'S & Pappou's DAY STALL
FRIDAY AUGUST 30TH
Prep - Year 12 in the Junior School Library
Bring Cash in a Zip Lock Bag!

Spring into Term 3 with VillageOSHC!

Book online at VillageOSHC.com.au | Book 24 hours in advance for the best price!

We're inviting children of all ages to spring into a fantastic Outside School Hours Care service with VillageOSHC!

Join us in Term 3 as we head outside and get active for the spring, eat delicious healthy snacks, and make new lasting friendships over the term!

Check out these wonderful photo examples of the creative work children do in our service every day!

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Spring into action! Enrol and Book at VillageOSHC.com.au today!



Confirmed Calendar Dates

- 27 AUG 2024 - Year 8 Basketball
- 28 AUG 2024 - Year 11 History Excursion
- 29 AUG 2024 - Feast Day of St John the Baptist
- 29 AUG 2024 - Exam Success Strategies
- 30 AUG 2024 - Father's Day Brekkie & Stall
- 03 SEP 2024 - Year 11 PE Excursion