

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE BULLETIN

Term Four, Issue Three, 2024

"Keep in mind that you must always be setting an example through your moral life and your actions." - Saint Anthony the Great

Year 5/6 Camp - Canberra

5 days we were away on camp, with many sights to see. Canberra was our destination, in Australia's Capital Territory. We made links to our learning in government, federation and more, Parliament, Anzac Parade and Government House, where we sat on a very plush floor!

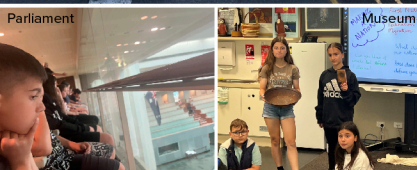
Surprise activities at nighttime and daily early starts, We fed our curiosity at Questacon, where we each got to show our smarts.

The AIS was impressive and "Sporty-Spices" we'd be, we wish we could swim and saw athletes in the gym, but in Parliament we missed Mr Albanese.

A memorable experience for both young and old, our 2024 trip will be, and none of it possible without the hard work and planning of Mrs Watson and Mr E.

Of course our helpful parents, Demetra and George added to the team, new friends and sights, with independence developing, our Canberra trip was a dream!

Students in Year 5/6 have recently undertaken an education tour of Canberra our national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage, and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding to our school in the amount of \$45 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



Parents Association

During our recent Parent Association meeting, we collectively decided to allocate funds to several school departments. The following funding amounts have been communicated to the respective areas:

Music Department: \$3,000 **Greek Department: \$2,000**
Science Department: \$1,000 **Sports Department: \$1,000**

We are currently awaiting confirmation from these departments regarding their planned purchases. Once details are provided, we will either process payments directly or coordinate reimbursements through the school. In addition to these allocations, we have already funded the following for this year:

GOAANSE Sports uniforms | Gaga pit | Maths trolleys

As part of our financial planning, any remaining funds at the end of the year will be contributed back to the school.

Congratulations and best wishes to:

President - Maria Psarrakos **Vice President** - Klea Lianos-McEwen
Secretary - Stefanie Belajin **Vice Secretary** - Sonia Karamzalis
Treasurer - Gloria Semaan **Vice Treasurer** - Toula Mylovianos

on accepting these key positions for 2025.

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Tzanidakis Folklore Group Visits SJC

St John's College had the privilege of hosting the Tzanidakis Folklore Group, who graced us with an inspiring performance of Cretan and Greek dances. The group, visiting Australia as part of events commemorating the 158th anniversary of the Holocaust of the Arkadi Monastery, brought history to life through their passionate movements and traditional rhythms.

Our Senior students were privileged to engage in a dance workshop led by the talented members of the group. This hands-on experience deepened their appreciation of Hellenic heritage and provided them with unforgettable cultural insights. For our Year 10 students, this event marked a memorable celebration of their last day of formal classes, blending joy, tradition, and learning in a unique and vibrant way.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Tzanidakis Folklore Group for their dedication to preserving and sharing our rich Greek heritage. A big thank you also to Tony Tsourdalakis, former President of the Pancretan Association of Melbourne for his support in this initiative. Their visit reminded us all of the power of dance and culture in connecting past and present generations, reinforcing our community spirit and pride.



Year 11 - National Vietnam Veterans Museum

Year 11 History students recently had an enriching experience visiting the National Vietnam Veterans Museum on Phillip Island. The excursion provided students with an in-depth look at Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War through compelling firsthand accounts, historical artefacts, and interactive displays. Students explored exhibits featuring military equipment, personal items, and the holographic light and sound show, gaining a deeper understanding of the impact of the conflict on both soldiers and civilians. This visit enhanced their learning, bringing classroom discussions about the Cold War era to life and highlighting the enduring legacy of veterans in shaping Australia's history.



Confirmed Calendar Dates

- 27 NOV 2024 - Years 10 and 11 Head Start Week
- 28 NOV 2024 - Foundation Zoo Excursion
- 28 NOV 2024 - Junior School Assembly
- 29 NOV 2024 - Last Day Of School for Years 10 and 11
- 29 NOV 2024 - Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
- 29 NOV 2024 - Year 6 Excursion
- 29 NOV 2024 - Year 6 Graduation Dinner
- 2 - 6 DEC 2024 - Year 9 Explore Week
- 2 DEC 2024 - Awards Ceremony
- 2 DEC 2024 - Years 7-9 Luna Park Excursion
- 3 DEC 2024 - Junior School Level Up Day
- 3 DEC 2024 - Year 7 Transition Day
- 5 DEC 2024 - Junior School Assembly
- 5 DEC 2024 - Junior School Christmastraveganza
- 6 DEC 2024 - Last Day Of School for Foundation - Year 9
- 6 DEC 2024 - Senior School Formal



Save the Date
Carols By Candlelight
and Christmas Market
Sunday 15th December 2024
from 5:30pm
Presented by
GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA ST JOHN'S COLLEGE PRESTON



JS
CHRISTMAS STRAVEGANZA
Thursday 5 December
3:30 - 5:00pm
@ JS Soccer Pitch
BYO:
• Picnic blanket
• Snack, nibbles & drinks
• Christmas-fashion
• Your signing voice
RSVP by
Friday 29 November
<https://forms.office.com/r/Qjv1KDZBtw>



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE
CHRISTMAS APPEAL
Non-Perishable Food Items
Brand New Unwrapped Toys
All donations can be placed under the Christmas tree in the Senior School Resource Centre.
Last day to deliver donations:
Monday 2 December 2024
All donations will be delivered to 'Our Daily Bread' for distribution.
"It is more blessed to give than to receive" Acts 20:35