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St Patrick's Prayer

*As I arise today,
may the strength of God direct me,
the power of God uphold me,
the wisdom of God guide me.
the way of God lie before me.*

*May Christ shield me today,
Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,*

*Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit,
Christ when I stand.*

*Christ in the heart of
everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of
everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.*

Amen



Attributed to St Patrick

Dear Parents,
Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne will be celebrating Catholic Education Week this week. Thursday 17th March is the feast of St Patrick, patron saint of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. St Patrick was born in Roman Britain around the end of the fourth century. He was a missionary bishop in Ireland and worked to evangelise and to educate local chieftains and their families. He is remembered for his simplicity and pastoral care, for his humble trust in God, and for his fearless preaching of the gospel. Patrick is specially honoured in Australia because of the many Irish people who settled here and brought their faith and love of God with them.

**2023 Prep
Enrolments
Now Open**

**ENROLMENTS FOR PREPS 2023 ARE NOW OPEN.
IF YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO TURNS 5 YEARS OLD
BEFORE 30th APRIL 2023, IT'S TIME TO ENROL.
PLEASE LET YOUR NEIGHBOURS, FRIENDS AND RELATIVES
KNOW THAT OUR ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN.
Enrolment packs are available from the school office.**

Have Courage, Be Calm, and Trust in God

As the term is drawing to a close there are a number of events and activities which are planned.

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| 1. Thursday 24 th March | -School Photographs |
| 2. Saturday 26 th & Sunday 27 th March | - Presentation Masses for Sacraments. |
| 3. Monday 28 th March 7pm | -Parent Association Annual General Meeting |
| 4. Wednesday 30 th March 6.30pm | -First Reconciliation |
| 5. Monday 4 th April | - St. John XXIII School Sports Carnival |
| 6. Tuesday 5 th April | - District Athletics Carnival |
| 7. Wednesday 6 th April | - Casual Clothes Day & Raffle Draw |
| 8. Friday 8 th April 1pm finish | -Last Day of Term 1 |

More information to follow about all events.

Kind regards

Frank Vetrone
PRINCIPAL

VICTORIA STATE GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND

If you hold a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, you are eligible to apply for a one-off payment of **\$125** per child to be used towards your child's camp, sports and/or excursion expenses. Application forms for CSEF are available from the Office. A copy of your card is required. Applicants must hold:

- A current Health Care Card or Pensioner's Card as of 31st January 2022.
- The card must be in the name of the Parent, **NOT THE CHILD**.
- It is a one-off payment of \$125 per child for excursion, camps, and sport.

[If you have a current health care card or pension card, please see the Principal to obtain a significant reduction on your school fees and levies.](#)

SPORTS UNIFORM (next week only)

Children are to wear their sports uniform on the following days next week

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| MONDAY | - Year 1/2 |
| TUESDAY | - Year Prep & Year 5/6 |
| WEDNESDAY | - Year Prep & Year 3/4 |
| THURSDAY | - All students are to wear summer school uniform for School Photos. |
| FRIDAY | - Year 5/6 & Year 3/4 |

Summer School Uniform

SUMMER UNIFORM	
BOYS	GIRLS
Tailored green gabardine shorts	School dress with bottle green bloomers OR tailored green gabardine shorts
Yellow short sleeved polo top	Yellow short sleeved polo top
White ankle socks and black shoes	White ankle socks and black shoes

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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents' Association is a very active and vital part of our school. Every parent is a member because the Association exists because it assists the children of St. John XXIII that is YOUR CHILD. Over the years, the Parents' Association has raised money for a number of projects around the school, which directly benefits your child. Therefore, I urge as many parents as possible to attend the Parents' Association AGM on **Monday 28th March at 7.00pm**. If you cannot make the meeting, consider nominating yourself. Nomination forms will be available soon on Operoo. You may nominate as many people as you like on the one form. Please let them know that you are nominating them.

WE NEED YOU AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We need all your support and assistance to ensure that we have a strong Parents' Association. We have a very dedicated, hardworking and committed team but more members are needed. Through its fundraising, school fees have been able to be kept at the level you are paying at the moment. The Nomination form for the Executive Committee and Sub-Committees will be available soon on Operoo. All parents are encouraged to attend.

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Easter Chocolate Drive



To all the families & friends of St John XXIII Primary School.

It's almost that time of year again when the Easter Bunny does his rounds, delivering sweet treats!

It's also the time when we hold our **annual Easter raffle**.

Families will receive a book of 20 tickets to sell at \$1 each. This year's fundraising efforts are aimed at helping to fund plans for an outdoor undercover learning area and landscaping for our students.

The Parent's Association is kindly asking for donations of chocolate for the prize hampers. Whether it's blocks, eggs, bars, bunnies or bags, all donations will be happily received.

Each classroom will have a bunny box to leave the donation, which will need to be delivered by Monday 21st March.

All raffle **books & money will need to be returned by Monday 4th April**, for the drawing of the raffle on WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL.

Thank-you again for your invaluable support.

St John XXIII Parents Association.

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