From the Principal

Dear Parents,

There is a sense of sadness around the school in the past week.

You will have received notification of the death of Jason Richardson, the father of Lucy, who is in Year 6. Lucy’s older brother, Jamus was also a former student of St John’s and is now in Year 8 at Marcellin College.

Our school community extends its sympathy to the family for their loss and may the memories of Jason comfort them and bring them some peace.

Also dying last week was Sylvia Cross, the mother of Stephen and mother-in-law of Jodie, and grandmother of Millie (5/6J) and Alice (1/2D) who died after a long illness.

I know many of you will be saddened by this news, and I ask you to keep these families in your prayers and ask that God’s love will encircle and comfort them at this difficult time.

A reminder that this week is National Reconciliation Week. I have included the following Aboriginal Our Father, and encourage you to take some time this week to pray the Our Father as a family.

You are Our Father, you live in heaven
We talk to you, Father you are good (repeat)
We believe your Word Father
We your children, give us bread today (repeat)
We have done wrong, we are sorry
Help us Father not to sin again (repeat)
Others have done wrong to us
And we are sorry for them, Father today (repeat)
Stop us from doing wrong, Father
Save us all from the evil one (repeat)
You are Our Father, you live in heaven
We talk to you, Father you are good (repeat)

The Lord’s Prayer from the "Missa Kimberley"
Unfortunately, we had a late delivery of 'National Sorry Day' badges. These are available from the front office at $2 each.

The badge is a silk imitation Native Hibiscus. It was chosen by the Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation to symbolise the scattering of the stolen generations and their resilience. The badges are endorsed by the National Sorry Day Committee. This flower was also adopted because it is found widely across Australia and it is a survivor. Its colour denotes compassion and spiritual healing.

**SCHOOL BALL - CASUAL BRIEFING Q & A**

A reminder for new Prep families (and those who are not so new) that I will be conducting a ‘non-compulsory’ casual briefing regarding the Ball. The briefing will recap the information that was sent home to Prep families last week and provide an opportunity to view some photographs from previous Balls. This will take place tomorrow, **Thursday, 29th May**. The first session will commence at **9am** in the LRC and will be repeated at **2.45pm**.

**ITALIAN DAY and BETTER BUDDIES DAY - 2nd JUNE**

What a wonderful coincidence that our Italian day falls on the same day as the National Day of Italy - “Festa della Repubblica”. The Italian National Day commemorates the referendum of 1946 when the Italian population was called to decide what form of government (monarchy or republic) to give to the country after the Second World War. After 85 years of monarchy, with 12,717,923 votes for and 10,719,284 votes against, Italy became a Republic.

To honour the day the children are asked to wear ‘a touch of Italy’ - something inspired by the Italian Culture or simply be in Italian colours (green, white and red).

Further information is in this Newsletter.

**IVANHOE DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

At the time of writing, many of our children are taking part in the Ivanhoe District Cross Country Championships at Banyule Flats.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children who have been training over the past few weeks, and sometimes on very cold mornings. A thank you to all the children who tried their best at the trials last Friday morning and a big thank you to the parents who assisted. Both Miss Doutre and I were very proud of them all.

Our congratulations also to all those children who were selected to compete for St John’s at the Cross Country Championships at Banyule today.

**TREE LOPPING AND PRUNING**

Last Saturday morning we had an arborist who did fairly extensive work around the school, particularly on the bottom yard. His work included the removal of two dead gum trees (north-west corner of bottom yard), some hard pruning-back on several other trees was also carried out, including the Manchurian pears near the bottom yard stairs.

Some pruning was also carried out on the top yard, and you may have noticed that the trees close to the flag poles were also pruned to allow for the flags to fly properly.

The work addressed any safety issues we may have had and much of the work was not only to ensure further healthy growth but undertook some precautionary work as well.
I would like to congratulate Ella Thomas for being selected to progress to the Metro Trials for the Victorian 12 Years & Under Football (Soccer) State Team in which she took part yesterday (Tuesday).

On behalf of our community I would like to congratulate her for this wonderful achievement and wish her every success in the future.

ST JOHN’S CHEERLEADING SQUAD
We have a number of children who are attending Cheer Leading classes on Thursday after school and I have to say how engaging and brilliant they were at their first ever public presentation. They even got everyone in the Hall joining in with one of the ‘calls’.

My thanks to the children for their commitment to learn these skills and I will definitely look for opportunities for them to perform at sporting events that the school is involved in.

If any parent took a photograph of the Cheerleading Squad I’d greatly appreciate it if you were able to email a copy.

59 CAPE STREET - PROPOSED MULT-DWELLING DEVELOPMENT
As mentioned several weeks ago, the Banyule Council has formally accepted the Objection to the proposed building permit.

Part of the process is now one of consultation. A meeting will be taking place this evening with the Council Development Planners which I will be attending. The focus on the meeting will be on addressing the issues of the proposal and what are some of the compromises that could be reflected upon.

QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
A reminder that Monday, 9th June is the Queen’s Birthday Holiday and that the school will be closed on that day.

IVANHOE DISTRICTS SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS - 4th JUNE
We wish all the children well who are representing St John’s at the IDSSA Round-Robin championships next week at Chelsworth Park. We hope that they all have an enjoyable and successful day.

Yours sincerely

Nick Marinelli
Principal
Confirmation Reflection Day
The Confirmation Candidates were lucky to have a Reflection Day at Amberley this week. We participated in religious activities to help us understand the Sacrament of Confirmation more fully. We made a class art piece in response to a meditation about Pentecost, participated in prayer and joined in a Mass celebrated with Father Mario. As it was Sorry Day we also took the opportunity to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land and used the Message Stick as part of our celebration. The beautiful Amberley scenery also helped us to feel peaceful and reflect more deeply. I’m sure all the students and teachers benefited from this splendid day. (Julia Scenna, Grade 6J)
Confirmation Family Evening
Last week the Confirmation candidates, their parents and some of the sponsors attended an evening in the LRC.

In order to have continuous improvement in activities we are seeking feedback on each event. One of the components is *What Worked Well?* - which seeks comment on those elements that work well and are positive. The Confirmation candidates and parents responded with the following comments:

- Guest speakers
- Helped understand Confirmation
- Engaging
- Inspiring speakers and young speakers
- Invited sponsors
- Passionate
- Set up of LRC
- Spiky ball Brother Harry used to explain
- Connected to audience
- Stories were interesting
- Nearly everyone was there
- Books we received

Parish Pilgrim Statue of Mary
During the month of May the Parish Pilgrim Statue of Mary is in the school during the week. The statue spends a day in each classroom and is returned to the church for the weekend. At other times the statue is placed in parishioners’ homes for a week at a time. If your family would like the statue in your home after May please add your name and phone number to the sheet in the Administration area of the school.

Family Offertory Gifts Roster

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God bless you and your family.
Elizabeth Williamson
(Education in Faith Leader)
Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014
Keep On Reading...

The Premier’s Reading Challenge continues this term. Eighty children have already registered in this year’s challenge and have started or completed their reading.

Congratulations to the following children who have read the required number of books for their age group and have therefore met the challenge: Luca A. Nina A. Alessia C. Alannah F. Sandra J. Felix M. Aimee M. Alastair M. Dante N. Hamish S and Venetia V.

If your child would like to be part of the Premier’s Reading Challenge, it’s not too late. Books that have been read this year can be included. Registration forms are available at the office.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge ends in September.

The Reading Challenge gives me the opportunity to read more books. Reading is so interesting. I learn so much!

Alessia C 5/6S

I love getting lost in books.

Sandra K 5/6S

I like reading because sometimes there is funny writing in books.

Aimee M PrepN

It’s a great challenge! I’ve enjoyed reading the ‘Whimpy Kid’ series.

Hamish S 5/6J

I love reading because it relaxes me and I see myself in the book.

Venetia V. 3/4P
We never wanted this,
We're aborigines
We learn to live off the land.
We're peaceful people
Wise and kind and true.

Then white men came
They were so different from us
With ships so grand
Far out at sea.

Sir Captain Phillip
So posh and cruel
He treated us like scum
Not like an equal.

Then taken away,
White men brought us here
We were made to eat like them.
And made to clothe like them.

I saw my people in chains before
And I looked frantically for mum
But all I saw was a white man's gun.
I couldn't do anything, they were helpless.

We had to work as slaves
For the white men, so mean so cruel.
A punishment, a slap, a beating
There was no time for play.

So you see how we were,
No family, no life, no name
No identity anymore
A lost people.
Cross Country
Last Friday some grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 students walked to Heidelberg Park to trial for the St John’s Cross Country Team. I was very impressed with the dedication the students showed towards their event.

All students worked their hardest, pushed themselves to their limit and displayed some excellent running in muddy cross country conditions.

Thank you to all students who came and trialled you all did a wonderful job. Good luck to the Cross Country Team who will run at Banyule Flats on Wednesday the May 28. A big thank you to Mr Marinelli for setting up the course on the day and to Sarah and Victor Riitano and Joanne Hazelton for helping on the day.

Winter Inter School Sport
Last week St John’s played Alphington Grammar School in a home game. Well done to all students who participated and tried their best at their sport. Results as follows:
- Netball A 47-1 win
- Netball B 29-1 win
- AFL 107-0 win
- Teeball Girls 10-25 loss
- Teeball Boys 4-7 loss

This week we have a home against St Anthony’s. Good Luck teams!

Grade 6 Soccer
Well done to the Grade 6 boys and girls who came to the trials on Thursday morning. The team will be announced on Friday and permission slips handed out. A reminder that the team was not selected based only on the trial. Physical Education soccer lessons were also used to select the team. Thank you to Mr Marinelli for his help on the morning.

Thank you
Steph Doutre
Physical Education & Sport
Life Education Van visit – On the 16th of June the Life Education Van will be visiting our school.

Each class will have the opportunity to participate in a session which supports our drug and health education. You will be receiving a separate yellow sheet with some information about the Life Education Van and a permission form. Please fill in the permission notice and return to your child’s classroom teacher by the 9th of June.

For further information on the Life Education van: http://www.lifeeducation.org.au/who-we-are

On Monday June 2 the whole school will participate in an Italian/ Better Buddies Day. The children are asked to wear ‘a touch of Italy’ - something inspired by the Italian Culture or simply in Italian colours (green, white and red).

A gelati van will be visiting the school on the day. Children will be able to purchase a gelati for $3.00. Please send the money with your child on the day.

A range of activities are being organised for the children, including an Italian performer, bocce, tombola and a soccer match in the afternoon.

Please note there will no assembly on this day.

Thank you
Linda Floros
Italian Teacher

Scholastic Book Order—No Name

We have Scholastic Books order without a name on the order form. If you think this may be yours....... Please contact the school office.
Have you seen our new Chicken Coop? Ruby, Sunny, Coco and our new lavender chooks, Sulky and Silky, are thriving in their new surroundings.

A very special THANK YOU to Fadwa and David Caminiti for organising the concrete foundation for the chicken coop and to David C, Pat Ambesi and Alan Brown for giving up their Saturday to concrete the area. We would also like to thank their families for coming down to keep them company. We are very appreciative of your time and efforts!

A reminder that World Environment Day is on next Thursday 5th June. Don’t forget to wear something that reminds you of environment colours or recycled clothes and your gold coin donation. All funds raised will go towards re-establishing the vegetable and fruit garden. Also, please keep collecting plastic coloured lids for our recycled art mural.

The Winter Warmer Movie Night will follow that evening at 6.30pm in St Monica’s. Be sure to get your return forms in for the Movie Night before next Thursday.

Lastly, we would like to thank Danielle Mallia and the APPLE Team, for supporting our journey in becoming a more sustainable school. We really appreciate all your support.

From the Environment team.
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<td>Maia T</td>
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<td>For your wonderful inferencing skills. You came up with great observations, wonderings and inferences using images and texts. Well done!</td>
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<td>For their wonderful effort during Italian classes this week.</td>
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<td>1/2T</td>
<td>For his enthusiastic approach to writing and his excellent song lyrics!</td>
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<td>Sarah B</td>
<td>1/2T</td>
<td>For great improvement with her reading. Keep up the good work.</td>
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<td>1/2F</td>
<td>For being so kind and helpful to all class members. We are lucky to have you in our class.</td>
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<td>1/2F</td>
<td>For her enthusiastic approach to all areas of her learning. You are a delight to have in 1/2F</td>
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<td>For his exposition ‘should soft drinks be banned at school’. Your structure and arguments were fantastic.</td>
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<td>For her excellent work in solving subtraction equations. Your strategies are wonderful.</td>
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<td>For being an all round wonderful student. You are an amazing, dedicated worker and your maturity and leadership skills are to be admired.</td>
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<td>For great effort and achievements in the area of maths. Your understanding of number concepts is brilliant Jakson, ‘so proud of you’.</td>
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<td>For his good work on homework tasks and completing them by the due date. Keep it up Joseph!</td>
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<td>Charlie V</td>
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<td>For his co-operation and his positive attitude to all his learning. Great work Charlie!</td>
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<td>Lucy B</td>
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<td>For your empathetic thoughts and connections you made when discussing The Stolen Generation. What a thinker!</td>
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<td>Eliza B</td>
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<td>For your deep connections you made when discussing the The Stolen Generation. Thank you for your thoughtful contributions Eliza.</td>
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<td>Alessia C</td>
<td>5/6S</td>
<td>For her excellent presentation on the famous Italian scientist - ‘Galileo’.</td>
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Hi everyone,

Last week we ran our all day program on the school closure day. The children enjoyed many activities, but the highlight of the day was our excursion to Heidelberg Park! On the walk there we collected lots of natural resources to incorporate into our nature table. We arrived at the park and enjoyed playing on the playground and having lunch. After lunch we went on a walk and found a tee-pee made completely out of branches. Everyone had a lot of fun!

Just a reminder to everyone to please update your enrolment details. Also if you have received Medical paperwork to please return it as soon as possible. Have you got feedback or suggestions that you would like to see implemented into our program? We encourage you to write it in our ‘feedback and suggestion’ book found on the sign in table. We use feedback as one of the ways to improve our program.

If your child/ren are absent from school or other arrangements are made for them, could you please let us know that they won’t be attending afterschool care. On the day cancellations/bookings can be made with a phone call or text to the program.

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0401 333 932
Coordinator: Chelsea Batten
Assistant: Trent Harkom
OSHClub Head Office: 03 8564 9000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
The Father will give you another advocate to be with you forever!

This gospel passage opens with a desire and a promise of Jesus: his desire that we keep his commandments and the promise that the Father will give us another advocate – the Spirit of Truth. Although in actual fact the promise is not conditional on us carrying out Jesus’ desire, there is a very strong link between the two.

As we hear Jesus inviting us to keep his commandments, we are immediately reminded of Jesus’ command to love God and neighbour (Luke 10:27). Moreover, at the beginning of the next chapter in this gospel according to John, Jesus tells his disciples: ‘This is my commandment: to love one another’. (John 15:1) Jesus’ desire for us all is to love one another.

God is love (1John 4:16). To love is to live and share the very life of God, the life that has been given us in our own Baptism. Hence the link between the Jesus’ desire and his promise: the Spirit of Truth that the Father gives us is the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, the spirit of love. God gives us this spirit because he wants us to share in his own life – not after we die, but from here on earth.

What does love mean? Jesus invites us to go beyond our comfort zones and love not only those who can love us in return, but love even those who cannot return our love. This is the true love that is the image of God – love that expects nothing in return.

Love is not a warm fuzzy feeling; I do not love someone because I feel attracted to the other person or because the other person can give me something in return. To love is to reach out, to be of service, to go out of your way to help the other person. We need to remind ourselves that this discourse of Jesus is placed by John within the context of the Last Supper. Before starting this discourse Jesus stood up from the table, knelt in front of each of his twelve disciples, and washed their feet as an active and practical sign of what it means to love and to be of service for the other.

We have received the Spirit of Truth, the advocate from the Father promised by Jesus, when we were baptised. The Spirit was confirmed in us (some say it was activated) when we received the sacrament of Confirmation. It is re-energised every time we participate in any one of the other sacraments. Each time we share in the life of the Church and its sacraments, we re-awaken within us this life and love of God.

This is not a gift that is given for me to keep hidden inside of me, but a gift, a sharing in God’s life that I need to share with those around me. Through our participation in the life of God we become witnesses / evangelisers / missionaries / sacraments of this life of God. By our love, especially when we are ready to serve and love those who cannot return our love, when we reach out, especially to our enemies, then we remind the world that God is really present and that the Spirit of Truth lives in our world today too. (Each time I refuse to reach out beyond my comfort zone and serve others, then I am not living up to my Baptismal calling to be a missionary and to give witness to God’s love and mercy!)

A few weeks ago, on Easter, we renewed in us our gift of Baptism, now we await the coming of the Spirit in Pentecost, as we celebrate the life of the Spirit within us, do we let this Spirit shine through our works and actions?

Fr Mario
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24/25th May, 2014 – 6th Sunday of Easter – YEAR A

PARISH PRAYER
Heavenly Father: We the Parishioners of St John’s are grateful for all we have received from the men, women and children of our past. Help us to cherish and maintain our parish heritage.
Most of all, enable us to be people who welcome the stranger, the needy, the sick and the lonely. Like St John, our Patron Saint, may we be people who love others, as Your Son Jesus, asked us to do.
We make this prayer, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mass Times: Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm
Austen Hospital: 4th Sunday of the Month at 9:30am.
Weekday: 9:15am
Repatiation Hospital: Tuesday only at 12noon
Legion of Mary: Tuesday night at 7:30pm in the parish house. All welcome.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Wednesday: 7:30pm – 9:00pm; Thursday: 9:40am – 11:00am, Friday: 8:00am – 9:00am
Reconciliation: Saturday at 9:45am & 5:30pm
Baptism: On Sundays, by appointment.
No Baptisms on first Sunday of the month.
Baptism Information Evening: Last Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the parish house, except December and January
Weddings: By appointment.

Please Remember in your Prayers
Baptised: Jack, Madison & Ava Kelly, Nicolas De Pretto, Georgia Sacca
The Sick: Frances Dunlop, Kathy & Russell Dean, Cathy Foote, Geraldine Gannon, Terri Minehan, Nick Snow, Philip Barbeta, Maria Wallinton (Pertile)
Anniversaries: Alexander Dixon, Jack Geoghegan, Carla Righetto, Simon Bahen, Giuseppe Baslione
Recently Deceased: Sylvia Cross, Yolande Ferriere, Sr. Anne (Clare) Cooley SJ, Shane Foster

Thank you to everyone who supports St John’s financially.
Please advise the Presbytery if your credit is lost/stolen or your credit card number or expiry date has changed.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL – Sunday 1st June: Next weekend our Parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Appeal. This year we are invited to support the Church’s inspirational work to heal the broken hearted in Rwanda following the horrific 1994 genocide. Please come prepared next weekend to give generously.
Dear parishioners, visitors and friends,

Thank you.

Last Sunday we had the opportunity to celebrate my 50th birthday. I was told it was important to celebrate this occasion with pomp as it was a significant milestone – half a century!

Some asked me whether I had any family here in Australia – meaning blood relatives – in fact all my sisters and my stepmother are in Malta. I will get to see them and celebrate with them later during the year. But I do have a larger family here: my own parish family. Your wish to celebrate this important day with me, and your generosity towards me, shows what a great family you are.

Thank you for your kind and warm welcome. We have only been together for seven months, but I was immediately welcomed by you with wide open arms and made to feel at home. Sunday's celebration as a parish community was a further witness to your welcome and generosity.

Celebrating together as one big family is a very important part of who we are as Church. St Paul calls us the Body of Christ, and as one body it is important to celebrate the achievements of each of its members.

A very sincere and great thank you for all the cards, birthday greetings and gifts that I received; your generosity was overwhelming. Thank you also to those who organised the morning tea.

I do ask you once again to continue supporting me daily with your prayers to the Father.

THANK YOU!
Fr Mario

Making Connections: One of the often repeated themes in John’s Gospel is that of life. Life in abundance (10:10) is available to all who believe in Jesus and live his way. How do you understand that abundance of life which is now yours through baptism?

Be ‘life-giving’ to someone this week. Be an advocate, a counsellor or comforter to someone in need.

Parish Pilgrim statue of Mary. The statue of Mary goes around our parish from home to home, one week at a time. Please consider inviting Mary into your home for one week. This can be an opportune moment for you and your friends to come together in prayer. Having the statue of Mary in our home is another reminder of God’s many gifts in our life. Please put your name on the list provided in the church.

Parish Mass Count: During the month of May we will be having our annual Mass count. This will normally be carried out during the offertory.

Praying the Gospels during the year. A group of parishioners meets once every two weeks to pray and reflect on the gospel in their daily life. Next meeting is on Monday May 26 at the Parish House, 7:30 pm start. All welcome.

Austin Hospital Mass will be celebrated this Sunday May 25. Could volunteers please meet at 8:30am for 9.30am Mass at the Chapel. Parishioners are also invited to participate in this Mass to minister to the sick by their presence. Thank you.

Readers’ Meeting. A meeting is being held for all parishioners who volunteer to read at Mass. This meeting will be held on Thursday 5 June 2014 at 7.30pm at St John’s Church. It is imperative that all readers (new & old) attend this meeting. Please contact Fr Mario if you cannot attend.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: You are cordially invited to an Ecumenical Service celebrating The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Heidelberg-East Ivanhoe Uniting Church (Scots) Burgundy Street, Heidelberg on Tuesday 3rd June at 10am. A warm welcome is extended to all. Refreshments served after the service. Contact Ann 9459 1898 or Rosemary 9497 1017.

Piety Stall – Religious items such as statues, rosary beads, medals, crucifixes and fridge stickers will be available to purchase after Mass outside the Church on Saturday 7th June & Sunday 8th June 2014.

The Gold Coin Collection in support of our parish charities will be taken this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

Baby Items for Sale: Port-a-cot, cot, change table, bath tub, etc. Please call on 0418 884 554.

Annual Parish Luncheon: Sunday 15 June 2014, 12:00-12:30pm at St John’s Parish Hall (52 Cape Street, Heidelberg) at a cost of $25 per adult & $10 per child (6-14 years). Booking forms can be picked up from the church porch. Please come and support us and be assured you will be with good friends, good food and delightful entertainment. All proceeds to support Parish Charities.

Parish Raffle: Tickets $1 each will be on sale after all masses
1st Prize: Family Basket of Goodies; valued at $400
2nd Prize: Vacuum/Steamer Cleaner; valued at $200
3rd Prize: Portable Wine Barrel (incl. Drinks); valued at $150
All proceeds to support Parish Charities.

60TH Anniversary of St Pius X School: All past and present members of St Pius X Primary School, Heidelberg West, are invited to keep Sunday 24th August free to attend the school’s 60th Anniversary Celebrations. Please join us for Mass at 10:30am, followed by a BBQ lunch and gathering. This is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with your St Pius X school friends, families and colleagues. To receive further information or if you have school memorabilia to share please send an email principal@spheidelbergwest.catholic.edu.au with Subject: “St Pius X School 60th Anniversary” and your name and postal address details or call 9457 3776.

Parish Dances & Social Nights: “Our Lady Help of Christians” Church Hall, 49 Nicholson Street, (Next to Barkly St) East Brunswick. These dances are held on the last Friday of each month at 8pm. Admission is only $5 (pay at the door). Tea & coffee are provided but BYO drinks and food. Everyone is welcome! If you would like more information call Maurice 9895 5266 or refer to flyer on the noticeboard.

JUST FOR FUN: THERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS THAT JUST CAN’T BE ANSWERED BY GOOGLE!!!
Found

A gentleman’s watch has been found in the school grounds
If you think it may be yours, please contact the school office.

invitations

Warringal Shopping Centre invites:

St. John’s Primary Parents

To enjoy FREE Morning Coffee & Cake!
Available Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 11.30am.

Present this voucher at Sam’s Choice,
Michel’s Patisserie or Yo Yo’s Café.

Offer includes one Coffee (standard) & one Cake/Biscuit/Slice/Cake up to the value of $3.50).
Offer valid until 20 June 2014.