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SCHOOL

HINDMARSH

# FORTNIGHTLY Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

### FEBRUARY

WEDNESDAY 27TH R-2 hosting a liturgy in the Hall at 9.00am

### MARCH

TUESDAY 5TH SHROVE TUESDAY- Yrs 3-6 Lenten  
Commitment Liturgy at 9.00am  
Pancakes

WEDNESDAY 6TH ASH WEDNESDAY MASS AT 9.00AM

MONDAY 11TH ADELAIDE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY

TUESDAY 12TH SWIMMING WEEK R-4

MONDAY 18TH ACQUATICS PROGRAM YRS 5-6

THURSDAY 21ST HARMONY DAY

FRIDAY 22ND ANTI-BULLYING DAY

TUESDAY 26TH LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

FRIDAY 29TH SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

**PLEASE RETURN ASAP YOUR FAMILY'S 2019  
DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION PACKAGE.  
THESE ARE NEEDED TO UPDATE OUR  
INFORMATION FOR THE CARE OF YOUR  
CHILD. THANK YOU**

## Some articles included are:

- School Board Members
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Dear Parents and Carers

The year is well underway. The AGM held on Tuesday 12 February provided the opportunity of acknowledging and celebrating last year's achievements as outlined in the 2018 School Improvement Plan, as well as, revisiting the School Strategic Plan together with this year's Annual Improvement Plan, which is included with this newsletter.

The Strategic Plan is displayed in the school hall for the next week for any comment. A hard copy of the AGM – Report to the community is available on request from the front office. An electronic copy will also be uploaded onto the school website shortly.

On Sunday 17 February, staff attended the Parish Mass and were commissioned.

This is the prayer that was proclaimed at the Mass and it is our commitment to your child:

*Dearest Lord,*

*We the staff of St Joseph's,*

*are gathered here in prayer for our*

*work as we educate the young lives trusted to our care.*

*We thank you, Father, for the calling bestowed on us to educate children in the name of Your Son, Jesus, on behalf of His Church.*

*May we act toward all members of our school community with justice and integrity and reflect for them the love of Christ which surpasses all things.*

*We pray that we keep this Catholic school true to its mission.*

*We make our prayer through Him, Christ the teacher and our Lord.*

*Amen*

# *I am delighted to announce the School Board Members for 2019*



Father Bill Brady  
President



Maria D'Aloia  
Executive Officer



Rita Garreffa  
Deputy Executive Officer



Helen Clark  
Deputy Executive Officer



Michelle Battersby



Francis Ben



Craig Costello



Robert Care  
Staff Representative



Richard Ellerman



Stav Lentakis



Caterina Vignogna



Office Bearer Positions will be decided at the first School Board Meeting  
on 27<sup>th</sup> February.

## Parent Engagement

It is so important to have the support and participation of parents in the community. As outlined in the Parent Engagement Survey there are many events organised to occur throughout the year. Many hands make light work! How are you going to help build our community?

The role of the Parent Engagement Committee is to focus on the six pillars of parent involvement:

- 1 Support families in their Faith journey
- 2 Build school enthusiasm & pride
- 3 Build & strengthen community
- 4 Strive for ongoing positive learning & life outcomes for our children
- 5 Fundraise for continuous school improvement in a transparent manner & in line with school policy
- 6 Promote effective communication between home, school & community.

The research is very conclusive: Greater parent participation = Better student outcomes. Imagine what can be achieved if every person in our community contributes in some way!



## Student Residential Address Information

This week you will receive some information from the Australian Government Department of Education and Training, regarding the collection of student residential data. This information will inform the Commonwealth school education policy and funding arrangements.

## Playground 'out of bounds'

A kindly reminder that the playground is out of bounds before and after school. As explained at the Assembly last week, there is a teacher designated to supervise the playground at recess and lunch time. In the morning and after school, teachers are busily preparing for day, meeting with parents or undertaking other administrative tasks. Ball games and playground play is therefore not being supervised. Even though parents/grandparents are supervising younger pre-school age children it is asked that NO children are on the equipment at these times as it can be quite confusing for children if they see younger siblings and children playing on the playground.

## School Leadership

Students in the senior years have been busily writing speeches to convince their peers to vote for them, as the student representatives for our school. On the following page we have displayed the successful students who were announced at Assembly last week.

## Parish Gathering—Reimagining Our Parish

There is an opportunity to meet as a parish on Saturday 2 March between 11-1.00pm to help shape and re-imagine our parish with the departure of the Sacred Heart Missionaries in July. This meeting will take place at Our Lady of the Manger, 176 Crittenden Road, Findon.

All are encouraged to attend and at this stage it is anticipated that Our Vicar General Rev Fr Phillip Marshall will address us at this gathering. It is hoped that many of you are able to attend and help shape our parish into the future. A light lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP via emailing the parish office. [shparish@sjsh.catholic.edu.au](mailto:shparish@sjsh.catholic.edu.au)

## Invitation

**To all our Parents to attend our first  
PARENT ENGAGEMENT MEETING  
in the staffroom  
on Wednesday 6th March**

**7.00pm—8.00pm**

*We value your input...* **it is genuinely sought**

**Let's make this a successful year for our children and our school community.**



God Bless,

Maria D'Aloia –Principal [mdaloia@sjsh.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mdaloia@sjsh.catholic.edu.au)

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**Congratulations** to the following students who are committed to displaying the school values in all their interactions with others, in both word and action:



## **MACKILLOP HOUSE**



JETT KENNEDY  
CAPTAIN



AIMEE GIFFEN  
CAPTAIN



LACHLAN ARTHUR  
VICE CAPTAIN



SUMMER  
LEMUS-BATTERSBY  
VICE CAPTAIN

## **JOSEPH HOUSE**



HUDSON HYNES  
CAPTAIN



AMELIA TRIMBOLI  
CAPTAIN



BRYCE VONHOF  
VICE CAPTAIN



LILAH WALKER  
VICE CAPTAIN

## **CHEVALIER HOUSE**



PRABHLEEN SIDHU  
CAPTAIN



ASHLEIGH ELLERMAN  
CAPTAIN



JESSE MERCURIO  
VICE CAPTAIN



MATTHEW RIPEPI  
VICE CAPTAIN

## **TENISON HOUSE**



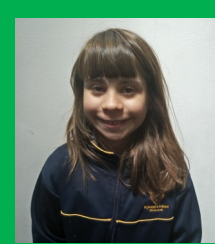
XAVIER ALLEN  
CAPTAIN



MIA LAMBERT  
CAPTAIN



HEMANTH SARAVANAN  
VICE CAPTAIN



ANNABELLE DICHIERA  
VICE CAPTAIN

# Religious Education News

## Class Masses and Liturgies

This morning Year 5/6D celebrated Mass in the Chapel. The theme of their Mass was 'Witness- Spread the Good News.' This theme tied in with their learning around scripture in Religious Education lessons. They were also visited by Fr Bill on Monday morning.

Next week, on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, the R-2 classes will host a Liturgy in the Hall. They would love to invite all parents and friends to join them in their celebration at 9am.

## Staff Commissioning

Staff were commissioned at Sacred Heart Church Parish Mass on Sunday. Thank you to Fr. Paul and parishioners for making us feel so welcome and joining us in our celebration. It was lovely to hear Nico playing on the keyboard at weekend Mass. Mass is held at 9:30am on a Sunday morning at Sacred Heart Parish, with children's liturgies held during term time.

## Sacramental Program 2019

Registrations for the 2019 Sacramental Program are due to either myself or the Parish Office by **February the 26<sup>th</sup>**. If you were unable to attend the Parent Information night and would like a registration form, please see me for a copy of the necessary paperwork.

Students participating in the program will be presented to the Parish at Mass on **Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> of March** at 9:30am at Sacred Heart Church. The next parent workshop will be held on the **19<sup>th</sup> of March** from 7-8pm here at St Joseph's in the Hall.

## Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

**Shrove Tuesday** is on March 5<sup>th</sup> this year. The Year 3-6 students will participate in a Lenten commitment liturgy at 9am. All family and friends are welcome to join us.

The Parent Engagement Group will cook pancakes provided by classes. A donation box for Project Compassion will be available for anyone wishing to make a donation towards this worthy cause on the day.

**Ash Wednesday Mass** will be held at:

- 7am at Sacred Heart Church, Hindmarsh
- **9:00am at St Joseph's Hall—Parents and Friends are warmly invited to join us at our Ash Wednesday Mass**
- 6:30pm at Our Lady of the Manger Church, Findon.



## Reimagining our Parish- Hindmarsh and Findon

Everyone is invited to a Parish Gathering to imagine a new way of being church together. This is a space for dialogue and discernment about our future parish, once the MSC priests depart in July.

It will be held at Our Lady of the Manger, 176 Crittenden Road, Findon, **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March from 11-1pm**. A light lunch will be provided. RSVP to the parish office [shparish@sjsh.catholic.edu.au](mailto:shparish@sjsh.catholic.edu.au).

Kind Regards,  
Helen Clark APRIM

*Congratulations* to **Isaac Enwia** and his family

on the birth on his beautiful baby brother *Jacob*

May God bless your family with love, peace and happiness as you enjoy your bundle of joy.





# Physical Education News



**Woolworths CRICKET BLAST**

**JOIN THE FUN**

WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST IS A FUN AND FAST PROGRAM FOR KIDS OF ALL ABILITIES TO LEARN NEW SKILLS AND PLAY AUSTRALIA'S FAVOURITE SPORT.

St Joseph's Hindmarsh  
JUNIOR BLASTER

Starts Wednesday 13 February (6 week program)  
3:15-4:15pm

Register at [PLAYCRICKET.COM>AU](http://PLAYCRICKET.COM>AU)



**WELCOME TO AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL**  
**EDWARDSTON FC WTARF**

**TOXIS**  
EDWARDSTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB  
PROUD PAST BRIGHT FUTURE

**WELCOME TO AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL**  
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Welcome to Australian Rules Football (WTARF) is a football program introducing new cultures and families to Australian Rules Football.

The Edwardstown Football Club will be delivering a 4-week WTARF program to children of multicultural backgrounds.

**PROGRAM OUTLINE**

- WTARF Session 1: Thurs March 7 (5:15pm – 6:00pm)
- WTARF Session 2: Thurs March 14 (5:15pm – 6:00pm) & Parent Education Session
- WTARF Session 3: Thurs March 21 (5:15pm – 6:00pm)
- WTARF Session 4: Thurs March 28 (5:15pm – 6:00pm)

Sessions are held at Forbes Primary School, (80 Thomas St, South Plympton SA 5038)

**WTARF sets out to achieve:**

- Introduce participants and families into the Edwardstown Football Club family and game of Australian Rules Football, whilst providing a comfortable, safe and welcoming environment for children.
- Build on skills already developed and teach participants at an advanced level.

**\$10 registration cost per participant**  
Every registered participant will receive a WTARF pack which includes a bag, football, drink bottle and footy socks.

**HOW TO REGISTER**

- Step 1: register online at [www.sanfl.com.au/wtarf](http://www.sanfl.com.au/wtarf)
- Step 2: select 'Edwardstown FC' as the AFL Multicultural Program you are registering your child into.
- Step 3: follow the remaining registration prompts.

JOIN THE FUN AT YOUR LOCAL CENTRE  
REGISTER AT [PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU](http://PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU)

OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM



SAPSASA SOFTBALL TRIAL NOMINATION FOR GIRLS AND BOYS: - MONDAY 8TH APRIL–THURSDAY 11TH. If you have a daughter or son who is interested in trying out for this please come to the front office to collect the Trial Nomination Form. Forms need to be completed by 19th February.

Kind Regards,

Cristian Morgado - PE Teacher

[cmor@sjsh.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cmor@sjsh.catholic.edu.au)

St Joseph's Hindmarsh

let's  
play



**Playgroup**  
**Every Wednesday**  
**9am - 10.30am**

**Please bring a piece of fruit to share**

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## St Joseph's Old Scholars Annual Mass Sunday 7th April 2019 - 2.00 p.m..

Most have a connection with a Josephite School/College as a teacher/old scholar and/or with St. Mary MacKillop.

Please join us for Mass in St. Joseph's Convent Chapel, Kensington. Father George Nader our Priest.  
Devonshire Afternoon Tea (\$5) will follow in Bethany (adjacent to the Chapel).

All welcome.



**AWARENESS WEEK  
- AUSTRALIA -**

Gifted Awareness Week 2019 - 17th to 23rd March  
BELONGING

Lesley Henderson will present this special Gifted Awareness Week 2019 session for teachers and parents at:

**St Pius X School, 8 Windsor Grove, Windsor Gardens  
Thursday 21st March 2019 from 4-5pm.**

### Proudly presented by:



Lesley Henderson is a Lecturer in Education at Flinders University, where she coordinates the Gifted Education specialisation. She is the president of the Australian Association for the Education of the Gifted and Talented (AAEGT), and a past president of GTCASA. Lesley has presented at local, national and international conferences and will complete her doctorate this year on leadership for professional learning about gifted education.

# What are our new Preschoolers doing?

## Highlights of our Learning Feb 2019



Asian communities throughout the world and here in Adelaide have celebrated Lunar New year, the year of the Pig. The children have had fun parading wearing the lion costume and after attending celebrations at the temple, Khai made a drum to play for the lion dance.



A strong sense of identity plays a vital role in children's learning. When children know who they are, and are confident in themselves, they are better able to learn and build relationships with others. Identity is complex though. Everyone's sense of identity is different, and what identity looks like at different ages also varies.



# insights

## Unearthing kids' strengths

by Professor Lea Waters (PhD)



Personality strengths – our character – play a big role in helping us build our our talents. Think about anyone who has built a talent and imagine if it could have been done without character. Imagine Einstein without curiosity, The Beatles without creativity, Mother Teresa without compassion or Neil Armstrong without bravery.

Yet for decades, scientists were blind to character strength. We focused on talent, often on physical strength and skills. In fact, when I first ask young children what they think a strength is, they almost always point to their biceps or talk about being able to lift something heavy.

Once you get familiar with the language of strengths and a framework for seeing them, you'll see character strengths easily in your child. In fact, you may find your child calls on their character strengths more often than on talent to meet life's challenges.

### Three key elements of a strength

You've probably seen a child joylessly perform at a piano recital. They may hit all the right keys, but there's no energy or enthusiasm. It's as if they don't want to be there. On the flip side, we've seen the child onstage who's clearly motivated and energised and who fearlessly flails through every mistake – of which there are many.

It turns out that three elements come together to form a strength. For purposes of strength-based parenting, we need to keep our eye on all three:

#### 1. Performance (being good at something).

Watch for when your child shows above-age levels of achievement, rapid learning, and a repeated pattern of success.

#### 2. Energy (feeling good doing it)

Strengths are self-reinforcing. The more we use them, the more we get from them. They fill us with vigour. You'll notice your child has abundant energy when using a strength.

#### 3. High use (choosing to do it)

Finally, look for what your child chooses to do in their spare time, how often they engage in a particular activity, and how they speak about that activity.

For true strengths, these three elements form a beautiful feedback loop: great performance provides the child with a shot of high energy, so the child naturally chooses to do more. In turn, high use – also known as effort or practice – improves performance levels. So, for example, if you notice that your child is energised when they play



# parenting \* ideas

the piano, and you provide enjoyable opportunities for them to play, if they're mining a true strength they will likely practise more, which improves their performance, which then energises them ... and so the loop continues.

Keeping this triad in mind will help you avoid pushing your child into an area that seems like a strength just because your child is good at it. It will also help you differentiate between whether your child is bingeing on an activity in an escapist way or expressing a true strength.

For example, when a parent asks me, 'My son is great at computer games and wants to play all the time. Is that a sign of a strength?' I reply, 'Observe his energy levels at the end. Is he drained and cranky? Or energised and full of life? Are you seeing the full triad?' Computer games can tap into a child's strategic and problem-solving skills or stimulate creativity (in some games, you invent whole new worlds). Or they might just be about filling time.

So look for all three signs. When you see your child do something well, with energy, and repeatedly, you'll know you've unearthed a strength.

## **Professor Lea Waters (PhD)**

Lea is the best-selling author of *The Strength Switch*, the President of the International Positive Psychology Association, and the founding director of the Positive Psychology Centre at the University of Melbourne. For further details visit [leawaters.com](http://leawaters.com).

If you are experiencing difficulty with the **SkoolBag App** we suggest that you follow these instructions below to reinstall the App.

### Stay informed with the SkoolBag App



The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.

- 1 Download the app**  
Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store
- 2 Create an account**  
Sign up in seconds with your email address
- 3 Add your school**  
Search for your school and add your subscription groups



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