



SMJ NEWSLETTER

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Caring, Learning, Growing: Every Child, Every Day

Dear Families and Friends of the Ss Michael and John's Community,

As we head into the second half of the term I would like to remind parents of the need to inform the school of all absences. It is a requirement of the Victorian Government and the Education Act that all absences are reported to the school. To assist parents this can be done via PAM. A phone call to the office on the day will also suffice. It is also a requirement that all absences are followed up. Therefore you will receive an SMS from the Office as a reminder to contact the school.

If your child/ren arrive at school after 9.00 am or leaving early they must be signed in and out on the iPad at the Office.

Last week meetings were held between St Brigid's College and Ss Michael and John's Primary School focussing on ways of working together. The year seven Math teachers met with the Senior Learning Community teachers and the Math support staff to identify ways of supporting each other, identifying the commonalities between our two schools, with the intended outcome of developing a maths curriculum to support all Grade Six students in their transition to year seven at St Brigid's.

Exciting times ahead!

Earlier in the year the SMJ staff were privileged to have Mr Gutteridge and Mrs Bird show us the new STEAM building. What a fabulous addition and asset to the school. How exciting for our Year Six students to have access to this as they transition to secondary school at St Brigid's. Open days for parents to view the building will be available soon.



Around 2.8 million children in

Philippines do not go to school.*



We begin Project Compassion learning about the story of Shirley. Shirley was struggling to support her family and keep her children in school. She faced regular discrimination and disadvantage, limiting her family's access to food, education, employment and healthcare.

With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley trained to become an indigenous health worker. She has learnt to supplement her income and is able to feed her family. The program has also empowered Shirley to send her children to school. Watch a short film about Shirley's story: [Primary school film](#) [General film](#)



Let's Go Further, Together! Please support the Project Compassion: lent.caritas.org.au

DATES TO REMEMBER OVER THE NEXT WEEK...

FRI 6TH	ASSEMBLY PREP MRS HAASE TALENT SHOW 2.00PM ICY POLES SOLD AT LUNCHTIME. SOC PUBLIC HOLIDAY
MON 9TH	5/6LW PARISH MASS 9.30AM
WED 11TH	1/2 PRAYER LITURGY 12.15PM PARISH CENTRE
THUR 12TH	ASSEMBLY PREP MISS MARR
FRI 13TH	RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY



STUDENT'S OF THE WEEK

Jude R asking for help when he needed it and concentrating on his learning.



Ryan T for being really focused and not being getting distracted in learning time.



TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Miss Dortmans for helping everyone with their sport and even helping during learning time



Well Done Jude, Ryan and Miss Dortmans

TALENT SHOW GRAND FINAL!

6TH OF MARCH
2:00PM IN THE
PARISH CENTRE.
FAMILIES WELCOME
TO JOIN US.

Performing

›LUCY + LEAH
›EVIE + GRACE
›JOBE
›KIRAH + VIOLET
›LIAM, DARCY + RILEY
›GABRIELLA + SOPHIE
›KENSI, ISLA + POPPY

Shine Youth Choir

For Yrs 3-9

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TERMS 2, 3 & 4

Monday Nights in 'The Green Room' Harvest Church 4-5pm

If you love singing, performing and being part of a team, then **Shine Youth Choir** could be for you!

Shine's aim is to give young people with a passion for singing a chance to work with others to create performance pieces to share with our community. We'll cover basic vocal technique, storytelling through song and movement.

For more information or to register interest call:

Venetia Elbourne-Hobbs, Choir Director on 0458 558 383



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Thanks again to those who have been accessing PAM. This will now be our primary source for sharing information with parents. We will now cease using SkoolBag and CareMonkey.

Unfortunately, you will no longer receive notifications to your phone when the newsletter is published however it is usually ready by 3pm every Thursday and can be accessed on PAM and our school website. Please contact the office if you have any problems accessing this.

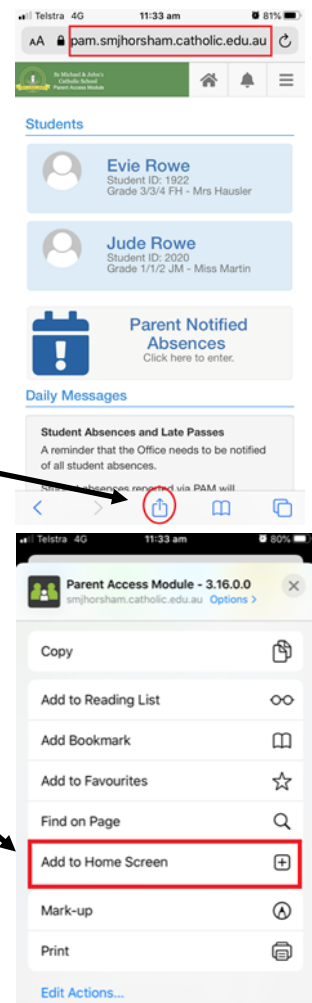
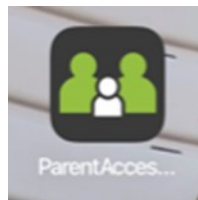
Handy Tip for iPhone Users (sorry, not sure if this feature is available on other phones?)

While PAM does not yet have an app, you can make it available on your iPhone Home screen so it appears and works like an app.

1. Type in pam.smjhorsham.catholic.edu.au into your phones web browser.
2. Click This Button.

3. Scroll down and tap 'Add to Home Screen', then click add.

4. This Icon will now appear on your home screen, so you can use PAM similar to how you would use an app.



If you need any support with PAM, please don't hesitate to contact me for assistance.

Michael Rowe – Deputy Principal



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Penelope B, Lani W, Briely L, Kirah M, Elise U,
Levi M & Nathaniel M-T

Breakfast Club Donations

The Breakfast Club is looking for donations of **MILO**.

If you are able to donate either could you please drop it off at the
School Office.

Many Thanks.



UNIFORM UPDATE

Lowes have notified us that they will cease to provide our school uniform as of the 9th of March at which time the school will purchase all the remaining stock. They are currently selling the items that they have left in stock at heavily discounted prices. The remaining stock purchased by the school will be sold on consignment through Hip Pocket Workwear in Sloss Street who will be the stockist of our school uniform from the 10th March

Geoff and the team at Hip Pocket have been working behind the scenes to ensure that we have as smooth a transition as possible. We do ask for your support and patience in this transition phase. All uniform items should be available immediately.

Grade 1/2 Liturgy

12.15 pm Thursday 12th March

All families are invited to join us for our first liturgy
of the year in the Parish centre.



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MOVE MORE THIS APRIL #WimmeraActiveApril

PREMIER'S ACTIVE APRIL 2020



IT'S FREE & FUN

Aim to move for 30 minutes every day for the month of April!

Get 10 free passes to Horsham Aquatic Centre!

By registering for Active April, you will receive 10 free passes to the Horsham Aquatic Centre YMCA to use during the month of April.

Register now at activeapril.vic.gov.au

Check out local events in the Wimmera

Download the Active April app, visit 'My Offers' and find events across the Wimmera in April where there will be plenty of prizes to be won and other local incentives too!



#WimmeraActiveApril



DROP OFF AND PICK UP REMINDER

Please note that you are not permitted to do a right turn or a U turn in McLachlan Street between the hours of 8.30am—9.30am and 3.00pm—4.00pm



DATES TO REMEMBER AT SMJ 2020

MARCH		
Fri 6 th		Assembly Prep Mrs Haase
		Talent Show
		Icy-poles for sale at lunch time - 50c each
Mon 9 th		Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 11 th	9.30 am	Grade 5/6 LW Parish Mass
Thurs 12 th	12.15 pm	Grade 1/2 Liturgy
Fri 13 th		Assembly Prep Miss Marr
		Ride to School Day
		Icy-poles for sale at lunch time - 50c each
Thurs 19 th		Harmony Day
Fri 20 th		Whole School Athletics Day ~ Dudley Cornell NO ASSEMBLY
Mon 23 rd to Wed 25 th		Year 4 Camp
Fri 27 th		Last Day of Term 1 NO ASSEMBLY
APRIL		
Tues 14 th		First Day back for Term 2
Fri 24 th		Pupil Free Day
MAY		
Fri 1st May		School Photo's NO ASSEMBLY






2020

THURS 16 – SUN 19 JULY
 New Vision New Sections New Program Arriving Soon
 entries open april 2020 via Stardom
HORSHAM TOWN HALL
www.facebook.com/wimmeraeisteddfod



NAB AFL Auskick is one of the best, first experiences kids aged 5-12 will have learning Australian Football.

In weekly sessions, Auskickers and their families will run, jump, kick, laugh and create their own special moments playing footy.

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