Medieval Book Fair Magic!

With wide-eyes and mouths agape, our students and teachers entered our Kingdom of Books for the grand opening of our Resource Centre BOOK FAIR this week. To say they loved it is an understatement!

The castle was like a giant cubby house and students couldn’t wait to enter along the drawbridge and through the cobbled archway to browse the books. One creative student from Year 6, stimulated by the medieval setting, added to the vision by suggesting we have a moat to put our ‘library croc’ in. So we ran with that idea and it was an immediate success with one young sibling doing a “Steve Urwin” style tackle.

There was so much to take in. The twelve bookcases filled to the brim with book favourites must have seemed like a book kingdom to our small Preps and Year 1s; the first students to enter our make-believe castle. Some tried out the King’s throne and had their photos taken with friends, while others were more interested in looking at the posters and stationery on display or giving our King Green Frog a welcoming hug.

Parents also joined in with the medieval spirit enjoying a Devonshire Tea at the Kings and Queens Café each day.

Our hospitality students were committed to providing fresh scones daily and were proud to see the many parents and grandparents enjoying their baked delicacies.

St John’s would like to thank the businesses in our community; Sunshine Mitre10, Rex’s Furnishers and Betta Electrical for their sponsorship of this event.

Jenny Eeles
Teacher Librarian
Students from Prep to Senior were awe struck when they discovered the huge castle that housed the extensive range of Scholastic books for sale.
Weekly Principal’s News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last night the school announced its new student leaders for 2015/2016. It is always a night of expectation for all the candidates. There is jubilation for those who are elected and disappointment for those whose skills will be tried out in various other forms of leadership.

Our outgoing leaders were very much a team, rather than a group of, individuals. They certainly left a legacy and an example of what good leadership is. On behalf of the St John's community, we thank them for their fruitful time in student leadership.

In the Bible, King Nebuchadnezzar believed that as long as the statue of him remained intact, his people would have positive life. The lesson is, of course – it’s not all about me! Whether students were elected leaders or not, the larger picture is of the students, staff and parents of St John’s and the broader Roma community. They, as we all know, are larger than the individual. In Colleen McCullock’s series of books, “Caesar” the character of Scaurus is the positive example we need for those aspiring leadership. He represented people and would argue avidly for issues he believed in. However, once the vote was taken and he lost the motion, Scaurus was quick to congratulate his opponents warmly, talked about the dynamic of the decision and rapidly moved on to the next issue. Too often we have trouble letting go.

We need to remember, “it takes a village to raise a child”. Often we can get caught up, particularly in those who seek to lead, thinking that it is all about them. (This is particularly pertinent in today’s society)

We congratulate the following leaders for a job well done: We welcome the new Leaders

**Marian 2014-2015**

- Head Prefect, Daniel Lynch
- Cultural Prefect, Mariah Thom
- Sport Prefect, Owen Williams

**2015-2016**

- Bailey Lambourne
- Courtney Hassall
- Alex Connell

**Theresian**

- Head Prefect, Nicky Wildermuth
- Cultural Prefect, Lucy Barsby
- Sport Prefect, Oliver Peak

**Xaverian**

- Head Prefect, Kaitlin Sands
- Cultural Prefect, Bridget Treasure
- Sport Prefect, Kate Upton

**Events in this month**

**Monday, June 29 to Friday July 17**

- School Holidays

**Monday, July 13**

- School resumes Term Three

**Tuesday, July 14**

- Parent Teacher Interviews 3.15 - 7pm

**Wednesday July 15**

- School Photos
- Academic Awards - Full School Assembly 11am

**Book Fair**

A special congratulations and thank you to our Library staff, Jenny Eeles, Antoinette Barber and Sarah Mehar Dewar, who certainly made books come alive this week with the Medieval Book Fair and the Kings and Queens Café. A great concept and a great success. There were many hours of preparation, cutting and painting to enable all the ideas together. Well done!

I wish all our families a safe end of semester break. Reports will be mailed out today. Please make the most of the opportunity to discuss these with your child (ren), and there is also an opportunity to speak to your child's teacher early next term.

**Reflection**

Robert Southey said, “No distance of place or lapse of time can lessen the friendship of those who are thoroughly persuaded of each other’s worth” When souls really touch it is forever. Then space, time disappear and all that remains is the consciousness that we are not alone in life.

Nicholas Lynch
Principal
Our New Leaders for 2015/2016

Marian

Head Prefect 2014/15
Daniel Lynch

Head Prefect 2015/2016
Bailey Lambourne

Cultural Prefect 2014/15
Mariah Thom

Cultural Prefect 2015/16
Courtney Hassall

Sports Prefect 2014/15
Owen Williams

Sports Prefect 2015/2016
Alex Connell
Our New Leaders for 2015/2016

Theresian

Head Prefect 2014/15

Nicky Wildermuth

Head Prefect 2015/2016

Janice Golder

Cultural Prefect 2014/15

Lucy Barsby

Cultural Prefect 2015/16

Kaitlyn Lane

Sports Prefect 2014/15

Oliver Peak

Sports Prefect 2015/2016

Thomas Campbell
Our New Leaders for 2015/2016

Head Prefect 2014/15

Kaitlin Sands

Head Prefect 2015/2016

Mikhaela Roldan

Cultural Prefect 2014/15

Bridget Treasure

Cultural Prefect 2015/16

Nancy Allen

Sports Prefect 2014/15

Kate Upton

Sports Prefect 2015/2016

Emma Hailjer
PREFECTS’ REFLECTIONS

Our Prefects reflect over the past twelve months

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XAVERIAN

Our time as leaders is coming to a close, and we’d just like to thank everyone who has made this past year the time of our lives. Firstly, we must give a huge massive thank you to all of the students who have helped out over the past year and made our jobs a lot easier. It has been a pleasure to see students getting stuck into every house activity, including, but not limited to, Gerard Treasure and Thomas McNulty’s choreographed-to-perfection song and dance number on MAD week.

Xaverian has been unconquerable this past year, taking out the Cross Country, Swimming Carnival, a number of Academic Awards and the Shrove Tuesday events. We have been so proud of all Xaverians. Your enthusiasm and willingness to have a go and participate in all sporting, cultural and school events has really helped develop our house spirit!

House Spirit has been a key theme of our time as leaders, encouraged through activities such as Inter-house Minute-to-Win-It Challenges and House Fundraising. We have seen House assemblies and our house as a whole make a fun, welcoming environment that is like a family. We ask you to keep up your energy and enthusiasm for the rest of the year and into the future, and would like to congratulate your new leaders for being chosen as the lucky leaders of such an awesome house. All of this, of course, would not have been possible without the help and guidance from the Xaverian Deans of House; so we would like to thank Miss Barrett and Mr Moore.

Kaitlyn Sands, Bridget Treasure, Kate Upton
Xaverian Leaders.

Year Ten Art Clay Masks

These are the clay masks which have just been completed by the Year Ten Art Students.
PREFECTS’ REFLECTIONS

To the Mighty and Glorious Marians,

As our leadership journey began, so did many new things within the School. These included the new vertical house systems, uniforms and fourteen new teachers! As leaders, we hope we have left a legacy to be remembered, with such as events as Minute-to-Win-It, the Water Day and most of all, our amazing dancing skills! As a group, we have achieved a lot, none of which could have been possible without you guys, the students of Mighty Marian!

As prefects, we would also like to thank you, the students of Marian, for all of your contributions and involvement throughout our year. Although we will probably be remembered for constantly reminding everyone to get their point cards signed, we would like to take the opportunity to do what we do best and remind you, once again, to get your points cards in! Your enthusiasm throughout our year, at the Athletics and Swimming Carnivals, Inter-house Competitions and our Marian House meetings, has contributed to making our roles worthwhile and has made our time as leaders more enjoyable. We feel that over the time we have had the privilege to be Marian’s prefects, we have been able to get to know more about Marian students and create bonds, building a stronger house. Being involved, definitely makes the role of a Prefect much easier and less daunting. We would like to thank the Year Eleven potential leaders for their help over the last six months in particular and wish them the best of luck in their time as leaders either with a badge or as a senior student. Best wishes to the new in-coming leaders for Marian; they can be a handful at times, but are really some of the greatest kids you will get to meet and have the privilege of enjoying their company.

We would not be where we are today without the help of our 2014/2015 Head of House. We would firstly like to thank Mr Hurl and Mrs Free for being very supportive and helpful for our first six months of the stresses of leadership. Secondly, and a huge thank you goes to Miss Topic for successfully managing to work with us when it took two teachers last year. The time spent with all these teachers involved a lot of successful brainstorming to make Marian the best House, which it is today.

It has been an amazing journey with you guys, and we hope you enjoyed your time with us as leaders. Our last message as leaders, other than ‘Get your point cards signed is; Marian is Dynamite! Don’t Mess with Dynamite!’

That’s is all from your Mighty and Glorious Prefects.

Signing off Daniel Lynch, Owen Williams and Mariah Thom.

Theresian

Thank you very much and remember, we are R_E_D H-O-T, red hot!

The post leadership year has been an amazing time in our lives and we want to thank everyone who played a part in making it so great. Having had the opportunity to get to know so many more students, we feel as though we are walking away from the experience with many new friends. We have never been more proud to be members of Theresian House.

Throughout the post twelve months, we have achieved so many things. This term, fundraising for breast cancer was a massive success and we really appreciate everyone who became involved and supported this great cause.

We would like to thank Ms Southee and Miss Jones, our Deans of House in 2014 and 2015 for making the job ten times easier. We really do appreciate everything you have done!

Nicky Widermuth, Lucy Barsby and Ollie Peak
This term in Science, students have been investigating how toys move when they are pushed or pulled. They have been able to manipulate various objects and were able to play with some special toys that were brought in by Mrs Angus. Students were introduced to new vocabulary that described motion, compared motion and even were introduced to the concept that objects fall toward the earth. In the last few weeks of the term, students in pairs constructed their own toy that moved.

*Kirsten Cochran, Claire Angus, Lena Marsh*
**School Photos**
School photo envelopes were handed to your children last Friday. If you have not received one, please contact the school. These must be returned to your child’s teacher before photo day which is on 15th July.

**School Office**
This week, we welcomed Tracey Leard (on the right) to our team in the office. Tracey will join Rachel Skuse and Jaime Jukes as the friendly faces you see behind the front counter at St John’s. Thank you to Jaime Jukes how has held the fort for us over the past few weeks.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**
Parent teacher interviews will be held on 14th July. Please phone the office on 46221842 to organise an interview with your child’s teacher. Please have the teachers name on hand when you ring.

**School Uniform Shop**
The school uniform shop will be open on July 7 from 10am to 2pm.

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**Year Eight HPE**

*This term, Year Eight Health and Physical Education has been focusing on Lifestyle Diseases and Touch Football.*

In our theory lessons, students investigated how choices can affect individual health and lead to lifestyle diseases. Here, students researched specific health behaviours, investigating symptoms linked to diseases and ways in which to prevent these. Through research, students were able to distinguish between positive and negative health behaviours, encouraging them to make healthy active lifestyle choices.

The practical side of HPE found our Year Eights developing their touch football skills. Students worked together to learn skills and tactics to play the game effectively. Focusing on strategic thinking, specialised movement skills and teamwork, students participated in various activities, enhancing physical performance. Using drills to refine touch skills, game play to expand knowledge and teamwork to enhance communication and tactics, students worked together to develop strategies to incorporate knowledge in games over the term. Many students used prior knowledge to help coach and umpire, expanding concepts and participation.

*Miss Jones and Miss Podbury*

**Year Seven/Eight Robotics**

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This year, Years Seven and Eight students will complete a term unit on Robotics. The students use the ‘Lego Mindstorms’ software to program a Lego robot to complete certain tasks. Some of these tasks include following a coloured line, manoeuvering around objects using an infra-red sensor and navigating their way through a maze. The students are enjoying being creative in both the design of their robot and the tasks they are carrying out.

*Mark Shields*
Help Needed

Lord of the Flies - Help Needed

The cast of ‘Lord of the Flies’ requires school uniforms including blazers, long pants, ties and hats. These items are proving to be quite difficult to access at charity shops. If you or your children have attended schools other than St John's and you still have any of the above items, we would be most grateful if they could be borrowed or purchased. Any borrowed items will be laundered and all care will be taken with them.

Moonlight Fair Craft Stall

Last year’s Craft Stall was a big success thanks to support from a wide range of ‘crafty’ people. This year, we are hoping to once again feature quality craft items; we are also planning to include a range of collectables such as figurines, cup/saucer/plate combinations, photo frames and vases.

You can help out by looking through your cupboards or sharing our request with friends and relatives; we would be most grateful for your donations. Craft goods or collectables may be left at the school office any time during Term Three.

Yenda Emery and Bernadette Makim

From the Parish

Confirmation and First Communion Celebrations around Town

Fr Jamie Collins enjoyed a post-Mass morning tea with those who made their First Communion on Sunday at All Saints.

There was cause for great joy in our Catholic and Anglican communities over the weekend. Many of our St John's students took the next step in their faith journey by celebrating the sacraments of Confirmation or First Communion at either All Saints Catholic Church or St Paul's Anglican Church.

We commend these students for their hard work and dedication in preparation for these sacraments. The students were very thankful to their families and friends for supporting them as they took this step.

Bishop Robert McGuikin presided over the Confirmation ceremony of children from Injune and Roma at All Saints on Friday Night.
This term, in our unit, ‘Sorry and Forgiveness’, the students in Year Two have been learning how the actions of Jesus reveal to us the nature of God.

We have explored how the choices we make can sometimes affect our relationship with God. At the beginning of the term, we listened to a book reading called ‘God’s Dream’ by Desmond Tutu and Douglas Carlton Abrams. We then created a concept map to show what we thought God’s dream for our world would look like. We explored the scripture story of ‘The Prodigal Son’ and really enjoyed watching the Lego animation of the story. We discussed how this story tells us about God’s love for us. We have also been learning about the process of reconciling with others and have brainstormed things for which we are responsible and discussed those times we have ‘missed the target’ and needed to make amends. We are looking forward this week to learning more about John the Baptist and celebrating Mass with the whole school on Friday.

Mrs Brennan, Miss van Slobbe, Mrs Purssell

Opti-MINDS Returns

Monday 13 July (Day One Term Three) not only promises cold winds; it also heralds the opening of the 2015 Opti-MINDS Challenges. St John’s is once again participating in and hosting the South West Regional Final for Opti-MINDS.

This year, teams will gather at St John’s on 23 August to present their most creative solution to the Challenge on which they would have been working for six weeks. Letters have been distributed to students who have expressed an interest in being part of a team.

If possible, please return the Expression of Interest form by 26 June.

Year Four English

This term, Year Four has been learning how to write play scripts. We used our learnt skills to change an Indigenous Dreamtime story or Asian Folktales into a play script.

After having a group discussion to make the tough decision on which play the group would perform, play practice started. All groups worked as a team to bring our play scripts to life. The students created props and decided on the movements by themselves.

We were lucky enough to be able to perform our plays in front of a huge audience made up of parents and special relatives. A big thank you goes to all our parents and special relatives who came and supported the Year Fours in their performances.

Congratulations

Finally, Miss King and Mrs Wehl would like to congratulate the following Year Four students who made their First Confirmation and Communion over the weekend:

Samara Bonsey, Tamika Brumby, Jayrold Bugarin, Brayden Crawford, Kissea Cruz, Lilly Kirkbride, Sophie Lee, Braith Lorenz, Jeffery Lunney, Mak MacLachlan, Cadence Ogilvie, Jonah Peak, George Pollock, Cyril Rayos, Charlotte Roberts, Noah Rogers, Abigail Small, Logan Thornithwaite and Thorn Whitfield.

Danielle King and Michaela Wehl

Year Four Teachers
St John's Pink Day

Thanks to everyone involved
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Term 2  Week 10

Have a safe and happy break. School resumes on July 13.

We acknowledge the original inhabitants of this land, the Mandandanji people, and show our respect for their ancestors and traditions.
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