Week 2...... What a terrific start to the school year we have had. It is wonderful seeing the students settling into their new homerooms. It is important all teachers have current medical information for their students so we ask all families to complete the 2016 medical information form and return it ASAP. Please contact the front office if you require a new form to be sent home or download one from our Skoolbag App under the Forms tab.

A Lenten Prayer

Dear Lord,
I know You receive what is in my heart. Let me be inspired by Your words and by the actions of Your son, Jesus. Guide me to make sacrifices this Lent in the spirit of self-denial and with greater attention to You and to those around me. Help me to believe that You will grant me this because of the sacrifice Jesus made for me.

Amen.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS
The school office is open at the following times:
Monday to Friday 8.30am - 3.30pm
Phone: 5562 5362
E mail - principal@sjdennennington.catholic.edu.au
Dear Parents,

Today marks the beginning of the Lenten period that we as Catholics celebrate. This time leads us to Easter. The children in Grades 1 - 6 celebrated the beginning of Lent by attending Mass at St Pius this morning. In class the children will continue to work on the theme of Lent. The children will have the opportunity to contribute in some way towards Project Compassion that is helping others less fortunate than ourselves. Even a small contribution is wonderful.

SHROVE TUESDAY
Thank you to our wonderful parents who assisted with the set up, cooking, serving and pack up for Pancake Day yesterday. As always the children thoroughly enjoyed them. The sugar fix was noticeable throughout the day!!

HEAD LICE
We have had an outbreak of Headline in the school this past week. Please check your child's hair. If they are infected please inform me at the office, treat and remove eggs before returning them to school. Thank you.

GASTRO
If your child has been vomiting at home, it is a requirement they stay at home for 48 hours, so as not to infect other students and staff at school. I know you appreciate how quickly Gastro spreads and so I ask that you please follow this requirement diligently.

ARRIVING EARLY AT SCHOOL
Please do not bring your children to school before 8.30am as there is no supervision before this time in the yard. Teachers arrive early at school to prepare for the day ahead and so will not be opening doors before 8.30am.

APPOINTMENTS
If you want to see your homeroom teacher please make an appointment via their email address. Email addresses can be found on our Skoolbag App under the Contact Us Tab. Teachers are busy before and after school and so will make a time which is suitable to both parties. Thank you.

MUSIC/DRAMA
Mrs Bail is starting again tomorrow for Music/Drama on a two weekly rotation. The children certainly enjoy what she does with them each week.

FIELD DAYS
The Grade 2/3 classes are off to the Field Days on Friday as a part of their Inquiry Unit. I hope the weather is kind and it is not too hot. In saying that however please ensure your children have plenty to drink, have their school hats and sunscreen to apply.

BUILDING
I am a little scared to say that hopefully the new canopies/ road and car park is about to commence. It has been coming for so long... You will notice the fence is up so we await the commencement of work. How wonderful it will be once we have two car parks and entrances!! I am told it should be operational by the end of the term but we'll wait and see!!

PARENTS IN THE SCHOOL
If you come into the school other than the drop off in the morning we ask that you please come via the office and sign in and then when leaving please exit from the office again. This is an important O H & S requirement as we need to know who is in the school for Emergency Management at all times.

That's all from me this week,

Regards,

Kathy Dalton

Financial Assistance
Families that hold a valid concession card are eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund payment (CSEF). A payment of $125 per student is paid directly to our school which will be deducted from your school fees. There is an information/application form attached to the newsletter. Please complete this form and drop it into the school office with a copy of your concession card by Friday 26th February.

Change of details
It is very important that we have up to date contact details for all families within our school. If you have had a change of address, telephone or occupation etc please inform the office in writing or email Gayle McPherson at:
gmcpherson@sjdennington.catholic.edu.au
Opening School Mass

Opening of the School Year Mass will be held on Wednesday 17th February at 10.00am at St Pius church. All welcome.

Lent has now officially began and we are all challenged to join in the spirit of this Church season as we head toward Holy Week and Easter. It is not only about the stocking up of Easter Eggs that are already clogging up the supermarket aisles. Please take the time to think about what Lent means to you.

As we begin Lent, we also introduce some of the Symbols about this Holy Church season. Our first symbol is:

A Rock

While in the wilderness, Jesus was invited to transform stone into bread. Though he resisted the temptation there and then, he became justly renowned for feeding people who were hungry for food, or for love, or for a word of encouragement, or for simple acceptance. Might there be a stony place in you that needs transforming? Some attitude or habit that, with a little attention, might even become a gift for you and others?

Mass times for St Pius this weekend are as follows:
Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am
All welcome!

Dear Jasmine,

Have you got any tips to help me assist my child to get their homework done?

From Sally

Dear Sally,

We all know how busy after school time can be. Getting kids to sit and focus on their homework can be a daily battle. Here are some tips that might help:

- Develop a routine and clear expectations: Find a routine that works for your family. Eg put shoes, bags and lunch boxes away as soon as you get home. Have a snack and start homework straight away before screen time or outside play. If you keep things the same and consistent kids know what’s expected when they get home. Without the distraction of TV or screens, homework gets done quicker and getting to watch a favourite show or go play with friends is just the incentive they need to stay on task and get their homework done quickly.

- Have a healthy snack ready to go at homework time. Getting kids refuelled allows you to get down to the business of getting homework done.

- Set up a simple and inexpensive work station. Have a basket with supplies such as pencils, erasers, rulers and paper that is ready to use at homework time.

- Have activities for younger siblings ready for homework time: it can be tricky if you have preschoolers to devote time to helping older siblings with homework. You could have a special basket for them with an activity book and pencils or special toys that only come out at homework time.

Jasmine
Running Club

Mrs Smith’s Running club will start again tomorrow, **Thursday 11th February**.

Any students from Years 3-6 who are interested in running are welcome to come along. We run on Thursdays at 11.00am (First Lunch). Please ensure you bring your running shoes. ALL students who wish to participate will need to send in completed permission form which is being sent home today.

The **DENNINGTON DASH** is happening again in 3 weeks on **Friday 4th March**. The Running Club will be running the “dash” course so students can have a few practices before the big event!

If you have any queries please see Margie Smith. Thank you!

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Book Club

Our first issue for 2016 is out. However, Scholastic didn’t send enough catalogues for all our students. The Foundation and Grade One students received a catalogue. All other students please download the Issue 1 catalogue online at:


A reminder that all orders are to be completed online and Issue 1 closes on 17th February.

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Literacy Reading Workshop

All parents who have children in Foundation to Year Two are invited to our Literacy/Reading Workshop this term.

**Date:** Tuesday 23rd February at 2.45pm OR Thursday 25th February at 6.00pm.  
**Location:** Junior School Area

This informative session runs for around 30 minutes, and is a great chance to learn how you can help your child have reading success at home.

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Woolworths Earn & Learn

Thank you to our St John’s School Community for supporting the Woolworths Earn & Learn initiative. Just by doing your weekly shopping at Woolworths we have been able to obtain materials worth approximately $2,500. This year we chose Maths resources including a measurement kit, fraction resources, clocks, counters, number lines and lots of unifix! These will be used throughout our school and all of our students will benefit from your support.
Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who obtained awards in Week 1:

Mitchell Wollermann - Excellent rounding strategies in Maths
Hamish Allen - A wonderful I Am poster
Billee Morgan - Fantastic writing
Sarah Barich - A great letter to yourself
Amber Cashion - Her amazing Art work
Paddy McCosker - Working hard in Maths
Wil McKenna - Great Leadership
Ginger Butters - Great Leadership
Kalissa Chapman - Being caring towards others
Conner Prout - Being a great helper
Jack Stonehouse - A great start to the year
Ava Moore - Star of the Week

Parents and Friends News

Our first meeting for the year is on Wednesday 17th February at 7.30pm. All families, existing or new are welcome to attend.

Shrove Tuesday
A big thank you to the parents/grandparents who helped out on Shrove Tuesday.

Crazy Camel
Families who ordered a calendar last year - there was a printing error in the month of April. Please collect a date sticker from the front office.

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop is open every Friday morning from 8.45am - 9.15am or other times by appointment. Please call Kirsty Ryan on 0448 530 298 for all of your uniform requirements.

Business of the Week

The Midfield Group

Please support the following businesses that kindly support our school:

The Meat Barn
South West Credit Union
Cri-tech Plumbing
Serene Vista Halls Gap Accommodation
Blackmores Garden Service
Callaghan Motors
The Midfield Group
Nevcon Structural Steel
Warrnambool Motorcycle & Gardening Products

Happy Birthday

A Big Happy Birthday to Curran O’Donnell who celebrated his birthday last week!

This week we say “Happy Birthday” to Charlie McNaughton and Mrs Brown!

Dennington’s Day Out

Save the date!! This year’s DDO will be held on Sunday 13th November. Come along and enjoy a great fun filled day in a relaxed atmosphere with family and friends!
DENNINGTON DASH is back!

ST. JOHN’S PRIMARY SCHOOL	
twilight family fun run/walk is back in 2016!

**Early Bird**
$10 Individual  
$5 Child & $20 Family  
(2 Kids & 2 Adults)  
ENDS FRIDAY  
26th FEB

**TWILIGHT FUN RUN**
**DENNINGTON DASH**
**FRIDAY MARCH 4TH**

**Early bird entry forms at St. John’s Primary**

When  Friday 4th March starting at 6pm
Where  St.John’s Primary School, Dennington.
Events  3km run/walk and 6km run.
Cost  $10 Individual, $5 Child & $25 Family (2 kids & 2 adults)
**BBQ** from 6.30pm with spot prizes to be won!

From a sporting group?
The two sporting groups with the most participants will win a FREE group PT session with either Damian Thornton or Up & About Fitness!!
1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching
INVITATION

A Parenting program to create a more peaceful household, less arguing and fewer angry moments.

St. John’s Primary School, Dennington

Great Interaction between parents

Easy to follow strategies

1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching program is an easy to learn, easy to use, down to earth parenting program to help parents gently and firmly manage the behaviour of children in the 2-12 year old age range. The program aims to help parents gain practical tips on how to get children to:

- stop doing the things that drive parents crazy like arguing, fighting, yelling etc.
- start to do things parents want children to do
- develop children’s emotional intelligence

1-2-3 Magic provides parents with strategies to sort between different types of behaviour and use less talk, less emotion which lessens both parent and child feelings of emotional stress and helps children to understand and better manage their emotions.

Date: February 15th, 22nd, 29th 2016 — 3 WEEK PROGRAM
Time: 6pm—8pm
Venue: St. John’s School, Dennington
Cost: Free ($6.50 Workbook)

Program Bookings required — phone Marea on 5559 3000.
Childcare is available contact the school — 5562 5362
Want to get your kids into tennis?

Available at Warrnambool Indoor Tennis
With award winning coaches of Tennis Australia's ANZ Tennis Hot Shots, children from 4 years can learn the game with modified courts, balls and racquets.

An extensive program will also be available for older beginners and accomplished players

OR Come along to our casual $5 Hit at 4.00pm Fridays
Interested?

Call 5562 6539

Lifeline EASTER BOOKFAIR
Do you have cash handling and customer service skills?
Do you love books?

Lifeline South West Vic are seeking volunteer cash register operators and customer service assistants for the Easter Book Fair, 10am–4pm Friday March 25th –Sunday March 27th.

For more information or to apply please contact Carly 5559 0505, carly@lifelineswv.org.au or search us on Facebook and leave a comment.

MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY
5.30PM
JUNIOR SQUASH REGISTRATION AND GRADING

Existing players please bring a friend along
New juniors aged between 8 and 16 are most welcome
Modified competition to commence for Junior’s that are ready to play
Equipment supplied
Sausage sizzle provided for dinner!

WARRNAMBOOL ACTION SQUASH CLUB
305 Timor St
Warrnambool
For enquiries please phone Kerri on 0428 1401 74
CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student’s eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

• on the first day of Term one, or;
• on the first day of Term two;
  a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
  c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27 January 2016) or term two (11 April 2016).

Closing Date

Parents are encouraged to lodge the application form by 29 February 2016, so that payments can be made from March 2016. However schools can accept parent applications up until 03 June 2016.

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

• Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
• Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see: [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname

First name

Address

Town/suburb ___________________________ State ________ Postcode __________

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

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☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

• DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.

• If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.

• Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and for State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant ______________________________ Date / /