1. Our school website has a section for families transitioning to school:
   http://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/school-community/156/p/ please visit the website, most of
   the information you will need in the coming weeks and months can be found there.

   St John’s Playgroup is held on Tuesday mornings from 9-11:00am in the OOSH Room next
to the hall. Please email the organiser Agi Reefman: agi.reefman@gmail.com to let her know if
you intend to join a session.

2. Kindergarten children will attend an assessment session on Monday 30th or Tuesday 31st
   January 2017. The assessment will take approximately 40 minutes and parents will be asked to
drop the children off and pick them up after the assessment, bookings will be made via the
www.schoolinterviews.com.au website a letter outlining details will be sent to you at a later
date. These assessments are part of the schools EMU program (Extending Mathematical
Understanding) and Best Start programs.

3. There will be a picnic at St John's (back playground) on Sunday 29th January 2017,
   11am-1pm for all 2017 Kindergarten families. BYO everything. All families are invited to
join the family Mass which begins at 10am in St John’s Church, prior to the picnic.

4. Your Kindergarten child’s first day of school will be Wednesday, 1st February 2016.

5. The first 2 days of school i.e. Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd February are half days;
children should be picked up at 12.00pm. Kindergarten children will have their first full
day of school on Friday 3rd February.

6. School hours are from 8.40am until 3.05pm

7. The school's phone number is 9971 9297, fax 9971 2157, address: 166 Alfred Street,
   Narraweena 2099, email: sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au

8. **DOWNLOAD THE FREE TIQBIZ APP TO YOUR SMART PHONE** or tablet from
   your app store. Tiqbiz will help you keep informed about school news and events. The app
   allows us to send information specific to your child’s grade level, as well as general school
   notifications. Tiqbiz notifies you when there is a new message (similar to email & SMS) and you
   will receive reminder notifications 24 hours before scheduled events.

9. **READ THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER EVERY WEEK.** It is full of important information
   and dates. It is emailed out weekly or can be found on the school website in the section News

10. The school uniform is available from Lowes at Warringah Mall. The Uniform Shop, located
    next to the canteen at school sells school hats, bags and a small amount of second hand
    uniforms on Thursday mornings from 8.30am-9am

11. Children are to wear black leather school shoes (Clarke type)-no heels, frills, or fancy
touches and predominantly white sport shoes on sports and physical education days – no
fluoro or brightly coloured sport shoes.

12. **Label every item** that your child brings to school. Clothes, lunchboxes, drink bottles,
EVERYTHING. Don’t ask how they can possibly lose their shoes or singlets- but it has
happened! Puff paints work really well, or professionally made labels. **Personalise** your child’s
bag with a key ring or tassel that they can recognise easily.
13. **School Dates for 2017:** There may be pupil free days around the start or end of terms. You will be advised in the Newsletter of these specific dates.

- **Term 1:** 30/01/2017 - 07/04/2017
- **Term 2:** 26/04/2017 – 30/06/2017
- **Term 3:** 18/07/2017 – 22/09/2017
- **Term 4:** 9/10/2017 – 15/12/2017

14. **Strength and Gentleness** is our school motto. We all try to live this motto every day.

15. Parents should make an effort to get **to know the other parents.** These are the families who may have a great influence on your child over the next 7 years or more.

16. Parents should continue to **talk about God and pray with their children.** This is an important part of belonging to a Catholic school and parish. Mass times: Sat 5pm, Sun 8am, and 10am.

17. Parents should **work in partnership with everyone at St John's** to provide the best education for your child – their academic, spiritual, emotional, physical and social education. Parents should always seek information from the class teacher or principal first if there are any questions.

18. Parents should **actively engage** with the school and offer to be involved in some aspect of school life - social functions, helping in the classroom, working bees, fund-raising, parent education courses, tuckshop etc. Making a connection in just one of these ways has many benefits for your child and our community.

19. Be positive and be supportive of your child’s school and your child will be too.