PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents and Friends of St John’s,

Firstly, congratulations to our children on a fantastic school effort at our annual swimming carnival yesterday. Our colour house captains did a fantastic job encouraging their respective teams and whipping up enthusiasm throughout the day. There was a great sense of community and fun at the event created by a generous response to requests for help from parents. Excellent organisation by Mrs Liussi, Mrs Fountain and Mrs Nelson-Smith ensured the carnival ran smoothly. Special thanks to our wonderful staff for their assistance throughout the day.

We are about to complete our two-week period of parent and teacher interviews. The purpose of these meetings was to provide an opportunity for you meet your child’s teacher and to have some time focus to on your child – their strengths, their needs and your hopes for them. If you have not been able to arrange a meeting with your child’s teacher I strongly encourage you to do so.

An email has been sent to all parents inviting you to a meeting in the hall next Tuesday evening, 23rd February from 7-8pm. Planning is underway for the improvement of facilities at St John’s. This will include concept plans for new classrooms, improvements to the hall and plans for the creation of a hard surface space for play and Parish parking. We would like to begin promptly at 7pm.

During this season of Lent we are asked to focus on our relationship with Jesus. It is a time of drawing closer and of recognising the transformation that this relationship can create in our lives. That transformation is symbolised so powerfully through the Resurrection. The children have been exploring ideas central to the Lenten themes. Our Kinder-Year 2 grades have been challenged to grow closer to Jesus by clothing themselves in kindness, compassion and love which is illustrated by Chloe’s photograph above. Our Year 3-6 children have been encouraged to pray, think and act kindly towards others and to concentrate on forgiveness. A special opportunity for parents is being offered by the Parish. A daylong retreat is being held on Saturday March 5th here at St John’s (in the School hall) from 8:30 am – 2 pm and an invitation has been extended to all parents. Please contact the Parish office for more details.

Best wishes for the week ahead,

Mark Bateman – Principal
**SPIRITUAL NEWS**

**YEAR 3 & 4 SCHOOL PARISH MASS & SAUSAGE SIZZLE!**

What a great way to start the year! A last minute decision to host a sausage sizzle after Mass came together seamlessly thanks to an army of volunteers who helped with shopping, preparation, set up, cooking, serving and packing up. Not to mention all those who helped by consuming 140 sausage sandwiches!

It was a beautiful Mass with the children carrying out their ministries confidently and reverently. Special mention must go to our musicians: the wonderful Mr Frazer was joined by the talented Lisa and Richard Rourke on the violin and saxophone and the music was simply heavenly.

If you missed out, your next chance to join us will be at the Year 1 & 2 School Parish Mass on Saturday 12th @5pm.

**Upcoming Dates**

**Week 5**  
Fri 26 Feb – 4D & 4R will be attending Mass with the Parish at 9:15am.

**Week 6**  
Tues 1 Mar – 6SF & 1B will be attending Mass with the Parish at 9:15am.  
Wed 2 Mar – 2N & 2C will be attending Mass with the Parish at 9:15am.  
Fri 4 Mar – 3PG & 3M will be attending Mass with the Parish at 9:15am.

You are warmly invited to join us for any of these celebrations of our faith. (NB: Our weekday masses will normally be a little more spaced out ...we are just catching up from the beginning of the year.)
IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

❖ TUES 23rd Feb – Parents / Community Meeting – Building Plans for St John’s 7pm in School hall
❖ WED 24th Feb – Presentation by Michael Grose Australia’s No.1 Parenting Educator – click here for more information
❖ WED 2nd March – P&F Meeting (7pm Library)
❖ SAT 5th March – BUSH DANCE
❖ TUES 8th March – KINDY 2017 OPEN DAY 9am / Parent Info Evening 6:30pm

PLEASE NOTE – IMPORTANT HEALTH NOTICE:
We currently have a student and member of staff who are returning to school after hospital treatment. As a result both have a compromised immune system (which makes them more vulnerable to infection). We would appreciate it if you would notify the school immediately if your child has an infection so that we can notify parents and our staff member. It is probable that they will require immediate medical treatment due to the nature of their condition. In particular, if your child has an infectious disease, such as the measles, chickenpox, shingles or whooping cough you should notify us and your child should stay at home until no longer contagious.

CLASS PARENTS NEEDED FOR 2016

Our class parents carry out an important role for our school and our children. Having a strong school community and support network assists our children to thrive at St Johns. A BIG thank you to all the wonderful parents that have already volunteered to be class parents, we still have a number of vacancies!

Ideally we would like two class parents for each class.

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If you are able to help out and volunteer as a year class parent, please email Genevieve Ferris, Class Parent Co-ordinator gen.ferris@gmail.com. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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PARENT CONTACT DETAILS

Please advise the office immediately if you have changed address, phone numbers or persons to contact in case of emergency, if you cannot be reached. It is essential that we are able to contact a nominated adult if there is an issue with a child.

ENROLMENT FOR KINDY 2017

Enrolments are now open for Kindy 2017. Please download the enrolment forms from the school website or grab a pack from our school office. Our Kindy 2017 OPEN DAY is being held on TUESDAY 8th March 2016.

NEWS FROM THE CAPTAINS

What a busy week is has been!

The swimming carnival was a great success with everyone supporting their colour house, well done to all participants!

There are plans happening for some Project Compassion activities – so stay tuned!

Ashleigh, Sophia, James & Logan

SPORTS NEWS

ST JOHN’S SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Yesterday’s St John’s swimming carnival was a great success! We had so many children swimming for their teams and cheering for their peers. Congratulations to all those who participated in the events and especially to the year 1 children as it was their first swimming carnival ever. We had many parents and teachers helping out and we could not have done it without them. All colour house captains stepped up to the responsibility of leading their houses. We are nervously waiting for the announcement of which colour came out on top!! We wish luck to those who did amazingly well swimming and are moving on to the next level to represent St John’s in the Peninsula Swimming Carnival later this term. We hope you do well!

CONGRATULATIONS ST JOHNS!!

By Rory M & Cooper O (Playground Team)
SOCCER CLINCS

In preparation of the Soccer Gala Days held at the end of this term, all of Stage 2 and Stage 3 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) will be participating in Soccer Clinics over the next couple of weeks. Please ensure your child wears their sports uniform on the following days to enable them to participate in the soccer clinics: Year 3 & 4 – MONDAY (week 5 & 6) / Year 5 & 6 – FRIDAY (week 5 & 6).

FAMILY LIASION NEWS

CANCER COUNCIL – SAVE TIME PACKING LUNCHES!!

The simplest way
...to save time packing lunches.

We know parents are eager to pack healthy, nutritious lunches.

But doing it five times a week, and getting the kids keen on healthy options such as fruit and vegetables, can feel like a chore.

Plan ahead to get organised and save time:
- Make sandwiches at the beginning of the week and freeze, then add fresh salad on the day.
- Cook extra at dinner and use leftovers for lunches – baked veg, stir fry, pasta and rice work well.
- Chop up sticks of carrot, capsicum, celery or cucumber and store in a container in the fridge until ready to use.

Let the kids help prepare and select, saving you time and getting them interested.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

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INTERESTED IN DIOCESAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS??

Visit them for their 2016 open day/ evening:

Boys – ST. PAUL’S COLLEGE, DARLEY RD, MANLY
St. Paul’s Open Evening is being held on Thursday 3rd March, 4-7pm

Boys – MARIST COLLEGE, NORTH SHORE –270 MILLER ST, NORTH SYDNEY
Marist Open Day is being held on Saturday 5th March, 10am – 2pm

Girls – MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE, 99 -101 ARCHER STREET, CHATSWOOD
Open Day will be held on Sunday 6th March, 11am-2pm

Co-ed - MATER MARIA CATHOLIC COLLEGE, FOREST ROAD, WARRIEWOOD
Open Day will be held on Sunday 13th March, 11am-2pm

PARISH NEWS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm on Fridays during Lent at St John’s

- Friday February 19th – Co-ordinated by the CWL ladies
- Friday February 26th – Co-ordinated by Margaret Verhoeven
- Friday March 4th – Co-ordinated by the Light of the World (Clive and Flavia Periera)
- Friday March 11th – Co-ordinated by the Indian Community
- Friday March 19th – Co-ordinated by The Parish and School Social Justice Committee.

CANTEEN

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Canteen is CLOSED every THURSDAY

Please send children in with recess and a packed lunch.

Sushi Day is Wednesday. All orders are to be at canteen no later than 9:30am.

The Spring/Summer Menu for this term can be found on the school website.

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AWARDS

Please note: Awards will be given out as follows (on the blue soft fall):

FRIDAY MORNINGS – 8:45am Kindergarten – Year 2
FRIDAY AFTERNOONS – 2:40pm Year 3 – 6

STRENGTH & GENTLENESS will be presented on MONDAY mornings during Prayer Assembly

| Strength & Gentleness | Josh B (4D) |

| KB         | Katia K  
Crystal L  
Piero V | 2N | Chiara G  
Philippa P  
Indigo R | 5ID | Connor M  
Monique R |

| KP         | Talia C  
Ruby G  
Blake W | 3KJ | Lachlan D  
Chloe F  
Patrick V | 5M | Mia C  
Thomas D  
Imogen Y |

| 1B         | Jasmine C  
Benjamin F  
Ellie N | 3M | AJ  
Monica G  
Charlie S | 6O | Antonia C  
Tiana E |

| 1G         | Ava B  
Matthew F  
Fin H | 3PG | Liam C  
Hayley M  
Rose R | 6SF | Kevihn J  
Cody M |

| 1KD        | Olivia B  
Anton C  
Lucas P | 4D | Anna B  
Connor W | 5/6B | Mackenzie  
Olivia |

| 2C         | Nicholas C  
Jasmine L  
Madison M | 4R | Jade C  
Alicia P  
Sam R |

| Sport      | Max B (4R) |

| Library    | Jessica C (6SF) |

| Music      | Blake W (KP) |

P&F NEWS

SCHOOL BANKING

Don’t forget that Wednesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit on that day.

CALLS FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO BE INVOLVED IN A CANTEEN COMMITTEE

We are looking for a few volunteers from our school community to become involved in a canteen committee. The purpose is to build on the existing structure and provide support to the canteen co-ordinator for things like: ease of use, menus, staffing and opening times to make it easier for all concerned.

This committee is being formed as a result of feedback from previous P&F meetings and a canteen survey. If you are interested, please contact Paul Bedford for further information pbedford2099@gmail.com or 0408 472 530.

ST JOHN’S “JUST ONE THING” CAMPAIGN FOR 2016

At St John’s, we have always had a strong tradition and culture of volunteering at the School. Sometimes, though, it is difficult for people to know where and what they can help with, and how they can be involved in our school community. So we are inviting our families to tell us “Just One Thing” that your family can commit to in 2016!

Click here to find out more about this initiative.

At St John the Apostle Narrabeena we are RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, SAFE Learners
St John’s Term 1 P&F Meeting 2016

This is an invitation to all parents and friends to attend our first Parent’s & Friends meeting of 2016-

On Wednesday 2nd March, 7pm,
in the school library

All Welcome
Interested in getting involved?

It’s a great opportunity to meet other families and get involved in your child’s school!

If you would like more info, or to add any items to the agenda, please contact

* Paul Bedford - P&F President: pbedford2opp@gmail.com
* Peta Sargent - P&F Secretary: petasargent@optusnet.com.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

TENNIS WHIZZ – NARRAWEENA TENNIS CENTRE

- Ages 3yrs to 5yrs
- Fun innovative program that include Tennis and Fundamental Motor Skills
- Key learning areas also include literacy, numeracy, health & development
- On court learning with parents and children

TERM 1 SPECIAL! Free trial lesson + Free Racquet on Registration

Contact Information:
To book a session or for further information call the office on 0405 424 413 or email: tmstapp@optusnet.com.au

Narraweean has a complete tennis program as well including Hot Shots website:

http://www.staugastianetballschool.com.au

ST AUGUSTINE’S COLLEGE OPEN DAY

St Augustine’s College will be holding their Open Day on Friday 11th March 4:30 – 7pm. Currently interviewing for years 5 & 7 2018. Enrol by April 2016. For further information contact registrar@saintaug.nsw.edu.au
DANCE NORTH ACADEMY

Basketball – Holiday Camps

Potter Basketball League for all primary aged school children starts in March – see form attached for registration details.

Stella Maris - Year 7 Scholarship

Stella Maris College offers scholarships for Academic Ability and Performing Arts. Applications now open!

Closing date for applications – Wednesday 24th February 2016

Details and registration forms are available on the website www.stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

Dee Why Lions Rugby Club

Interested in your child playing a winter sport? The Dee Why Lions Rugby Club are inviting boys and girls 4-7 years old to

‘Come and Try Rugby’
Come and spend a morning learning about ‘Under 6 & 7 Minis Rugby’.

**What is U6 and U7 Minis Rugby?**

*U6/7 Minis Rugby* is a **FUN, LOW COST, NON-TACKLE** winter team sport suitable for boys and girls aged 4-7.

*U6/7 Minis Rugby* is a modified, tag-based rugby game (no tackling). Its focus is on developing general sports skills and teamwork with an emphasis on rugby specific activities.

*U6/7 Minis Rugby* is perfect for girls. The **DEE WHY LIONS** have fielded **ALL GIRLS** teams in U6 & U7 minis rugby since 2010 and will do so again this year.

**WHERE:** JAMES MORGAN RESERVE, CROMER  
**DATE:** SUNDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2015  
**TIME:** 10am – 11ish  
**COST:** IT’S FREE!!!

For further details visit [www.dylionsrugby.com.au](http://www.dylionsrugby.com.au), find us on Facebook. To register or if you have any questions email us at minis@dylionsrugby.com.au

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**DRAMA STARS**

Drama Stars are writing to inform you the Narraweena class will have to be suspended for the remainder of Term 1, due to the small numbers enrolled. We intend to reopen the class as soon as we have enough enrolments for this venue. We need a **minimum of 6 students**. Many of our families from 2015 have indicated that they would like to return in Term 2. Hence recommencing in Term 2 will be our goal. We sincerely apologise for this.

Please accept the two classes the students have already attended in Term 1 as complimentary. Drama Stars can hold onto your payment to roll over to Term 2 or we are also happy to refund the payment. If you prefer a refund please email your bank details to Heidi at Heidi@dramastars.com.au
ITALIAN LESSONS

Andiamo Bambini
ITALIAN FOR CHILDREN

Italian lessons with Georgia Liussi at St John’s Term 1, 2016

10 x 1 hour lessons every THURSDAY from 3:15 – 4:15pm

First lesson: Thursday, 4th February
Last lesson: Thursday, 7th April
Cost: $15 per lesson = $150 for the term (10% discount for siblings)
Due: Thursday, 18th February
No refunds given for missed lesson.

Requirements: Afternoon tea, pencil case and display folder.

Pick up: The lesson will finish at 4:15pm, then Mrs Liussi will walk students to the front of St John’s and wait with children until 4:30pm.

Payment Options: Cash, Cheque or Direct deposit
ANZ Account name: Mrs Georgia Liussi
BSB: 014 688
Account number: 1901 60709
A receipt will be issued upon request

Contact details for Georgia: Ph 0415 941 952 georgialiussi@yahoo.com.au

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CATHOLIC CARE – COMMUNITY VISITORS PROGRAM

LIFELINE NORTHERN BEACHES GIANT BOOK FAIR – 19TH – 21ST FEBRUARY 2016

Lifeline Northern Beaches ("LLNB") is holding its first Book Fair **this weekend** at the Ted Blackwood Hall (Cnr Jacksons & Boondah Rd’s Warriewood).

Friday 19th February 1pm -- 8pm
Saturday 20th February 9am -- 5pm
Sunday 21st February 9am -- 2pm

The funds raised from these Book Fairs go a long way in allowing LLNB to be able to provide the services to our community. Entry by gold coin donation very much appreciated.
MANLY WARRINGAH NEW PRIMARY BASKETBALL COMPETITIONS

‘2016 THE POTTER LEAGUE’

**WHEN:** Starts 8\(^{th}\) March ‘til end of June 2016 (No games in school holidays)

**WHO:** Designed for new players. Individual players or you can enter a team of between 7 & 10 players.

**FLAT FEE:** $160 per player (school yr.’s 1 & 2) $180 per player (school yr.’s 3 & 4) $200 per player (school yr.’s 5 & 6) Payment before first game.

**VENUE:** NBISC, Jacksons Rd, Warriewood

**DIVISIONS:** Mixed sex school years 1 & 2 **DIVISION**, Mixed sex Years 3+ 4, Boys years 5+ 6 **DIVISION** & All Girls **DIVISION**

**GAME TIMES:** Tuesdays 4 to 6pm Year 1/2, YR 3/4 mixed, Wednesdays 4 to 7pm for YR 5/6 Boys Saturdays 1pm - 6pm for all Girls. YR 3/4 comp & YR 5/6

**REGISTRATION & TRAINING:** Each Saturday during school term at Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre, Jackson Rd, Warriewood, Ages 7 & under session, 2.30-3.30pm, Ages 8 & over mixed session, 3.30-4.30pm, Expert coaching plus short game $9 per session

**ENQUIRIES:** MWBA office ph 9913 3622

*If you wish to play or enter a team, complete the form below and

**RETURN FORMS:** EMAIL: CAMPS@MANLYBASKETBALL.COM.AU

Please tick Tues YR 1/2 ☐ Tues YR 3/4 ☐ YR5/6 ☐ Sat Girls ☐

Team Entry: ☐ Team Name: ___________________________ Individual Player: ☐

Name __________________________________________ Mobile ______________________

Address __________________________________________

School ___________________________ Year at School __________

DOB: _ _ / _ _ / _ _ Male ☐ Female ☐

Parent sig. __________________________ Email __________________________

**Card no.** _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______

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