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 **Thursday, 28 January or Friday, 29 January 2016**. 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](http://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, 31 January 2016, 11am-1pm** for all 2016 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 **Monday, 1 February 2016**.

5. The first 2 days of school i.e. **Monday, 1 and Tuesday, 2 February** are half days; children should be **picked up at 12.00pm**. Kindergarten children will have their **first full day of school** on Wednesday 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 and Events: [http://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/news-events/152/news](http://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/news-events/152/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 2016**: There may be pupil free days around the start or end of terms. You will be advised in the Newsletter of these specific dates:

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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, 10am and 6pm.

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.