Dear Parents,

Our new Kindergarten children will complete their first full time week of school on Friday. They are doing very well under the care of their teachers Miss Blake and Miss Kingsley-Jones and we look forward to welcoming them to Prayer Assembly on Monday morning.

There have been some new developments at St John’s this week.

As of Monday, February 13th we will begin moving to an online payment application – Qkr! which can be downloaded to your phone – android or IOS. The application will make school payments quick and easy for you as well as save us valuable administration time. Some of the things you can do with Qkr!:

- Order your child’s lunch online (orders must be in by 9:30am beginning next Monday)
- Order and pay for school events (e.g. Bush Dance)
- Pay school fees
- More items involving orders and payments to be available in time

Please note that Qkr! is a secure system operated by Master Card. Please refer to the section header Qkr! in the body of the newsletter for step by step instructions on how to sign up for the application.

In other news, I am pleased to inform you that our library has had an upgrade. We have created more floor space by moving the shelves around the walls and purchased new furniture. Our new furniture allows us the flexibility to rearrange the room quickly to cater for different age groups and learning purposes. The children now have a broader range of choice in terms of the use of their learning space. You are very welcome to pop in and have a look at the changes.

Parent / Teacher interviews begin next week. We’d really like to meet the parents of each child during this time. Please go into the school interviews website to make your booking if you have not already done so. Interviews provide parents and teacher the opportunity to discuss each child in their class. The aim is to work together to support and guide your child’s learning this year.

St John’s relies on the support of its parents. There is a lot to do and we do need your assistance. If each parent chooses to do just one thing in the life of our school, it would make a considerable difference to the level of support we receive. At the moment we have been allocating Class Parents across the school. This is an important position and one we are very keen to fill. Please see Gen Ferris’s note (our Class Parent Coordinator) in the body of the newsletter providing information and a list of classes still needing assistance. Our P&F will also provide opportunities for involvement in a range of activities throughout the year so keep an eye out for opportunities to assist. I strongly encourage you to help us sustain a strong and supportive community by getting involved.
Our Year 3 and 4 classes will be hosting at the Parish Family Mass this Saturday evening at 5 pm. This is a great way to build a faith connection between your family and our Parish. All families K-6 are encouraged to come along to join the celebration with our Parish Family.

Peace and best wishes,

Mark Bateman - Principal

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

Wearing our school uniform correctly is an expected respectful behaviour of each child attending St John’s. Our summer uniform is as follows:

**GIRLS SUMMER UNIFORM**

- Blue tunic - Available from Lowes
- White crew socks NOT tennis style socks that are below ankle
- ACCESSORIES - Navy hair elastics, clips, scrunchies, ribbons available from Lowes, Big W, Best & Less, Target Earrings – simple studs or sleepers only NO necklaces, bracelets, rings etc
- Makeup and Nail Polish Are NOT permitted.
- HAIR - Shoulder length hair must be tied back

**BOYS SUMMER UNIFORM**

- Navy blue shorts - Available from Lowes
- White short-sleeve "Jack Shirt" - Available from Lowes
- White crew socks NOT tennis style socks that are below ankle

**SPORTS - All Children**

- St John’s sports shirt - Available from Lowes
- Navy soft shorts - Summer - Available from Lowes
- Navy soft pants
- White crew socks NOT tennis style socks that are below ankle
- White (or as white as possible) sports shoes.
- No coloured sport shoes or ankle height boots. (Athlete’s Foot at Warringah Mall has recommended sport shoes for our school and will donate $5 from every purchase to St John’s).

Boys need to have hair length above their collar and are expected to keep their hair neat and tidy.

**School Merit Awards:**

Due to our Welcome Liturgy, we will not be issuing class merit awards. Merit award assemblies will begin from Friday, Feb 17th, 2017 (Week 3).

Merit Awards are to recognise the genuine efforts of children in each class who demonstrate their value for our rules through their behaviour and actions with their peers; who show their best efforts in learning and who demonstrate examples of our core values during the term. The teachers are not expected to issue a merit certificate to each child in their class each term; some children may even receive an award more than once in one term. Merit awards are just one of the MANY ways in which we acknowledge and give feedback to the children.
At St John the Apostle Narraweena we are RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, SAFE Learners

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SPIRITUAL NEWS

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2017

Reconciliation

The Parent Information Evening for Reconciliation will take place **TONIGHT Thursday 9th February** at 7pm in St John’s Church. Reconciliation is open to all children in Year 3 and above who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Reconciliation will take place at sessions from 14th to 17th March.

Confirmation

The Parent Information Evening for Confirmation will be held on Thursday 23rd March. Confirmation is open to all children in Year 2 or above who have been Baptised.

Confirmation will be held on Saturday 13 May.

First Eucharist (First Communion)

The Parent Information Evening for First Eucharist will be held on Thursday 27th July. First Eucharist is open to all children in Year 3 and above who have made their Reconciliation and been Confirmed.

First Eucharist will be held on the weekends of 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th September.

SCHOOL PARISH MASS – SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

Our Year 3 and Year 4 students will be hosting Mass on Saturday 11th February at 5pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for this celebration of our faith. There will be a sausage sizzle after Mass. If you are going to join us and you do not have a child in Year 3 or Year 4 – just go to [https://goo.gl/forms/LvyrGwM5DHiCDp8l2](https://goo.gl/forms/LvyrGwM5DHiCDp8l2) and let us know how many sausage sandwiches your family would like.
TEACHING & LEARNING NEWS

NEW WEEBLY FOR ST JOHN’S – A ONE STOP SHOP!

APOLOGIES – Last week the address we gave you did NOT include a key word – Weebly!

The weebly address is – http://stjohnsnarraweena.weebly.com (bookmark it now!). From here there is a home page with reminders and important dates for the week ahead as well as some general links. You can also then access each grade’s home page across the top of the page. This site is being developed and more will be added in the coming weeks.

ICAS 2017

If you would like your child to participate in the optional ICAS tests this year, please see attached information and order form on this week’s newsletter. Please return to office by Friday 10th March.

LIBRARY NEWS

The table below shows the days for each class to attend library lessons. Please ensure your child has their library bag for their lesson.

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This week in the library we have been very busy with the installation of the new shelving and furniture.

A huge thank you to the parents who came in and helped to take the books off the shelves and box them up on Friday, the dads who moved the shelf along and those who helped clean and order the books once the books were back on the shelf. The students and I really appreciate you giving up your time to help us out.

Please come in and have a look at our amazing new learning space.

In Library lessons this week we have been focussing on how to use the library and be considerate of others using the space. We have also been experimenting with the new furniture arrangements.

Please help your child to remember their Library Bag on the correct day as they help protect the books.
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SCHOOL NEWS

CALL OUT FOR NEW CLASS PARENTS FOR 2017

Dear parents of St Johns, there are still a lot of class parent positions to be filled for this year (see below).

If you would like to be involved with the school and have the time to help out as a class parent, please contact Genevieve Ferris (Class Parent Co-ordinator) via email gen.ferris@gmail.com or mobile 0408 684 635 or the school office.

Class parents are an integral part of our school community. They form a vital support network for teachers and students which assists our children to thrive and develop at St Johns.

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YEAR 1 SOCIAL NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE
Thursday 16th February, the Collaroy 7pm

SCHOOL BUS

- **Students will now require an Opal card which you can apply for online via**
  [http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students)

- **School Bus route**

PROCEDURE FOR PICKING UP AND DROPPING OFF CHILDREN ON WARATAH PARADE

To everyone who uses the kiss and drop zone please be mindful this is **strictly** a 5 minute parking zone to allow you to drop off and pick up your children safely. If you are wishing to walk your child into school or catch up with other parents then please park away from this area.

Also, please remember that each family must register to use Walkers, in order to receive a laminated family name card. Drivers will place one of these name cards in the windscreen on the passenger side to allow the teachers to see which children need to be ready to get into cars.

The procedure for Walkers is attached to the newsletter.

SUPPORT MRS KAUFMANN’S CHARITY

Mrs Kaufmann is a much loved member of the St John’s teaching community. She will be back in our school before you know it. She is working hard to raise money for **Chris O’Brien Lighthouse** for research into her cancer. You can support her by donating via [https://startyourown.everydayhero.com/au/anna](https://startyourown.everydayhero.com/au/anna)

SUN SAFETY AT ST JOHN’S!

In this hot weather we ask all parents to help their children remember to have their hats at school every day. It is also important for them to have a drink bottle that they can refill with water to keep hydrated. In the case of extreme hot weather, we will keep the children inside and ensure they have the opportunity to use a room with air conditioning.

Thank you for your support in teaching them important life skills!

FAMILY LIAISON OFFICER NEWS

**Programs for parents and Children with ADHD.**

Caroline Stevenson & Associates in Frenchs Forest are running a 5 week Parenting program called "Parenting Children with ADHD " This program is run each term in 2017.

Additionally, “Homework Organisation and Planning Skills” Program runs as an after school program for children with executive function difficulties.

For further information please call 9453 5735 or visit the website [www.adhdnorthernbeaches.com](http://www.adhdnorthernbeaches.com)
IMPORTANT NOTE: The Canteen is CLOSED every THURSDAY

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P&F NEWS

CASEROLE CLUB

We have a wonderful casserole club at St John’s that provides meals to families at our school who are going through a difficult time. If you have ever received a meal when you just didn’t know how you were going to put food on the table one night, you will appreciate what a great gift this can be.

If you have time, please cook up a meal to donate to the casserole club so that we have some meals on stock for when a family needs them. This can be anything that you think a family would enjoy and can be frozen and easily defrosted (see the school cookbook Share for some inspiration!) Containers for freezing can be picked up from the school office.

To those people who have donated meals in the past, your thoughtfulness and kindness has been very much appreciated by recipients of your meals, thank you so much.

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SCHOOL BANKING

**Get involved in the School Banking program.**

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for students to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). **We have raised $781 for our school through School Banking commissions in 2017.**

You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. **Online**
   

2. **In branch**
   
   Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver’s licence and birth certificate.

   Existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account holders can start banking straight away.

   Exciting new Term 1 rewards with a Future Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!

   ![Cyber Handball](image1) ![Colour Change Markers](image2)

   Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, **School Banking day is every Wednesday.**

   **If you are interested in volunteering in the School Banking program please contact the school office.**
OOPS! Disregard last week’s information for Scholastic Book Club Book!

Book Club brochures came home last week with your child. Please take a few minutes to look through the brochure as there are many wonder reading books, fun activity books as well as educational books and posters.

For every book purchased the school receives FREE books and Equipment.

Ordering books is very easy. Simply follow the link and place your order online. The books are then delivered to the school where they are collated and handed out to students. Year 5/6 students should order under their home room teacher’s name.

If you wish to purchase things as gifts, please indicate it on the order AND let the office know that you wish to collect the order from the office.

Alternatively, you can put your order in at the office and pay by cheque. Please ensure it is in an envelope clearly marked Book Club and the order has the name and class clearly marked on the order.

Book club orders for Issue 1 are due no later than Wednesday 15th February

For on line ordering please follow the link


Unfortunately, we cannot accept cash.
St John’s Catholic Primary School has launched Qkr (by MasterCard) as an easy to use, secure phone app for making school payments from your mobile phone. Qkr will accept payment using ANY credit/debit card (except American Express) and has a simple checkout function. No info is stored on the mobile phone. We are encouraging all credit card payments to be completed through Qkr particularly for canteen orders, school fees or other special events etc.

Step 1. Download Qkr! on your Android phone or iPhone.
iPad users can download iPhone App. App Store or Google Play

Step 2: Register
Select your Country of Residence as ‘Australia’ and follow the steps to register

Step 3: Find St John’s Catholic Primary School, Narraweena
Search for St John’s Catholic Primary School

Step 4: Register your Children
When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school payments on their behalf.

Note: The Qkr web client is available for those not wanting to complete transactions from their mobile phone.

About the Qkr! App
Qkr is a safe, secure and reliable way to pay for school items. Qkr Is provided by MasterCard so you know the payments are secure. No information is stored on your phone. Registration details and card information are saved securely on the MasterCard network. Qkr will accept payment using ANY credit/debit card (except American Express).

Canteen
From this Monday 13 February – students and staff can now place food/drink orders for recess or lunch. Please refer to the attached flyer for more information. Parents are presented with a two week calendar view when placing food orders. Food order for that day will close at 9.30am to allow for the food to be prepared. More tips will follow in the next few newsletters however, in the meantime, we encourage parents to give it a go!

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Q. How do I use the calendar display when placing food orders?

A. For ease of use, you are presented with a two week calendar view when placing food orders. The calendar makes it easy for you to place orders for a particular child on a particular day.

To place a food order:
1. Open Qkr! and tap on your canteen menu.
2. On the calendar view tap the date next to your child for which you want to place the order. If you have registered more than one child, the calendar view enables you to place individual orders for each child for different dates. If a date is greyed out you cannot place orders for that date, either because the canteen is not open, or because it is past the cut-off time for that day’s orders. Check with your school to confirm the cut-off time.
3. Browse the menu, select items, and add them to your cart.
4. If you are ordering for more than one child you can switch between children by tapping your child’s name at the top of the screen.
5. When you are ready to pay, tap ‘Checkout’ at the bottom of the screen and complete the payment steps.
Q. How can I keep track of my Qkr! payments?

A. Itemized Qkr! eReceipts provide a record of purchase and are a convenient way to keep track of your Qkr! payments.

To view your eReceipts:
1. Open Qkr! and tap ‘Activity’.
2. Scroll down to ‘Order History,’ and tap ‘Receipt’ to view eReceipts.

Never lose a receipt: email receipts to your account:
1. Select the eReceipt you wish to email to yourself.
2. Tap on the mail icon at the top right of your screen.
3. Tap ‘Send’ to email the eReceipt to your email address, or enter another email address, and tap ‘Send’.

Use an eReceipt to cancel a food order you have paid for:
1. Select the eReceipt for the order you wish to cancel.
2. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap ‘OK’.
3. Cancelled items are shown in red on your eReceipt confirming they have been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any credits will be automatically deducted from your next Qkr! food order.

Q. How are Qkr! Refunds processed?

A. Qkr! refunds for food orders:
To reduce school costs, cancelled food orders are refunded as credit for future orders. Refunded items are shown in red on your eReceipt confirming that an item(s) or order has been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any outstanding food order credits will be automatically deducted from your next Qkr! food order.

Qkr! refunds for all other payments (non-food):
Please contact your school office directly to cancel any other (non-food) school payments. These refunds need to be processed through the school office according to school policy.
2017 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Dear Parent,

The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in twenty countries. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), who design and deliver the assessments, is the not-for-profit arm of the University of New South Wales.

ICAS:
- is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in Years 2–12; assessments are available in Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing
- gathers performance information through a 30–60 minute supervised in-school test
- provides a continuous, independent and comprehensive record of a student's performance, and maps their development over the full period of primary and secondary schooling
- enables the progress of each student to be mapped in each skill against their previous performance, demonstrating personal improvement no matter the starting point
- uses fellow students' results as a reference point; results are mapped against all students sitting at the same year level in Australia
- provides an excellent preparation for national testing
- enables students at all levels of ability to participate; ICAS contains questions designed to specifically explore the abilities of students of all standards – this includes those of both lower and higher levels of achievement
- medals are awarded to the top students per state in each subject and year level (when sufficiently meritorious and the test was sat on the official sitting date)
- achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels:
  1. High Distinction to the top 1% of students
  2. Distinction to the next 10% of students
  3. Credit to the next 25% of students
  4. Merit to the next 10% of students
  5. Participation to all other students
- results are available to parents and students online; these online reports and analyses remain available indefinitely. ICAS reports indicate which questions were answered correctly, compare student performance to that of the other students tested and are highly suitable for inclusion in a student's portfolio for future tertiary entrance or job opportunities
- entries are administered through the school, so teachers can also access the information

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form overleaf and return it, with your entry fees, to your school by Wednesday 10th March, 2017.

For more information about ICAS go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au, contact Customer Service on (02) 8344 1010 or send an email to info@eaa.unsw.edu.au

Your child can also prepare for ICAS using Practice Online. Practice Online tests are available for English, Mathematics and Science. Find out more about Practice Online at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online

Yours sincerely

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Group Executive
Educational Assessment Australia

AU-FP-1501
2017 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Registration Form

Please return this form to your child’s school by Friday 10th March

I give permission for my child____________________________________ in class __________ to participate in the following 2017 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter:

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Students should sit on the official sitting date for each subject to be eligible for UNSW medals. However, your school may choose to sit at another time to fit in with other school activities and routines.

* Previously known as Computer Skills.

Please note - All tests will be held in the school Library at 8am. If you cannot make this early time, please do not enter.

Payment:

☐ I enclose Cash / Cheque (made payable to St John’s Narraweena) enclosed

☐ Please charge my Credit Card (VISA / Mastercard) the amount of $______________

Card Number: __ __ __ __ / __ __ __ __ / __ __ __ __ / __ __ __ __

Exp Date: __ __ / __ __       CCV: __ __ __

Cardholder Name: ________________________________

Signature: ________________________________
1-2-3 Magic is a behaviour management program for parents providing families with **effective discipline strategies** for children aged 2 – 12.

**1-2-3 Magic is easy to learn and it works!**

The logical and simple 123 method can be learnt in **3 sessions**. It is easy to remember especially when parents are tired or stressed. **1-2-3 magic** is a ‘parents in charge’ program that helps to eliminate arguing and yelling.

**Strategies are given for the following 3 tasks of parenting:**

- Helping children to control their own unwanted behaviour
- Encouraging positive behaviour (going to bed, doing homework)
- Strengthening parent-child relationships (shared fun, praise and listening.)

**Where:**  
St. John the Apostle Catholic Primary School  
166 Alfred Street, Narraweena. School library.

**When:**  
Mondays 20th, 27th March and 3rd April. **Time:** Evening 6:30-9:00pm

**Cost:**  
$10 for a workbook covering the 3 sessions.

**RSVP:**  

**Booking Code:** jwvt9

**Queries:**  
School office 9971 9297 or  
Email: Jeanie.mcdonnell@dbb.catholic.edu.au
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Waratah Parade Procedures

Please follow the instructions below for dropping off and picking up children in Waratah Parade. It is imperative for the safety of all children that all parents and carers use the correct procedures. If you have others (eg. grandparents) using this entrance it is your responsibility to train them to use this area safely.

- The zone runs between the two driveways of the church in Waratah Parade. It is a small area and holds only 6 cars at a time.
- Do not PARK in this zone – morning or afternoon. It is a 5 minute zone for loading and unloading passengers. If you wish to walk into the school please DO NOT park here!

In the morning - pull into the zone, let your children out and drive off. You should not need to get out of your car. DO NOT drive into the church driveway or park in the church grounds.

In the afternoon – children are escorted to “walkers” by 3:10pm.
- If the zone is full – you need to drive around the block or park somewhere else. DO NOT line up over the church driveway or pedestrian crossing! This is illegal and you may be fined.
- When the children arrive at Waratah Parade, they will sit down while teachers organise them to be loaded into the waiting cars.
- Children will only be allowed to get into the first three cars in the line up. Once these cars are loaded and leave the pick up area, the line of cars will move forward and the next three will be loaded. The three cars being loaded must move away in that order (eg. in the picture below, car 6 can not pull away before cars 4 or 5).
- Under no circumstances should you block Waratah Parade.

Each family must register to use Walkers and receive a laminated family name card. Drivers will place one of these name cards in the windscreen on the passenger side to allow the teachers to see which children need to be ready to get into cars.

Registration for St John’s Afternoon Walkers

☐ I have read the revised procedures for the afternoon Walkers system and will abide by them.

☐ I have advised all caregivers for my children of these procedures:

Surname: ___________________________ Eldest Child’s Class: ____________ Signs Required: # _____

These name tags will be placed in the windscreen (passenger side) to assist with the efficient loading of children.

Signed: _______________________________