



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for Term Three.

The children are back into the swing of things already following their holiday. They launched straight into rehearsals in preparation for this year's production – 'Imagine a Musical' which takes place September 15th. Other key happenings planned for the term include the celebration of First Eucharist, the beginning of our 'Play to Learn' sessions as part of our transition to school program for our 2017 Kindergarten children, continued planning of our new learning spaces, our Father's Day celebration, Book Week and involvement in our Public Speaking and Writing competitions – to name a few. Our term calendar can be found on the school website with updates in the newsletter each week.

Our staff participated in an introductory day concerning the new HSIE syllabus which now includes History and Geography. At the heart of the syllabus is a stronger emphasis on the discipline of the subject areas and, in particular, the development of historical and geographical skills. Our teachers completed further work on the implementation of the new syllabus with Kay Carrol, the HSIE Education Officer from the Catholic Schools Office, today and will continue working tomorrow. We will be teaching units of work on Geography during Terms Three and Four having focused on History in Terms One and Two.

A special welcome to our new members of staff - Miss Ashley Blake will be teaching 2N this term; Mrs Kirstin Blyton will be teaching in 1KD full time for this term and with Mrs Dawson for Term Four and we have Mrs Lewis (formerly Miss McGurgan) back with us for a few weeks teaching 6O. Our Learning Support Teacher, Mrs Vidler resumed her duties this week after some well-deserved leave.

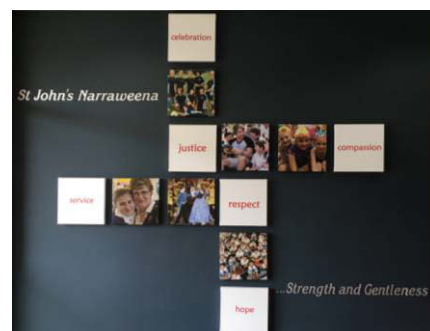
All families should have received information about fee changes in our diocese for 2017. Our Director, Mr Peter Hamill, provided an explanation of the reasons behind the fee changes in the communication. I refer you to Peter's letter and emphasise his offer of support for any family genuinely experiencing hardship in meeting the fee increase for next year. Parents are encouraged to talk with me should there be any concerns.

One of our key aims for the next three years is to encourage the faith of children through relevant and meaningful experiences. We will begin this process by gradually revisiting our six core, Christian values – respect, service, compassion, hope, justice and celebration. Along the way we will be involving the children and encouraging you to consider how these values are evident within our community and how they can become stronger within our daily lives.

The staff, children and I look forward again to working with you during Term Three.

Best wishes,

Mark Bateman – Principal





New Learning Spaces

We visited St John's, Freshwater during the holidays to look at their new learning spaces and collect further ideas for creating our own spaces and we also worked with companies to gain an understanding of how we can furnish our new learning spaces so that they can be easily re-

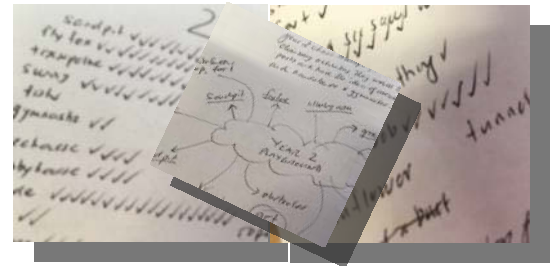
arranged or moved in terms of height and configuration according to learning needs. Further visits are planned to schools who have been involved in similar processes to gain ideas.

Covered Kindergarten Space

We recently added a cover to the space behind our Kindergarten classrooms. Lighting was installed during the holidays, which adds to the versatility of the area. Our Kinder kids now have a useful outdoor space in which to learn rain, hail or shine.

Playground Improvement

We have collected and collated the children's ideas on how we could improve the play equipment area at St John's. Climbing, sliding, digging and creative play featured in the feedback and we are talking to companies about design possibilities for the area.



Car Park

We are expecting a final decision on the car park / play area aspect of the plan this week as consideration of ideas for retaining a grassed area are being considered by the Parish.

SPIRITUAL NEWS

The Prayer that Jesus taught us...

At Mass this weekend we will hear from the Gospel of Luke. It includes the story of how Jesus taught his disciples to pray the Our Father. I love that his disciples are still praying that prayer thousands of years later. But sometimes I think it has become a little too familiar and it can be valuable to stop and reflect on just what these words mean. Why did Jesus to tell us to pray this way? The following is an extract from a commentary from Fr Michael Tate which links beautifully to our core value of Compassion :

'Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.'

How can this come about? It happens when human being share God's way of seeing and doing things. There need be no gulf between Heaven and Earth. But, the fact is we are usually unable to see or do things that way. Most often this failure springs from ignorance or distraction and sometimes from deliberate malice.

'Give us this day our daily bread.'

This petition is very real for some – a plea for the necessities of life to stave off real hunger.

When Jesus was moved with compassion at the sight of a hungry crowd of five thousand he could have done nothing without the generosity of a little boy who handed over his few loaves and fishes. That petition can only be answered if we respond with practical compassion to the plight of those in need.

'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' (Matthew's version)

We know that if the surface of the earth is concreted over it cannot absorb ordinary rain and it runs off to water elsewhere. If we develop a harshness of heart which refuses to show mercy and forgiveness ourselves, then we are like earth concreted over and unable to absorb God's mercy and forgiveness into our own lives. When we forgive someone, we become more able to absorb the gentle rain of divine mercy and forgiveness.

Perhaps something to think about the next time you pray this very familiar prayer.

Upcoming Events

First Eucharist (First Communion)

There will be a parent information/enrolment night in St John's Church, Narraweena at **7pm** on **Thursday 4th August**.

The four week preparation course is open to children in Year 3 or above, who have been baptised and have received the sacraments of Confirmation and Reconciliation.



BISHOP'S RELIGIOUS VISUAL ART PRIZE

In Term 3, the Diocese of Broken Bay will be holding the 2016 Bishop's Religious Visual Art Competition. This is open to all primary and secondary school students enrolled in Catholic schools, including both systemic and congregational, and Government schools in the Diocese of Broken Bay.

In 2016, students are encouraged, but not required, to consider creating a work of art inspired by the theme "OUR MERCIFUL GOD - CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY".

ARTWORKS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED AT SCHOOL BY WEEK 5, TERM 3, ALL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE:

<http://www.dbb.org.au/news/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=592>

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' NEWS

Welcome back St John's to Term 3 and the last semester for the year. This term in Week 3 we have our public speaking competition, (so remember to practice in front of the mirror or your parents).

<https://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/uploads/ppage/files/Public%20Speaking%20Competition%20Information.pdf>

Wow! We have seen amazing artworks from students, for Imagine A Musical. The musical is on Thursday of Week 9. Miss Koto has been teaching us cool dance moves to show off our talent.

(Remember to get your groove on).

On August 4th in Week 3, we hope everyone has been practising running and throwing for the athletics carnival. Remember to pack recess, lunch and a big water bottle (**don't forget to bring your hat**).

Thank you to everyone who entered our Art Competition.

We are very excited about using bits and pieces, snippets and clips from the art works to advertise the musical. They are all on display in the foyer.

Keep an eye out in the lead-up to the big night on September 15th!



DIARY

Week 2 Term 3 Mon 25 July	Week 2 Term 3 Tues 26 July	Week 2 Term 3 Wed 27 July	Week 2 Term 3 Thurs 28 July	Week 2 Term 3 Fri 29 July	Week 2 Term 3 Sat/Sun 30/31
	<i>Board meeting 6.30pm</i>			Parent Reflection Group 8.50am, Library Musical Dance practice	
Week 3 Term 3 Mon 1 Aug	Week 3 Term 3 Tues 2 Aug	Week 3 Term 3 Wed 3 Aug	Week 3 Term 3 Thurs 4 Aug	Week 3 Term 3 Fri 5 Aug	Week 3 Term 3 Sat/Sun 6/7
Fr Vogt Writing Competition entries close	<i>ICAS – English 8am, Library</i>		<i>Athletics Carnival First Eucharist Parent Information 7pm</i>	Parent Reflection Group 8.50am, Library Musical Dance practice	

AWARDS



Please note: Awards will be given out as follows:

FRIDAY MORNINGS – 8:45am Kindergarten – Year 2

FRIDAY AFTERNOONS – 2:40pm Year 3 – 6

KB	Jeremy B Crystal L Mia RPA	2N	Charlie L Cameron O	5ID	Lucia B Connor M	Sport
KP	Matthew C Jack K Sophia H	3KJ	Charlotte B Maurice J Emma S	5M	Sophia A Oliver C James C	Library Lucia P (6SF)
1B	Benjamin F Georgia G	3M	Jasper K Hudson L	6O	Diana A Jayme T	
1G	Monique C William M	3PG	Michael A Hayley M Rose R	6SF	Kevihn J Ashleigh S	Drama Jack G (6O)
1KD	Bailey G Annika K	4D	Anna B Zachary H	4/5/6B	Joseph M Joshua W	
2C	Natalie G Jacob O Amelia H	4R	Alicia P Anna P			

USE OF SMS TO INFORM SCHOOL COMMUNITY OF INCIDENTS

Schools and the CSO have the capacity to send a bulk SMS to all parents/care givers at an individual school using parent contact details in the student information system. Many schools use this facility routinely to send updates about school events, arrangements and student absences. Occasionally the CSO will send a message out on behalf of a school, for example, to alert parents to a particular urgent situation eg. school communications are down, a storm or bushfire is impacting on the school, or the school is in lockdown. The message will be to alert parents to a situation, to inform them of children's safety and to indicate any changed arrangements that may be put in place for student collection. This is a 'no reply' SMS. Parents would need to contact the school for further information.

Occasionally a few parents may experience significant delays in receiving the message. Different mobile networks operate at different speeds on different days so there can be a significant variation in delivery times between providers. The make and model of the mobile phone receiving the message can also affect speed of delivery as can whether the phone is switched on or off. If the phone is switched off there is a e-Learning System Notes possibility that the message will not be received. If only a few students are affected by a situation individual parents would be rung. It is considered however that a bulk SMS is the most practicable way to get an urgent message to all parents at a school. It is also for this reason that we encourage parents/caregivers to ensure that the school has their correct contact numbers.

ICAS – ENGLISH

The ICAS English Assessment will be held in Week 3 on Tuesday 2nd August at 8am. Please ensure students arrive at least 5 minutes prior to the start of the assessment and bring along a pencil, rubber and sharpener.

Please refer to the school noticeboard located in the playground next to the soft fall for a list of students participating.



ST JOHN'S PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION – TERM 3

The annual St John's Public Speaking Competition is on again early in Term 3. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of the students at St John's to experience public speaking in front of a group and for us all to see the depth of talent we have here at our school.

Throughout Weeks 3 and 4 of Term 3, all of the children will present their speech or poem to their class. Kindergarten through to Year 4 will be reciting a poem. Years 5 and 6 will be presenting a prepared speech.

The winners from each class will present their speech to the school on Monday of Week 5 (15th August).

See the School Captains' News above for a link to further details.

LIBRARY NEWS

FATHER VOGT MEMORIAL WRITING COMPETITION

Each year at St John's we have a writing competition which was started in 1999 in memory of Father Vogt who was the Parish Priest at St John's when the church was being built.



Entries for the competition close in Week 3 on Monday 1st, August. The competition winners will be announced during Book Week celebrations. The theme for Book Week this year is "Australia, Story Country."

Please click [here](#) for a link to the entry form

BOOK WEEK PARADE

To celebrate book week for 2016 we will be having a book parade in Week 6 Term 3 August 22 -26. Students can come to school dressed as their favourite book character on this day and join in a whole school parade. Many parents like to start getting organised early to avoid a last minute rush to think of a costume. Students are asked to dress up as a book character of their choice or they can create a costume around the Book Week theme of '**Australia! Story Country**'. We will also be having our Book Fair in this week.

CANTEEN

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Canteen is CLOSED every THURSDAY

W2 Term 3 25 July	W2 Term 3 26 July	W2 Term 3 27 July	W2 Term 3 28 July	W2 Term 3 29 July	CANTEEN CLOSED THURSDAYS We require 2 volunteers each day to operate the canteen. If anyone would like to join our group of canteen volunteers, click here or email Fiona on fionacosta3@yahoo.com.au Canteen Coordinator: Fiona Costa (0409 566 640)
M Di Palma K Barwell	M Facer S Rooke	N Spencer B Gant	CLOSED	L Arteaga J Spiteri K Ward	
W3 Term 3 1 Aug	W3 Term 3 2 Aug	W3 Term 3 3 Aug	W3 Term 3 4 Aug	W3 Term 3 5 Aug	
E Burrell C Gategood	D Panucci B Haroutonian	C Turner K Blyth	CLOSED	L Miners M Southan K Burke	



Calling for AGENDA ITEMS!

Save the Date:
St John's Term 3 P & F
meeting will take place
Wed 10th August.

If you would like to suggest or add any items to the agenda, please email

Paul Bedford - P&F President: pbedford2099@gmail.com

Peta Sargent - P&F Secretary: petasargent@optusnet.com.au

SPECIAL PEOPLE YOU MIGHT KNOW...

Team Khyla - Peter Meighan and Iain Church (family and friends team)

When Peter's daughter Khyla was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukaemia (AML) last September he had no idea what lay in store for Khyla or his family. Thankfully, Khyla is a very brave and resilient little girl who is responding well to treatment. With the amazing support of family, friends and work colleagues, not to mention the unbelievably brilliant doctors and nurses at Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick, things are looking positive.

In the early days of her treatment, when Khyla was coming to terms with everything, including losing her hair, Peter and his friend Iain (aka Churchy) told her they would shave their heads and beards so that she wouldn't be the only one with no hair. They also explained the World's Greatest Shave to Khyla and how they could wait until March to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation so that they might be able to help other people who have similar conditions. Khyla wanted them to wait until they could raise money to help fund research into finding cures. The team have raised over \$13,000.



Kids are at their best when they
are free to explore the world
in a way that suits them



Do you recognise this gorgeous girl?

It's Hannah (4D) and as you might know the condition that causes Hannah's hair to fall out is called Alopecia.

The children's charity Variety funded the wig that Hannah now has - although she is also growing a pretty decent coverage and even has eyebrows and eyelashes at the moment!

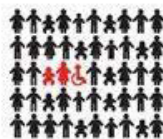
After some pretty trying times, Hannah is now relatively self-confident and comfortable in her own skin (whether it has hair on it or not). Variety asked if they could do a photo shoot and then over the holidays, for Alopecia Awareness Week (4-10th July), a little video. <https://www.facebook.com/VarietyAU/videos/1202972846413705/>

The Facts

RARE DISEASES ARE MORE COMMON
THAN YOU THINK. IN AUSTRALIA
TODAY...



55% of the children
supported by Variety* across all
our programs have a rare
disease (2015 financial year)



3 in every 50 Aussie
kids
have a rare disease



75%
of rare diseases affect children



There are approximately
8,000 rare diseases,
affecting 6-8%
of the population



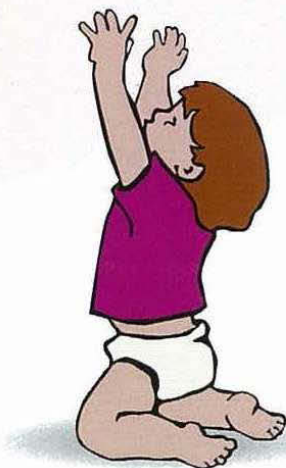
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Parenting Program

This is an 8 week program suitable for parents of children aged 0-5, which will:

- Assist you in understanding your child's needs and behaviour
- Help your child manage their emotions
- Develop skills to build a positive relationship with your child to develop their confidence and self esteem

Where: Naremburn Family Centre

40 Merrenburn Avenue, Naremburn NSW 2065

When: Thursday 10:00am—12:00pm 28/07/2016—15/09/2016

Total Cost: \$50

Facilitators: Isabel & Martine

Bookings are essential and a phone interview is required. To enquire or register for the course please contact us on 8425 8700 or email:
naremburnfamilyservice@dbb.org.au

Please note children are not able to attend, and childcare is not provided.





Looking for a new sport that the whole family can enjoy?

Come sailing at 'the friendly club'.

Narrabeen Lakes Sailing Club (NLSC) offers a supportive, friendly and family-orientated environment for all sailors: from the novice to the experienced.

We offer junior coaching and learn to sail programs on Sunday

At our club we sail Herons, Lasers, Sabots, Optimists, Windsurfers and open class sailboats.

Mums, dads, kids, grandparents - everyone can join in!

You are welcome to join us at our Registration and information days

Sundays 21 Aug & 4 Sept

10am-2pm

Jamieson Park, Narrabeen Lakes

www.narrabeenlakessailingclub.com

(NLSC is a not-for-profit community organisation)



Positive Parenting Program

Free seminar, refreshments provided

This program is a lecture style presentation and does not allow for children to attend that are over 6 months and mobile. Childcare is not provided

This program consists of 3 seminars held over 3 weeks designed to introduce the principles of Positive Parenting. Parents learn how to encourage their children to learn skills which promote children's health, development and wellbeing. This program is aimed at parents of children aged 0-10 yrs.



SEMINAR 1

THE POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING: Wednesday 10th August 10:30am-12:00pm

SEMINAR 2

RAISING COMPETENT, CONFIDENT CHILDREN: Wednesday 17th August 10:30am-12:00pm

SEMINAR 3

RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN: Wednesday 24th August 10:30am-12:00pm

Triple P Seminars address general parenting issues: why children tend to behave in certain ways under certain influences, and what they best respond to; dealing decisively and effectively with behaviours such as aggression, non-co-operation and disobedience; recognising and managing situations that might be much less obvious such as sadness, anxiety, difficulty with separation and problems mixing with other children.

Location:
Lane Cove Library
139A Longueville Road
Lane Cove 2066

Bookings are essential! To make a booking call CatholicCare on 8425 8700
Or email: naremburnfamilyservice@dbb.org.au

Please note children are unable to attend and childcare is not provided