



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

We are working with the children to revisit our core values of compassion, respect, service, hope, celebration and justice over the next two terms. We want the children to have an understanding of what each of the values actually means. We have begun with a focus on compassion across the school with classes finding real life examples from a variety of sources, especially our own school.

I was particularly struck by the following stories taken from our resource bank and would like to share them with you. The first is a video clip:

<http://www.abc.net.au/btn/story/s4504178.htm>

Next is a story – author and source unknown.



Once a church had fallen upon hard times. Only five members were left: the pastor and four others, all over 60 years old.

In the mountains near the church there lived a retired Bishop. It occurred to the pastor to ask the Bishop if he could offer any advice that might save the church. The pastor and the Bishop spoke at length, but when asked for advice, the Bishop simply responded by saying, "I have no advice to give. The only thing I can tell you is that the Messiah is one of you."

The pastor, returning to the church, told the church members what the Bishop had said. In the months that followed, the old church members pondered the words of the Bishop. "The Messiah is one of us?" they each asked themselves. As they thought about this possibility, they all began to treat each other with extraordinary respect on the off chance that that one among them might be the Messiah. And on the off, off chance that each member himself might be the Messiah, they also began to treat themselves with extraordinary care.

As time went by, people visiting the church noticed the aura of respect and gentle kindness that surrounded the five old members of the small church. Hardly knowing why, more people began to come back to the church. They began to bring their friends, and their friends brought more friends. Within a few years, the small church had once again become a thriving church, thanks to the Bishop's gift.

Let each of us be the heart and hands of Christ.

There is a note in the body of our newsletter from Meghan Bassett, explaining that our School Board has changed its name to the **St John's Advisory Council** following a directive from the Catholic Schools Office. Meghan explains the name change and the purpose of the council in her article below. The council was introduced to our work on revitalising school values at last night's meeting and is keen to support our work.

In other news, you will have received emailed information about a decision concerning the shared playground and car parking space that forms part of the future planning for St John's. In addition to the email you received, further information is provided on our school website summarising what has happened with our building projects during Term Two, our direction for Term Three and an update of Frequently Asked Questions has also been included.

Best wishes for the week ahead,

Mark Bateman - Principal

SPIRITUAL NEWS

FIRST EUCHARIST (FIRST COMMUNION)



There will be a Parent Information night for parents of children who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Reconciliation at St John's Church, Narraweena tonight at 7pm in the church.

SCHOOL PARISH MASS

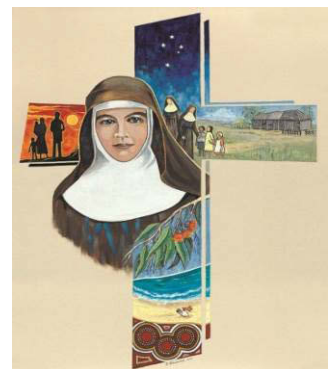
Next Saturday (13th) at 5pm is our next School Parish Mass. Year 5 and Year 6 will be hosting the Mass but all of our school families are welcome.

We will be having a sausage sizzle after Mass – so if your family would like to join in, either fill in the form (if you have a child in Yr 5 or 6) or drop an email to the office with your family name and the number of sausage sandwiches in the subject line eg: Jones Family – 4 sausage sandwiches.

MONDAY PRAYER ASSEMBLY – MONDAY 8TH AUGUST – FEAST OF MARY OF THE CROSS

On Monday, Year 4 will lead us in a special prayer assembly to celebrate Mary MacKillop's feast day.

Mary MacKillop was an ordinary Australian. With faith and trust in God, she was able to achieve extraordinary things. 'Never see a need without doing something about it' was one of her well-known sayings. She set up schools which gave poor children a basic education and taught them about the love of God. To the hopeless, she brought hope. Mary MacKillop treated all people with dignity and respect and we are lucky to have her as our Australian saint.





The whole school will be attending Mass with the Parish at 9:15 on Monday week (15th August) for the Feast of the Assumption. It is one of only two Holy Days of Obligation that we have in Australia – the other being Christmas Day – and we would love you to join us at Mass.

The Feast of the Assumption is a celebration of Mary's faithful relationship with God. This feast is a reminder to each of us to put our trust in God who promises to be with us as we journey through life. We are called to make room for God in our lives and so become fully human and alive; more deeply the person God has called us to be.

DIARY

Week 4 Term 3 Mon 8 Aug	Week 4 Term 3 Tues 9 Aug	Week 4 Term 3 Wed 10 Aug	Week 4 Term 3 Thurs 11 Aug	Week 4 Term 3 Fri 12 Aug	Week 4 Term 3 Sat/Sun13/14
Scholastic Book Club orders due		2N & 2C Class Mass, 9.15am P&F Meeting	<i>Kindy excursion- Golden Ridge Animal Farm Dural</i>	Parent Reflection Group 8.50am, Library Musical Dance practice	Yr 5 & 6 Mass Sat 5pm
Week 4 Term 3 Mon 15 Aug	Week 4 Term 3 Tues 16 Aug	Week 4 Term 3 Wed 17 Aug	Week 4 Term 3 Thurs 18 Aug	Week 4 Term 3 Fri 19 Aug	Week 4 Term 3 Sat/Sun20/21
St John's Public Speaking final Peninsula 1,2,3 Magic Workshop, 7pm	Maths ICAS assessment, 8am Library 6O & 1G Mass 9:15 <i>Parent Literacy Workshop, 9.30am, St Cecilia's</i>	Peninsula Athletics Carniva 3KJ & 1KD Mass 9:15!		Parent Reflection Group 8.50am, Library Musical Dance practice	

AWARDS

Strength & Gentleness Monday prayer assembly	Athena H (5/6B)
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Please note: Awards will be given out as follows:

FRIDAY MORNINGS – 8:45am Kindergarten – Year 2

FRIDAY AFTERNOONS – 2:40pm Year 3 – 6

KB	Melissa B Valentina B Monique C	2N	Jayden B Chloe C Chiara G	5ID	Larissa C Penelope M Katrina S	Sport
KP	Royce G Heidi K Ellison T	3KJ	Marilla G Emma K Aila P	5M	Sophie L Bianca M Benjamin M	Library Marcus H (1KD)
1B	Lennox D Vittoria F	3M	Holly D Cameron G Ella T	6O	Yasmin K Rory M	
1G	Matthew F Brooke H Victor KS	3PG	Carys F Antonio K	6SF	Cooper B Sophia G	Drama Rory M (6O)
1KD	Olivia B Gianni DP	4D	Emma F Sienna N Adam V	4/5/6B	Ben M Shamro M	
2C	Nicholas C Claudia GV Khyla M	4R	Jade C Lucia R			

SCHOOL NEWS

THINK PINK!

BREAKING NEWS: Mrs Rachael Ndeira and her husband Michael have welcomed a baby girl, Everly Margaret Ndeira, to the world last night. Almost 2 weeks early, and weighing in at 2.76kg, Miss Evie is doing very well. We are over the moon for the Ndeira family and we can't wait to meet the new addition!



ST JOHN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

We would like to introduce you to the St John's Advisory Council, previously known as the St John's School Board, who work as a team to serve, nourish and strengthen our school as part of our local Parish, wider community and Diocese in many different ways.

The 2016 **St John's Advisory Council** is made up of three staff members and parent representatives. Staff members are: Mark Bateman (Principal), Natalie Ingram (Assistant Principal) and Christine Dunk (REC). Parent members are: Meghan Bassett Leonie Morgan, Natalie Bradshaw, Nicci Bradley, Rachael Crookwell, Lisa Rourke, Matthew Spencer and Rich Delrennie. Between us we have children in most grades across the school from Kinder through to Year 6.

In all that we do for the community we are guided by our Statement of Purpose:

St John the Apostle Catholic School School Advisory Council

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the St John's School Advisory Council is to serve, nourish and strengthen our school as part of our local Parish, wider community and Diocese by:

- supporting parent engagement and partnership in children's education in faith and learning;
- engaging in prayerful discernment in decision making;
- communicating respectfully, reflectively and collaboratively;
- supporting school leadership and staff in the implementation and evaluation of the School Improvement Plan (SIP); and by
- acting with Strength and Gentleness as stewards focused on sustaining our school Mission.

Throughout the year we look forward to sharing with you more of what we do and how we support the school and the wider community and in the meantime, feel free to come and chat with us.

Meghan Bassett
Chair
(on behalf of St John's School Advisory Council)

SRC REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to our Semester 2 Representatives.

We will present badges to our Semester Two Student Representative Council at next Monday morning's Prayer Assembly in the school hall. The following children have been nominated by their classes:

KB - Jimmy J.	KP - Jaime E.	
1B - Lennox D.	1G - Neve S.	1KD - Olivia B
2C - Christian C	2N - Philippa P	
3M - Edie P	3KJ - Lachlan D	3PG - Luca A
4R - Vanessa H-R	4D - Bonnie J	
5I - Penelope M	5M - Sophie L	
6O - Jack G	6SF - Jessica C	
5/6B - Athena H		

SAFETY CONCERNS



Yet again we have had concerns raised about parents and carers driving into the church driveway of a morning and afternoon to drop off/ pick up children. This is extremely dangerous and is **NOT PERMITTED**. A young child was almost hit this week as a parent reversed from a car space. Your convenience should not come at the expense of a child's safety. **DO NOT ENTER THE CHURCH DRIVEWAY. JUST STOP!**

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

The Catholic Schools Office has a firm policy on the administration of medication in schools, including Panadol, Nurofen, antibiotics, eye drops and ointments. We are unable to give children any medication unless a written permission has been completed by a parent AND this has been signed by a doctor. The form is available on our website at all times. It is your responsibility to have the doctor provide this authority at the time of your visit.

[https://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/uploads/ppage/files/Request%20to%20Administer%20Medication%20in%20School%20Form%20\(October%202015\).pdf](https://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/uploads/ppage/files/Request%20to%20Administer%20Medication%20in%20School%20Form%20(October%202015).pdf)

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Despite terrible weather in the lead up to our athletics carnival, we were blessed with a few patches of sunshine for today's athletics carnival. The grounds were a bit soggy but the enthusiasm was not dampened, and the war cries were loud and robust to start the day.

Congratulations to all participants for persevering in conditions that were less than ideal.





We will collate photos and results and send an update early next week.

ICAS – MATHS

The ICAS Maths Assessment will be held in Week 5 on Tuesday 16th 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.

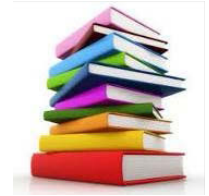
Throughout Weeks 3 and 4 of Term 3, all of the children will present their speech or poem to their class. Kindergarten through to Year 4 will be reciting a poem. Years 5 and 6 will be presenting a prepared speech.

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

Book club orders for Issue 5 are due no later than
Monday 8th August.

On line Ordering is very simple and easy please follow the link to place an order

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/>



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

Unfortunately we can no longer accept cash.

FAMILY LIAISON NEWS

MEALS FOR THE MARKER FAMILY:

As treatment will continue through the rest of the year, the meal schedule for the Markers is being continued. If you can contribute a meal, please check the roster directly by following the link below. The family are very grateful for all the meals and support they have received so far.

Here is a link to your new meal schedule:

<http://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/meals.php?t=FNIH9839>

Another way others can access your meal schedule is:

<http://www.TakeThemAMeal.com>

Recipient Last Name: Marker Password: Finn

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK COVERERS

There are lots of exciting new books in the library waiting to be covered so that students can start reading them. If you are able to help we will send you home the books and some high quality Contact, or if you prefer, you can cover in the library. The sooner we can get the books covered the sooner the students can start enjoying them.

Please contact our librarian Ms Sheehan if you can help.



To celebrate book week for 2016 we will be having a book parade in Week 6 on **Wednesday 24 August**. 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

W4 Term 3 8 Aug G Polito N Biddle	W4 Term 3 9 Aug L Morgan N Zaina	W4 Term 3 10 Aug M Myers C Glover	W4 Term 3 11 Aug CLOSED	W4 Term 3 12 Aug S Letts A Amoroso C Miller	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)
W4 Term 3 15 Aug M Egan K Macbeth	W4 Term 3 16 Aug K Clemesha S Formosa	W4 Term 3 17 Aug B Gunasti M Boulos	W4 Term 3 18 Aug CLOSED	W4 Term 3 19 Aug J Laird N Martlew	

10th Aug 2016

P&F meeting

7.00 pm

Meeting to be held in the
school library.
All Welcome

5 Reasons To Get Involved with St John's P & F!

- **Your child benefits.**
When parents get connected to the school, children do better. Research shows children whose parents are involved get better grades, do better on tests, and have fewer discipline problems at school.
- **There's a lot to be done.**
These days, schools are asked to do more with less. Our help is needed more than ever to fill the gaps.
- **We make a difference.**
Our mission is to create the kind of school community where our children, teachers and administrators can ALL do their best work.
- **Meet nice people who share your concerns.**
We all have a common bond. We care about creating the best possible educational experience for our children.
- **We're about parent involvement.**
We'd love to get more parents connected to our school. That's because independent research studies show that building parent involvement in education is the number one thing we can do to create a great school and improve student performance.



Cyber Safety Information Session

St Mary's Catholic Primary School will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on **1st September 2016 at 7.30pm in the School Library (entrance via the St Mary's Church carpark off Whistler Street, Manly)** and all parents, carers from the Northern Beaches Cluster are invited to attend.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a cyber safety education program that educates parents, carers and teachers of how people are using technology, the challenges they may face online, and how to help them overcome these in a safe and ethical way.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank. The program is delivered in collaboration with policing partners New South Wales Police Force, Northern Territory Police, Queensland Police, South Australia Police, Tasmania Police, Western Australia Police, as well as Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

The presentation will be delivered by a local law enforcement member and an industry volunteer. The presentation covers issues relating to children and young peoples' privacy and security online, their relationships with other users and their online reputation. It provides insight into the devices young people are using, as well as the popular websites, apps and social networking sites they're accessing.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about young people and the online environment, and how you can help them to be safe and responsible users of technology.

Please RSVP to the school email, smm@dbb.catholic.edu.au

For more information, you can visit www.thinkuknow.org.au or contact **the office on the school email, smm@dbb.catholic.edu.au**

Northern Beaches



Support Group

A problem shared is a problem halved

The Northern Beaches ADHD Support Group is a voluntary, parent-run group offering support for parents of children/teenagers with ADHD via monthly meetings. The group provides a safe & supportive environment to discuss and learn more about ADHD.

**CAROLYN LEDOWSKY
MTHFR SUPPORT AUSTRALIA**



“COULD ADHD BE GENETIC?”

**Tuesday, 23rd August @ 7pm
Pittwater RSL, Mona Vale**

Carolyn Ledowsky is the founder of MTHFR Support Australia, a naturopath, herbalist and nutritionist.

Recent studies have found an association with the MTHFR gene & ADHD symptoms. If your child has a mutation in the MTHFR gene this could, together with environmental factors, be an important element in the development of ADHD symptoms.

Join Carolyn to hear the latest research and discuss the importance of addressing the MTHFR gene and reduced methylation in your child.

\$5 Contribution at the door

Ticket reservations essential via the website or

<http://www.eventbrite.com.au/org/4222746751>



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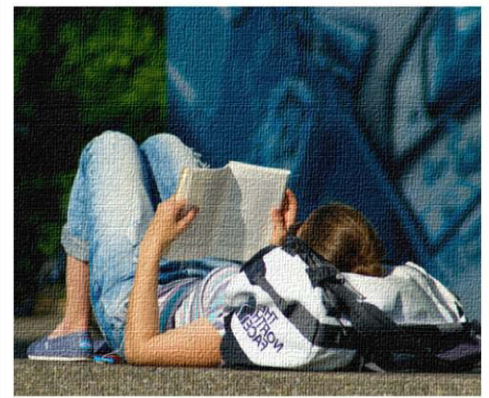
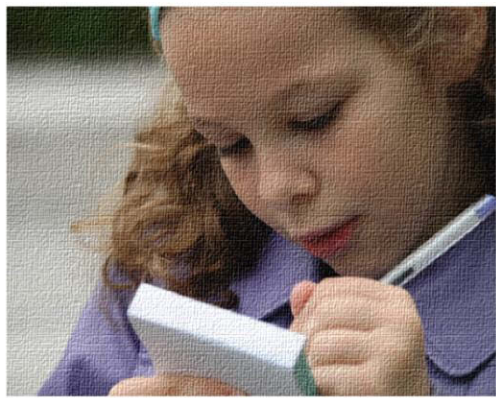
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How to support your child at home: **LITERACY WORKSHOP**

With Virginia Outred
Literacy Education Officer, CSO



- What is my role at home with school reading?
- How can I help my child with literacy through meaningful conversations at home

In the lead up to *National Literacy Week* in August, join us for this practical workshop with Virginia Outred from the Catholic schools Office.

For parents & carers of children of all ages

**Tuesday 16 August
9.30 am**

**St Cecilia's Catholic School,
59 Seaview St, BALGOWLAH**

There will also be a session at Holy Family Catholic School, Lindfield on Thursday 18 August if this date or location is more convenient.



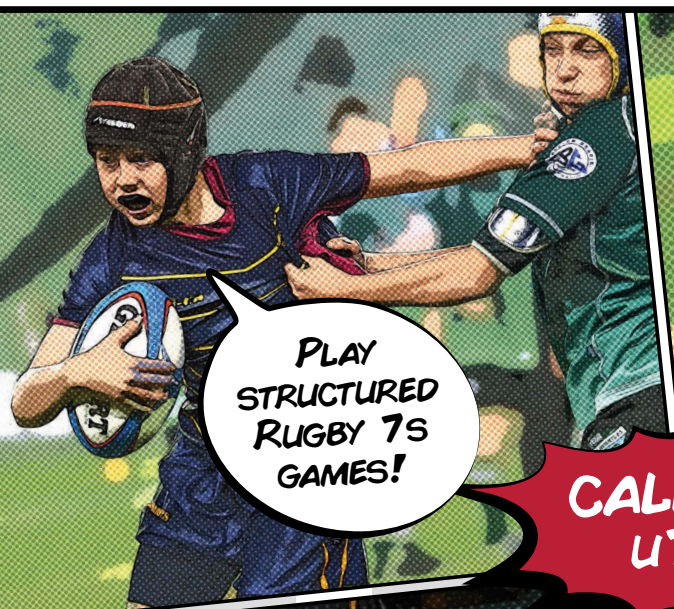
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