



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

I am very pleased to inform you that our Religious Education Coordinator (REC), Christine Dunk, has received very strong support for her contract to be renewed for the next three years. Last Thursday, Christine met with the Northern Beaches Schools Consultant, Anne Duncan, the Mission Services Officer from the CSO, Margot Beckett, and myself to consider staff and parent surveys concerning her work in the role. The feedback to Miss Dunk was extremely affirming in particular noting the considerable work she does to support and sustain the building of Catholic community here at St John's. Miss Dunk's skills, energy and expertise are truly a great gift to your children and to us all. I congratulate her on a successful contract renewal experience and feel very privileged to have been part of such a positive process.

I was also very pleased this week to be able to welcome two members of our community as special judges for our Fr Jim McKeown Public Speaking Competition – Elizabeth Byrne (Relax Kids) and ex-pupil, now vice-captain of St Paul's, Cameron Brown. Both guests had the unenviable task of choosing our winning public speakers at the end of the finals held in the hall last week. Congratulations to each child who made it to the finals and especially to the following children who were successful on the day:

Logan C (60)

Tahlia B (3PG)

Chloe C (2C)

And a special congratulations to our Kinder finalists, Piero V and Skye B who competed in their first public speaking competition.



Our senior speakers, Logan C and Kevihn J will compete in the Northern Beaches Cluster Public Speaking competition at Dee Why next Tuesday, August 23rd. The winning speaker from that competition represents the Northern Beaches in the Broken Bay Competition at St Patrick's, Asquith, September 6th. Good luck to both of our representatives.

It was great to see so many children and families at our Parish Family Mass on Saturday evening and at the sausage sizzle afterwards. We also had the chance to acknowledge all children beginning their First Eucharist preparation. Making the effort to take part in community Church events provides the children with an opportunity to identify with their Catholic community and to see it as an important part of school and family life.

Finally, our children in Years 3 and 5 will be bringing home their 2016 NAPLAN results today in a sealed envelope. The results are one method of looking at progress and should be considered in the light of school assessments, which occur continually. NAPLAN took place in May and I congratulate all children on their results. The St John's staff are especially proud of the progress of our Year 3 and 5 students in Spelling and Numeracy with great results in these areas. See below for more information about spelling at St John's.

Best wishes for the week ahead,

Mark Bateman - Principal

SPIRITUAL NEWS

Saturday's School Parish Mass

Thanks again to those amazing students and parents who made our Parish Mass such a success last Saturday night. The church was full of dozens of children who were preparing for their First Eucharist and their families and they were really lucky to see the way our children carried out their ministries with such confidence and reverence.

To those who prepared, cooked, served and packed away the sausage sizzle – please know just how much you are appreciated!

I think it was the fastest clearance rate we've ever had for sausage sandwiches!



DIARY

Week 6 Term 3 Mon 22 Aug	Week 6 Term 3 Tues 23 Aug	Week 6 Term 3 Wed 24 Aug	Week 6 Term 3 Thurs 25 Aug	Week 6 Term 3 Fri 26 Aug	Week 6 Term 3 Sat/Sun 27/28
BOOK WEEK					
K-2 Cricket Peninsula 1,2,3 Magic Workshop, Narrabeen, 7pm	4D, 4R & 5/6B Mass 9:15 Northern Beaches (Peninsula) Public Speaking final School Advisory Council Meeting, 6.30pm	Book Week Parade, 8.45am Kinder 2017 Parent Info Session, 6.30pm	Farewell to Mrs Pearce 3PG Reconciliation 11:15	Whole School Musical Run Through, 8.40a m Parent Reflection Group 8.50am 3-6 Cricket K-6 Assembly 2.30pm	

Week 7 Term 3 Mon 29 Aug	Week 7 Term 3 Tues 30 Aug	Week 7 Term 3 Wed 31 Aug	Week 7 Term 3 Thurs 1 Sep	Week 7 Term 3 Fri 2 Sep	Week 7 Term 3 Sat/Sun 3/4
Broken Bay Athletics Carnival, Narrabeen K-2 Cricket	3KJ Reconciliation, 11:15am <i>Lunch with the Stars</i>	KB & 5M Mass, 9:15am Peninsula 1,2,3 Magic Workshop, Manly Vale, 7pm	<i>Police Cybersafety visit 3-6, 11.15am</i> <i>Parent Cyber Info, Manly</i>	Father's Day Brekkie and Blessing <i>Parent Reflection Group 8.50am</i> 3-6 Cricket Musical Lead Rehearsal	

AWARDS

Strength & Gentleness

Monday prayer assembly

Isabella S (5M)



Awards will be given out as follows:

FRIDAY MORNINGS – 8:45am Kindergarten – Year 2

FRIDAY AFTERNOONS – 2:40pm Year 3 – 6

Please Note FOR NEXT WEEK : Friday 26th (Week 6) K-6 assembly at 2:30pm

KB	Evan C Chelsea H Aiden M	2N	Ruby N Liam S Erin W	5ID	Miranda B Angel M Katrina S	Sport
KP	Talia C Ayrton D Jake F	3KJ	Alessio A Tarryn S	5M	Phoebe B Joshua G Charlize K	Library Edie P (3M)
1B	Abbie D Indiana G Nicholas L	3M	Olivia B AJ D	6O	Logan C Jack G	
1G	Madeline K Neve S	3PG	Luca A Camilla G V Ines M	6SF	Zoe D Alana F	Drama Lucia P (6SF)
1KD	Aurelia B Darcy M	4D	Joshua B Jonathan F	4/5/6B	Joe M Athena H	
2C	James H Ava H Rose M	4R	Andre B Ryder H			

IMAGINE A MUSICAL TICKETS

Tickets for our upcoming Musical Extravaganza - to be held on 15th September - are now available for purchase through the front office. Please see below for a copy of the order form.



Tickets are unallocated, and there is plenty of room for all, so feel free to invite grandparents, friends and extended family members. Tickets are \$15 per person and you do not need to purchase a ticket for St John's students.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST AND BLESSING



Donuts for Dads Friday 2nd September 7-9am

All Fathers and Father figures are invited to be spoilt at our annual Father's Day breakfast. Please join your child for a bacon egg roll, donut, and a cuppa.

For catering purposes please fill in the form below and return to school with payment.

ST JOHN'S PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to all the finalists in this year's public speaking competition....

KB	Piero V
KP	Skye B
1B	Dominic Y
1G	Victor K-S
1KD	Keeley F
2C	Chloe C
2N	Chiara G
3KJ	Tarryn S
3M	Charlie S
3PG	Tahlia B
4D	Joel I
4R	Jade C
5ID	Larissa C
5M	Sophia A
YEAR 6	Logan C Kevihn J

Wow what a week it has been, starting off with a mass for the Feast of Assumption. I'm sure the Year Sixes were glad to see some of their buddies from previous years. We know that the students who participated tried their hardest. On Wednesday we had the northern beaches athletics carnival so be sure to check out the recount on that below.

We hope you enjoy your weekend.

From Ashleigh, Sophia, Logan and James

NORTHERN BEACHES ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Wednesday it was the Northern Beaches Athletics carnival at Narrabeen Sports Academy and our St John's team had 50 representatives competing. All of them ran, jumped, and threw to the best of their ability. With the fastest 10 year old girl in Australia there, Gabby T, the bar was raised out of sight, with record after record being smashed. The St John's team showed an outstanding display of courage, sportsmanship, and determination to prove they were all fierce competitors. The school is proud of their representatives, as we know everyone tried their best.



Thank you to all parent helpers and teachers for giving up their time to help the carnival go ahead, it wouldn't have been the same without you; especially Mrs Sargent who was on hand to coach us in High Jump. And thank you to all parents, without your support and expertise, we wouldn't have been able to perform at our best.

Again, well done to all participants for trying their best on Wednesday, you were amazing, and good luck to all those who were selected for the Broken Bay carnival (Monday 29 August at Narrabeen Academy of Sport), you will represent us well.

By Logan C and Zoe D.

ONGOING LEARNING FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF AT ST JOHN'S

When you ask your child about their day, they may sometimes tell you they had Miss Prentice or Ms Ingram in their room as well as their teacher. This is because we are lucky enough to have Miss Prentice and Ms Ingram as literacy coaches who work with our teachers on a co-teaching model.

What is co-teaching? Co-teaching is a self-reflective, interdependent practice for teachers to work beside a colleague to change and enhance practice for the benefit of learning outcomes for the students. (*Realisation*- Sharratt and Fullan, 2009)

This means Miss Prentice and Ms Ingram work with the staff and students at St John's to help improve literacy learning in the classroom. They work side by side with the teachers; plan and discuss appropriate investigations and teaching strategies based on assessment for learning data, and analyse student work to guide instruction. This is further supported by whole school professional learning sessions in all aspects of literacy; reading and viewing, writing and composing and speaking and listening.

Most recently we have had a K-2 and 3-6 professional learning session on spelling in the classroom. You can see more information on that below.

How do children learn to spell?

Did you know that effective spellers understand and make use of four kinds of linguistic knowledge?

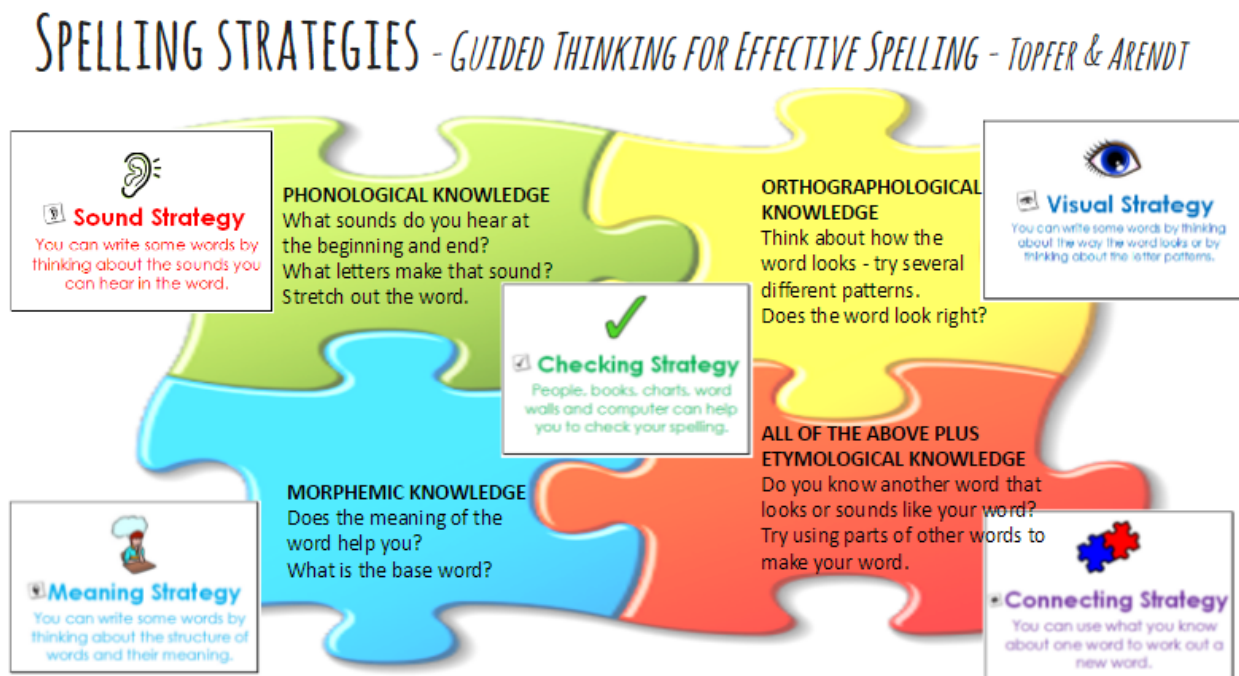
PHONOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE - knowledge of the sound structure of language (*syllable awareness, rhyme awareness, letter-sound knowledge* “d-o-g”)

ORTHOGRAPHICAL (VISUAL) KNOWLEDGE - knowledge of the system of written symbols used to represent language (*digraphs* “th/ai/o_e”, *clusters* “scr/bl”, *context clues* “horse/hoarse”)

MORPHEMIC KNOWLEDGE - knowledge of morphemes: the smallest parts of words that carry meaning (*base words* “sad/chair”, *compound words* “backyard”, *prefixes and suffixes* “un/pre/ment/ly”)

ETYMOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE - knowledge of the origins of words (*Latin and Greek root words*)

We teach this through five spelling strategies; sound, visual, meaning, connecting and checking.



Spelling lessons are taught each week from K-6 as part of the reading and viewing program, and the writing and composing program. Part of our explicit teaching is how we use the checking strategy when we are proofreading our writing. We teach the children to ‘have a go’ at the bottom of the page, to make use of the spelling posters and displays, and word walls around the room, as well as to try some of the other strategies.

Spelling is all about making meaning. Our focus is on helping the children with meaning and connecting to their prior learning. We want them to take responsibility for checking their writing and ensuring they are communicating effectively with an audience.

We highly recommend a short but powerful article by Misty Adinou on why spelling lists don’t help a child learn to spell - <http://theconversation.com/why-some-kids-cant-spell-and-why-spelling-tests-wont-help-20497>

P&F NEWS

This August as part of Literacy Week, the Catholic Council of School Parents are asking you to share an image of your favourite book on Instagram with #readtoraise and for each image posted the CCSP will donate a \$1 to the Smith Family *Learning for Life* Program.

Add #StJohnNarraweena and the school with the most posts will win a prize of 15 signed books and a reading at your school by the author of the *Glenn Maxwell* and *Billy Slater* Series, Patrick Loughlin.

For more information visit CCSP website www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK WEEK – WEEK 6

St John's Book Fair is on again!

Wednesday 24th August

8.15 until 8.40 and 3.00 until 4.00

Thursday 25th August

8.15 until 8.40 and 3.00 until 4.00

Come along and buy some books for yourselves or donate a book to the school library. Lots of popular titles are available and prices start from as low as \$4.00. Every sale counts as points which we can use to buy more books for the school which go into classrooms and the library.

CANTEEN

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Canteen is CLOSED every THURSDAY

W6 Term 3 22 Aug S Kevric F Doust	W6 Term 3 23 Aug R Castorina M Delsal	W6 Term 3 24 Aug M Martin J Bradley	W6 Term 3 25 Aug CLOSED	W6 Term 3 26 Aug N Mascolo K Vumbaca A Lalic	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)
W7 Term 3 29 Aug F Costa O Marcellino	W7 Term 3 30 Aug C Campbell J McManus	W7 Term 3 31 Aug P Moore T Hawthorne	W7 Term 3 1 Sep	W7 Term 3 2 Sep G Alessi M Paola L Oppedisano	

CROMER CRICKET CLUB

Cromer Cricket Club welcomes new and current players for the 2016/2017 cricket season. Cromer Cricket offers teams in T20 cricket (5 – 7 year olds), Junior (U9s to U18s) and Senior competitions. Registrations can be made online at www.cromercricket.com.au .

Girls are also welcome to join in the Friday night T20 blast, you play against other girls or you can play in the mixed competition. For those in years 5 and 6 you may be interested in the under 13 division which is the entry level for Women's Big Bash Only eight players to form a team in the women's competition that is run on a Saturday afternoon. So come on girls form a team and have a go at T 20 Bash. Register now.



Imagine a Musical

Dear Families,

Please find below an order form for tickets to our upcoming Musical Extravaganza on **Thursday 15th September**, Christian City Church Auditorium Oxford Falls. **Doors will open at 6:15pm for a 7:00pm sharp start.**

The seating is unallocated, but there is plenty of room for all, feel free to invite grandparents and extended family. Allow plenty of time to arrive, park the car, deliver children to the backstage area and be seated.

Tickets are priced at \$15 per person. You do not need to purchase a ticket for St John's students.

We will have a professional videographer and photographer to capture this event, and ask that no photos be taken during the performance. This is very distracting for the performers and we need to keep aisles clear for some acts. Feel free to take lots of photos before and after. Do be mindful of posting pictures on social media as not all children will have permission to have images shared. A note with more information about the schedule for the night will follow soon.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR BY RETURNING THE SLIP BELOW

No tickets will be available at the door, all tickets to be purchased in advance by Monday 12th September.

Imagine a Musical Tickets

Family Name: _____ **Eldest Child:** _____ **Class:** _____

We would like to order the following tickets to the school musical:

No. Tickets	Ticket Type	Total
	@ \$15 each	

☐ We enclose the correct cash, or a cheque payable to *St John the Apostle School*

☐ Please charge my Visa/Mastercard the sum of \$ _____

Card Number: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Exp: ____ / ____

Card Holder Name: _____ Signature: _____

Donuts with Dad

Father's Day breakfast

**Friday 2nd September
0700hrs - 0900hrs**

Please join your child at our annual Father's Day breakfast for a bacon egg roll, donut, and a cuppa.

For catering purposes please fill in the form below and return to school with by Friday 19th August with your payment.

There will also be Paper plane throwing, a photo booth and much more!

No tickets will be available on the day!



Eldest Childs name:

Class:



People attending:

No.



Bacon & Egg Roll \$3 each:

Quantity:



Donut \$1 each:

Quantity:

Total enclosed \$

Book Week Parade

To celebrate Book Week 2016 we are having a Book Week Parade and Book Fair on Wednesday 24th August starting at 8.45am.

Students can come to school dressed as their favourite book character (it may help to bring a copy of the book the character is from on the day). Parents are very welcome to stay and enjoy the parade with us.

After the parade students and parents will have an opportunity to visit the Book Fair in the library and purchase a book for themselves or purchase a book to donate to the school.

The Book Fair will also be open before and after school on Wednesday 24th August and Thursday 25th August
We hope to see you there!





North Curl Curl SLSC

Nippers Registration Day

Sunday 11th September 2016

9am – 3:30pm

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