



# ST JOHN'S NEWS

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for Term Four.

This Monday's prayer assembly emphasised the continued focus on revitalisation of our school values. Last term we worked on ways in which compassion, celebration and respect were lived and out and encouraged at our school. This term our attention will turn to the values of hope, service and justice. Our REC, Miss Dunk, introduced the children to these values at the assembly and gave the children some very practical examples of what they meant and what they looked like. The values were framed within the idea of Mission, which is a call for each of us to 'love one another as I have loved you'.



It is extremely helpful when parents are aware of our direction at school. When this happens, and when parents are able to reinforce what is happening at school, the effect for the children is emphasised. It may be helpful for you to understand how we explain what the focus values look like in a practical sense; we invite you to encourage the use of these values at home within family life.

**Service** is evident when we recognise the needs of others; offer assistance to others; comfort those in need and take positive action to improve our world.

We see **Justice** when we act in accordance with our beliefs; stand up for what is right; speak out when things are unfair and are inclusive regardless of differences.

**Hope** is there when we encourage others; show resilience (the ability to cope with a setback) and optimism; believe we can make a difference to our own lives and the lives of others and trust that God has a future in store for us beyond our knowing.

During Term Four, the children will be putting the values into action in a number of ways. Our Mission Team will take part in the annual Mission Mass, each class will prepare for Mission Day using proceeds to support outreach projects and our annual Talent Quest will continue to be a fun way to support Caritas Australia in its work for those in need.

We look forward to working with you again this term and I encourage you to join us for the First Family Mass with the Parish for Term Four, this Saturday evening at 5 pm.

Sincerely

Mark Bateman – Principal

## Staffing News:

*At St John the Apostle Narraweena we are RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, SAFE Learners*

We welcome Mrs Suzanne Franks to our school. Suzanne is our Senior Administration Officer and officially took up her position on Monday replacing Mrs Pearce. Suzanne has a strong background in school administration and is looking forward to her role as part of our community.

Mrs Leah De-Fina, one of our Administrations Officers has decided to finish up at St John's. She is going to concentrate on giving all of her attention to her family and especially to her young children. Leah has shared her great warmth and dedication with us during the past few months and we appreciate her contribution to our school. Processes are underway to find a replacement for Leah.

Mr Paul McMahon, our Assistant Principal (AP) is currently on 12 months leave. While he will extend his leave for another 12 months, however, has decided to resign his position as AP. Our best wishes go out to Paul who has been such a talented and positive influence at our school over many years. Ms Natalie Ingram is currently doing a fantastic job as Acting Assistant Principal. The Catholic Schools Office will begin processes to advertise for a permanent AP position in coming weeks.

We welcome Mrs Navarro back to St John's after extended leave visiting her family in France. She has returned with lots of beautiful photos and is very happy to be back with 2N and keen to get into the rigours of Term Four.

### **Special Prayers:**

Your continued prayers are requested for Fin Marker, Mrs Kauffmann and John Cardow who are all receiving treatment for illness at the moment. We extend the request for prayers for all members of our community who are currently ill or receiving treatment.

### **School Accounts:**

School fee notices will be sent out shortly. Your prompt attention to payment of school fees is appreciated.

## **SPIRITUAL NEWS**

### **MISSION**

Every class has begun this term with a focus on 'Mission' in our Religion units. The children will be learning about how, as disciples of Jesus, we need to help people in need; in our community, in our country and around the world, just as Jesus showed us. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, caring for the environment has also become a critical part of our mission as we continue to destroy habitats, pollute waterways and waste precious resources – all of which impact further on the poor.

Pope Francis is a great believer in the call to mission. He says, *'All of us are invited to "go out" as missionary disciples, each generously offering their talents, creativity, wisdom and experience in order to bring the message of God's tenderness and compassion to the entire human family.'*

Keep an eye out for Mission activities coming up this term.

Having a haircut might seem like a pretty mundane thing to do, but not for one of our Year 4 students. Sienna (4D) had a massive 40cm chopped from her locks this week and is donating her hair to Variety Club. The Club sells the hair and uses the funds to buy wigs for children who have lost their hair.

If you, or someone you know, is thinking about cutting their hair, why not look into donating it?

[Variety - Donate Your Hair](#)



## BISHOPS RELIGIOUS ART PRIZE 2016



We are very proud to announce that Vanessa (4R) has taken out First Place for Stage 2 in this year's competition with her painting of Noah's Ark. Vanessa will receive her Award at a Special Presentation next Tuesday night. Congratulations, Vanessa.

For all of the other students who were finalists, your artworks will be available to collect from school next week.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Our next School Parish Mass will be this Saturday night (Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October). Year 2 and Year 3 will be hosting Mass.

There will be a sausage sizzle after Mass. If your family would like to be included and you do not have any children in Year 2 or 3, please just email the office with the number of sausage sandwiches you would like.

## WEEK 2

Monday – Year 3 Prayer Assembly @8:45 in the hall

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 5ID are going to Reconciliation

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct Diocesan Mission Mass – Mission Team to attend with Mr Bateman

## DIARY

Week 2 Term 4 Mon 17 Oct	Week 2 Term 4 Tue 18 Oct	Week 2 Term 4 Wed 19 Oct	Week 2 Term 4 Thu 20 Oct	Week 2 Term 4 Fri 21 Oct	Week 2 Term 4 Sat 22/Sun 23
	<i>Stage 3 Basketball</i>		<b>Mission Mass</b>	Parent Reflection Group 8.50am <b>SCHOOL PHOTOS</b> No Awards Assembly due to School Photos	

Week 3 Term 4 Mon 24 Oct	Week 3 Term 4 Tue 25 Oct	Week 3 Term 4 Wed 26 Oct	Week 3 Term 4 Thu 27 Oct	Week 3 Term 4 Fri 28 Oct	Week 3 Term 4 Sat 29/Sun 30
	<b>Taste of Big School</b>			Parent Reflection Group 8.50am <b>Taste of Big School</b> <b>Disco</b>	

## AWARDS

Strength & Gentleness  
Monday prayer assembly

Sienna N (4D)



**Please note: Awards will be given out as follows:**

**FRIDAY MORNINGS – 8:45am Kindergarten – Year 2**

**FRIDAY AFTERNOONS – 2:40pm Year 3 – 6**

**Please note: No Award Assembly in Week 2 due to school photos**

<b>KB</b>	Evan C Jake L Luella V	<b>2N</b>	Marlon I Chiara M Cameron O	<b>5ID</b>	Alexander C Bella G Massimo L	<b>Sport</b>
<b>KP</b>	John Paul F Arianna K	<b>3KJ</b>	Charlotte B Tasman H Banjo L	<b>5M</b>	Eva C Thomas D Sophie M	<b>Library</b> Talia C (KP)
<b>1B</b>	Indiana G Eleanor N	<b>3M</b>	Lucas D Andie M Ella T	<b>6O</b>	Julia M Jayme T	
<b>1G</b>	Monique C Lewis F Isabella G	<b>3PG</b>	Domenico B Ines M	<b>6SF</b>	Sophie G Isabella M	<b>Music</b> Sophia A (5M) Logan C (6O)
<b>1KD</b>	Jacob C Emma H Marcus H	<b>4D</b>	Daisy D Isabella M Hailey R	<b>4/5/6B</b>	Joseph M	
<b>2C</b>	Natalie G Jacob O Elio V	<b>4R</b>	Vanessa HR Alesha T			

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

MSP Photography will be here to take our school photos in Week 2 on Friday 21 October. Individual order forms have been sent home. You can pay with cash or online. If you need an order form for family photos or have lost your individual order form, please contact the office.



**A reminder to please make sure that you have returned your envelope to the school office by Week 2 Monday 17 October.**

### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE ANNUAL CHESS COMPETITION

The St John's Annual Chess Competition will be held this year on **FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**. This will be an all-day competition held in the school Library.

Children planning to enter the competition are required to have an understanding of how each piece moves and the objectives of the game. Please complete the entry form (attached below to the newsletter) with payment of **\$5.00** per student – covering organising and award costs. A trophy will be awarded to a winner in each year with 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> places to receive medals. Each entrant will receive a certificate of participation.

Any parents are welcome to assist with the chess competition - for the whole day or half day (parent volunteers do not need to know how to play chess). If there are not enough helpers the competition may not be able to go ahead.

For further information please contact Chrissy Campbell on 0409 606 062.

Entry form is attached to this newsletter or can be obtained from the office.

**Please return the completed entry form with money to the school office by Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October.**

### AUSTRALIAN MATHS TRUST – MATHS CHALLENGE:



These smiling faces received their Upper Primary Maths Challenge Certificates at this morning's assembly. Each student above took on a four week Challenge which asked them to solve a complex Maths problem. They joined other Catholic school participants to share their thinking and also attended a morning at Mater Maria Catholic College working on their problems. Well done to our Mathematicians and thanks to Mrs Douglas for her guidance and organisation.

## ANNOUNCING THE YEAR 6 DEBATING TEAM

Year 6 have been learning about debating since last term in preparation for the Northern Beaches competition. All of the students in year 6 have participated in a debate, with a grade final this week to determine the team who will represent St John's. Congratulations to the following Year 6 students:

Logan C

Jayme T

Ellie W

Ashleigh S

Alana F

## SAVE THE DATE – YEAR 6 PARENT DINNER

Year 6 Parent Dinner- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Further details to follow.

## WARRINGAH LIBRARY YOUNG WRITERS' COMPETITION



Congratulations to Aurelia B from Year 1, who entered the Warringah Library Young Writers' Competition earlier this year, she won one of the 5 awards available for her age group.

Aurelia's received an Encouragement Award and had her writing published in a both hard copy book and an ebook Doorway which is available [here](#).

The council collected over 400 entries for the writing completion so we are very proud of her achievement.

## CANTEEN

### IMPORTANT NOTE: The Canteen is CLOSED every THURSDAY

W2 Term 4 17 Oct	W2 Term 4 18 Oct	W2 Term 4 19 Oct	W2 Term 4 20 Oct	W2 Term 4 21 Oct	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED THURSDAYS</b>  <b>We require 2 volunteers each day to operate the canteen.</b>  If anyone would like to join our group of canteen volunteers, click <a href="#">here</a> or email Fiona on <a href="mailto:fionacosta3@yahoo.com.au">fionacosta3@yahoo.com.au</a>  <b>Canteen Coordinator:</b> Fiona Costa (0409 566 640)
G Polito N Biddle	D Panucci B Haroutonian	C Turner N Spencer	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>	L Arteaga J Spiteri K Ward	
W3 Term 4 24 Oct	W3 Term 4 25 Oct	W3 Term 4 26 Oct	W3 Term 4 27 Oct	W3 Term 4 28 Oct	
E Burrell C Gategood	M Facer S Rooke	K Blyth M Herrero	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>	L Miners M Southan K Burke	



**Book club orders for Issue 7 are due no later than**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October.**

**EXCLUSIVE OFFERS** are available for parents who have previously ordered books via LOOP (online) ordering system. Don't miss out on the opportunity to get up to **FOUR BONUS BOOKS** from issue 7.

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.**

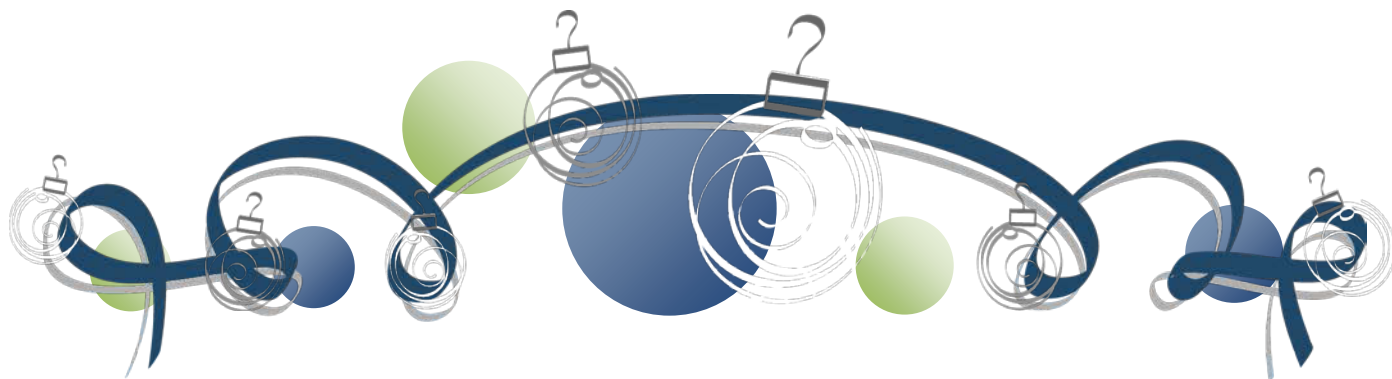
If you want to purchase Christmas gifts please indicate it on the order AND let the office know that you wish to collect the order.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

BEACON HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL SPRING SCHOOL FAIR

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - 9.30am-4pm

For more information please visit [www.bhpsfair.com.au](http://www.bhpsfair.com.au)



St John's Parents & Friends

# 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday November 16th,**  
7:00 p.m., in the school library.

If you would like to nominate for the 2017 Executive Committee,  
or wish to add any items to the meeting agenda,

please contact :

- \* Paul Bedford - P&F President: [pbedford2099@gmail.com](mailto:pbedford2099@gmail.com)
- \* Peta Sargent - P&F Secretary: [petasargent@optusnet.com.au](mailto:petasargent@optusnet.com.au)

***by Monday October 31st***



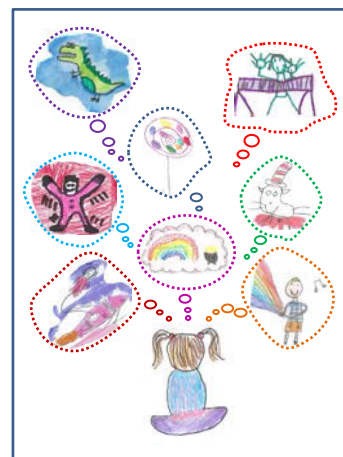




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Catholic School

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## ***"Imagine a Musical" DVD Orders***



Dear Families,

Please find below an order form for a professionally produced DVD of our spectacular "Imagine a Musical" show so you can relive the happy memories over and over!

**DVD's are priced at just \$10 each.**

They would make a wonderful family keepsake or even a fabulous Christmas gift for Grandma and Grandpa or the whole family!

As it is coming up to Christmas, we also have "Share" Cookbooks available and are offering a special deal –

**A copy of the DVD and a copy of the "Share" Cookbook for just \$30!**



**Please return your order by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October!**

### **Musical DVD Order**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Eldest Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

	<i>Number Required</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>DVD's (\$10 each)</i>		
<i>DVD &amp; Cookbook Deal (\$30 set)</i>		
<i>Extra Cookbooks (\$25 each)</i>		
	<i>Total Amount Payable</i>	

☐ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash

I am able / unable to assist at the Chess competition \_\_\_\_\_ (name).

Parent Helpers contact details \_\_\_\_\_

# St John's Disco

Friday twenty eighth October

*ST JOHN'S NARRAWEENA*

*SCHOOL HALL-FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2016*

**SESSION ONE ~ Kindy-YR 2 ~ 5PM-6:30PM**

**SESSION TWO ~ YR 3-YR 6 ~ 7PM-8:30PM**

Entry cost is \$6 per child

Entry includes a glow bracelet on arrival, packet of chips and lollipop on departure and a chance to win a lucky door prize! Water and cordial available during the disco.

Glow-in-the-dark novelty items will be available for purchase on the night from \$3.

Please ensure children bring coins with them if they wish to buy something.

Children are to be dropped off and picked up from the School Hall.

Students and parents will only have access to the back of the school,  
via Waratah Parade.

*Please note that younger preschool siblings are not allowed at the disco.*



**Our School cookbook 'Share' will be  
available for sale on the night**

**\$30**



# ARE YOU NDIS READY?

Information expo for carers,  
families and people  
with disability.

Find out more about the National Disability Insurance Scheme, and what it means for you. Participate in small group and one-on-one discussions and collect information on the wide range of service providers in preparation for the transition.

**When:** Monday 17 October, two sessions 5:00pm – 6:00pm and 7:00pm – 8:00pm

**Where:** Lane Cove Library, Library Walk, Lane Cove

**Cost** Free

**Contact:** For more information call Lane Cove Council on 9911 3593 or Hunter's Hill Council on 9879 9400.  
No bookings required

**Small group discussion and topics in each session:**

- 1 Early Years
- 2 Local Area Coordination and the National Disability Insurance Scheme
- 3 Transition to Work or Employment
- 4 Carers/ General NDIS

