



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

The children will be attending mass next Tuesday morning to celebrate All Saints Day.

This is a special feast day in our Church drawing attention to all of those people, known and unknown, who have lived a genuine life of discipleship and holiness. In doing so it reminds each of us of our own call to holiness and seeks to inspire us in living our own lives more meaningfully; answering the call of the Gospel. Miss Dunk has some thoughts on this special day and on Halloween in her section of the newsletter. I would like to offer some information, in celebration of All Saints Day, about our very own saint – John the Apostle.



St. John the Apostle, the son of Zebedee and Salome, was a Galilean and a fisherman. John was called to be an apostle by Jesus in the first year of His public ministry. He was the brother of another apostle – James and we often hear them referred to as the ‘sons of Zebedee’. He was the only apostle not to die a martyr’s death.

In the painting, The Last Supper, John sits on the right side of Jesus, closest to him. He was at the foot of Jesus when he died on the cross, being with him throughout his passion and death and was especially asked by Jesus to care for Mary following Jesus crucifixion. He was referred to as ‘the beloved disciple’. John is the patron saint of love, loyalty, friendships and authors.

For more information about St John and his life go to http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=228

You are welcome to join us for mass next Tuesday at 9:15 am.

Best wishes for the week ahead,

Mark Bateman

INTERESTED IN PARENT LEADERSHIP?

In other matters, we are looking for parent leaders in our school for 2017. Involvement in the both the Parents and Friends and our School Advisory Council may be something you are interested in. Parents are welcome to meet with me or contact me by phone to discuss what is involved in both areas

FAREWELL MRS DE-FINA

Leah De-Fina has been working in Administration Services in our school office during the past 6 months. She will be finishing up at St John's tomorrow. I take this opportunity to thank her for her work and dedication during that time and for the cheerfulness she has brought to our school. Leah is looking forward to being able to give her full attention to her family – our best wishes to her.

SPIRITUAL NEWS

MISSION DAY

Next Thursday (3rd November) we are holding our Mission Day. A flyer with details of the day are all included at the bottom of the newsletter. The purpose of Mission Day is to put our learning into action. We are focussing on issues that require us to create awareness and projects that we can support financially. We are also looking at both global and local issues and, importantly, realising that we have a voice, and we can make a difference!

The children have all been asked to try and “earn” the money that they bring for Mission Day – rather than just asking for money. We would like to encourage them to having a sense of achievement around “raising” the money and then being able to use it to help others. So if there are any odd jobs around the house that are worth a dollar or two ... we would appreciate your support.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS – 1ST NOVEMBER



With many children (and certainly retailers) celebrating Halloween, it's always important for us as Catholics to reflect on what it really signifies. Halloween is the “evening” before All Hallows, just as Christmas Eve is the evening before Christmas. All Hallows (we know the word *hallow* from the Our Father – *hallowed* or *holy* be thy name) began as a feast day in the 8th century as a day to celebrate “saints”. The mass that the Catholic Church celebrated on November 1 was called *Allhallowmas*. This meant "mass of all the hallowed [saintly people.]" It was commonly called "All Hallows' Day" which explains why 31 October became “Halloween”.

Saints are sometimes regarded as ‘Catholic superheroes’. Stories of miraculous and remarkable deeds abound (not so much speeding bullets and tall buildings, more conversions and cures). But to only focus on the Saints of the stained glass windows is to overlook the vast majority of saints. You see, a saint is anybody whose soul is in heaven. The Church celebrates a certain number of Saints whose lives provide a glimpse of God for the rest of the Church. But there are many, many more saints whose glimpse of God was only ever experienced by their family, friends and those with whom they worked. The feast of All Saints is an opportunity to remember and reflect on the lives of *our* saints – those who've been known and loved by just a few.

The whole school will be attending Mass with the Parish at 9:15 on Tuesday. You are warmly invited to join us.

DIARY

Week 4 Term 4 Mon 31 Oct	Week 4 Term 4 Tue 1 Nov	Week 4 Term 4 Wed 2 Nov	Week 4 Term 4 Thu 3 Nov	Week 4 Term 4 Fri 4 Nov	Week 4 Term 4 Sat 5/Sun 6
Kinder Prayer Assembly Year 4 excursion Year 3 Chess Competition	<i>All Saints Day Whole School Mass, 9.15am</i> School advisory meeting, 6.30pm		Mission Day	Parent Reflection Group 8.50am Year 3 excursion Chess Competition	
Week 5 Term 4 Mon 7 Nov	Week 5 Term 4 Tue 8 Nov	Week 5 Term 4 Wed 9 Nov	Week 5 Term 4 Thu 10 Nov	Week 5 Term 4 Fri 11 Nov	Week 5 Term 4 Sat 12/Sun 13
Year 6 Prayer Assembly	Taste of Big School 9.15am Hockey Gala Day Years 5 & 6		Tennis Gala Day Years 4, 5 & 6	Parent Reflection Group 8.50am Taste of Big School 9.15am Remembrance Day Liturgy 11.15am	Year 4 & Kinder 2017 Blessing Mass 5pm

DISCO

Please don't forget our annual school disco is on tomorrow night. Junior Disco (K-2) will commence at 5pm - 6:30. Senior Disco (3-6) 7pm - 8:30pm.

Children will be dropped off and collected from the school hall. Please use Waratah Parade only.

Don't forget to bring your disco ticket to be in the running for some of our fabulous 'lucky door' prizes!

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help out on the night, could you all please meet in the Parish room 15mins prior to the commencement of each session.

Remember to bring your gold coins to purchase our glow-in-the-dark novelty items. Prices listed below in the newsletter.

AWARDS

Strength & Gentleness Chiara M (6O) and Jayme T (6O)

Monday prayer assembly



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 Jimmy J	2N	Ethan D Kai K Philippa P	5ID	Miranda B Lucia B Larissa C Calista M	Sport Anthony C (6SF) Jimmy J (KB)
KP	Ayton D Blake W Sophia H	3KJ	Alessio A Rihanna C Annie S	5M	Oliver C Gypsy M Imogen Y	Library Christian C (2C)
1B	Abbie D Nicholas G	3M	Ethan C Samuel C Edie P	6O	Bethany BR Lorea Z	
1G	William B Jake D Gemma T	3PG	Gabriella B Max K	6SF	Jessica C Alana F Kevihn J Ashleigh S	Music Darcy M (1KD)
1KD	Piper C Bailey G Lucas P	4D	Anna B Luka C Emma F	4/5/6B	Mackenzie B	
2C	Chloe C Sienna G Elissa G	4R	Mikayla H Lachlan M			

SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 2 PARENTS SAVE THE DATE

We would love to catch up with you before the Christmas chaos. Please save the date for dinner and drinks on Friday 2nd December. If you haven't been to a social get together this year here's your chance- All welcome!

CALL OUT FOR SECOND HAND SPORTS SHIRTS

We do not have any second hand sports shirts available in the school uniform shop and we are looking in particular for sports shirts in sizes 8-10. Please drop these off in the office if you have any spares.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Canteen is CLOSED every THURSDAY

<p>W5 Term 4 31 Oct</p> <p>J Slight</p> <p>NEED HELP</p>	<p>W5 Term 4 1 Nov</p> <p>NEED HELP</p>	<p>W5 Term 4 2 Nov</p> <p>M Myers</p> <p>C Glover</p>	<p>W5 Term 4 3 Nov</p> <p>CANTEEN CLOSED</p>	<p>W5 Term 4 4 Nov</p> <p>S Letts</p> <p>A Amoroso</p> <p>K Ward</p>	<p>CANTEEN CLOSED THURSDAYS</p> <p>We require 2 volunteers each day to operate the canteen.</p> <p>If anyone would like to join our group of canteen volunteers, click here or email Fiona on fionacosta3@yahoo.com.au</p> <p>Canteen Coordinator: Fiona Costa (0409 566 640)</p>
<p>W6 Term 4 7 Nov</p> <p>M Egan</p> <p>K Macbeth</p>	<p>W6 Term 4 8 Nov</p> <p>K Clemesha</p> <p>S Formosa</p>	<p>W5 Term 4 9 Nov</p> <p>C Turner</p> <p>M Boulos</p>	<p>W5 Term 4 10 Nov</p> <p>CANTEEN CLOSED</p>	<p>W5 Term 4 11 Nov</p> <p>J Laird</p> <p>N Martlew</p>	

COMMUNITY NEWS

CASSEROLE CLUB

In term 4 we have many families, both parents and children who are dealing with illnesses. If you have a chance to cook a meal and freeze it for our casserole club it will be greatly appreciated by our families in need. The office has a supply of plastic containers if you would like to stop by and pick one up.

We wish to thank all those families who have donated meals to the casserole club this year. Our families in need are always very grateful to receive a meal in difficult times.

RELAX KIDS

Relax Kids has started this week for Term 4. If there are any parents who would like to enrol their children, there are still available spots on Tuesday lunch and Tuesday afternoon.

Please direct any queries to Elizabeth Byrne on 0413 786 588.

MISSION DAY 2016

Thursday 3rd November (Week 4)

Mission Day helps us to reach out to others just like Jesus did. We will reach out by raising money and awareness for a variety of local and global projects that have particular meaning to us:

Poverty: Catholic Mission "Sock it to Poverty" for Cambodia.

Caring for God's Creation: The Orangutan Project and Bees

Health: Westmead Children's Hospital



Estimation Skills Required
How many jelly beans in the jar!

Funky Disco

Get out your best moves and join the groove.

Cupcakes

So many scrumptious cakes – how will you choose?

Karaoke Challenge

Warm up your vocal chords and belt out a tune!

Obstacle Course

Destroy the 'varroa mites' as you make your way around the course.

Spinach Scrolls

Homemade delicacies made with spinach harvested from our very own eco garden!

Lucky Dip

What will you get when you take a dip?

Photo Booth

Have your photo taken with incredibly crazy props.

Honey Joys

Made with organic honey!

Bee Craft

Make a flower crown or design a pair of bee wings.

The Happy House

Come and play some of your favourite party games – pin the tail on the donkey, pass the parcel and more!

Decorate your own biscuit

Bring your design flair, create a masterpiece - and then eat it.

What happens on Mission Day?

We get to wear mufti (different clothes)! Bring a Gold coin donation.

Wear your **craziest** pair of socks to help *sock it to poverty!*

...and you could also wear something **orange** to support the orangutans or **black** and **yellow** to show support for the bees!



- You bring in money to spend on the stalls and activities.
- Each activity will cost 50c: if you bring \$2 you can do 4 things (or the same thing 4 times!)
- In the morning you give your money to the teacher and swap it for "tokens" that you can spend at the stalls. (NB: no child should bring more than \$5.)
- Each class sets up their activity and makes a roster for running it.
- Then for one hour before lunch, we will be free to enjoy all the activities around the school.

What do you need to do?

Have a great attitude about making a difference in our world!

Think about the activities you would like to do and bring enough money: for example, if you would like to have a cake, get a photo, play putt putt golf and go to the disco that will cost you \$2.

Talk to mum and dad about how you can "earn" the money for Mission Day. Can you earn money by being of service?

On Thursday, wear sensible, sun-safe mufti (closed shoes and no singlet tops please) and wear the craziest, most colourful pair (or mixed pair!) of socks.

Bring a gold coin for mufti and your spending money for the stalls and activities.

GLOW PRODUCTS
ST JOHN'S DISCO 28TH OCTOBER 2016



Flashing Spike Ball Necklace
\$3



Flashing Skull Head Bopper
\$4



Flashing Heart Necklace
\$3



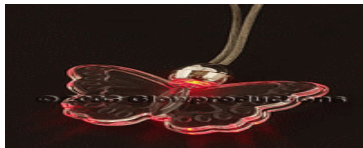
Flashing Devil Horn Bopper
\$4



Flashing Star Necklace
\$3



Flashing Princess Head Bopper
\$4



Flashing Butterfly Necklace
\$3



Flashing LED Dreadlock Head Bopper
\$5



Flashing LED Fibre Optic Hair Braid
\$3



Bunny Ears
\$4



Flashing Shutter Glasses
\$5



Fibre Optic Mowhawk Bopper
\$6



Flashing Hawaiian Lei's
\$4