



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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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 Gordon M Piero V	2N	Zac A Jayden B Sophie D	5ID	Monique R Luke S	Sport Neve S Bianca C Max P
KP	Skye B Jamie E Jack K	3KJ	Ella D Maurice J Aila P	5M	Georgie A James C Sienna-Rose D	Library Zoe S
1B	Zachary C Vittoria F Jacob T	3M	Olivia B Emma B Holly D	6O	Antonia C Tiana E	
1G	Fin H Pascal K Isla P	3PG	Domenico B Carys F Hayley M	6SF	Cody M Makenna P Ellie W	Music Jacob C
1KD	Heath D Annika H Anika K	4D	Zachary H Joel I Matthew S	4/5/6B	Olivia B	
2C	Nicholas C Liam C Rose M	4R	Maegan D Lucia			

SPIRITUAL NEWS

Candela Mission Peru

Mrs Mary Rajca will visit on Monday November 7th to speak to the students about the work of the Sisters of Mercy in the shanty town of Candela in Lima Peru.

The mission in Candela helps women through a programme that teaches them to make handicrafts. Our school has supported this mission over many years and so much has been done to improve the lives of the families.

There will be a sale of the beautiful handicrafts that the women have made. The prices range from \$1 - \$10

All funds raised go back to the women who have made the goods. This money is used by the women to buy basic necessities to make life easier for their families.

Your support of the mission is greatly appreciated.



Upcoming Dates

School Parish Mass & Sausage Sizzle – **Saturday 12th November @ 5pm** – our Year 4 children will be welcoming our new Kindergarten children for 2017. If you would like to join us – and you don't have a child in Year 4 or Kindergarten 2017, just send an email to the office confirming how many sausage sandwiches your family would like.

Final School Parish Mass & Sausage Sizzle – **Saturday 10th December @5pm** – this will a whole school Parish Mass and is our Advent and Christmas celebration. Pop it in your diary!

DIARY

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
	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
Week 6 Term 4 Mon 14 Nov	Week 6 Term 4 Tue 15 Nov	Week 6 Term 4 Wed 16 Nov	Week 6 Term 4 Thu 17 Nov	Week 6 Term 4 Fri 18 Nov	Week 6 Term 4 Sat 19/Sun 20
Mary Rajca – Candela Assembly	<i>P & F AGM Meeting 7.00pm</i>				

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Covering

We have once again a build-up of beautiful new books in the library which need covering. If you are able to help the contact is supplied and you are welcome to take the books home with you or cover them in the library.

Drop into the library to pick up a bag or see the school office.



Author Visit 17th November

Linked in with the CBCA Northern Sydney Sub Branch 'Lunch with the Stars' a writing competition was open to the kids who attended on the day.

Three students from our school have been talented enough to win a prize Isaac B, Miranda B and Camila G Their prize is a book pack for their library and a 2 hour writing workshop for their class.

Author Oliver Phommavanh is the author who will be visiting our school. He is a very enthusiastic and motivating author who gets kids really excited about reading and writing. He will be speaking to the whole school on Thursday 17th November and then he will work with a small group of children with a special interest in writing

Some of Oliver's books will be available for sale on the day and he is happy to sign copies of the books.

Congratulations once again to these talented writers.

SCHOOL NEWS

WELCOME TO MRS. POOLE

I am pleased to inform you that we have a new school secretary in the front office. Mrs Andrea Poole has been appointed to the position. Mrs Poole brings experience working in administration in Catholic and government schools to the role along with experience working in child care and in the administration area in the hospitality industry. She is very much looking forward to working as part of the St John's family and to getting to know each of you. I am sure you will make her welcome.

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

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.

BUILDING NEWS:

At this stage, plans for the building of the car park / play area are almost finalised. I cannot see that anything will begin before the Christmas holidays at this stage.

I received communication recently concerning the four Box Gum trees next to the Church and beside the amphitheatre. Sadly, the Work Health and Safety Adviser from the Catholic Schools Office, Mrs Fiona Bell, informed me that the trees have been deemed as hazardous as they are prone to dropping small pieces of timber and branches. A copy of her letter will be placed on the school website. As a result I will be writing to council to inform them of their removal and will begin processes as soon as possible to have this work carried out. I have requested that the provision of shade facilities be included in the plans for the hard surface area.

CANTEEN

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Canteen is CLOSED every THURSDAY

W5 Term 4 7 Nov M Egan K Macbeth	W5 Term 4 8 Nov K Clemesha S Formosa	W5 Term 4 9 Nov C Turner M Boulos	W5 Term 4 10 Nov CANTEEN CLOSED	W5 Term 4 11 Nov J Laird N Martlew	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
W6 Term 4 14 Nov S Kevric F Doust	W6 Term 4 15 Nov R Castorina M Delsal	W6 Term 4 16 Nov M Martin J Bradley	W6 Term 4 17 Nov CANTEEN CLOSED	W6 Term 4 18 Nov N Mascolo K Vumbaca A Lalic	Canteen Coordinator: Fiona Costa (0409 566 640)

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 casseroles 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

ROADS & MARITIME SERVICES NEWS

St John's Catholic School has been approved to get additional school zone flashing lights. They will be installed on Waratah Parade. The rollout of additional flashing lights will commence later this year, and will be completed by mid-2017. Other information about school zone safety is on the Centre for Road Safety webpage, at <http://roadsaftey.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/schools/index.html>. As always, we remind our families to ensure they are following road rules and our 'Drop Off/Pick Up Zone' rules on Waratah Parade before and after school so all of our children are safe.

SCHOOL DISCO

Our Kindergarten parents did a fantastic job at organising the disco last Friday night. The event was extremely well organised and supported by all grades and by parents. Special thanks to Karen Blyth, Wendy Jones, Nikki Delrennie and Kate Barwell for leading the organisation of the event, and to all parents helpers who gave their time and talents on the night.

We would also like to thank the generous families and business owners who kindly donated prizes for this special event, the children were all appreciative and excited to receive their special prize.

Caroline Miller	Julie Felice
Anna Amoroso	Darren Kelly
Louise Ferrari	Nat Tassone
Lyndal and Simon Keith	Belinda LaGuidara
St John's Canteen	Bridget Marker
Jenny Castorina (Three Beans)	Kate Barwell
Kristie Vumbaca (Vumbaca Fruit Market)	Narraweena Fruit Market



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27 October 2016

Mr Mark Bateman
Principal
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Dear Mark

St John's Catholic School, Narraweena

Under the advice of our arborist Mark Bury, the four Brushbox trees in the schools ground and adjacent to the Church are posing risk to the safety of school students, staff and visitors to the school.

The trees frequently shed small to medium sized branches, some of which have been large enough to cause serious injury or death had they landed on a student or teacher. Given that the trees are now in a hard-stand, well used play area and their proximity to buildings, the nature of the risk has changed since the arborist's report was completed.

I refer also to the Tree Management Guidelines issued by the NSW Department of Education and Communities. This indicates that, "if a tree is in close proximity to buildings or gathering spaces the risk of failure will increase over time". Mr Bury's report has indicated that the trees concerned are within 3 metres of a building.

As mentioned above, the independent arborist's report has been obtained and this report recommends providing ongoing pruning and monitoring of these trees.

Given the changes to the land use since the report first indicated these trees to be a hazard, and in light of the Department guidelines, in my opinion these trees now present an unacceptable level of risk to the school community and the school infrastructure.

Consideration has been given to the Hierarchy of Risk Controls in dealing with this level of risk. It is not feasible to cordon-off the area around the trees nor can we expect signage to be effective. The trees are in a high traffic area for both students and staff.

The only effective control is 'elimination' of the risk which necessitates the removal of the trees.

Yours faithfully,

Fiona Bell
Work Health and Safety Officer
MOHS (Newcastle), RN, Dip Teach (PE)

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