



# ST JOHN'S NEWS

---

166 Alfred Street, Narraweena NSW 2099

T: 02 9971 9297 F: 02 9971 2157 E: [sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au) W: [sjandbb.catholic.edu.au](http://sjandbb.catholic.edu.au)

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Last night's news concerning the election of Donald Trump has sparked considerable comment and reaction across the world. Many see the result as being linked to a rising tide of dissatisfaction with political leaders and systems worldwide. The recent 'Brexit' vote in the United Kingdom and the rise of fringe political parties in Australia and overseas are often identified as further examples of a growing move to change the way things are. We are seeing financial markets reacting along with considerable analysis of the situation and we all wonder about the future. For those excited by the change in leadership, the radical views of a politician seem to stand as the great hope for a new way of doing things; for a new future filled with hope.

I remain sceptical that kind of hope will be fulfilled. Our children are being raised in a time of considerable change which is always accompanied by uncertainty. Our teachers spoke to the children about their views on the elections today and taking the opportunity to assure them that there are processes in place for making decisions in countries like Australia that have the common good in mind.

Never has there been more need for a return to the truth expressed in the Gospel. Most encouraging is the way in which our own children are embracing the need to make a difference in their world through small but significant actions centred on those in need. Their interest in Mission Day, in illustrating our core values and in supporting each other are true signs of hope which are based in a more permanent truth – that of the Gospel. Raising children who see and experience faith lived out in their own community helps to create a hope filled future for them and for our world.

We have an awesome opportunity as parents and teachers to bring the Gospel to life within the hearts of our children praying that they learn to enter adulthood free of complacency but filled with the desire to act justly.

Finally, our staff and children will take part in a special prayer time tomorrow morning to remember all those who have given their lives for peace and freedom in war and conflict. Our Remembrance Day Prayer Service will take place after recess tomorrow.

Best wishes

*Mark Bateman* – Principal

## SPIRITUAL NEWS

### MISSION DAY 2017

What an amazing day! We had a lot of fun preparing for the day and even more fun on the day. It's always interesting to see how much fun you can have while being of service. Children put in a lot of effort working on their stalls and making sure everyone had a good time!

We are very proud to announce that we raised \$1894.70 – which we will split between Catholic Mission and their Cambodian Tuk Tuk School project, the Children's Hospital who do such a good job looking after sick children, and the Orangutan Project which protects the endangered orangutans in Borneo. We didn't just raise money! We have raised awareness about all of these projects AND the threat to bees around the world.

A video of the day is up on our Website: Please go to Faith and Mission then Core Values

### CANDELA MISSION PERU

Mrs Mary Rajca will visit on Monday November 14<sup>th</sup> 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. The handicrafts will be available to purchase before school on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning next week. For anyone who can't get to school early, we will also have the stall open on Tuesday at morning tea time.

Once again, we are encouraging the children to "earn" the money that they use to buy something from the stall.



### UPCOMING DATES

**Remembrance Day Liturgy** – We will be holding a liturgy to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in war and to pray for peace in our world at 11:15 tomorrow (11<sup>th</sup>).

**School Parish Mass Blessing of our 2017 Kindergarten & Sausage Sizzle** – **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Grandparents & Friends Day** – **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**. Please note our Grandparents Day & Special Friends day will begin at 1:30pm with a liturgy in the church followed by afternoon tea and a chance to visit the children's classrooms.

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

## DIARY

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		P & F AGM Meeting 7.00pm			
Week 6 Term 4 Mon 21 Nov	Week 6 Term 4 Tue 22 Nov	Week 6 Term 4 Wed 23 Nov	Week 6 Term 4 Thu 24 Nov	Week 6 Term 4 Fri 25 Nov	Week 6 Term 4 Sat 26/Sun 27
				Grandparents Day & afternoon tea	

## 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	Matilda B Monique C Crystal L	2N	Matthew H Ruby N Cooper V	5ID	Bella G Connor M Mia R	Sport
KP	Tyler J Scout M	3KJ	Ruby C Anthony M Tarryn S	5M	Joshua G Ryan L Bianca M	Library Domenic C
1B	Alyssa A Rosie S Sophia V	3M	Monica G Charles S Charlotte Y	6O	Diana A Logan C Jack G	
1G	Christopher A Brooke H Chloe O	3PG	Antonio K Chiara L	6SF	Cooper B Anthony C	Music Giselle B
1KD	Olivia B Anton C Isabella S	4D	Emma F Nakita M Sienna N	4/5/6B	Mark Y	
2C	Max C Ava H Madison Mc	4R	Haley B Ethan H Ruby K			

## CLASS PLACEMENTS 2017:

The teachers are currently considering class arrangements for 2017. Parents are invited to submit in writing any educational reasons for the placement of their child in a class group for next year. Requests will be considered along with teacher and student feedback in making decisions about placement. **Please note that requests in relation to particular teachers will not be considered.** Requests can be addressed to Mr Bateman via the school email account. *Requests will be considered until Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.*

## STAFFING NEWS:

We welcome Miss Ashley Blake back to St John's. Ashley is replacing Miss Wendy Prentice who is on leave for the next four weeks due to study commitments with the Australian Catholic University. Miss Blake will be teaching KP during that time.

Miss Rebekah Buckley has accepted a position as a teacher at Barton Primary School in Victoria beginning in 2017. The school is currently being constructed and Rebekah is very excited about being part of the foundation staff. We will be very sad to farewell her at the end of the year but wish her every success as she returns to her home state.

## SUN SAFETY:

With the warm weather creeping upon us, it is very important to remind all students to pack their school in their bag each day. We have a few students coming to school each day without their hat and asking the office for spares. Unfortunately, we have NO spares. Students who do not bring their school hats are to play in the designated area.

We are also asking the children to apply their sunscreen before coming to school each morning.

## CANTEEN

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

<b>W6 Term 4 14 Nov</b> S Kevric F Doust	<b>W6 Term 4 15 Nov</b> R Castorina M Delsal	<b>W6 Term 4 16 Nov</b> M Martin J Bradley	<b>W6 Term 4 17 Nov</b> <b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>	<b>W6 Term 4 18 Nov</b> N Mascolo K Vumbaca A Lalic	<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>W7 Term 4 21 Nov</b> E Burrell C Gategood	<b>W7 Term 4 22 Nov</b> C Campbell J McManus	<b>W7 Term 4 23 Nov</b> P Moore T Hawthorne B Gant	<b>W7 Term 4 24 Nov</b> <b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>	<b>W7 Term 4 25 Nov</b> <b>NEED HELP</b>	<b>Canteen Coordinator:</b> Fiona Costa (0409 566 640)

## 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



### **Change of Date: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>** 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 at around \$17 on the day and he is happy to sign copies of the books.

Berkelouw books have supplied us with some of Oliver's books for parents and students to purchase books using cash or credit cards before school or at morning tea. Oliver is happy to sign copies of his books.

Congratulations once again to these talented writers.



Find out more about Oliver and his books at <http://www.oliverwriter.com/>

## SCHOOL NEWS

### INTERESTED IN PARENT LEADERSHIP?

The response to interest in parent leadership has been encouraging. We have had seven parents express interest in our Advisory Council or in being involved in leadership of our Parents and Friends. This is very encouraging. Expressions of interest are invited by contacting Mr Bateman who can explain the role of either group.

### 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!

## KINDERGARTEN END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

---

We would love to catch up with you all to celebrate. Please join us for our two end of year events!

### **Parents Dinner on Thursday 1st December 7pm Dee Why Hotel**

Could you please RSVP to your Class Parents **and/or**

### **Kids Picnic on Friday 2nd December from 3:15pm - Beverley Job Park**

Hope to see you all there

## YEAR 1 END OF YEAR SOCIAL EVENT

---



We would love to see you all there for our end of year social event.

7pm on Wednesday 30th November at the Collaroy. RSVP to class parents by 21/11/16

## BUILDING NEWS:

---

Last week's letter concerning the Brush Box trees beside the Church, issued from the Catholic Schools Office drew some questions from parents. These questions were directed to the CSO for their consideration. Please see the attached letter from Peter Hamill indicating that another arborist's report will be conducted to assess the trees in question. Until that assessment is completed, access to the area near the trees will not be permitted.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) concerning the use of the new car park has been sent to the Vicar General for comment after being drafted by the Diocesan solicitor. We await his instructions before progressing to the next step, which is the signing off of the document by Father and Mr Bateman.

Our new classroom design is developing. We have asked the builders to design a building with an undercroft. The building would replace the current Year One classrooms and satellite class. This is still in design stage only.

## 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.

Let the excitement begin! The playground has been a singing and dancing wonderland for weeks now and next week it all starts for real!

Lists for next week's heats are up in the library window. If your name is not there that means your heat will be later on – we will announce it at our morning assembly when new heats go up.

If someone drops out of, or joins into, your group – you don't need to let us know – as long as your group is still performing. If you change your song, you don't need to let us know. If you have a very good reason to change your days, let your class teacher know - but in most cases we will not be changing days.

Remember, our Talent Quest should be about having fun, sharing the talents that God gave us, and being of service by raising money to help others. Make sure that is the attitude that you are bringing! If it ever causes you to fight with friends or leave people out, then you might need to think about why you are entering!

#### CHESS NEWS

---

Our annual school chess challenge was held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November and was another big success with 36 players. The largest turnout in recent years.

Well done to everyone who participated. We will be presenting trophies and medals in the coming weeks so stay tuned.

Thank you to Christine Campbell, Suzanne Christou, Marie Cirillo, Rachael Crookwell, Genevieve Ferris, Sian Goodwin, Rebecca Herding, Duncan Macbeth, Robert Morgan and Justine Spiteri for helping run the competition.

Thank you also to Christine Campbell, , Suzanne Christou, Elizabeth Charian and Duncan Macbeth and who ran chess club in terms 2 and 3.

#### BOOK CLUB ORDERS FOR ISSUE 8 ARE DUE NO LATER THAN

---

##### Friday 25th November

For on line ordering please follow the link

<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.**



**Catholic Schools Office**  
**Diocese of Broken Bay**

Caroline Chisholm Centre  
Building 2, 423 Pennant Hills Road  
Pennant Hills NSW 2120  
PO Box 967, Pennant Hills NSW 1715  
Phone: (02) 9847 0000  
Fax: (02) 9847 0001  
Email: [mail@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mail@dbb.catholic.edu.au)  
Web: [www.csodbb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.csodbb.catholic.edu.au)

---

9 November 2016

Mr M Bateman  
Principal  
St Joh's Catholic School  
166 Alfred St  
Narraweena NSW 2099

Dear Mark

Following extensive feedback from your parent community about the letter of 27 October 2016 about the four trees adjacent to the church, it is apparent that the letter contained some factual inaccuracies. We apologise for this.

In order to obtain accurate information as a basis to move forward we have commissioned a qualified arborist to assess the trees and provide a detailed report to the CSO. The inspection is taking place later this week and the report will be prepared as soon as practicable.

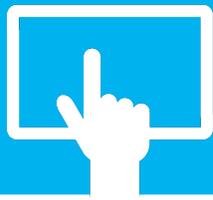
Please feel free to share this letter with your parent community.

Yours sincerely

Peter Hamill  
Director of Schools



eSafety



# WORKSHOP



## About

An eSafety expert from the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner will be delivering a FREE workshop on how you can help keep young people safe online.

For more information visit [esafety.gov.au](http://esafety.gov.au).

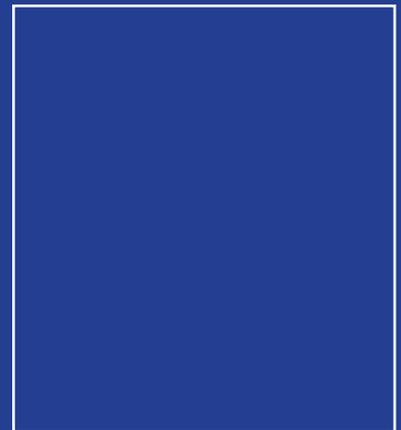


## Learn how

- \* young people are using social media and technology
- \* to make a complaint about child cyberbullying
- \* we can help remove serious cyberbullying material.



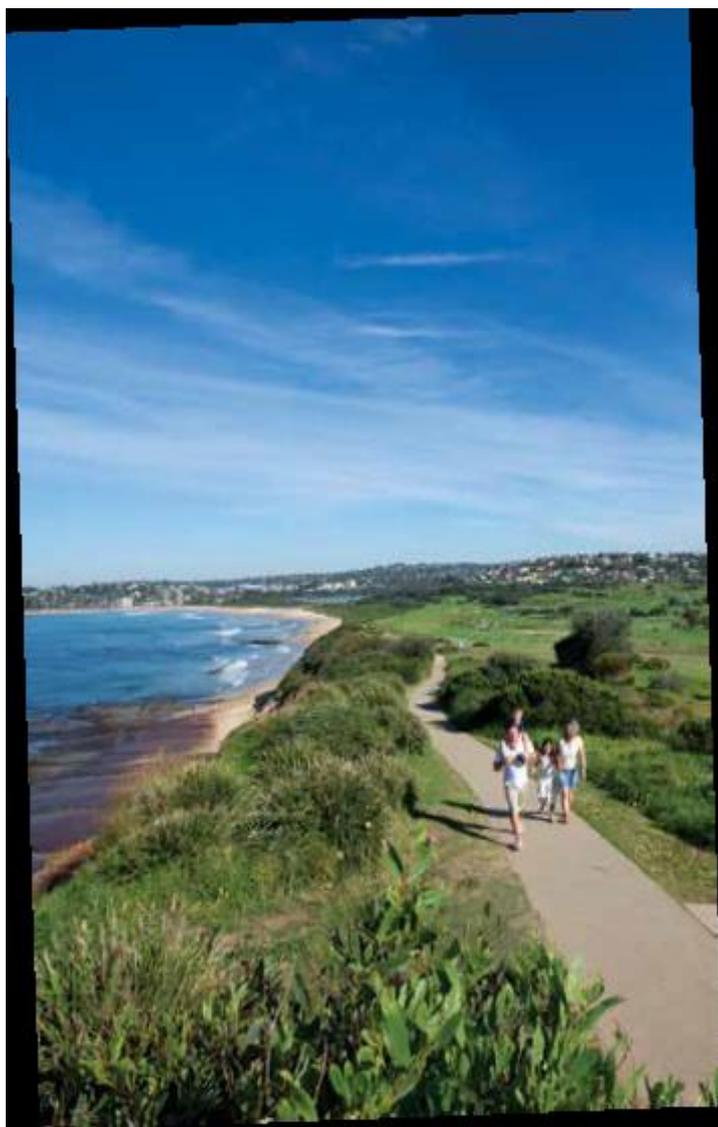
## When



# St. John the Apostle Term 4 Wellbeing Week 7



## Long Reef Walk for Parents, Pre-schoolers, friends and dogs - all welcome!



Join our Family Liaison Officer Jeanie Mc Donnell for a great walk **around** Long Reef Golf Course:

**Tuesday 22nd  
November**

Leaving from the **bottom** car park and walking up to the headland, **at 9:30a.m.**

(Enter via Anzac Avenue and drive past the golf club, turn right towards Long Reef and park after the golf club.

The walk takes approximately 40 mins (about 3KM's).

The path is mostly sealed and is dog and pram friendly.

(Dogs must be kept on a leash).

Bring, hat, sunscreen, water, weather appropriate clothing.

**We will walk rain or shine.**

There are several Cafés close-by if anyone wishes to stay out longer after the walk.

If you want more information about the walk a brochure is available:  
<http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/recreation-al-areas/long-reef-headland/warringahlong-reef-headlandonline.pdf>

**Book Fair Details:**



**Lifeline Northern Beaches Giant Book Fair: 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**NEW Venue: St Augustine's College Sydney  
Federal Parade  
Brookvale**

**Dates/Times:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 4pm -- 9pm  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 9am -- 5pm  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 9am -- 2pm

Please note we accept Visa & Mastercard and also have EFTPOS facility available

(Entry by gold coin donation very much appreciated)

At the Book Fair there will be thousands of good quality books, at bargain prices, in many categories, including a wide range of children's books suited to all ages.

For the enthusiast/collector we have a large number of award winning and collectible books.

In addition to all the books we also have a wide selection of puzzles, jig saws, games, CD, DVDs, vinyls, etc so there's something for everyone!

With Christmas just around the corner it's also a great time to stock up on some bargains for a loved one or the stocking

All funds raised support the activities of Lifeline Northern Beaches which, in addition to the crisis line (13 11 14) with a focus on suicide prevention, provides a lot of other services to our community, including 24 hour counselling, bereavement support, anger management and problem gambling to name but a few.

Your support for our Book Fairs goes a long way in generating the funds required to continue providing these services to our community

See you there!

### 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://roadsafety.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.

### WELLBEING FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

---

Walk around Long Reef Headland – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 9:30am

Take time out, get active in the fresh air, meet other parents at St. John's, enjoy the beautiful scenery and keep your eyes open for whales.

Wellbeing Week is week 7 this term. I will be leading a Wellbeing Walk for Parents and Carers around Long Reef Headland starting from the **Bottom** Car Park at 9:30 and walking around the golf course track. The walk takes approximately 40 mins (about 3KM's). The path is mostly sealed and is dog and pram friendly. (Dogs must be kept on a leash). Bring, hat, sunscreen, water, weather appropriate clothing. There are several cafés close-by if anyone wishes to stay out longer after the walk for a coffee and chat. I look forward to seeing many of you there. Feel free to bring a friend or family member. Print off the attached invitation and put it on your fridge so you don't forget.

### CANCER COUNCIL EAT IT TO BEAT IT CAMPAIGN – HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

It may surprise you to learn that at least one in three cancer cases are preventable and the number of cancer deaths could be reduced significantly by choosing a cancer smart lifestyle. More than 13,000 cancer deaths each year are due to smoking, sun exposure, poor diet, alcohol, inadequate exercise or being overweight. The Cancer Council came to our Kindy Transition this week to speak to parents about **healthy lunch boxes**. They offer free tips & tricks, and recipes on their website, pinterest and facebook. There are also fact sheets available on how to make lifestyle changes to help prevent cancer:

<http://www.cancer.org.au/preventing-cancer/reduce-your-risk/>

### For simple, budget-friendly lunch box and family meal ideas...

- Follow our [Facebook](#) page for tips, ideas, recipes and quirky insights into packing lunch boxes and preparing simple budget-friendly family meals. (<https://www.facebook.com/eatittobeatit/>).
- Go to our [website](#) for recipes for healthy family meals, online tools and resources and to get your school involved. (<http://www.cancercouncil.com.au/cancer-prevention/diet-exercise/eat-it-to-beat-it/>)
- Check out EAT IT TO BEAT IT on [Pinterest](#). (<https://www.pinterest.com/cancercouncil/eat-it-to-beat-it/>)

[eatittobeatit.com.au](http://eatittobeatit.com.au)

**Cancer Council Helpline 13 11 20**

Family Liaison Officer – Jeanie Mc Donnell