



# ST JOHN'S NEWS

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of the year, **we are looking for some important feedback from you.** Many of you do not have an opportunity to attend P&F meetings or to come to the school on a regular basis. We do, however, value your opinion and we need to know what you think so that we can give attention to the areas in which we need to improve and celebrate those we are doing well. **We need everyone's feedback in order to know how we can be better at serving the St John's community.**

One of the most effective ways of doing this is to get survey data from you. Attached is a Kids Matter parent survey that looks at student mental health and wellbeing and how the school is going in this area.

Specifically, the survey aims to:

- Identify what parents feel is important about what the school does.
- Help us understand what you need to know more about.
- Help us know how well you feel we are doing some important things in relation to your child's wellbeing.

The Survey link is as follows: <https://secure.peoplepulse.com.au/survey.php?mid=140124ef0657b439330>

It would be really helpful if the survey was completed by **Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**.

With thanks

*Mark Bateman* – Principal

## SPIRITUAL NEWS

### Whole School Parish Mass – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, @ 5pm

On Saturday week we will have our final School Parish Mass and Sausage Sizzle for the year and it will be a [Whole School Mass](#) with everyone welcome to join in. You are also invited to join with the choir who will be singing **Christmas Carols** before Mass from 4:40.



A note was sent home today to the eldest child in each family and it would be appreciated if you could return it ASAP to enable us to begin organising ministries for the children and the shopping for the sausage sizzle. (There is also a copy of the note below if yours has gone astray.)

## DIARY

Week 9 Term 4 Mon 5 Dec	Week 9 Term 4 Tue 6 Dec	Week 9 Term 4 Wed 7 Dec	Week 9 Term 4 Thu 8 Dec	Week 9 Term 4 Fri 9 Dec	Week 9 Term 4 Sat 10/Sun 11
		<i>Yr 6 Graduation Liturgy 6.30pm</i>		<b>Surf Awareness Years 5 &amp; 6</b>	<b>Whole School Mass</b>
Week 10 Term 4 Mon 12 Dec	Week 10 Term 4 Tue 13 Dec	Week 10 Term 4 Wed 14 Dec	Week 10 Term 4 Thu 15 Dec	Week 10 Term 4 Fri 16 Dec	Week 10 Term 4 Sat 17/Sun 18
	<i>Talent Quest Finals 11.15- 1.15</i>			<b>Last Day of School End of Year Liturgy</b>	

### BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION

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Teachers supervision begins from 8.15am, children at school before this time should be booked into before school care.

As there is **NO** teachers supervision after school children are **NOT** permitted to use the play equipment

### END OF YEAR REPORTS / ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2017:

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Your child's Semester 2 report will be emailed home this Friday afternoon. Parents are welcome to make an appointment to discuss their child's report with the classroom teacher by contacting the school office by phone or email.

To help prepare for 2017, teachers will be involved in a 'Hand over day', Monday December 19<sup>th</sup>. During the day teachers will be sharing information about children in their class with the 2017 teacher(s). At the beginning of 2017, parents will be invited to meet with their child's teacher. This meeting assists teachers in gaining a full picture of each child in their class and it provides an opportunity for creating a connection between teacher, child and parent. Bookings will be available online when we return to school next year.

### TEACHING APPOINTMENTS 2017:

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The following teachers have been appointed to teaching positions for 2017.

- Mrs Kirstin Blyton will be working with Mrs Tori Jones.
- Mrs Jade Gillett will be working with Mrs Margaret Nelson-Smith (formerly Mrs Churchley)
- Mrs Lisa Coram will be working with Mrs Diana Stachersky

Our full list of teachers and class placements will be sent out before December 16<sup>th</sup>. We are in the process of appointing an ESL teacher, an Executive Release Teacher and a Canteen Coordinator for next year. We will inform you of these appointments as soon as they are approved.

## UPCOMING DATES

### SUN SAFETY:

With the warm weather creeping upon us, it is very important to remind all students to pack their hat in 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 shaded area. We are also asking the children to apply their sunscreen before coming to school each morning.



## AWARDS

**STRENGTH & GENTLENESS: LOGAN C (60) NINA W (60)**

### 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**

<b>KB</b>	Valentina B Max F Chelsea H Giselle L	<b>2N</b>	Angelina A Ava R Xavier S	<b>5ID</b>	Larissa C Ilenia M Luke S Skye Mc	<b>Sport</b> Emma F (1KD) Sam R (4R)
<b>KP</b>	Elianna A James C Talia C	<b>3KJ</b>	Eloisa C Lachlan D Chloe F	<b>5M</b>	Sophia A Phoebe B Jesse M Claudia V	<b>Library</b> Darcy Mc (1KD)
<b>1B</b>	Charli B Koby B Benjamin F Lukina L	<b>3M</b>	Mikayla C Domenic C Airell D Alessia M	<b>6O</b>	Bianca C Tara G Yasmin K	
<b>1G</b>	Matthew F Matthew K Victor K Natalie M	<b>3PG</b>	Luca A Tahlia B Sienna C Aaron R	<b>6SF</b>	Poppy C Zoe D Isabella M	<b>Music</b> Mia R (5ID)
<b>1KD</b>	Aurelia B Claudia L Darcy M Indianna V	<b>4D</b>	Jonathon F Pratham V Adam V	<b>4/5/6B</b>	Shamro M	
<b>2C</b>	Christian C Charlotte C Will N	<b>4R</b>	Levi C Jade C Alicia P			

## CANTEEN

**Canteen will be CLOSED tomorrow Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov**

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

W9 Term 4 5 Dec	W9 Term 4 6 Dec	W8 Term 4 7 Dec	W8 Term 4 8 Dec	W8 Term 4 9 Dec	CANTEEN CLOSED THURSDAYS
G Curran F Doust	L Rouke G Ferris	S Forrester K Thompson	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>	M Southan B Baumann C Miller	<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>
W9 Term 4 12 Dec	W9 Term 4 13 Dec	W8 Term 4 14 Dec	W8 Term 4 15 Dec	W8 Term 4 16 Dec	<b>Canteen Coordinator:</b> Fiona Costa (0409 566 640)
F Costa O Marcellino	S Olsen J Castorina	M Di Palma A Lalic	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED FOR CLEANING</b>	

## IMPORTANT NOTES FOR THE OFFICE

Family registration, photography and permission forms were sent home with your children. Kindly return **ALL** three forms to the office as they are **NOW** overdue. Thank you to those parents who have returned all forms. If you have only sent back one or two we do need all three returned ASAP.

## SCHOOL NEWS

ONLY 2 WEEKS LEFT TO CLAIM YOUR SCHOOL BANKING REWARDS!

Our final School Banking day for 2016 will be **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. If you wish to order a reward item for your child this year please ensure that your redemption slip is filled in and returned by **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. Any tokens that have not been redeemed this year can be used in 2017. Some great 2016 & 2015 rewards are still available!



Outback Pat  
Bag Tag



Wriggly Glow  
Worm



Jump and  
Skip Rope



Outer Space  
Savers Money Box



ET DVD

Thanks in advance.

Regards,

Belinda Bedford

School Banking Coordinator

### ROADS & MARITIME SERVICES NEWS

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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.

### NEED A CHRISTMAS TREE?

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#### **Buy yours from Beacon Hill Guides & Scouts this year!**



All monies raised goes directly to the Guides & Scouts.

**Where:** Beacon Hill Reserve Soccer Fields, cnr Warringah & Willandra Rd, opp. McDonalds.

**When:** Weekend **10 & 11 Dec** from 7.30am.

**Drive in** – plenty of parking. Get in early, great choice, pick your own.

Hope to see you there!



# PARISH FAMILY MASS

## OUR SCHOOL

is hosting Parish Family Mass on  
**SATURDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm**  
**with Carols from 4:40**

This will be a very special Mass as it is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, a time of rejoicing as we draw closer to Christmas. **Gaudete Sunday** is when we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath. (If you have something pink – or Advent purple – you could wear it. Or we'll have some ribbons you can pin on if you don't have anything suitable.)

Mr Frazer will be preparing carols with the choir, and he has sent a separate note home today.

There are no particular classes allocated to this Mass, **everyone** is welcome to take part but we need to know who will be attending so we can allocate particular ministries for the children.

We will be having a sausage sizzle after Mass and it would be great if we could have some volunteers to help. Many hands make light work! Let us know how many sandwiches your family would like on the form below.

It would be appreciated if you could fill in the form and return it to school as soon as possible let us know if your family can be part of this Mass.

Many thanks,

*Christine Dunk*

MASS - SATURDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

My child/children is/are able to attend the PARISH FAMILY MASS.

Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian)

Our family would like \_\_\_\_\_ sausage sandwiches.

We can help with:

- Set up (getting out the barbeques & serving tables)
- Preparation (putting the bread out with serviettes)
- Cooking (during Mass)
- Directing people safely to the barbecue as they come out of Mass
- Serving up the sausage sandwiches after Mass
- Helping to pack up



# Fresh Christmas

## Trees

*USA Style*



Top quality trees at lowest prices

Fresh fruit and vegetable boxes, baskets and platters  
packed and made to order

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