



# ST JOHN'S NEWS

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Our Year Six class of 2016 held their graduation celebration last night in the Church. About 200 people attended including staff, students, student families and extended families. We were all provided with a very special insight into our Year Six classes. Their commitment to providing student leadership; their willingness to get involved in our school life; their friendship and humour; their creativity and initiative have all been aspects of this class that have shone through their senior year and their graduation liturgy. They have proven themselves to be excellent role models for students coming through our school into our senior classes and we wish them a very smooth transition to high school next year.

Special thanks to our Year One families for providing the food for last night's graduation supper. This was a lovely way for the younger buddies of our Year Six students to say thank you and farewell. Our thanks also to members of our Advisory Council for helping to organise our school hall for last night's supper and to Christine Pitt for creating a beautiful graduation cake.

This Saturday evening we have our final Family Mass with the Parish for 2016. This is a whole school event followed by a BBQ in the school grounds. All families are welcome to attend.

A reminder that there is a **Parents Survey** concerning the mental health and wellbeing of the children at St John's. The survey will assist us in planning many of our programs for next year if we get a strong parent response. If you have not completed the survey as yet, it will take about 10 minutes of your time and it can be found at the link below.

<https://secure.peoplepulse.com.au/survey.php?mid=140124ef0657b439330>

Finally, our end of year liturgy will be held Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am in the Church. This is a special occasion of farewell and celebration. We will also introduce our new student leaders for 2017 and issue various awards for 2016. All parents are welcome to attend. Children may be taken home following the liturgy as long as teachers are informed before they go. Supervision will be in place until dismissal at normal time on Friday which is the last day of school for 2016 for the students.

With thanks

*Mark Bateman* – Principal

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

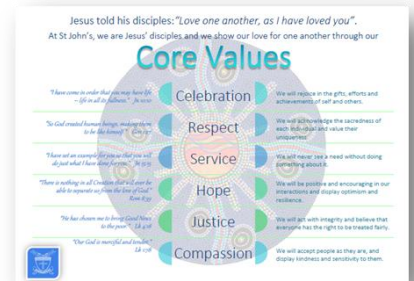
On Saturday we will have our final School Parish Mass and Sausage Sizzle for the year and it will be a Whole School Mass with everyone welcome to join in. You are also invited to join with the choir who will be singing **Christmas Carols** before Mass from 4:40.



**CORE VALUES AWARDS – TERM 4**

Congratulations to the children who have been chosen to receive the Core Values Award for Term 4. We have been looking closely at the values of Hope, Service and Justice this term and the children have all been reflecting on how our Core Values help us meet our discipleship goals.

**The Awards will be given out at assembly on Monday morning at 8:45.**



First Name	Year	Core Values being recognised
Melissa B	Kindergarten KB	Hope, Justice and Service
Matthew C	Kindergarten KP	Hope, Service and Celebration
Zachary C	Year 1B	Compassion, Hope and Service
Brooke H	Year 1G	Hope, Justice and Service
Anika K	Year 1KD	Celebration, Hope and Respect
Christian C	Year 2C	Justice, Respect and Hope
Erin W	Year 2N	Hope and Justice
Zac M	Year 3KJ	Respect and Hope
Emma B	Year 3M	Hope, Justice and Service
Carys F	Year 3PG	Celebration, Compassion, Hope and Justice
Zac H	Year 4D	Hope, Justice and Service
Mikayla H	Year 4R	Respect and Service
Katrina S	Year 5ID	Hope, Justice and Service
Eva C	Year 5M	Hope, Justice and Service
Julia M	Year 6O	Hope, Justice and Service
Isabella M	Year 6SF	Hope, Justice and Service

## Christmas Vigil Outdoor Mass



The Christmas Vigil Mass will be held at 6:00pm on 24<sup>th</sup> (with Carols commencing at 5:30) This will be an outdoor Mass held in the back playground, the children are encouraged to come dressed up. There is also a request for assistance with setting up from 4pm – please contact the parish office on 9982 6536 if you are available to help.



## St John's Church Piety Stall

Did you know that the church Piety Stall also has a borrowing library with books for both adults and children? Details are attached to the newsletter.

## DIARY

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
<b>2017 Class Orientation</b>	<i>Talent Quest K-2 Finals 11.15-1.15</i>		<i>Talent Quest 3-6 Finals 11.15-1.15</i>	<b>Last Day of School End of Year Liturgy 11am</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!!</b>

## BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Teachers' supervision begins from 8.15am; please do not send your child to school before this time. Children at school before this time should be booked into before school care.

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

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2017

Information about your child's 2017 class list was emailed out to families today. In addition, you received a stationery list and information for MAI and Best Start Assessments booking information for 2017.

To help prepare for next year, teachers will be involved in a 'Handover day' on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December. 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.

Next Monday morning, the staff and students will have an opportunity to meet in our 2017 classes for an orientation.

## UPCOMING DATES

### TALENT QUEST FINALS

Talent Quest finals will be held in the hall next week. Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December is the K-2 final and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December is the 3-6 final. Both sessions will begin at 11.30am. Parents are very welcome to come and enjoy the show! A gold coin donation is greatly appreciated – this will be donated to Catholic Mission.



## AWARDS



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

**FRIDAY MORNING – K-4 Merit assembly (beginning at 8.45am in the hall)**

**Year 5 and 6 merit awards will be presented Monday W10 with the Core Value awards.**

<b>KB</b>	Alana C Maeve G Aiden M David M	<b>2N</b>	Chloe B Alexandra J Charlie L Erin W	<b>5ID</b>	Oliver P Nick R Luke S	<b>Sport</b> Patrick V (3KJ)
<b>KP</b>	Matthew C Tayla C Royce G Heidi K Ellison T	<b>3KJ</b>	Sarah D Marilla G Emma S	<b>5M</b>	Kyla G Caylan H Charlize K	<b>Library</b> Oliver P (5ID)
<b>1B</b>	Jasmine C Asha F Tobias G Dominic Y	<b>3M</b>	Giselle B Cameron G Tamar M Christina M	<b>6O</b>	Sara C Nathan C Nina W Chiara M	
<b>1G</b>	Elysia L Lily M Neve S Neeve S Antonio Z	<b>3PG</b>	Liam C Olivia O Olivia S	<b>6SF</b>	Cody M Sam M Max P	<b>Music</b> Yasmin K (60)
<b>1KD</b>	Joshua B Angus B Gianni D Mia H Natalia T	<b>4D</b>	Lachlan B Jade C Josh B	<b>4/5/6B</b>	Matthew H	
<b>2C</b>	Jonathan B Biba D Jasmine L	<b>4R</b>	Andre B Ryder H Sam R			

## LIBRARY NEWS

**Outstanding books:** Thank you to all those who have returned their books. We now have about 100 books still outstanding, which has a value of over \$1000. Notes have been given to those children who still have books out asking them to either return the books or pay for replacement. Please have a good search at home for any books belonging to the school.

If you think that the book may have been returned please come and see me in the library and we will look on the shelves for the book.

Kylie Sheehan

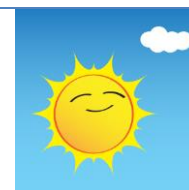


## IMPORTANT NOTES FOR THE OFFICE

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.

## SUN SAFETY

It is very important to remind all students to pack their hat in their school bag each day. Students who do not bring their school hats are to play in the designated shaded area. It is also helpful if the children apply sunscreen before coming to school each morning.



## SCHOOL NEWS

We are looking for a few parents to help take home a bag of musical clothes to wash and return to Miss KJ. There are 8 bags in total. If you are available could you please come and see the office ladies.

## CANTEEN

**Canteen will be CLOSED next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

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

W10 Term 4 12 Dec	W10 Term 4 13 Dec	W10 Term 4 14 Dec	W10 Term 4 15 Dec	W10 Term 4 16 Dec	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED THURSDAYS</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)
F Costa O Marcellino	S Olsen J Castorina	M Di Palma A Lalic	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED FOR CLEANING</b>	

NEED A CHRISTMAS TREE?

**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!

**SAVE THE DATE! ... SAVE THE DATE! ... SAVE THE DATE**

**2017 REGISTRATIONS OPEN**

*Monday 9th January*



**COME JOIN** FUN AND FRIENDSHIP!

**Beacon Hill Netball Club**



For players turning 8 years and over in 2017. New players welcome!



Online Registrations open 9th - 31 January 2017.

[www.beaconhillnetball.com.au](http://www.beaconhillnetball.com.au)

PosterMyWall.com

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# ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PIETY SHOP/PARISH LIBRARY

Open weekends after Masses

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## Children's Library

For children and family members to borrow books to share special time with the children in your family enjoying prayer and Bible stories.



Many other religious books available in the parish library

WOOD ROSARY BEADS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE IN THE PIETY STORE  
CHRISTMAS CARDS & CALENDARS.