



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

The children will be telling the story of Holy Week next week as we prepare for Easter during the coming holiday period.

Here's a comment that doesn't turn out the way it seems it might, and perhaps the way you would expect it to: *"Children are natural mimics; they act like their parents in spite of every attempt to teach them good manners."* (Author unknown) The children are about to commemorate a week in the life of Christ, when the first day promised so much and what followed was certainly not the way his friends would have expected nor wanted.

Holy Week commences with Jesus' grand entry into Jerusalem where he is welcomed with such enthusiasm by a large crowd, who lay palm branches on the ground before him. By week's end that crowd was no longer there for Jesus; only a few women, together with Mary and John, were gathered under the cross.

On the Thursday evening at the Last Supper, Jesus tells his Apostles and more directly, Peter, that their loyalty will be tested very soon. Peter's response to such a suggestion is, *"Lord, I am ready to go to prison with you and to die with you!"* (Luke 22:33). Jesus' reply to Peter is very matter of fact: *"I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow tonight until you have said three times that you do not know me."* (Luke 22:34). We all know that later in the night, when the pressure came onto Peter and he was accused of knowing Jesus, Peter denied it.

The remainder of Friday was a total disaster for the Apostles and other followers. Palm Sunday's triumph was now Friday's disaster and Jesus seemed to offer no resistance nor defence of himself. *"For my part I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard. I did not cover my face against insult and spittle."* (Isaiah 50:5, 6).

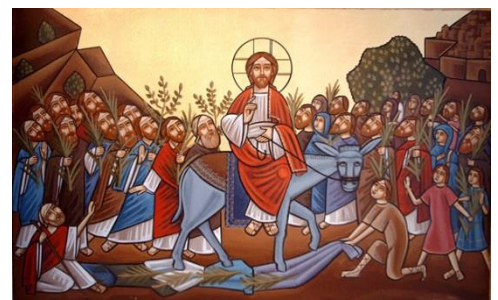
By mid-afternoon, Jesus was executed in the manner reserved for criminals, deserted by the crowd and by those who had been so close to him for the past three years.

Mel Gibson, in his movie, *"The Passion of Christ"*, chose to drive the nail into Jesus' hand to symbolise that we all had a part in Jesus' death, not just a few Jewish leaders or the Roman soldiers in charge of the execution. Likewise, it could be said that Peter symbolises our denials of Jesus, when we make bad choices and engage in inappropriate behaviours. *"Ours were the sufferings he bore, ours the sorrows he carried. He was pierced through for our faults, crushed for our sins. On him was a punishment that brings us peace and through his wounds we are healed By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself."* (Isaiah 53: 4, 5, 11).

In a manner of speaking, we are all part of Sunday's crowd: we are in the "crowd" that receives First Communion, we are in the "crowd" that receives Confirmation; but, when we are separated from the crowd, are we any good at sticking by Jesus? Maybe food for thought as Holy Week is with us.

Peace and Best Wishes

Mark Bateman – Principal



Sadly, Mrs Liussi will be leaving us at the end of the term. She will be finishing up next Thursday.

The Liussi family is returning to their home in southern Queensland. We have been blessed to have Mrs Liussi working with us during the past year. Her care and interest in our children has been nothing short of outstanding and her encouragement of them a joy to see. Our sincere best wishes to her and her family for the move back home.

DIARY

Week 10 Term 1 Mon 3 April	Week 10 Term 1 Tues 4 April	Week 10 Term 1 Wed 5 April	Week 10 Term 1 Thurs 6 April	Week 10 Term 1 Fri 7 April	Week 10 Term1 Sat/Sun 8/9 April
Holy Week Liturgies Kinder 8:45 Years 1, 2 & 4 2pm in the church 123 Magic Parenting Course 6-9pm	Soccer Gala Days Yr 3 & 4 Rat Park	St John's Cross Country	Soccer Gala Days Yr 5 & 6 Rat Park	Holy Week Liturgy Years 5&6 2pm in the church LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	
Week 1 Term 2 Mon 24 April	Week 1 Term 2 Tues 25 April	Week 1 Term 2 Wed 26 April	Week 1 Term 2 Thurs 27 April	Week 1 Term 2 Fri 28 April	Week 1 Term2 Sat/Sun 29/30 April
Staff Development Day	Anzac Day	First Day of School Easter Liturgy Year 3 2pm in the church		Staff Development Day	

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 3rd April

123 Parenting Course (6.30pm Library)

Holy Week Liturgies commence

Wed 5th April

St John's Cross Country and Fundraiser

Fri 7th April – Last Day Term 1

Fri 14th April – GOOD FRIDAY

Sun 17th April – EASTER SUNDAY

TERM 2

Mon 24th April Staff Development Day

Tues 25th April ANZAC Day Public Holiday

WED 26th APRIL – First Day of Term 3

Fri 28th April Staff Development Day

Thurs 11th May - Mother's Day Breakfast

Mon 12th June – Queens Birthday

**Don't forget!**

The children will get to unleash their self-expression and wear crazy rainbow attire, runners and more at the Colour Run (a.k.a. the St John's Cross Country) – on Wednesday 5th April.

See information below!

Soccer Gala Day – Online Permission Note YEARS 3-6

Last reminder to our Years 3-6 parents to complete the online permission note for Soccer Gala Days. We do still need more managers – especially for Yr 5 & 6 on Thursday. Access the note using this link:
<https://goo.gl/forms/EQs5YWGkLTkPEBEi2>

Cross Country Online Permission Note – K-6

A reminder that **ALL** K-6 children need an online permission note completed to walk to and from Beverley Job for our Cross Country. You can access the note using this link:
<https://goo.gl/forms/CvXh2m09RA8DMpp22>

CROSS COUNTRY COLOUR RUN

Wednesday 5th April, 2017

Keep the training going!

Have you organised your sponsors yet?

ALL MONIES RAISED GO TOWARDS NEW AND IMPROVED

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

We have **GREAT PRIZES** including:

- **\$200 Criniti's voucher** for family who raises the most.
- **Domino's pizza lunch** for the **class** who raises the most.

Go in the draw for other great prizes, just for having all your money in on time.

AWARDS



Please note: Awards will be given out as follows:

FRIDAY MORNINGS – 8:45am Kindergarten – Year 2

FRIDAY AFTERNOONS – 2:40pm Year 3 – 6

STRENGTH & GENTLENESS will be presented on MONDAY mornings during Prayer Assembly

Strength & Gentleness	Lachlan D 4R
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KB	Ilana A Emery H Hunter H	2G	Christopher A Angus B Piper C	4R	Carys F Fredrick F Alessia L	Sport Toby G 2G Banjo L 4R
KJ	Joshua D Aidan P Joshua R	2N	Lucas C Mia H Isla P	4SC	Maurice J Tarryn S	Library Charlie P (KJ) Annie S (4SC)
1G	Elianna A Jeremy B James C	3D	Liam C Auora P	5/6DF	Andrew J Calista M Matthew S	
1JB	Jake F Hannah J	3NG	Jonathan B Rose M	5/6L	Mia R Alessia Z	Music Charlotte Y (4SC) Max F (1G)
2C	Koby B Nicholas L Natalia T	4B	Michael A Tamar M Alessia M	5/6O	Oliver C Alesha T	
				5/6B	Olivia B	

PROJECT COMPASSION

One of the projects that Caritas have run using the funds from previous Project Compassion fundraising is a *Hog Dispersal Program*.

Dinia is just one of the people whose lives were changed when she took part in training on how to raise pigs for income, and share their offspring with neighbours through the program.

We have had some fantastic activities at school to help us raise money for Project Compassion so that other people like Dinia can build a better future. It is wonderful to see the children putting their time and energy into making a difference. So far we have raised enough money to help five families take part in the program and we are on our way to pigs six and seven this week!



What do I do with my Project Compassion Box?



If you have Project Compassion boxes at home, they should be returned to the Church over Easter or the following weekend. (They don't have to come to our Church – if you are away, you can return them to any Church.) If you are unable to return your box over the holidays, please send them into school on Wednesday (5th) or Thursday (6th) next week.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

Next week, the students will commemorate Holy Week in a series of liturgies. You are warmly invited to join us.

Monday 3rd April – Kindergarten will begin our Holy Week journey for prayer assembly at 8:45am in the hall.

Monday 3rd April – Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 will continue the story at 2pm in the church.

Friday 7th April – Years 5 & 6 will complete the story of Holy Week at 2pm in the church.

Year 3 will help us to celebrate the Resurrection when we return from holidays on Wednesday 26 April at 2pm in the church.



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Confirmation Preparation Groups begin this weekend. Remember to bring your doves for Mass. (Anyone who missed out on a dove last week can see Miss Dunk tomorrow.)

- Saturday 4pm at St John's: Meet in the hall at 3:50pm
- Sunday 9am at St John's: Meet in the hall at 8:50am
- Saturday 5pm at St Kevin's: Meet in the hall (ground floor of the school) 4:50pm
- Sunday 5pm at St Kevin's: Meet in the hall (ground floor of the school) 4:50pm

If you have not yet enrolled your child for Confirmation please go to the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/PHDO> – the enrolment will close 10am tomorrow morning (Friday 30th) (Please note there are now very limited places available in some sessions.)

SCHOOL NEWS

We would like to congratulate two of our students Isabella S and Ella D who were successful in making the Polding Hockey Team. Polding is one of two State Catholic rep teams for the Catholic system (the other is MacKillop). They will be travelling to take part in trials in Bathurst April 28th. Well done girls and wish you the best!!

NEED TO CONTACT A TEACHER?

If you need to get in touch with a teacher at St John's there are a couple of easy ways to do it.

You can email the school office at sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au with 'For the attention of _____' in the subject line and it will be passed onto that teacher.

You can also send a request through Tiqbiz. Click on 'Contact' and fill in your details.

You can phone the school office on 9971 9297 and leave a message for the teacher to call you back.

You can give your child a note to pass on to the teacher (or record in student diaries for Years 4-6).

And of course, you can always pop in before or after school for a quick chat. Our teachers are very friendly and do their best to accommodate you whilst also preparing for the day ahead or wrapping up the day just gone! However, if it is something that needs more time, making an appointment time is best for all involved.

ABC SPLASH SHOWCASE



ABC Splash has amazing resources to aide in your child's education as well as articles, links and resources to support parents.

Teachers often use some of these resources with your children in our classrooms and you may even notice links to some activities on our St John's Weebly.

School Hacks live chats on Facebook

If you are looking for some learning for yourself, ABC Splash have been doing some live 'School Hacks' on their Facebook page and recent episodes have covered coding, makerspaces and girls in tech. Last week they also had a 20min session on maths in schools and how you can help your children with their maths. Check out their Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/abcsplash/> and their [Maths live chat](#).

Top 10 articles about bullying, for parents and teachers

Continuing on from the resources we shared via our Weebly during Wellbeing Week, [click here](#) for links to 10 interesting articles about bullying.

Looking for something to do in the holidays?

Become an amateur astronomer during the ABC's Stargazing Live series. The series will run April 4-6 with some of Australia's leading scientists joining renowned British professor Brian Cox. They aim to inspire the nation to look up and appreciate the wonders of space and our cosmos. [Click here](#) for the link to some informative and inspiring guides!

7 educational photography projects for kids – photography has become much more accessible with the advent of digital cameras, which have given children new ways to experiment and learn. Digital photography is available to lots of children nowadays, not necessarily because they own a separate digital camera, but often because they have access to a device like a tablet or smartphone.

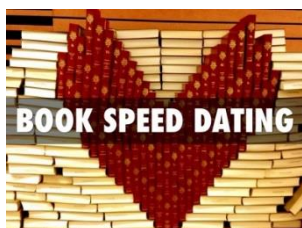
While your kids may prefer to play games on those devices, with a little encouragement and photography advice, they can be creating via the inbuilt camera instead.

Here are seven great educational projects your children can undertake with either a digital camera or the inbuilt camera of a device. Some of these projects link photographs to reading and writing – an opportunity to sneak a little literacy into the fun! [Click here!](#)

Kindergarten this week looked at some new Fairy tale books which retold the classic stories with a funny twist.



Years 1 and 2 used both 'Lucy's Book' and the 'The Lonely Book' as inspiration for their own story on the travels of their favourite book.



Years 3 and 4 this week participated in speed-dating with a book. Various tables were set up around the library with books in the genre categories of 'classics', 'humour', 'graphic novels', 'detective stories' and 'sports'. Students were then given around 7 minutes to get to know their date (book) before moving to the next table. At the end of the lesson they were able to either take one of their dates home or try their luck in the wider library.

This week in Library lessons Years 5 and 6 looked at another style of book trailer. The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) announced their shortlist for the Children's Book Awards this week and the students were introduced to these books.



CANTEEN

IMPORTANT NOTE: Canteen is CLOSED every THURSDAY

Week 10 Term 1 Mon 3 April	Week 10 Term 1 Tues 4 April	Week 10 Term 1 Wed 5 April	Week 10 Term 1 Thurs 6 April	Week 10 Term 1 Fri 7 April	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 cendrine@heartfelthampers.com.au Canteen Coordinator: Cendrine Lambert(0435030903)
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DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Please **do the right thing** when you drop your children off in the morning and pick them up in the afternoon. We are all responsible for ensuring the safety of ALL of our children. **Do not park in the drop-off zone on Waratah Parade and walk your children into school. This area needs to be left clear and used as a Kiss and Drop zone. Please follow the procedures issued in the 'Walkers' information sheet.**

Reminders:

- Parking is not permitted in the driveway at the front of the school. This is an emergency exit on one side and is reserved parking for people with a disability on the other.
- Teacher supervision begins at **8:15am** each morning at school. Children arriving before that time need to be booked into before-school care.

During terms 2 and 3 there will be a chess club held in the library every Friday afternoon from 1:30 to 2pm. The chess club is open to any child that wishes to play chess and provides the children with the opportunity to learn a new game and develop their skills in using strategy and forward thinking. There is no experience necessary. The chess club is an informal environment run by a teacher and parents who will help supervise.



If your child expresses an interest in chess please send them along.

We will require parents to help supervise so if you could help supervise or would like to know more about the chess club please contact Rachael Crookwell at rach_crookwell@yahoo.co.uk

P&F NEWS



The P&F Gazette

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

**we're crazy
about the**



A big shout out to the Year 4 Class Parents, and the whole Year 4 group for bringing so much excitement and anticipation to this year's Colour Run Cross Country Fundraiser! **It's on Wednesday next week.** We can go cra-aa-zy with colour. There's the opportunity to win some sensational prizes. But the best bit? – everything donated will directly support the School's Playground Improvement initiative. What does this mean?

- We'll be able to make better use of a large space.
- We'll be able to respond to the ideas expressed by the students when they were asked last year. This feedback went back to the designers and formed part of the brief!
- As well as keeping part of the current equipment, there will be new areas that allow for creative and imaginative play

Creative and imaginative just like the Colour Run! Good luck to all participants. To all those who are supporting in any way they can – we thank you!

Casserole Club

The St John's Casserole Club urgently needs your help. Right now, there are families in our community experiencing difficult circumstances, and your donation of a home cooked meal will go towards making things that little bit easier.

If you have time this weekend, why not cook a double batch of the meal you're preparing for your family? - and bring the spare serving in to the School Office where it can be placed in the Casserole Club freezer. Plastic take-away containers and foil lasagne type trays are available free of charge from the Office at any time.

Please label all meals with the following: Name of meal, date made & ingredients.

Thank you so much to those of you who respond to these call outs for meals, your generosity is appreciated more than you can know by those who receive it.

Warm regards

Bel, Pip, Gen, Russell & Caroline

SAVE THE DATE

Year 4 Parent Drinks/Dinner - Thursday 6th April at the Collaroy Hotel at 7pm

We would love to see lots of Mums and Dads for an end of Term 1 catch up.

Please RSVP to class parents or jspiteri@bigpond.net.au by 1st April.

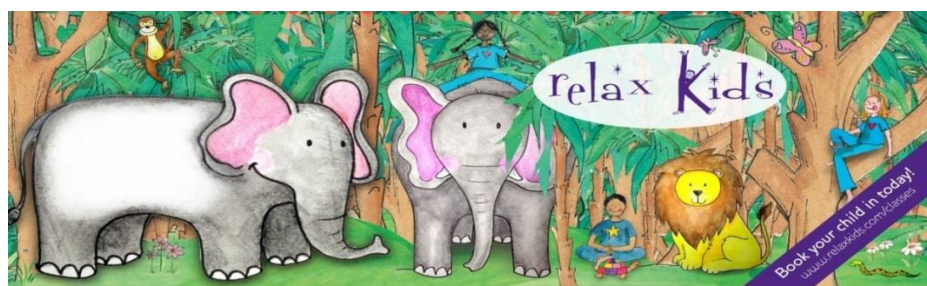
CALL OUT FOR CLASS PARENTS

We are still in need to fill the following class parent positions:

4SC - two class parents; and **5/6L** - one year 5 class parent

Could you please contact the school office or Gen Ferris (Class Parent Co-ordinator) email: gen.ferris@gmail.com.

RELAX KIDS



Enrolments for Relax Kids Term 2 are now OPEN! Registration for school holiday workshops over the Easter Break are also open now. Spaces are limited so please contact Elizabeth Byrne on 0413 786 588 or ebyrne5@yahoo.com to register your child now.

OPEN DAYS

Brigidine College St Ives – Thursday 4th May 3.30-6pm. 325 Mona Vale Road St Ives

QKR

St John's Catholic Primary School is now using *Qkr* (by *MasterCard*) for making school payments from your mobile phone. *Qkr* will accept payment using **ANY** credit/debit card (except American Express) and has a simple checkout function. No info is stored on the mobile phone. We are encouraging all credit card payments to be completed through *Qkr* particularly for canteen orders, school fees or other special events etc. The instructions for downloading and using *Qkr* are in the Standard Notes on the school website.



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Thurs	6th Apr	7.00pm
Fri	7th Apr	7.00pm
Sat	8th Apr	3.00pm & 7.00pm
Sun	9th Apr	11.00am Last Show

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Mothers Day Breakfast

Raffle



Thursday 11th May 2017

From 7am

School Playground

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Photo Booth

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Before the kids get too crazy on chocolate, why not mix up the Easter treats with some fun but healthy festive fare?

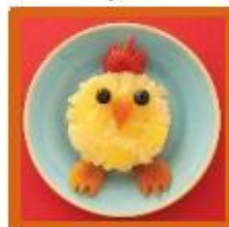


Egg-cellent surprises: fill brightly-coloured plastic eggs with the kids' favourite fruit and veg.

Breakfast bunny: add fruit adornments to pancakes to create a "you-beaut" bunny.



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a day?**

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Adults	5+	2+
Breastfeeding women	7½	2
12-18 (boys)	5½	2
12-18 (girls)	5	2
9-11	5	2
4-8	4½	1½
2-3	2½	1

A serve of fruit = 150g of fresh fruit or one medium or two small pieces, or one cup chopped fruit.

A serve of veg = 75g of veg or ½ cup cooked veg/legumes or ½ medium potato or one cup of salad.

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