



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Despite the venue change, our Colour Run was a very successful. The atmosphere created was great fun for the children and all those who attended. The children entered into the spirit of the day beautifully; their dress ups looked fantastic. Our thanks to the many parent helpers who came along. Thanks also to Mrs Liussi and our Sport Team for their organisation.

We are looking for sponsorship for each child taking part in the Colour Run with proceeds going towards improvements to our school playground. Sponsorship donations can be sent via the envelopes distributed to the children or via Qkr! for those who have downloaded the app to their phones.



Congratulations to the Gold House – they received the most points in this year's run and were awarded the St John's Cross Country trophy at this morning's assembly.

I visited the Parish Meeting Room this morning to find a mixture of grandparents and parents – all parishioners busily preparing meals for families in need. By lunchtime we had another 60 meals in the freezer ready to go – each one to be sent with love.

Our senior students will be presenting the final Holy Week liturgy tomorrow afternoon at 2:10 pm in the Church – the crucifixion and death of Jesus. Parents are welcome to attend what will be a poignant occasion which highlights the sacrifice of our saviour but which also prepares the way for the miracle that is Easter.

Finally, my thanks to our wonderful staff for their hard work during the first term – best wishes to each of them for a well-deserved break. My thanks to all parents who supported us positively this term. I wish you all a wonderful Easter. School resumes Wednesday April 26th.

Sincerely

Mark Bateman – Principal



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND STUDENT ABSENCE REQUIREMENTS

Schools are legally obliged to keep accurate records of student attendance and to seek reasons for student absence. While the majority of our parents do comply with expectation, we have noticed that teachers have to work hard to follow up collection of explanations for student absences. As a result, I ask for cooperation from parents to diligently comply with requirements in relation to attendance and, in particular, student absence.

Must I send my child to school every day? Yes

Children are expected to attend all school activities, on time. **School begins at 8:40 am with assembly which is part of the school day.** Regular attendance helps your child develop the skills needed to learn, helps your child to learn the importance of punctuality and routine, and ensures your child can keep and maintain friendships.

What if my child has to stay away from school?

If your child is absent from school, you **must** tell the school and provide a reason for your child's absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may send a note or an email or TIQBIZ message to the school (with an explanation); telephone the school or visit the school.

Taking children out of school for long absences is discouraged. If children are away from school for 10 days or longer, an **'Application for Leave'** (available on the school website) must be completed and signed off by the school principal. The principal will determine whether any absence is justified or unjustified and whether a pattern of absences needs to be followed up. Expectations on schools for the monitoring of school attendance have been increased. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us with this obligation.

Mark Bateman

WINTER UNIFORM:

The children will change to winter uniform by **Monday, May 8th (Week 3)**. Parents may choose either summer or winter uniform until the changeover date. A reminder that the uniform requirement is for predominantly white sport shoes for our sports uniform. These are available from a number of stores, however, Athlete's Foot (Warringah Mall or Warriewood Mall stores) are offering a \$5 payment to St John's for every pair of white sports shoes purchased from them.

Many thanks to the 36 families who have taken up this promotion so far.

NAPLAN

This year's NAPLAN assessments will take place for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 on the following dates (Week 3, Term 2):

- Tuesday May 9th Language Conventions and Writing test
- Wednesday May 10th Reading test
- Thursday May 11th Numeracy test

Results will be distributed to parents by August 18th.

KINDER ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

Enrolments are now open for younger brothers and sisters to begin Kindergarten at St John's in 2018. We encourage families to submit their enrolment packs into the School Office by Week 2 next term (first week of May).

Following this, enrolments will be opened for non-siblings. If you had friends or family attend our Open Day earlier this term, remind them to get their enrolment applications in before the end of May.

Enrolment information can be found on our [school website](#).

DIARY

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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 ANZAC Day Liturgy 8.45 in the hall Easter Liturgy Year 3 2:15 pm in the church		Staff Development Day	

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

LIBRARY NEWS

Holiday Borrowing. We would really like to encourage your children to keep reading during the school holidays. Students have been encouraged to borrow extra or longer books from the library for the school holidays.

Library books can be read by your child or create a great opportunity for you to model good reading and read a book to them.



If you would like to come into the library and select extra reading material with your child the school library will be open after school on Tuesday from 3.00 until 3.30 and before school on Thursday from 8.15 until 8.40 every week.

Northern Beaches Council Libraries run great programs for kids during these school holidays. Click on the image to visit their web page.



PROJECT COMPASSION

The Mission Team did a final count of the money we raised at school today and we will be sending almost \$700 to Caritas to help with their projects around the world and around Australia. The money we raised was the equivalent of helping 9 families to start their own business.

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, tomorrow morning is the last we can accept them at school.



HOLY WEEK LITURGIES



Tomorrow (Friday 7th April) – Years 5 & 6 will complete the story of Holy Week at 2:10pm in the church.

Year 3 will be celebrating the Resurrection when we return from holidays on Wednesday 26 April at 2:10pm in the church.



SCHOOL PARISH MASS – CHANGE OF DATE

Please note that our next School Parish Mass – hosted by [Years 5 & 6](#) – has been moved from Saturday 13th May to [Saturday 20th May](#) at 5pm. Straight after Mass on 20th the Parish is hosting an “International Pot Luck” dinner and they have especially invited all of the families of St John’s to take part. The children are encouraged to dress up in National Costume – celebrating the diversity of our community. More details next term!

BROKEN BAY DIOCESE SPORTS TRIALS

Selection trials for children wishing to be considered to participate at the Polding Area: **Softball Trials** will be held on Tuesday 2 May and **Rugby Union Trials** will be held on Monday 15 May.

The purpose of the Broken Bay trials is to select a squad to participate in the Polding trials where a representative team will be selected to compete in the NSW PSSA State Championships.

The selectors are looking for children who display an outstanding ability at the particular sport. ONLY Years 5 and 6 students for softball and only students born in 2006 or 2005 will be permitted to trial for Rugby Union.

Please collect Player Profile forms from Miss Blake (KB – Room 1) and return them to her no later than 26 April.

Students must have the school's permission to participate in the trials.

There will be a \$10 entry fee for each student attending the trials.

Sports Committee

CANTEEN

Just a reminder Canteen is **CLOSED** tomorrow Friday 7th April for Cleaning. Please remember to pack your child's lunch.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Canteen is CLOSED every THURSDAY

W1 Term 2 Mon 24 APRIL	W1 Term 2 Tues 25 APRIL	W1 Term 2 Wed 26 APRIL	W1 Term 2 Thurs 27 APRIL	W1 Term 2 Fri 28 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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W1 Term 2 Mon 1 MAY	W1 Term 2 Tues 2 MAY	W1 Term 2 Wed 3 MAY	W1 Term 2 Thurs 4 MAY	W1 Term 2 Fri 5 MAY	
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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.

CHESS CLUB

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

Free autism workshop for families in the Northern Beaches, Sydney will be held on 10 & 11 May 2017 (see flyer below).

Like all school-age students, children on the autism spectrum benefit from strong, positive relationships between the home and school. Positive Partnerships uses evidence-based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers in your local community.

Register here <https://bitly.com/>

P&F NEWS



The P&F Gazette

News and info from YOUR
Parents & Friends Association

What a Colour Run!

The energy and the sea of colour at the Colour Run Cross Country was a sight to behold! The event was a huge success thanks to the support of the teaching staff (especially Mrs Liussi and the Sports Committee), the many parent volunteers and the fantastic work of the Year 4 Parent group. The enthusiasm of the students was contagious, and they all looked fantastic. Congratulations and thank you to all! Sponsorship money can be returned via QKR! (just make sure you return the envelope with the QKR! box ticked as well) or in the envelope provided.

STOP PRESS – new Canteen Menu on the way!

**Get ready to be tempted by a whole
new range of delights at the Canteen.**



As part of the NSW Government's Healthy School Canteens initiative, Cendrine is developing a mouth-watering new menu to be launched early in Term 2.

Think delicious & nutritious – weekly specials such as nachos, soft tacos, soups and our usual Sushi Wednesday. Friday will have meal deals and snack packs that include nuggets with freshly cut veggie sticks and fruit salads. Along with our current favourites, new items such as freshly prepared pastas and steamed chicken dim-sims will be available for lunch and raisin toast and pikelets for recess. And of course, ordering is super easy when you use Qkr! Bon appetit!

Next term – ANZAC Day & Mother's Day Reminders

This ANZAC day marks the second last year in the 100 Years of ANZAC commemoration. At a time when we stop to acknowledge those who have served their country in times of conflict, you might wish to visit the memorial plaque and Lone Pine in the front lawn of our School. The plaque was donated by our P & F Association, and the Lone Pine a gift to the School at the **100 Years - 100 Boats** memorial event at Collaroy Beach on ANZAC Day 2015.



Also a reminder to save the date for our Mother's Day Celebration on the morning of Thursday 11th May! Lots of yummy breakfast items will be available on the day, as well as great raffle prizes, and you'll be able to pre-order your food and raffle tickets via Qkr! Wishing everyone a safe & happy school holiday break!

Warm regards

Bel, Pip, Gen, Russell & Caroline



First National Real Estate Dee Why has sponsored an Easter Colouring-In-Competition. Children can choose from 4 different colouring-in forms held at the school office. **Entries are due Friday 21 April** and can be handed in to school office by last day of term 1 (**tomorrow**) or to the real estate office in Dee Why (M-F 8:45-5:30pm). Prizes will be awarded for Kindergarten, Year1-2, Year3-4 & Year5-6 at the morning assembly **Thursday 27th April** (Week 1, Term 2). All entries will be displayed in the First National shop front window and can be collected after prizes awarded.

Enquiries 9981 3300 (Kylie Nolan).

First National Real Estate Dee Why

645-647 Pittwater Rd, Dee Why NSW 2099

P: 9981 3300

E: reception@fndy.com.au

INTERESTED IN A SKIING COMPETITION?

For those interested in taking part in the All School Skiing Competition in July, information can be sought from Brett Vale (Cooper's Dad). Please note that this is not a school run event. Brett is interested in helping to coordinate participation of children K-6 in the event. Interested parents can contact the school office by phone or email to leave your details which will be passed on to Brett.

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.



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to try healthy Easter treats.

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.

Or try carrot pot plants and fruity chicks.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to make easy fried rice.

Serves: 4 | Preparation: 20 minutes | Cooking: 10 minutes *Leftovers are great for lunch boxes.*

Ingredients:
 Brown rice
 2 eggs
 ½ onion, finely diced
 1 cup cabbage, chopped
 ½ cup broccoli, chopped
 ½ cup peas
 1 carrot, finely grated
 1 tsp salt-reduced soy sauce
 Canola oil spray

Method:
 Cook rice until soft. Lightly spray a fry pan with canola oil and place over medium heat. Crack eggs into hot pan. Stir to mix white with yolk, using a wooden spoon to separate into pieces (like a scramble). Add all veg, cook about two minutes, add brown rice and season with soy sauce.

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Free 2 day workshop
for parents & carers of
school-aged students
on the autism
spectrum!

Northern Beaches
10 & 11 May 2017

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Sun	2nd Apr	11.00am & 3.00pm
Thurs	6th Apr	7.00pm
Fri	7th Apr	7.00pm
Sat	8th Apr	3.00pm & 7.00pm
Sun	9th Apr	11.00am Last Show

TICKET PRICES

B Reserve Chairs	
Child	\$18.00
Adult	\$28.00
A Reserve Chairs	
Child	\$20.00
Adult	\$30.00
Ring Side Chairs	
Child	\$25.00
Adult	\$35.00
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Child	\$32.00
Adult	\$42.00

• Tickets on sale 1 hour before each show.
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positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

Free Two Day Workshop for Parents and Carers

Northern Beaches
10 & 11 May 2017

Positive Partnerships is coming to a location near you!

Join us for 2 days of learning with other parents and carers of school aged children on the autism spectrum, designed to help you foster productive school, family and community relationships to provide the best kind of support for your child. Our workshops are for parents, carers and grandparents wanting to understand more about autism and learn practical strategies using evidence based resources to help maximise their young person's learning.

What will you gain by attending this workshop?

- An increased understanding of the impact of autism
- Further knowledge about how to develop effective partnerships with your school
- Information to help you access further support both inside and outside of school
- An opportunity to be part of a support network where you can share strategies and experiences with other parents/carers
- An understanding of a planning tool that can be used to share key information related to your child

Workshop details

Venue: Dee Why RSL
932 Pittwater Road
Dee Why NSW 2099

When: Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 May 2017
9.30 am – 2.30 pm (Registration from 8.45 am)

Catering: Morning tea and lunch is provided. Please advise any dietary requirements upon registration.

Register Online: positivepartnerships.com.au Registrations open 29 March 2017 and close one business day prior to the workshop. Register early as places are limited!

Questions? If you are not able to register online please call the Positive Partnerships Infoline : 1300 881 971 or email parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au

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You're Invited to St. John's

Mothers Day Breakfast

Raffle

Thursday 11th May 2017

From 7am

School Playground

(School Hall in wet weather)



Photo Booth

Open Classrooms

AUTUMN

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

TIMES

Drop off from: 7:00am
Pick up by: 6:00pm

COST

Non Members

\$97

Members

\$85

Half-Day

\$60

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or call 9913 7421 Conditions apply



Pittwater
Sports Centre



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Join the Sixers for some school holiday fun and learn to play cricket the magenta way with music, fun and T20 entertainment!

Details of your nearest camp are;

WHEN: Week 1 – April 11th & 12th
Week 2 – April 18th & 19th

TIME: 9:00am – 1:00pm

COST: \$99.00

AGE: 7-12 years (Boys & Girls)

WHERE: SCG Indoor Centre,
Driver Avenue, Moore Park



To register head to sydneysixers.com.au/school-holiday-camps and follow the links.

For more information contact Samad Shaikh
on 0410 814 882 or
samad.shaikh@cricketnsw.com.au