



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

It was great to see so many parents and special guests at our Mother's Day breakfast this morning. The children created a beautiful range of personally made gifts which were displayed lovingly in the hall for all to see. Those not picked up today will be given over the weekend. The photo booth, coffee van and delicious bar-b-que along with the raffles and muffins, complete with generous donations from families and local businesses added to the morning. Congratulations to our Year One parents who answered the call for help this morning and the hard work and preparation that has gone into this event – special thanks to Wendy Jones, Karen Blythe, Caroline Miller and Anna Amoroso for their amazing organisation of today's breakfast. Enjoy all of your favourite moments again by watching the video on the home page of our Weebly – <http://stjohnsnarraweena.weebly.com>

Many of our children will join others from the Parish when they make their Confirmation tomorrow in St John's Church. Bishop Peter Comensoli, Bishop of Broken Bay will be conferring the sacrament with the assistance of Father Tiziano. The children have been well prepared during the past four weeks by their parents with the assistance of volunteer facilitators from our Parish – most of them parents from Year 2. A very special thanks to Miss Dunk for her tireless work behind the scenes! This is an opportunity for all of us, as a Catholic family, to pray for the children as they welcome Jesus in their lives as their companion and guide and to give thanks for all those who provide them an education in faith.

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 children who completed their NAPLAN assessments this week. Results will be sent to schools in August. NAPLAN does provide us with information on learning growth in the areas tested between Year 3 and 5 and can be helpful in identifying learning direction within those areas. NAPLAN is one part of our assessment regime and should be seen within the context of each child's overall learning and progress.

Finally, I have been approached by our neighbouring businesses. They have found that parking spaces outside the shops have been used by visitors to the school for lengthy periods, especially when there is a school event happening. This limits access to the shopping area and causes tension. I ask you to please show consideration for our neighbours who provide valuable support for both schools in the neighbourhood.

Happy Mother's Day,

Mark Bateman – Principal



MATHS CHALLENGE:

St John's has entered 14 students from Years 4-6 into the Australian Maths Trust's Maths Challenge this year. The Challenge is a three week program that involves each child in solving a complex Mathematics problem; presenting their results, then receiving a grading and certificate related to their results. The children work in teams each week with children from other peninsula Catholic schools on their problems and will have an opportunity to visit Mater Maria College for a special Maths workshop. Children taking part were identified by their teachers as having a special interest and ability in Mathematics.

DIARY

Week 4 Term 2 Mon 15 May	Week 4 Term 2 Tues 16 May	Week 4 Term 2 Wed 17 May	Week 4 Term 2 Thurs 18 May	Week 4 Term 2 Fri 19 May	Week 4 Term 2 Sat/Sun 20/21 May
	<i>Open Morning 9.15-10.30am Advisory Council Meeting 6.30-9pm</i>				
Week 5 Term 2 Mon 22 May	Week 5 Term 2 Tues 23 May	Week 5 Term 2 Wed 24 May	Week 5 Term 2 Thurs 25 May	Week 5 Term 2 Fri 26 May	Week 5 Term 2 Sat/Sun 27/28 May
	<i>ICAS Digital Technology 8-8.45am – school library P&F Meeting 7-9pm</i>				<i>Parish School Mass Yrs 5&6 5pm Parish International Food Night</i>

WINTER UNIFORM TRANSITION

Don't forget we transition into Winter Uniform this Monday 15th May (Wk 4).

Click here for details of our uniform: [UNIFORM INFORMATION](#)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sat 13th May

Confirmation 10am, 12pm & 3pm

Tue 16th May

Open Morning 9.15-10.30am

Tues 23rd May

ICAS Digital Technology 8-8.45am

Sat 27th May

Parish School Mass Yrs 5&6

Parish International Food Night

Tues 30th May

ICAS Science and Technology 8-8.45am

Mon 12th June

Queens Birthday

Tuesday 13th June

ICAS Spelling 8-8.45am

Friday 16th June

Broken Bay Cross Country

ICAS Writing 8-8.45am

Saturday 17th June

Parish School Mass – K, 1 & 2

Friday 30th June

Last Day of Term

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						
KB	Alessia G Harry B Oli B	2G	Anton C Tobias G	4R	Tasman H Banjo L Finn M	Sport Makenzie B (5/6B)
KJ	Oscar K Harvey L Zali T	2N	Joshua B Brooke H Isle P	4SC	Alessio A Ethan C	Library Victor K (2C) Claudia V (5/6DF)
1G	James C Max F Blake W	3D	Ethan D Charlie L	5/6DF	Lachlan B Penelope M Anna P	
1JB	Tayla C Monique C Tyler J	3NG	Charlotte C Claudia G	5/6L	Charlize K Isabella M Archie P	Music Matt H (3D)
2C	Lennox D Madeline K Sophia V	4B	Emma B Aaron R	5/6O	Mikayla H Vincenzo M Katrina S	
				5/6B	Krish R	

PARISH NEWS

INTERNATIONAL FOOD NIGHT – 27TH MAY STARTING WITH 5PM MASS AT ST JOHN'S

Come and enjoy the best of Australian BBQ, Italian and Indian cuisine while listening to the brilliant sound of Brazilian Music as we celebrate our Parish's cultural diversity.

Mr Frazer is also organising some of our groups to perform on the night!

We would love the children (and the adults) to dress up in a way that reflects your cultural heritage. (If you don't have a "costume" you could still dress up in the colours of your flag – or in something that is symbolic.)

Cost: \$2/ sausage sandwich, \$5/plate Italian/Filipino or Indian cuisine, salad and dessert included; coupons available on the night with all proceeds going to cover costs.

ORDERS ARE OPEN!

For catering purposes, the Parish need to know how many people are coming and an idea of quantities required for the different foods by **Tuesday 23rd May**. No money is required now; you purchase your Food Coupons on the night.

Please add your family to this fun celebration using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/g6BivJlzV5yLcJ62>



CONFIRMATION

Rehearsal for Confirmation will take place **TONIGHT at 7pm**. All children making their Confirmation are expected to attend with a parent. Your sponsor does NOT have to attend the rehearsal.

If you are making your Confirmation at **10am or 12pm** – your rehearsal will be at **St John's Church, Narraweena**.

If you are making your Confirmation at **3pm** - your rehearsal will be at **St Kevin's Church, Dee Why**.

MOTHERS' DAY

This morning we prayed for all our mums – those who could make it to our breakfast - and those who couldn't.

We thank you for the women who raise us. Whether mum, aunt, grandmother, stepmother or someone else, we thank you for those women who hold us and feed us, who care for us and kiss away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they show us, and that they will be proud to be called our mums.

Lord, we thank you for the gift of motherhood.

We thank you for the many examples of faithful mothers in scripture, like Mary, Sarah, Hannah and Elizabeth. We are mindful this day of all these women, and especially Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage in faith to say "yes" to your calling.

May the women gathered here today follow these examples of faith. And may they model for us what it means to be your disciple.

Bless them on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Check out our St John's Weebly – <http://stjohnsnarraweena.weebly.com> for a video of our celebrations this morning!



CHALLENGE BASED LEARNING AT ST JOHN'S



Challenge Based Learning (CBL) is a framework for learning while solving real-world Challenges. The framework is collaborative and hands-on, asking all participants (students, teachers, families, and community members) to identify big ideas, ask good questions, identify and solve challenges, gain deep subject area knowledge, develop 21st century skills, and share their experience with the world. It promotes learners to be responsible for their learning, connects academic outcomes with real word problems, encourages learners to make a difference **now** with their actions, and encourages an environment of deep reflection and learning.

This term we have a few of our classes engaging in Challenge-based Learning so you may hear a bit of a buzz about it around school.

We also invite any of our school community who may be an 'expert' in any of these areas and would like to get involved to get in touch with us – we'd love it!

2G (Mrs Gualtieri) - Big idea - Sustainability

Essential Question - *What can I do to show I care for God's creation in my school?*

Challenge - **USE THE ECO-GARDEN TO SHOW HOW TO CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION**

3D (Miss Dunk) - Big Idea - Sustainability

Essential Question – *Can we care for creation by reducing, reusing and recycling at St John's?*

Challenge - **CARE FOR OUR EARTH AT ST JOHN'S - REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE**

Stage 3 (all Year 5 and 6 teachers) - Big Idea - Inclusion and Tolerance

Essential Question - *What impact have different cultures and events had on the way Australia has been shaped?*

Challenge - **PROMOTE AN UNDERSTANDING OF OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY**

NAPLAN

Congratulations to all of our Year 3 and Year 5 students who put great effort into their NAPLAN tests this week. There will be a few tired heads (and hands from all of that writing!!) tonight after three big days. All of the teachers are so proud of them for the wonderful and mature way they approached the tests and tried their best.

NAPLAN 2017 results will be provided to schools from mid-August to mid-September. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. The school will notify parents when the reports are being sent home. Individual student results are strictly confidential.

For more information, see the [ACARA NAP Student reports](#) page.

AUSTRALIAN LEARNING LECTURE – **LIVE STREAMED TONIGHT – 6.30PM**

The New Success: What skills do our children need to succeed in the 21st Century?

The Australian Learning Lecture brings to national attention big ideas in learning that are critical to the future of our young people. This year's lecture, by Charles Fadel, is about the skills our children need to succeed in the 21st Century and could be considered essential viewing for educators and parents.

Charles Fadel, global education thought leader, will address these big questions:

- * what do our children need - in life and in work - to be successful in the 21st Century?
- * how does education have to change if everyone is to succeed and flourish?
- * what will the 'New Success' look like?

If you are interested in tuning in, please go to <http://www.all-learning.org.au/lecture/lecture-2017/live-stream-new-success>



5 REASONS why I will not buy my child a fidget spinner!!

Welcome to the worldwide craze for 2017. Suddenly, seemingly out of nowhere, comes the FIDGET SPINNER. It is a little spinning toy that is designed to give restless or anxious people (especially kids with ADHD!) something to fiddle with and is supposed to help them to relax. But rather unexpectedly, it has been adopted by the entire population! So does your child really need a fidget spinner?

I have an 8 year old with ADHD and here are my 5 reasons why I WILL NOT buy him a fidget spinner...

1) TOO BIG!

The modern day fidget spinners are too large and won't spin if kept in your child's pocket. Fidget toys are designed to keep busy fingers active in such a way that no one will notice and the person can interact appropriately. A good fidget toy should be out of sight at all times.

2) TOO NOISY!

Many fidget spinners (especially the cheaper copies) make noise of varying intensity depending on the state of the bearing. This can be very distracting both to the child holding the toy and to those around him. Rather than fiddling with the toy out of sight, many children will hold the toy up to their ears so they can hear the changes in the noise of the spinner at various speeds. Whilst fun and interesting, this will not help them to concentrate in a classroom!

3) TOO FLASHY!!

The newer fidget spinners are all about design. They are often brightly coloured and some even have flashing lights! Needless to say, this is incredibly distracting and in many ways hypnotic for the user but also very distracting to others in the classroom,

4) THERE IS NO EVIDENCE that the modern fidget spinners will help a child to concentrate. And, whilst they're fun to spin, they can be highly distracting - both to the child playing and those sitting around him.

5) EXACERBATING INSTANT GRATIFICATION!

In our current world of electronic stimulation, our children have very little opportunity to just sit and be. They feel the need to move constantly and prefer to over focus on a single toy / game and don't appreciate the big picture. Our children would benefit far more if they put the electronics and the fidget spinners away and went outside. They should be riding bikes, climbing trees, building cubby houses and playing soccer with their mates. They are unable to do any of these things if they are holding a fidget spinner!

SO.....

No! My child DOES NOT NEED a fidget spinner!

You may choose to buy one as a toy but it is not a helpful classroom tool. In fact, if I were a teacher, I would ban all fidget spinners from the classroom! I certainly ask the children to put them away during consultations because otherwise, everyone's attention is on the fidget spinner instead of the child!!

NOTE: If your child's teacher is concerned about their concentration or behaviour in the classroom, there are many behavioural strategies that can be used to help an active child to sit in a classroom and improve their concentration. If you are concerned, you should talk to your child's teacher and consider seeking a medical opinion if needed.

<https://www.facebook.com/thechildrensdoctorAU/>

CANTEEN

CONGRATULATIONS to Bianca M (Yr 6) and Annika H (Yr 2)
who won the competition to name and create a logo for our school canteen!
 (see P&F Gazette below for more information)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Canteen is CLOSED every THURSDAY

W4 Term 2 Mon 15 MAY	W4 Term 2 Tues 16 MAY	W4 Term 2 Wed 17 MAY	W4 Term 2 Thurs 18 MAY	W4 Term 2 Fri 19 MAY	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)
MA Bell D Galuge	N Biddle S Walker	M Myers C Glover	CLOSED CLOSED	A Amoroso K Ward M Ball	
W5 Term 2 Mon 22 MAY	W5 Term 2 Tues 23 MAY	W5 Term 2 Wed 24 MAY	W5 Term 2 Thurs 25 MAY	W5 Term 2 Fri 26 MAY	
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LIBRARY NEWS

We have lots of new books in the library if you are able to help with covering them we will provide the contact you need. Just pop into the library or ask at the office and we will send home a bag with the books and contact.



Don't forget May is "National Family Reading Month"

Parents may like to read something aloud to their child/ren or encourage your child to read aloud to you. Children are never too young, or old for read alouds. The benefits of reading aloud to your children are many; from bonding with your children to helping them strengthen skills in writing, listening, creativity, and more. Research shows us that regular reading aloud with family members is a powerful predictor that children will become frequent readers. We also know that the majority of children love it!

DID YOU KNOW???

According to the Scholastic Australian Kids and Family Reading Report™ more than half of children aged 0–5 (57%) are read aloud to at home 5–7 days a week. This frequency declines to four in 10 kids aged 6–8, and continues to decrease with age. Of those children aged 6–8 whose parents no longer read books aloud at home, half did not want their parents to stop.

<http://readmoreinmay.scholastic.com.au/>

CROSS COUNTRY FUNDRAISER

Cross country money and envelopes are due tomorrow 12th May.

Last chance to be in the running for great prizes!

- *Pizza lunch for class that raises the most,
- *\$200 Criniti's voucher for the family that raises the most, and
- *be in the draw for zoo passes and pizza making experience.



The P&F Gazette

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

Congratulations to our Canteen Competition winners!

We were truly blown away by the fantastic response to our Canteen Name & Logo competition!

Clearly St John's is a hotbed of budding copy writers and graphic designers. The range and number of entries ... the creativity and the ingenuity – it was all superb! It was a hard choice, but in the end the decision of Cendrine & the Canteen Committee was unanimous. Our deserving winners will each receive a \$10 Canteen voucher for their exceptional efforts! Thank you to everyone who participated ☺



Canteen Name Winner - Bianca M – Year 5/6 DF

Logo Winner - Annika H – Year 2G

Canteen Name Suggestion:

Crunch Time



... and the new Canteen Menu is a HIT

Slinky apples, freshly made pastas, pikelets & raisin toast at recess (just in time for the winter months). And then there's nachos, chicken dim sims, soups, a huge new menu for Sushi Wednesday, Friday Snack Packs and so much more for everyone to try. Check out the new menu on Qkr! – or you can pick up hard copies outside the School Office anytime or download it from our [St John's Narraweena Weebly Canteen page](#). Remember nuggets are now only available in the Friday snack packs, but with so much more on offer, why not spread your culinary wings and try something new?!



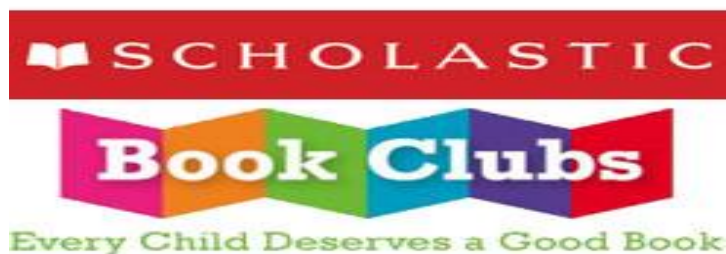
Could you (and a friend) become a Canteen Volunteer?

Mums, dads, carers & friends - we're always on the lookout for new Canteen recruits. And the success of both Qkr! and the delicious new menu means we really need your help. Can you spare 1 day a term (from 9am until 2pm) to help out? Even better, pair with a friend and find out how much fun it is to spend a day together whilst making a fabulous contribution to our School Community. If you're interested or would like to know more, contact Cendrine – cendrine@heartfelthampers.com.au or the Parents & Friends Association at stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com

Term 2 Parents & Friend Meeting, Tuesday 23rd May

A reminder that our next P & F meeting will be on the evening of Tuesday the 23rd of May in the School library. We'll have more information next week, including some exciting news about demonstrations of the Maths & Me at Home Kits. We warmly invite parents and carers to join us on the night. If you'd like to submit any new agenda items, or indeed if you have any comments or questions regarding the St John's P&F Association, we'd love you to get in touch. Email to stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com

Bel, Pip, Gen, Russell & Caroline



Did you know May is Scholastic National Reading Month? This current issue has some exceptional books some as low as \$2 a book!

Book club orders for Issue 3 are due no later than

Friday 12th May

For on line ordering please follow the link

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/>

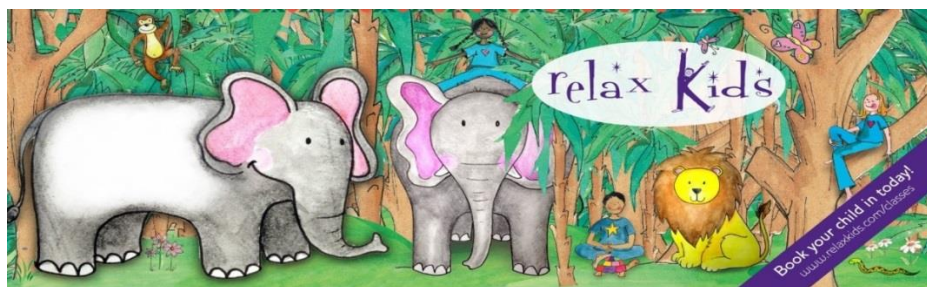
Alternatively, you can put your order in at the office and pay by cheque. Please ensure it is in an envelope clearly marked **Book Club** and the order has the **name** and **class** clearly marked on the order.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept cash.

Remember to collect your orders from the office if you request a "gift" order

COMMUNITY NEWS

RELAX KIDS



Enrolments for Relax Kids Term 2 are now OPEN!

Spaces are limited so please contact Elizabeth Byrne on 0413 786 588 or ebyrne5@yahoo.com to register your child now.