



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Father Tiziano, our Parish Administrator, will be finishing his leadership of our Parish on June 11th. Father will be heading home to Italy to have a break before receiving instructions for his next placement from his Diocesan Bishop. We await information about his replacement. During his four years with us, Father Tiziano has made a determined and consistent effort to personally lead celebrations with our families and children and to encourage their involvement in the life of the Parish of Warringah. Father's warmth towards our children has helped them to develop a sense of affection for him and his presence will be missed and his efforts to build stronger connections with our school are appreciated. Father's farewell will take place this Saturday evening at the International Food Night. All families are welcome to attend.

I am currently at the Association of Catholic School Principal's (ACSP) Conference being hosted by the Diocese of Newcastle-Maitland in the Hunter Valley. Some 400 principals are in attendance from Catholic schools across the state. The theme of our conference is 'Encountering New Horizons'. We have guest speakers from Finland, Singapore, New Zealand and England helping to give us a global perspective on education.

It was very encouraging to have 30 parents attend our 'Maths and Me' workshop on Tuesday evening prior to the Term 2 Parents and Friends meeting. The workshop was delightfully led by Ms Cahill, our Year 2 teacher and Maths Coordinator. Parents were introduced to some important principles in learning for children. They were given an understanding about growth points in Maths and provided with experience of learning activities through the use of our 'Maths and Me' kits. The children will be using some of the games from the kits next Monday, May 29th at 2:30pm and we invite parents to come to school to join in. This is another way of seeing what is happening at school in this area. A reminder that a full set of activities with video explanations showing how to use the activities is available on our school Weebly under the [Maths tab](#).

Finally, please note that we will be moving to online only for lunch orders from June 1st. All lunch orders will be processed through Qkr.

Best wishes for the week ahead,

Mark Bateman – Principal



DIARY

Week 5 Term 2 Mon 22 May	Week 5 Term 2 Tues 23 May <i>ICAS Digital Technology 8-8.45am</i> <i>P&F Meeting 7pm</i>	Week 5 Term 2 Wed 24 May	Week 5 Term 2 Thurs 25 May	Week 5 Term 2 Fri 26 May Year 3-6 Eagle Tag Clinic	Week 5 Term 2 Sat/Sun 27/28 May Parish School Mass Yrs 5&6 5pm <i>Parish International Food Night</i>
Week 5 Term 2 Mon 29 May	Week 5 Term 2 Tues 30 May <i>ICAS Science & Technology 8-8.45am</i>	Week 5 Term 2 Wed 31 May <i>Stage 2 Excursion Hyde Park Barracks</i>	Week 5 Term 2 Thurs 1 June	Week 5 Term 2 Fri 2 June Year 3-6 Eagle Tag Clinic	Week 5 Term 2 Sat/Sun 3/4 June

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

Monday 17th July

Term 3 Commences

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	
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KB	Clyde J Tobias P Ellie W	2G	Angus B Anton C Annika H	4R	Brooke G Alessia L Alison L	Sport
KJ	Ava C Andre D Riley H	2N	Lucas C Mia H Dominic Y	4SC	Charles S Charlotte Y	Library Brooke G (4B) Leon D (1JB)
1G	Royce G Jack K Luella V	3D	Chloe C Jasmin L	5/6DF	Andre B Ashley H Massimo L	
1JB	Valentina B Katia K Piero V	3NG	Oscar H Alexander M	5/6L	Jade C Jonathan F Bonnie J	Music
2C	Lachlan B Jake D Carys P	4B	Luca A Edie P	5/6O 5/6B	Oliver C Kyla G Jade D	

SPIRITUAL NEWS

PARISH MASS & INTERNATIONAL FOOD NIGHT

We are looking forward to seeing you at the School Parish Mass on Saturday night. The Mass will begin a celebration of the cultural diversity in our Parish that continues after Mass. Children and adults(!) are encouraged to come to Mass and the dinner afterwards dressed in a way that reflects their heritage.



Unfortunately, we have not been able to organise the children's performances at the dinner as Mr Frazer has not been available, but there will be plenty of music happening at the dinner!

This will also be our final School Parish Mass with Fr Tiziano who announced last week that he is leaving us in June. So it is a chance for us to thank him for the way he has "shepherded" our flock of lambs here at St John's.

SCHOOL NEWS

MATHS AND ME AT HOME RELAUNCH

Everyone had a great learning time at our SUPER SUCCESSFUL relaunch of our Maths and Me at Home kits prior to Tuesday night's P&F meeting (and don't worry if you missed out, you can come along to our afternoon game session on Monday 29th May from 2.30-3pm and play a maths game with your kids!). Watch a video from the night on the home page or Maths page of our Weebly.

We have updated our Maths Weebly (get to it via the 'Maths' tab on our St John's Weebly – <http://stjohnsnarraweena.weebly.com> and then use the password *sjan* to log in). Not only are there instructions, templates and videos for how to play the games, we've also added some interesting links for parents on how to engage with your child in Maths, how to encourage a growth mindset (a willingness to 'have a go' and persevere with a challenging task), and some information on how Maths is taught in our classrooms today. We hope you find them useful.

Article, May 2017, NEW YORK TIMES, 'There's no such thing as a Maths person' - [link](#)

Website - YOUCUBED - Resources for Parents - [link](#)

Website - AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM - Mathematics Overview - [link](#)

Website - NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - School A to Z: Maths tips - [link](#)

Website - NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - School A to Z: Homework and Study Maths tips - [link](#)

NEW PLAYGROUND DESIGN

We have been working with an architectural company *InView Design*, and the Early Learning department from the Catholic Schools Office to design changes to our play equipment area. Students were invited, through their SRC representatives, to share ideas about what they would like included in our play space and we are very happy that we have been able to incorporate most of their wishes into our plan.



The plan is still in draft stage but has been shared with the Advisory Council, the P&F and the SRC who are all very excited. It has been uploaded onto our school Weebly (look under the [Parent tab](#)).

If all goes according to plan, the changes will be made during the holiday break between Term 2 and 3.

Thank you for your ongoing support to our P&F fundraisers, as this money is being used (in part) to fund the redesign. Watch this space!

Colour Run Prize Winners



The number one winner was ... *our new school playground!*

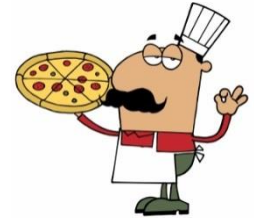
Together, we raised \$6431.30 (and we know a little more has still been coming in – it's not too late to return your sponsorship money!)

Congratulations to Tobias (KB) for raising the most money and we hope that his family enjoy the Criniti's voucher.

2C were the class with the highest percentage of envelopes returned and they will be enjoying a pizza lunch tomorrow!

Everyone else went into the draw for Zoo Passes – congratulations to James (1G), Jayden (3NG), Sophia (1G), Will (3NG), Olivia (2N) and David (1JB).

A massive thank you must go to the Year 4 mums who put so much work into making this an exciting and successful event!



NOTICE CONCERNING LOW IMMUNITY

We have a child in our community who does have low immunity due to ongoing chemotherapy treatment. It is important that you do not send your child to school if unwell. In particular, if your child has an infectious disease such as measles, chickenpox, shingles or whooping cough they should stay home until no longer contagious. If diagnosed with any of the conditions mentioned it is also important to notify us so that the necessary communication and precautions can be put in place.

SAFETY MESSAGE

We have received reports that children have been approached by an unknown adult in a car while walking home after school recently. Police have been notified as have local schools. All classes will be reviewing the safe living messages contained in the NESAs Personal Development and Health syllabus with their classes this week. Walking home with someone is encouraged. In particular, the strategy of NO-GO-TELL is recommended. Being able to say 'no' assertively in an unsafe situation, taking action to move away from the situation and telling a trusted adult are the key messages in the materials. The following link has been shared as a resource for our teachers:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/curriculum/pdhpe/child-protection-and-respectful-relationships-education/resources>

BROKEN BAY CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to ALL of our wonderful St John's students who made it through to the Broken Bay Cross Country, held at Fagan Park in Galston on Tuesday.

All showed great sportsmanship and encouraged each other as well as children from other schools.

We are so proud of everyone but must give a special shout out to 2 of our rising stars!

Ella D (Yr 4) and Ava H (Yr 3) competed in a combined 8 and 9 year old girls' race along with 103 other 8-9 year olds. Ella came in at 3rd place and Ava came in at 7th! WOW!!!

Ella and Ava will now represent the whole of our Broken Bay Diocese to compete against children from other Dioceses at the Polding Cross Country held at Eastern Creek – good luck girls!



LIBRARY SPACE

Classes across the school have been taking turns to use the library space as a classroom. We are asking the children and teachers to give us feedback on how they work with the new furniture which will be used to guide us in decision-making regarding purchases in the coming years.

Ask your child if they have had class time in the library yet!

COLDER WEATHER MEANS CHILDREN NEED JUMPERS IN THE MORNING



As the weather begins to turn and the mornings are now quite brisk, we ask parent support in reminding children to wear their school jumpers (definitely in the mornings before school starts!).

Children are developing their skills at being responsible for having their HATS and their JUMPERS in their bags each morning – ready for the start of the school day.

And while we're reminding... Please make sure your child's name is clearly recorded on their hats, jumpers, lunchboxes and everything else they bring to school!

LOCAL EXCURSION NOTES

Additional copies of our local excursion notes have been sent home to some families. These need to be returned ASAP otherwise children are not allowed to leave the school grounds (for example, to go to Beverley Job Park. Thank you for your support in this matter.

LIBRARY NEWS

On Wednesday morning all the classes from St John's participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime. This year's book for the Storytime was, *The Cow Who Tripped Over the Moon*, a great story of perseverance and friendship.



In library classes we have been preparing for Book Week by looking at the Children's Book Council of Australia's (CBCA) theme for this year, 'Escape to Everywhere.'



HOMEWORK SURVEY

The school is currently reviewing its homework policy. Three surveys targeting staff, students and parents/carers have been designed to provide feedback in regards to current homework procedures. The children will be asked to complete their surveys at school next week.

The information in the Parent Survey will be used in conjunction with student and teacher feedback to develop procedures and processes which are relevant to our community. When answering these questions, you might like to consider the information contained in the articles about homework linked on the Parent Page of our Weebly.

<http://stjohnsnarraweena.weebly.com/parent.html>

This is an anonymous survey so please be as honest as possible in your responses.

We would ask that you fill in the survey for each of your children. At the end of the survey you will be given the opportunity to submit another response. The survey will close on Wednesday 7th June.

Click on this link to be taken to the parent survey: <https://goo.gl/forms/sS6pwiRPAvE3d5f32>

With thanks

St John’s Advisory Council
Homework Committee



CANTEEN

IMPORTANT NOTE: Canteen is CLOSED every THURSDAY

W5 Term 2 Mon 29 MAY	W5 Term 2 Tues 30 MAY	W5 Term 2 Wed 31 MAY	W5 Term 2 Thurs 1 JUNE	W5 Term 2 Fri 2 JUNE	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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The P&F Gazette

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

Canteen – Latest News!

- Friday’s Meal Deal comes with the option of milk/Sipah straw or bottle of water
- Next Tuesday’s soup of the day is Pumpkin
- The new fresh pasta of the day is Bolognaise Pasta
- Fruit Salad and Hummus with Vegie Sticks have now been added to the recess menu

... and top tips

- Remember to order under each child’s individual name on Qkr! – i.e. please don’t place all orders under the name of one child
- Please press **submit** at the end of ordering
- Cut off time for ordering is **8:30am** on the day of the order
- **Manual lunch orders will not be accepted after 1st June.** All orders will need to be placed through Qkr!

New Playground Plans Unveiled!

Attendees at this week’s P&F meeting were lucky enough to see the draft plans for our School Playground upgrade! Mr Bateman and Ms Ingram showed us the exciting array of tactile and creative play elements that will form a wonder -filled perimeter around our existing play equipment. The funds raised from the Colour Run and all our other fund raising events (see Trivia Night info below!) are going towards this fantastic project. Once fully approved, the final plan will be shared with our whole community. We can’t wait!

SAVE THE DATE

St John’s Trivia Night – Saturday 19th August!!!

Get those brain cells working and start studying up trivia information

SAVE THIS DATE ... lock it in your calendar

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY, 19 AUGUST
DEE WHY BOWLING CLUB
7.00PM

(More information to follow shortly)

Great prizes to be raffled and silent auctions

Which table will be champion on the night???

Questions? Comments? We’d love you to get in touch. Email to stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com

Bel, Pip, Gen, Russell & Caroline

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. Interest needs to be registered by May 31st.

KB AND KJ SOCIAL NIGHT

You're invited to come along for dinner and drinks. This is a great opportunity to meet other kindy parents, and have some fun!

Date: Saturday, 3 June 2017

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: The Dee Why Hotel

Address: 834 Pittwater Rd, Dee Why NSW 2099

RSVP: Monday 22 May 2017.

Please note: If you are unable to attend this social event, another social event will be organised in the near future.

CLASS PARENTS

KB – Mireille Hayes & Mary Ann Bell

KJ— Sophie Klijn & Amy McGoldrick

YEAR 2 SOCIAL EVENT

Year 2 Mums' Night Out

Wednesday 14th June

\$35

(Includes booking fee, ticket and goodie bag)

@ Hoyts Warringah Mall



We would like to book seats together so please RSVP via email by Sunday 21st May.

Payment due by Tuesday 23rd May by cash or bank transfer (details available on request).

Tickets are selling fast, so we need to secure our seats ASAP.

Hope to see you there!

Belinda, Sarah, Sarah, Jo, Tammy & Sonia

Year 7 2018 "Come and Meet the Principal and Senior Leadership Team"

A reminder to all Year 7 2018 parents who have enrolled their son at St Paul's Catholic College Manly that the "Come and Meet the Principal and Senior Leadership Team" event is being held in The Waterford Hall at the College on Wednesday 14 June 2017, commencing at 6:30pm. Please ensure you RSVP to the Enrolment Registrar at louise.raffo@dbb.catholic.edu.au by 7 June 2017.

Chris Browne

Principal



Northern Beaches Council presents

HUMAN POWERED DISCO

Fri 9 Jun, 6.30 - 9pm

Celebrate World Environment Day and jump on a bike to pedal power tunes at this fun disco.

YOYOS Youth Centre, Forestway Shopping Centre, Frenchs Forest

Ages: 10 - 13

Entry: \$5 at door / lucky door prizes

Fully supervised / security provided

More Info: 9942 2401 or youth@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

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SKATE TOUR TO MONSTER AT SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK

Monday 3 July, 9am - 2.30pm

Hit the ramps at Monster Skatepark, Australia's only international ramp facility with indoor and outdoor street courses

Ages 10 - 13

\$30 includes transport from Dee Why to Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush, entry, food and coaching

Helmets compulsory

Bookings via 'Things To Do' at northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

Information: Youth & Families Team on 9942 2401

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Parent Engagement

An Evening with Prof Debbie Pushor

Broken Bay Catholic School Parents invites you and your school community to share in this unique opportunity

Thursday 15 June 6.30pm

Broken Bay Catholic Schools Office, Pennant Hills

Proudly hosted by Council of Catholic School Parents (CCSP) and Broken Bay Catholic School Parents (CSP)

Debbie is a Professor in the Department of Curriculum Studies at the University of Saskatchewan in Canada and has spent many years in education, as a teacher, school consultant, and principal but found the experience of school very different the first day she took her eldest child Coen to kindergarten. That was more than two decades ago and since then she has gone on to develop her understanding of parent engagement, undertake extensive research in this area and has published two books on the subject which are now recognised as required reading in the emerging field of parent engagement.

At this evening, Dr Pushor will explore some current practices in schools and the ways that positive relationships with parents and families can be nurtured.

Educators and parents will have an opportunity to hear Dr Pushor speak about her 'curriculum of parents' and the benefits that flow from building reciprocal relationships and engaging parents in their child's education. Dr Pushor's research indicates the parent role in education as a rich resource of knowledge and strengths that schools have a unique opportunity to draw on.

Debbie, along with the Parent Engagement Collaborative, published a book entitled, **Portals of Promise: Transforming Beliefs and Practices through a Curriculum of Parents** (Sense Publishers, 2013).

A second book, **Living as Mapmakers: Charting a Course with Children Guided by Parent Knowledge** (Sense Publishers, 2015) was co-written with Parent Engagement Collaborative II

Who is the workshop for?

Parents, teachers and school leaders interested in exploring how to work together in partnership through parent engagement to improve student learning outcomes.

Visit our website for more information www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com

Register: trybooking.com/271154 (No Cost)

Venue: Catholic Schools Office Building 2, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills



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Catholic School Parents**

Formerly the Diocesan Parent Council (DPC)