



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

GONSKI 2.0 – IT'S TIME FOR US TO ACT

You should receive an email today from the Director of Schools, Mr Peter Hamill, containing important information about the Commonwealth Government's proposal to amend **The Education Act** in a way that will impact school funding in Australia and as a result directly affect our children and our families.

While the amendments will have a modest effect on current school fees for families at St John's Narraweena for 2018, there are wider and significant implications for systems of Catholic schools and for many of our families with children attending Catholic schools on the northern beaches and north shore in particular.

The following actions are being proposed by our Diocese:

1. Information evenings for parents explaining the amendments and their implications will be run by Peter Hamill in a variety of venues across the Diocese. **Dates, locations and times are included in the letter you received.**
2. We encourage parents, carers and anybody who values a low cost non-government choice in education to write to our politicians to express concerns about the proposed amendments. The contact details of relevant local politicians have been sent via the letter you have.

Should you wish to receive more information, please feel free to contact me via the school office.

Best wishes for the week ahead

Mark Bateman – Principal

MATHS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS:

Following a successful 'Maths and Me' workshop last week prior to our P&F meeting a second workshop will be offered in the school library from 8:50 am in the school library June 2nd. Please complete the form at the following link if you would like to come along.

<https://goo.gl/forms/iuxtXNzp9GQH16d93>



DIARY

Week 7 Term 2 Mon 5 June	Week 7 Term 2 Tues 6 June	Week 7 Term 2 Wed 7 June	Week 7 Term 2 Thurs 8 June	Week 7 Term 2 Fri 9 June	Week 7 Term 2 Sat/Sun 10/11 June
Year K-2 Eagle Tag Clinic	WELLBEING WEEK AT ST JOHN'S			Harmony Day celebrations Year 3-6 Eagle Tag Clinic	
Week 8 Term 2 Mon 12 June	Week 8 Term 2 Tues 13 June	Week 8 Term 2 Wed 14 June	Week 8 Term 2 Thurs 15 June	Week 8 Term 2 Fri 16 June	Week 8 Term 2 Sat/Sun 17/18 June
Queen's Birthday	ICAS Spelling 8-8.45am			Broken Bay Cross Country ICAS Writing 8-8.45am Year 3-6 Eagle Tag Clinic Semester 1 Reports go home	Parish School Mass – K, 1 & 2

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

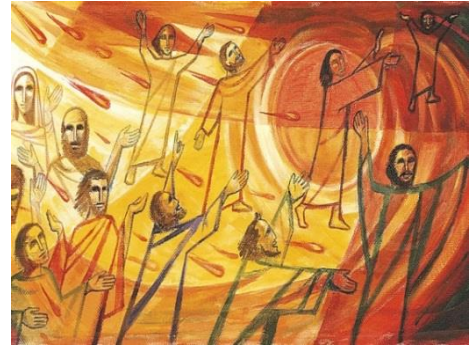
STRENGTH & GENTLENESS will be presented on MONDAY mornings during Prayer Assembly

Strength & Gentleness		Archie P (5/6L)				
KB	Livia D Owen N Oscar S	2G	Neeve S Rosie S	4R	Charlotte B Chloe F Annie S	Sport
KJ	Sophia M Joshua R Arkie T	2N	Heath D Emma H Matthew K	4SC	Mikayla C Hudson L	
1G	Jamie E Maeve G Jimmy J	3D	Ava R Liam S	5/6DF	Sophie Lennon Bianca M Nikita M	Library Joshua R (KJ) Elio V (3NG)
1JB	Matthew C Hannah J Heidi K	3NG	Sienna G Chiara M Elio V	5/6L	Annamaria M Alexandra S Adam V	
2C	Koby B Keeley F Jacob H	4B	Domenic B Camila G	5/6O	Sophia A Levi C	Music
				5/6B	Mark Y	

Pentecost – the end of Easter and the beginning of the Church

On Monday, Year 6 recalled for us of the events of Pentecost which happens this Sunday. The word comes from the Greek for *fiftieth* day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and after seven weeks of seven days.

Jesus disciples were gathered on the first Pentecost for the 50th day after the Passover. The day was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread.



As they gathered together they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, which animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

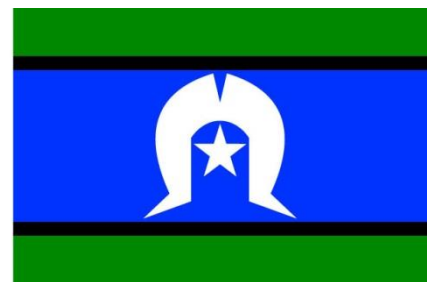
How are we, his disciples in 2017, experiencing the Holy Spirit in our lives? What are we doing to spread his good news (gospel) and gathering believers? What part are we taking in forming today's Church?

National Reconciliation Week

For us, as Catholics, the word "reconciliation" is loaded with a sacramental sense. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could bring that sacredness, and the idea of getting back into right relationship, to the way we treat the original people of this land?

National Reconciliation Week is a time to celebrate and build respect between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. It also marks significant dates in the history of Indigenous Australians: the 1967 referendum and 1992 Mabo decision.

Year 3 and 4 were lucky enough to see the Aboriginal flag flying on the Harbour Bridge as we went into the city on Wednesday. Then we saw the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island flags flying at both the War Memorial and Parliament House.



PARISH SCHOOL MASSES

Thank you to our Year 5 & 6 students who did such an amazing job carrying out all the ministries at last Saturday's Mass. There were a lot of last minute changes – and you took them all in stride. They were ably assisted by all of the younger children who came to Mass. It was a great team effort.

Our next Parish School Mass will be hosted by Kinder, Yr 1 & Yr 2 on Saturday 17th June at 5pm. Save the date.



SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

As we come towards the end of our first semester for the year, it is an opportunity for parents, teachers and children to connect, reflect and plan ahead for the rest of the year. Semester 1 reports will be emailed home to families on Friday 16th June (end of Week 8).

During Week 9, there will be an opportunity for you and your child to meet and discuss progress so far, and set goals for semester 2. In class before the interviews, children will have a chance to reflect on their successes and challenges, and set themselves goals for the rest of the year – these will be discussed during the interviews.

We use www.schoolinterviews.com.au for parents to book in a meeting time with class teachers. Interviews will run for 15 minutes.

The smooth running of our event relies on all parents keeping to the timetable. Please consider other parents and end on time. If you need more time with a particular teacher, arrange a separate meeting or phone the school office to arrange another meeting. Ensure you select the correct class for your child. If you have to make interviews for more than one child be conscious that back-to-back bookings can be very difficult to maintain. It is your responsibility to record the interview time you have selected. Missed appointments may not be able to be rescheduled at a suitable time.

Children in Kindergarten do not need to come to the interviews; however, the teachers will have the goals the children have set themselves for Semester 2 to discuss with parents. For all other grades, we ask students and parents to attend as we believe in the importance of children taking ownership of their learning.

For parents with children from **Kindergarten to Year 4** – please go to the School Interviews site book in using the code **av66g**.

Due to the different arrangement of classes in **Years 5 and 6**, we ask parents to book using the code **959hr** – you will be asked to make an appointment with both your child's HOMEROOM and GRADE teacher together. Please follow the instructions carefully.

2C ENJOY THEIR PIZZA LUNCH

2C L O V E D their pizza lunch last Friday, celebrating being the class to return most of their Colour Run fundraising envelopes back to school.

A very big thank you to Domino's in Dee Why for donating the pizzas.



PLAYGROUND UPDATE

The plan for the playground update has been uploaded to the [Parent page](#) on the Weebly – check it out!

We had lots of fun on Monday afternoon with our Maths and Me at Home relaunch party! All of our children enjoyed playing some of their favourite maths games using the equipment in our Maths and Me at Home kits and can't wait to play more games with you at home.

Remember – we've got videos for many of the games, plus instructions and templates (if needed) on our Maths Weebly – get to it via our St John's Weebly – <http://stjohnsnarraweena.weebly.com> (password *sjan*). A video of the relaunch has been uploaded to the home page and maths page on the Weebly - here are some happy snaps!



2G ARE PROTECTING THE ECO-GARDEN AND ALL OF GOD'S CREATION

As part of their Challenge-based Learning with the big idea of SUSTAINABILITY, 2G have been very busy this term investigating the creatures we share our school and eco-garden with, and have been busy replanting the eco-garden. They have made a special presentation to share with the rest of the school to let us know what WE need to do now to keep on caring for God's creation. Check it out [here](#) – we'd love you to discuss it with your children (please note, children will be watching the video at assembly on Friday).

HOMEWORK SURVEY – YOUR VOICE COUNTS!

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 posted on the Parent page of the Weebly.

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 here](#) for a link (or can be accessed via Parent page on Weebly).

YEAR 3 AND 4 EXCURSION TO HYDE PARK BARRACKS – NOTES FROM THE STUDENTS

At Hyde Park Barracks we saw things that had been stolen by the rats to make their nests under the floor boards. There were shirts and pipes and all sorts of things.

The convicts had to work from sunrise to sunset and they made 800 bricks a week and they were the lucky ones – some got flogged with a cat of nine tails. Even though it wasn't a real one, I could imagine how much it would have hurt – it has knots at the end of the rope to tear through flesh. Convicts also went to the treadmill but this isn't the treadmill that you go on at the gym. It is used to grind the corn and wheat for the colony and it is a punishment of exhaustion.

It must have been very squishy in those hammocks and they were almost touching the ground - we are only kids and it was squishy for us! They ate disgusting porridge and horrid soups and we won't tell you about them not washing and the nuisance (toilet) bucket.

We also went into Hyde Park, which the wealthy people built to remind them of home. We saw St Mary's Cathedral – we thought it was a castle! - and went to the War Memorial and saw all of the fancy buildings in Macquarie Street that were built nearly 200 years ago. They had lots of stone carvings and wrought iron. Some of us went into the State Library which is very different to ours! We had to be very quiet and you have never seen so many books before.

Thank you to all the mums and dads who came to help us have such a great day!



LIBRARY NEWS



This week in library Years 1-4 shared an electronic version of the book [**The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore**](#) by William Joyce. This book was a great way to reinforce the CBCA Book Week theme of Escape to Everywhere. I have included a link to this book so that you can share it at home with your children.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ad3CMri3hOs>

Years 5 and 6 were given this week the book they will be using to create a book trailer. We also looked at the templates for creating book trailers using imovie on the ipads.



The P&F Gazette

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

St John's Trivia Night – Saturday August 16

Call out for Volunteers

Who doesn't love a good Trivia Night?

Especially when it's inexpensive, down at the local Bowlo, and **HODGIE IS M.C. !!!!**



It's also our major fundraiser for the year, so there will be raffles and silent auctions and other fantastic events throughout the evening. Most of all it will be loads of fun, and a great way to bring our community together.

It takes a team to make an event like this succeed. We already have some volunteers (thank you!) – however we'd love a few more to help form an organising group. You might be able to assist with table coordination, deciding on themes and games, how prizes will be coordinated, there's a host of different ways you can help. If you're interested in participating in any way, big or small, please feel free to contact us directly, or email to stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com

Canteen News

The Two Amigos!

Mexican Monday was a huge hit this week with our fantastic Dad volunteers, Andrew & Trent.

Thanks so much to all our wonderful volunteers. And Mums, Dads, carers and friends, we're always on the lookout for more support. If you're interested in joining our team of Canteen Volunteers, please contact Cendrine at cendrine@heartfelthampers.com.au



- There are so many delicious new lunch items on offer including fresh Tortellini Bosciola, pumpkin soup and more! Check out the new menu on the School Weebly – just click on the "Parent" tab. You can also collect a hard copy of the menu at the School Office
- **As of today, all recess and lunch orders must be placed online**
- Remember to order under each child's individual name on Qkr! – ie 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

P&F Meeting Minutes

Thank you to all the parents that came along to our P&F meeting held Tuesday last week. The minutes & committee reports are now available on the school website <http://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/school-community/153/p/>

****SAVE THE DATE****

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

Bel, Pip, Gen, Russell & Caroline

IMPORTANT NOTE: Canteen is CLOSED every THURSDAY

W7 Term 2 Mon 5 June	W7 Term 2 Tues 6 June	W7 Term 2 Wed 7 June	W7 Term 2 Thurs 8 June	W7 Term 2 Fri 9 June	CANTEEN CLOSED THURSDAYS
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ST. JOHNS PLAY GROUP

Starts June 6th, 9-11am,
OOSH Room



An invitation to all children, in our local area ages
3-5 and their parents and carers.



*Play, Learn and
Connect!*

*Tuesday mornings,
first and third
Tuesday of each
month during term*

Come along and

- discover how children learn through play*
- get ideas for simple, fun activities you can do at home*
- meet other children, parents/ carers and St. John's staff.*
- Please supply a morning tea for your child.*

*Parents/ carers are an important part of
playgroup and are required to remain on-site
with their children during the playgroup
session.*

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John's office via phone, email or in person.*



**RIDING TO
CURE
CANCER**

**** UPDATE ****

Unfortunately due to work being undertaken on the bike track around the lake we have had to postpone the bike ride. It will still happen, we are just waiting on a date to be advised, so all donations are still welcome and appreciated.

Hi my name is Khyla.

I am sending this to you in the hope that you will sponsor me in a bike ride to raise money to help kids with cancer. On (date TBA) I will ride approximately 25kms with 100 other kids who also would like to raise money for this fantastic cause.

This is something very close to my heart, as in 2015 I was diagnosed with Leukaemia. I was in hospital for 6 months having lots of treatment. So I understand how it feels to have cancer and how hard it can be, as a patient and for their families.

It's a part of my life I will never forget and now I want to help other kids and their families deal with cancer and give them the support they need.

If you would like sponsor me, any amount, big or small, would be amazing and will be very much appreciated by all the families out there going through this.

The link to sponsor me is [Tour de Cure—Khyla](#)

PITTWATER SPORTS CENTRE

www.pittwatersports.com.au 9913 7421



Winter

PROGRAMS

TIMES

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

COST

Non Members	Members	Half-Day
\$97	\$85	\$60

**Keeping kids active all day,
Junior 4-7yrs, Senior 8-11yrs and
Teenage 12-15yrs programs.**

**Activities Include: Gymnastics, Trampolining, Foam Pitts, Games, Cooking plus
age specific activities such as Kayaking, Basketball, Laser Tag, Craft, Origami**

DATES: JULY 3RD TO 17TH 2017