



# ST JOHN'S NEWS

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## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

We are in the process of preparing your child's mid-year progress report. All reports will be emailed Friday June 16<sup>th</sup>. Interviews with class teachers will proceed the following weeks and details of bookings have been previously sent home.

This is a time to check in on learning progress so far and to work together to set learning goals for the next two terms. It is important that parents meet with teachers to discuss progress. We want the meeting times at interview to be as productive as possible. In order to achieve this we send home an information form for parents to complete prior to interview. The form aims at helping you to identify the points you would like to discuss and it will provide teachers the opportunity to be well prepared for your time together. In addition to the report and the parent form, the children work with their teacher to identify their learning goals. These goals will also be presented at interview.

Kindergarten reports do not include grades for the various Key Learning Areas but they do provide information on general learning achievement. Grades are not allocated until Year One. Each report contains a clear explanation of what each grade means. It is most important to recognise the progress that each child has made during the semester and year. This will be dependent on each child's context and ability and it does vary from student to student. We are aiming for our reporting and interview period to be a time of celebrating learning as well as looking to the future.

We look forward to your support during the process.

We are in Wellbeing Week. We will be finishing the week with a celebration of Harmony Day on Friday. This special day encourages us to celebrate the diversity that exists within our school community. To assist with celebrations, the children have been asked to come to school dressed in colours or dress that reflect your family's heritage or to wear the colour orange (shirt, jumper, pants, dress, beanie, scarf or the lot!). Please note this is NOT a gold coin day or a 'mufti day'; simply a statement we are making as a school.

Finally thank you for supporting our call to write urgently to our Government ministers with a plea to review the legislation about to pass through the Senate in relation to school funding. An information evening is being held tonight at St Kieran's **Manly Vale beginning at 7pm** to explain the situation. Our Director, Mr Peter Hamill, will be addressing the meeting and all are welcome. I emphasise that St John's is in a positive position in relation to the changes but many of our Catholic systemic schools will be facing significant fee increases should this legislation be passed. We are fighting for our family of Catholic schools.

The following video is St Leo's Wahroonga's response to the issue. It is sent with CSO permission. Spread the message far and wide!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TyB\\_-SZIYqc&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TyB_-SZIYqc&feature=youtu.be)

Yours sincerely

Mark Bateman – Principal

## DIARY

| Week 8 Term 2<br>Mon 12 June         | Week 8 Term 2<br>Tues 13 June     | Week 8 Term 2<br>Wed 14 June | Week 8 Term 2<br>Thurs 15 June | Week 8 Term 2<br>Fri 16 June   | Week 8 Term2<br>Sat/Sun 17/18 June           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Queen's Birthday</b>              | <b>ICAS Spelling<br/>8-8.45am</b> |                              |                                | <b>Broken Bay Cross<br/>Country<br/>ICAS Writing<br/>8-8.45am<br/>Year 3-6 Eagle Tag<br/>Clinic<br/>Semester 1<br/>Reports go home</b> | <b>Parish School<br/>Mass – K, 1 &amp; 2</b> |
| Week 8 Term 2<br>Mon 19 June         | Week 8 Term 2<br>Tues 20 June     | Week 8 Term 2<br>Wed 21 June | Week 8 Term 2<br>Thurs 22 June | Week 8 Term 2<br>Fri 23 June   | Week 8 Term2<br>Sat/Sun 24/25 June           |
| <b>Year K-2 Eagle Tag<br/>Clinic</b> |                                   |                              |                                | <b>Year 3-6 Eagle Tag<br/>Clinic</b>   |  |

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup> June</b><br>Queens Birthday  | <b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b><br>Parish School Mass – K, 1 & 2 |
| <b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b><br>ICAS Spelling 8-8.45am   | <b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b><br>Last Day of Term                |
| <b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b><br>Broken Bay Cross Country<br>ICAS Writing 8-8.45am<br>Semester 1 – Reports go home | <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b><br>Term 3 Commences                |

## SPIRITUAL NEWS

### SCHOOL PARISH MASS - KINDER, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

**Next Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm, Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 will be hosting our Parish Mass.**

We will also be offering some hospitality after Mass in the form of a sausage sizzle.

If you are in K, 1 & 2 the following link was emailed to you this week:

<https://goo.gl/forms/kjbFp4rNQLzAnQMB3>

If you are coming to Mass and the sausage sizzle but don't have a sibling in K, 1 or 2, then you can let us know you are coming at this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/2PElahy12KTXqLss2>





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 |                                    |            |                                    |                            |  |   |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---|
| <b>KB</b>             | Lucy E<br>Luke M<br>Coby S         | <b>2G</b>  | William B<br>Monique C<br>Pascal K | <b>4R</b>                  | Carys F<br>Ines M<br>Olivia O              | <b>Sport</b><br>Matthew C (1JB)<br>Jasper K (4R)  |
| <b>KJ</b>             | Taj H<br>Manaaki N<br>Mia S        | <b>2N</b>  | Lewis F<br>Bailey G<br>Lukina L    | <b>4SC</b>                 | John B<br>Olivia B                         | <b>Library</b><br>4R Class<br>Joshua B (2N)   |
| <b>1G</b>             | Elianna A<br>Matilda B<br>Jeremy B | <b>3D</b>  | Madison M<br>Sophie R              | <b>5/6DF</b>               | Isaac B<br>Andrew J<br>Anna P              |   |
| <b>1JB</b>            | Leon D<br>David M<br>Ellison T     | <b>3NG</b> | Elissa G<br>Scarlett M             | <b>5/6L</b>                | Miranda B<br>Luke C<br>Daisy D<br>Sienna N | <b>Music</b><br>Matthew S (5/6DF)<br>Joel I (5/6DF)<br>Joshua B (5/6DF)<br>Jacob T (2N) |
| <b>2C</b>             | Asha F<br>Elysia L<br>Isabella S   | <b>4B</b>  | Sarah D<br>Monica G                | <b>5/6O</b><br><b>5/6B</b> | Hannah H<br>Jackson L<br>Monique R         |   |

SCHOOL NEWS

ST JOHN’S CITIZENSHIP TEAM VISIT STATE PARLIAMENT HOUSE



*On Wednesday we went to the State Parliament house.*

*Before we did anything we obviously had to have some food, which was: Ham cheese and tomato sandwiches, Brownie with extra sugar, freshly squeezed orange juice, choc chip cookie, ANZAC biscuits and to top it off with a FRUIT BOWL.*



*After that delightful snack, we met Brad Hazzard and he took us around the State Parliament House. The first room we went to was the Legislative assembly (The Green room). Brad Hazzard told us that the room was green because in England their meeting point was out on the green grass on the land.*

*Next Brad Hazzard showed us the red room and it stands for royalty. There is a throne in the red room where the queen sits and beside it is a stool where the prince sits.*

*Overall it was a great and fun day, were we loved the experience of it and were thrilled to go.*

By Archie and Massi

## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY – GUEST SPEAKER

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On Thursday Vicki from the Coastal Environment Centre (CEC) came in and talked to Year 5 and 6 about her job and about what people at her work do.

Vicki talked to everyone about what she studies and looks at. She studies climate science, oceanography and geology. Her favourite type of science to study and do is climate science because it has a mix of most other things in science.

Vicki has been to places all over the world looking for artefacts, rocks and lots more. She has been to countries like Hawaii, New Zealand, Italy and many others.

It was a very informative and interesting talk.

*By Sienna, Harry, Luke, Elizabeth, Annamaria and Ryan.*



Photos courtesy of Eva, Sophie and Larissa

## SEMESTER 1 REPORTS AND 3-WAY INTERVIEWS

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Please ensure you visit [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) to book in a meeting time with class teachers during Week 9 parent-teacher-child interviews this term. Interviews will run for 15 minutes.

For parents with children from Kindergarten to Year 4 – please 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 at the same time. Please follow the instructions carefully.

A 'Parent Observation/Comments' note has been sent home by class teachers for parents to fill in and return to school by Friday Week 8 (16<sup>th</sup> June) prior to our 3-way interviews in Week 9. We thank you for your assistance with this.

## HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS

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St John's have been celebrating the many different cultures in our community this week as part of our Wellbeing week celebrations.

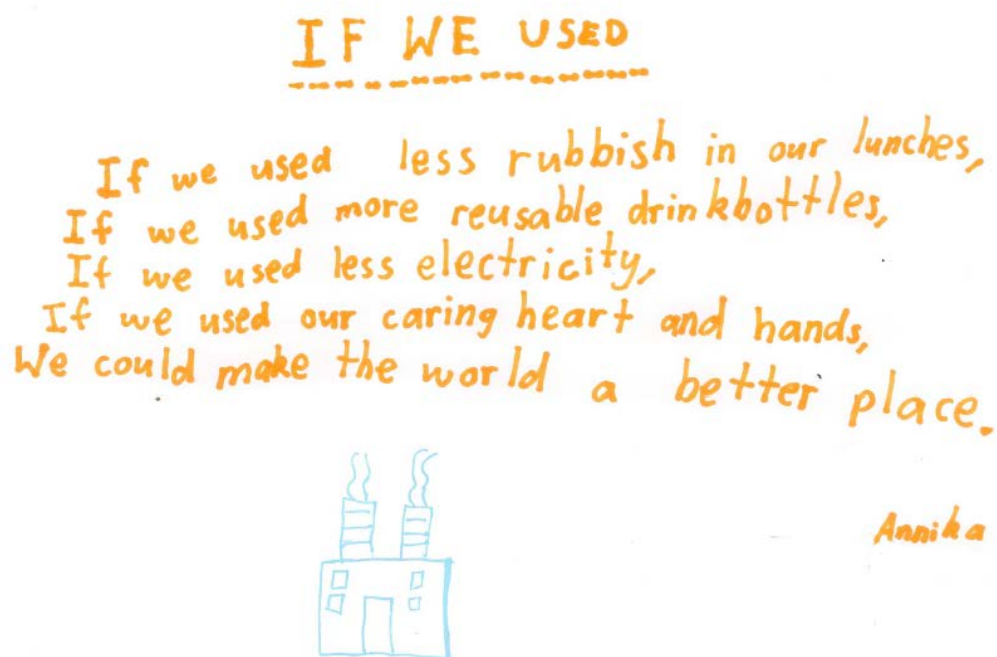
On Friday we have invite all of our children to come dressed in something that reflects their cultural heritage, the colours of their flag of heritage, or in something orange - which is the colour of Harmony Day. It is sports day for 3-6 so they need to wear/bring sneakers, etc.

Weather permitting, we will have a "Harmony Parade" at 1pm. Parents are welcome to come along.

(This is not a mufti day - if your child is not dressing for Harmony Day, they should wear their sports uniform. It is also not a fund raising day - no gold coin required.)



2G have been so busy learning about how to protect our eco-garden and be more sustainable, it has inspired one of the class members, Annika, to get creative. Food for thought!!



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## CORRECT SCHOOL UNIFORM

We ask for parent support in ensuring their children come to school wearing the correct school uniform. We expect our children to take pride in their appearance as a way of showing they are respectful, responsible and safe learners at St John's. Reminder notes will begin to go home if children have incorrect or missing items in their uniforms.

Part of the correct uniform is having a St John's school hat and jacket or jumper (clearly labelled). A full uniform list has been attached to this week's newsletter and is always available on our website ([Enrolments and Contacts – Uniform](#)).

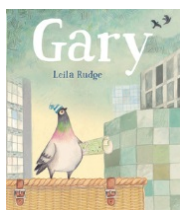
Please ensure your child only wears their sports uniform on allocated sports days.



**IMPORTANT NOTE: Canteen is CLOSED every THURSDAY**

| W8 Term 2<br>Mon 12 June | W8 Term 2<br>Tues 13 June | W8 Term 2<br>Wed 14 June | W8 Term 2<br>Thurs 15 June     | W8 Term 2<br>Fri 16 June               | <b>CANTEEN CLOSED THURSDAYS</b><br><br><b>We require 2 volunteers each day to operate the canteen.</b>  |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>QUEENS BIRTHDAY</b>   | J Castorina<br>S Olsen    | D Albanese<br>C Lambert  | <b>CLOSED</b><br><b>CLOSED</b> | N Dent<br>K Doolan<br>J Spiteri        |   |
| W8 Term 2<br>Mon 19 June | W8 Term 2<br>Tues 20 June | W8 Term 2<br>Wed 21 June | W8 Term 2<br>Thurs 22 June     | W8 Term 2<br>Fri 23 June               | If anyone would like to join our group of canteen volunteers, click <a href="#">here</a> or email <a href="mailto:cendrine@heartfelthampers.com.au">cendrine@heartfelthampers.com.au</a><br><br><b>Canteen Coordinator:</b><br>Cendrine Lambert(0435030903) |
| G Curran<br>M Di Palma   | H Byrne<br>J Kipa         | B Gunasti<br>R Jia       | <b>CLOSED</b><br><b>CLOSED</b> | H Baumann<br>M Southan<br>A McGoldrick |   |

LIBRARY NEWS



This week in Library Kindergarten to Year 2 read the book *Gary* by Leila Rudge. This was a great story about how our differences or perceived disabilities can be a gift. Gary shows us how there is more than one way to get things done. This book has also been a great way to introduce the idea of mementos and scrapbooking.

Years 3 and 4 have also been looking at the book *Gary* and linking it with geography and different types of maps which are shown in the book. On a map of the world we have been plotting where some of their books are set and linking it to the book week theme of 'Escape to Everywhere'.

You can view this story by clicking on the picture of going to this address [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ba\\_001h6SEc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ba_001h6SEc)

This week Years 5 and 6 continued to investigate the imovie book trailers, looking at its functions and sharing their discoveries.

P&F NEWS



*The P&F Gazette*

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

**Changes to Catholic School funding**

Over the last week, all families should have received correspondence 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.

**What can we do??**

Attend one of the information evenings

**THURS 8<sup>th</sup> June** 7pm – 8pm @ St Kieran's Catholic School, Manly Vale

**WED 14<sup>th</sup> June** 7:30 – 8:30pm @ Our Lady of Good Counsel, Forestville

Write to our local politicians to express concerns about the proposed amendments

**Mr Jason Falinski MP**

Shop 1, 1238-1246 Pittwater Road, Narrabeen NSW 2101

Telephone: (02) 8484 0300

Email: [jason.falinski.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:jason.falinski.mp@aph.gov.au)  
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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/JasonFalinskiMP>  
**Hon Tony Abbott MP**  
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Twitter: <https://twitter.com/TonyAbbottMHR>  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TonyAbbottMP/>

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## Share Cookbook

Has anyone been to Warringah Mall recently? If you have you would have seen our beautiful *Share* cook book in the front window of Harry Harthog! Now that winter seems to have made its intentions clear, it's time to whip up those soups and yummy winter warmers! Grab a copy of the cook book for inspirational ideas!! \$20 each or 2 for \$30.

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## Canteen News – How to cancel lunch orders on Qkr! when your child is ill or away

Did you know you can get credits on Qkr! for when your child is away? The two articles below explain the process, please take the time to read them, and remember the order needs to be cancelled by 8.30am on the day. Please also ensure you always receive a receipt for any Qkr! transaction to ensure the order has gone through. **Next week – there's beautiful fresh tortellini and pumpkin soup to try, bon appetite!**



### How are Qkr! refunds processed?

#### Qkr!™ Refunds: Food Orders

To reduce school costs, cancelled food orders are refunded in the form of credit for future orders. A 'Refunded' stamp will appear on your eReceipt confirming that the order has been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any outstanding food order credits will automatically be deducted from your next Qkr! food order.

#### Qkr! Refunds: All other Payments (Non-food)

Please contact your school office directly to cancel any other (non-food) school payments. These refunds need to be processed through the school office according to school policy.

## Can I cancel orders and get a refund?

Last Updated: Jul 21, 2014 04:37AM UTC

Cancelling food orders that have already been paid for:

To cancel a food order from your itemized eReceipt:

1. Sign in to your Qkr account and scroll down to 'My Receipts' section
2. Select eReceipt for order you wish to cancel
3. You will see a red circle containing the 'minus' symbol beside your child's photo. Tap this. A pop-up box will appear asking if you wish to proceed. Tap 'Yes'

If your eReceipt contains food orders for more than one child, you will need to cancel one by one.

OR

To cancel a food order from the calendar view:

1. Sign in to your Qkr account and go to calendar view for food orders
2. Select date for which you wish to cancel order
3. Tap 'Cancel Items' on the pop-up box which appears
4. Another pop-up box will appear asking if you wish to proceed. Tap 'yes'

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Please contact your school office directly to cancel any other (non-food) school payments. These refunds need to be processed through the school office according to school policy.

## **\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\***

### **St John's Trivia Night – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August!!!**



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](mailto:stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com)

**Speaking of prizes ... we need some!!** If anyone would like to donate items – big or small, to be used as raffle prizes or silent auction items, please contact us [stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com)

Kind regards

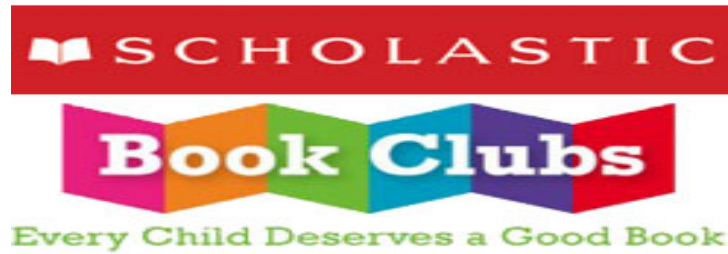
**Bel, Pip, Gen, Russell & Caroline**

#### YEAR ONE SOCIAL NIGHT

“SAVE THE DATE”

Friday 16th June, 7pm Dee Why Hotel





**Book club orders for Issue 4 are due no later than**

**Friday 16th June**

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.**

# ST JOHN'S UNIFORM



**\*\*\*Please label all your child's possessions clearly\*\*\***

## ALL STUDENTS

### **ALL YEAR**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| School Hat  | Available from school                          |
| St John's Navy Polar Fleece JACKET                  | Available from Lowes                           |
| St John's Navy Polar Fleece VEST                    | Available from Lowes                           |
| Black lace up, buckle or velcro "Clarke" type shoes | Boots or sports shoes are <b>NOT</b> permitted |
| St John's School Bag                                | Available from school                          |

### **SPORTS**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| St John's sports shirt                            | Available from Lowes                               |
| Navy soft shorts - <i>Summer</i>                  | Available from Lowes                               |
| Navy soft pants / Tracksuit pants - <i>Winter</i> | Available from Lowes, Big W, Best & Less, Target   |
| White crew socks                                  | <b>NOT</b> Tennis style socks that are below ankle |
| White (or as white as possible) sports shoes      | <b>No</b> coloured shoes or ankle height boots     |

## BOYS

### **SUMMER UNIFORM**

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Navy blue shorts                | Available from Lowes                        |
| White short sleeve "Jack Shirt" | Available from Lowes                        |
| White crew socks                | NOT tennis style socks that are below ankle |

### **WINTER UNIFORM**

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Long navy pants          | Available from Lowes                               |
| White long sleeved shirt | Available from Lowes – <b>MUST BE TUCKED IN</b>    |
| St John's School Tie     | Available from Lowes                               |
| Navy crew socks          | <b>NOT</b> tennis style socks that are below ankle |

### **HAIR**

Must be shorter than collar length and out of eyes.

## GIRLS

### **SUMMER UNIFORM**

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|------------------|--|
| Blue tunic       | Available from Lowes                               |
| White crew socks | <b>NOT</b> Tennis style socks that are below ankle |

### **WINTER**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Blue checked tunic                          | Available from Lowes                             |
| White long sleeved shirt – Peter Pan collar | Available from Lowes                             |
| Navy blue tab tie                           | Available from Lowes                             |
| Navy tights / opaque stockings              | Available from Lowes, Big W, Best & Less, Target |

### **ACCESSORIES**

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|--|--|
| Navy hair elastics, clips, scrunchies, ribbons | Available from Lowes, Big W, Best & Less, Target |
| Earrings – simple studs or sleepers only       | <b>NO</b> necklaces, bracelets, rings etc        |
| Makeup and Nail Polish                         | Are <b>NOT</b> permitted                         |

### **HAIR**

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| Simple blue or white ribbons or elastics | Shoulder length hair must be tied back                                   |
|  | <b>NO</b> large coloured bows (hats must be able to fit easily on heads) |

PLEASE TAKE NOTE!



# X DREAM

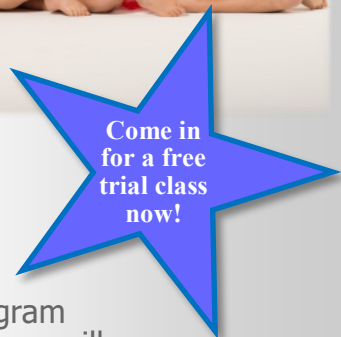
DANCE CREW

**Come and join the Xdream team!**

Based in Brookvale, at Xdream we offer classes for everyone!

From our specially designed toddler program to jazz, lyrical, ballet, contemporary, hip hop, acro, tap and APDA syllabus.

We also offer adult dance classes!



**Come in  
for a free  
trial class  
now!**



There is a winter school holiday program available also. Classes will run from 9 - 3 pm and the cost is \$50 for the day.

So why don't you come and join the team and dance your way to fitness!

**E: [xdreamdance@iinet.net.au](mailto:xdreamdance@iinet.net.au) W: [xdreamdance.weebly.com](http://xdreamdance.weebly.com)**

**224 Harbord Rd, Brookvale**

**Ph: 0404 835 856 or 8012 1719**

***D O N ' T D R E A M I T . . . B E I T !***