



# ST JOHN'S NEWS

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## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

This is the final newsletter for Term 2.

We were very happy to see our children enjoy both the junior and senior gala days this week and be involved in NAIDOC celebrations on Monday.

All school interviews for Semester One are now complete. I appreciate the cooperation of parents with reporting and interviewing and congratulate our children on the way in which they have been involved in the process as well. Our teachers and staff worked hard to gather and present information related to your child's learning and I sincerely wish them a very relaxing and well deserved break.

We have been planning some improvements to our playground. We had hoped that we could begin work during the holidays; however, there is some investigation that needs to be done concerning drainage before we can begin any larger changes. Proceeds from our Trivia Night will go towards the cost of the improvements. I encourage you to get involved. All the details are with today's newsletter.

Finally, many thanks to all parents who have provided so much willing support for us during Term Two, especially in relation to school funding issues. While there is relief at the outcome and time put aside for consideration of changes, it will be important that we continue to make representation for an education system that values choice and is able to provide all children with the resource needed for a quality education.

School will resume on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> for Term Three.

Best wishes for the July break.

*Mark Bateman*

Principal

## DIARY

HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS
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Week 1 Term 3 Mon 17 July	Week 1 Term 3 Tues 18 July	Week 1 Term 3 Wed 19 July	Week 1 Term 3 Thurs 20 July	Week 1 Term 3 Fri 21 July	Week 1 Term 3 Sat/Sun 22/23 July
<b>Term 3 Commences</b>	<b>Round 2 Enrolment Offers for Kinder 2018</b>				

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b> Term 3 Commences  <b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b> Athletics Carnival – Sydney Academy of Sport First Communion Introduction Evening 7pm	<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August</b> Grandparents & Special Friends Day
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## AWARDS

Please note: Awards will be given out as follows:

**FRIDAY MORNINGS – 8:45am Kindergarten – Year 2**

**FRIDAY AFTERNOONS – 2:40pm Year 3 – 6 (including Strength & Gentleness this week)**



Strength & Gentleness	Larissa C
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<b>KB</b>	Lucas J Emmeline R Ellie W	<b>2G</b>	Susannah C Benjamin F Darcy M	<b>4R</b>	Ella D Anthony M	<b>Sport</b> Max K (4B) Adam V (5/6L)
<b>KJ</b>	Florence K Fletcher M	<b>2N</b>	Olivia B William M Joy N	<b>4SC</b>	Giselle B Elisa C	<b>Library</b> Skye B (1JB) Jackson L (5/6O)
<b>1G</b>	Max F Sophia H Luella V	<b>3D</b>	Hugh C Philippa P	<b>5/6DF</b>	Lucia B Sienna D Maegan D Luke S	
<b>1JB</b>	Skye B Aaron D Chloe N	<b>3NG</b>	Natalie G Amelia H Jacob O	<b>5/6L</b>	Dylan O Mia R Connor W Alessia Z	<b>Music</b> Charlotte B (4R) Joy N (2N)
<b>2C</b>	Lennox D Anika K Natalia T	<b>4B</b>	Tamar M Andie M	<b>5/6O</b> <b>5/6B</b>	Mia C Kyla G Elizabeth S <i>on holidays</i>	

### *2017 Bishop's Religious Visual Art Prize*

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Why not get creative in the holidays and prepare an entry for the Bishop's Art Prize?

In 2017, students are invited to create a work of art inspired by the theme "Walking the Way", an expression of our life journeys with God.

Artworks should be based on a passage from scripture and may be in one of the Visual Arts media including painting, drawing, print, photography, etc. No animation or video entries will be accepted.

Full details (including suggested scripture passages) are available on the [home page of our weebly](#).



### *Term 3 - Parish School Mass – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August @ 5pm*

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#### SAVE THE DATE

Our next Parish School Mass will be held on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August @ 5pm**. This Mass will be hosted by our Year 2 & Year 3 students.

We hope that lots of families will join us to make this a special celebration of faith and a reflection of our vibrant school community.



### *First Eucharist (First Communion)*

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A note was emailed home to all Year 3 parents earlier this week with details of the Introduction Evening for First Communion to be held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July. This evening will involve the parents and the children.

Details are available on the Faith page of our weebly or by clicking on this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/1uPDwoEoe4XluTQ72>



We are in need of some new group leaders (facilitators) to help us run this program. If you feel you can help (or you and a friend can get together to run a group) then please fill in the expression of interest on the note (or come and talk to Christine Dunk if you would like to know more about leading a group and the support that is available before you put your hand up ☺).

## SCHOOL NEWS

### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

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The St John's Athletics Carnival will take place in **Week 2** next term on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July**. It is a regular school day and all children must attend.

We ask all parents to please complete the online permission note - <https://goo.gl/forms/jdQtnP4nXCQmB9O32>

**EAGLE TAG/RUGBY LEAGUE GALA DAYS**

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> of June, Year 3 & 4 went to the Gala Day at Rat Park for Eagle Tag and Boondah for the Rugby League.

We are very proud of the way they represented our school.

A huge thank you to the team managers! We cannot have days like this without you!



We won our third game, I think the score was 24-8. In that game I tagged quite a lot of kids. Overall, I think I did pretty good for my first Gala Day.

We started the first game and we lost but it was OK, my team got back up again and tried our hardest.

No matter if we lost some games, I still had so much fun.



Although we didn't win many games, we had tonnes of fun.

Our Rugby League team was undefeated until we got to the Grand Final. In the Grand Final we had to sing the National Anthem.

My eagle tag team had 9 people in it. My team played 4 games, we won three and lost one game of eagle tag. We travelled by bus. It was the best (and the first) gala day. I cannot wait until next year – best day ever.



We played a lot of schools and I saw two of my friends from playgroup. At the end of all the games, I got 7 tries and it was really fun!

**Year 5 & 6 Gala Day – 29<sup>th</sup> June**  
 Despite a very doubtful start to the day, the blue skies came out and a great day was had by all. Congratulations to our senior boys rugby league team. After winning the final the team has qualified to take part in the All Schools Rugby League Competition at Penrith July 31st. Well done to our boys!



# coding for {kids}

Children from K-6 have been enjoying coding this term as a lunchtime activity option – our Kinder to Year 2 children initially used *Daisy the Dinosaur* and have moved onto *Switch and Glitch* on the iPads with Miss Dunk – learning how to sequence instructions and how to backtrack to correct errors. The Year 3 to 6 students have also enjoyed using *Scratch* and *Swift Playground* to develop their coding skills with Mrs Douglas. The *Swift* app teaches the children not just how to drag and drop instructions in a game, but to begin learning the actual coding language needed. Overall, the students have shown lots of problem solving skills to navigate through the challenges within the apps, but also when something doesn't work as planned and they have to figure out where they went wrong and make adjustments. These lunch time coding clubs will continue in Term 3.



## ROBOTICS CLUB AFTER SCHOOL – TERM 3



Robokids will be running an after-school Robotics Club at St John's next term on Tuesday afternoons from 3.15-4.30pm (starting 18<sup>th</sup> July). Anyone from Year 2 to Year 6 can come along to the sessions (\$250 for the 10 week program) and learn to code using Lego Mindstorms robotics motors, sensors and software. You don't have to be experienced to begin – all levels are welcome. Bookings are open:

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=293077>

You can visit [www.robokids.com.au](http://www.robokids.com.au) or email [jo@robokids.com.au](mailto:jo@robokids.com.au) for more information.

## NAIDOC WEEK



NAIDOC Week will be celebrated next week across Australia (2-9 July, 2017). The 2017 theme - *Our Languages Matter* - aims to emphasise and celebrate the unique and essential role that Indigenous languages play in cultural identity, linking people to their land and water and in the transmission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, spirituality and rites, through story and song. Did you know that there were over 250 distinct Indigenous

language groups in Australia at the time of first European contact in the late eighteenth century? Today only around 120 of those languages are still spoken and many are at risk of being lost as Elders pass on.

**Our Languages  
Matter**  
2-9 JULY 2017

We have been learning about Aboriginal language and engaging in games and activities this week to celebrate our Indigenous heritage. Feel free to visit <http://www.naidoc.org.au/celebrating-naidoc-week> for more information.

We encourage you to get involved and enjoy some of the events happening in our local neck of the woods next week:

- On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July, Queenscliff Surf Club is the launching of Weaving Bridge project from 10:30am-12:30 pm with guest speakers, smoking ceremony didgeridoo performance and other entertainment.
- On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, Walk and talk Series at Manly Dam – Starting at 9:45am exploring the food, plants and life of our original inhabitants.

Both events are FREE which makes them even more inviting to attend.

Liz Rath

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

Information has gone home this week to all students regarding our annual Public Speaking competition which will be held early in Term 3. It represents a wonderful opportunity for all of the students at St John's to experience public speaking in front of a group and for us all to see the depth of talent we have here at our school. It also meets outcomes for Speaking and Listening as part of the English syllabus.

Throughout Weeks 3 and 4 of Term 3, all of the children will present their speech to their class. All children will be expected to present a prepared speech. It is useful for students to use the time in the holidays to choose their topic from the list in the note. Finals will be held in the school hall on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August in 2 sessions; K-2 from 8.45am and 3-6 from 11.15am.

Stage 3	Stage 2	Kindergarten and Stage 1
3 minute prepared speech No microphone to be used	2 minute prepared speech Microphone on stand will be available for use	1 minute prepared speech Microphone on stand will be available for use
1. "If you hear a voice within you say, 'you cannot paint,' then by all means paint, and that voice will be silenced" Vincent Van Gogh 2. Sustainable Development Goals – The future we want. 3. Endings and Beginnings 4. Scales 5. "Sometimes it takes years for a person to become an overnight success" Prince -Musician 6. Code 7. Insects 8. Warming up. 9. Space 10. Cultural diversity 11. Animal antics 12. End of an Era 13. Global community 14. Plastic 15. "People with disabilities want to be recognised for what they can do, not what they can't do." Paralympic swimmer Karni Liddell.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My life as an explorer - open to their own explorations or a famous explorer</li> <li>• How to be a good friend</li> <li>• A day in the life of early Australia - told from point of view of soldier, convict or Aboriginal Australian</li> <li>• If I could change the world.....</li> <li>• Packaging - help or hindrance?</li> </ul>	<u>Kindergarten</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If I was an animal I would be a _____ because...</li> </ul> <u>Stage 1</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wonderful Water</li> <li>• My incredible body – what a gift!</li> <li>• Care for the place you are in</li> </ul>

## HOLIDAY READING AND NUMERACY

Aren't we all happy there's only one more sleep till holidays???

Everyone (teachers, students and parents) has worked so hard this term and should be looking forward to a well-deserved break.

We do encourage all of our families to maintain good reading habits over the holidays and to enjoy developing numeracy through cooking together, through game play and through investigation of numbers out and about in the world.

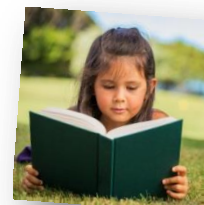
For useful links on tips and advice for holiday reading and numeracy for families, see below:

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/learning-and-development-at-home/ideas-to-help-with-reading-writing-and-maths/>

<https://sydneycity.kidsizeliving.com.au/blog/top-tips-to-keep-kids-reading-over-the-holidays>

<http://www.ahaparenting.com/parenting-tools/intelligent-creative-child/child-loves-read>

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/family-reading-activities>





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.

## Book Week Parade



Next term in Week 6 (August 21-25) we will have our school Book Week Parade. The holidays may be a good time to get crafty and start thinking about your costume as many parents like to prepare early to avoid a last minute panic. Students are encouraged to dress up as a book character of their choice or to create a costume around the Book Week theme of **'Escape to Everywhere'**. The students will wear the costume while parading with their class in front of the whole school. During this week we will also have the Scholastic Book Fair where students can purchase books.

## Fr Vogt Writing Competition

Each year at St John's we have a writing competition which was started in 1999 in memory of Father Vogt who was the Parish Priest at St John's when the church was being built.

Entries for the competition will be accepted from now until Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July. The competition winners will be announced during Book Week celebrations. The theme for Book Week this year is **"Escape to Everywhere."**

This week in library all students received a copy of the entry form for the Father Vogt writing competition. There is also a copy attached to the newsletter as well as the success criteria for each stage.

## Holiday Borrowing



Books may be borrowed from the school library over the holidays if your child has no overdue books.

### CANTEEN

#### IMPORTANT NOTE: Canteen is CLOSED every TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

W1 Term 3 Mon 17 July	W1 Term 3 Tues 18 July	W1 Term 3 Wed 19 July	W1 Term 3 Thurs 20 July	W1 Term 3 Fri 21 July	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED THURSDAYS</b>  We require 2 volunteers each day to operate the canteen.  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>
C Lambert D Galuge	<b>CLOSED</b>  <b>CLOSED</b>	A Richter  R Jia  R Crookwell	<b>CLOSED</b>  <b>CLOSED</b>	J Laird  N Dent  L Harder	
W1 Term 3 Mon 24 July	W1 Term 3 Tues 25 July	W1 Term 3 Wed 26 July	W1 Term 3 Thurs 27 July	W1 Term 3 Fri 28 July	<b>Canteen Coordinator:</b> Cendrine Lambert(0435030903)
J King M Hayes	<b>CLOSED</b>  <b>CLOSED</b>	G Curran  M Di Palma	<b>CLOSED</b>  <b>CLOSED</b>	L Miners  K Burke  K Doolan	



## The P&F Gazette

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

Your St John's P&F Association, along with the wonderful members of our Trivia Night Organizing Committee have a simple message we'd like to pass on ... It's time to:

- Get together with friends old & new
- Win some fabulous prizes
- Have a fun night out
- Unleash your collective inner Brains Trusts
- Help support our school & community
- Seriously, a really fun night out!

Yes it's the St John's **TRIVIA** Night – and you are cordially invited!



We've kept the ticket prices low to encourage as much community involvement as possible, and are even throwing free nibbles in for good measure. It's being held at the Dee Why Bowling Club, a great supporter of so many local groups, and they're kindly offering all drinks at Club prices to help keep costs down. So why not form a table with the other parents you know, or let us put you with a table of other revellers ... too much fun to be had, and at only \$25 a head. **Tickets available on Qkr! now (where you can also include your table preferences in the comments section).**

See you there!

## The CRUNCHTIME Canteen News Update



- **Canteen open Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays in Term 3** (temporarily closed on Tuesdays due to volunteer shortage)
- **As usual, the canteen will be closed last day of term for cleaning (this Friday)**
- **New Healthy Schools menu an overwhelming success, needing us to rethink the volunteer roster**
- **Canteen Survey going out to the whole School community soon**
- **Making the most of Qkr! – great updates you need to know about, including 'IOU'**

It's been a massive term for our School Canteen - with so many taking the opportunity to savour the delicious (and healthy) new menu items on offer. There's also been the onboarding of Qkr! which has streamlined so many aspects of how we order lunches, and yet there's been the inevitable hurdle or two that occurs when we all need to get used to something new. Cendrine has done a brilliant job with it all, and we take this opportunity to thank her for her outstanding effort, patience and commitment. **Thank you Cendrine!**

In an effort to avoid last minute closures due to a lack of volunteers, we will be open only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in term 3. We hope that the duration of the term will allow work through current roster/availability challenges. We thank you all sincerely for your understanding. And we are always looking for more volunteers, so if you can spare a day to help out on canteen, please contact Cendrine – [cendrine@heartfelthampers.com.au](mailto:cendrine@heartfelthampers.com.au)

Keep an eye out for the Canteen Survey which will be coming your way soon. It will be a fantastic opportunity to ask you, as a customer, volunteer or potential volunteer – how you'd like your School Canteen to run in the terms and years to come!

**In the meantime, here's some great Qkr! updates:**

- **Cancellations can be made so long as they're put through before 8.30am on the day.** Your Qkr! account will be credited, and the amount can then be used on future lunch orders. Simply sign in to your Qkr! account and scroll to the 'my receipts' section. Select the eReceipt for the order you wish to cancel – then tap the red circle containing the "minus" symbol beside your child's photo. A pop up box will appear asking if you wish to proceed. Tap 'Yes' and you're done. Remember that if your eReceipt contains food orders for more than one child, you will need to cancel one by one.
- **IOU now available on Qkr!** – for times when you owe money to the Canteen due to a forgotten lunch, or a lunch order not cancelled before 8.30am on the day

Enjoy the break & see you next term!

Bel, Pip, Gen, Russell & Caroline