



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for Term Three and the beginning of Semester Two.

We are looking forward to a great term of learning together. We know that encouraging and interested support from parents in their child's learning makes a difference. This is especially true when the school and parents work together.

Teachers will provide support for the above by posting their 'Curriculum Notes' on our Class Pages (or Weebly) for you to reference by the end of Week 2. The information gives you an insight into our learning focuses for the term in each grade. Each student worked with their teacher and parents to set learning goals at the end of Semester One during our reporting and interview period. Learning goals have been sent home and help to provide an individual focus for learning for our children during the coming terms.

Our Parents and Friends are organising our major fundraiser and social event for 2017. The St John's Trivia Night is fast approaching (August 19th). We have tickets selling at the moment through **Qkr** and very much appreciate the support received so far. Proceeds from the event will go toward playground improvements planned for this year. Parents can support the event by coming along or by donating items for prizes for the night or both! Further information is available in the P&F section.

I would like to now provide an update on Finn Marker, one of our Year 4 students.

Mark Bateman

Principal

Finn Marker – Updated Information

Just prior to the holidays we received updated information about Finn Marker in Year 4R. Finn has been receiving treatment for a brain tumour. Sadly Finn's disease has progressed and he is now at Bear Cottage, Manly, where he is receiving the attention and care he requires. Donna Drew, a nurse from the Sydney Children's Hospital, came on Tuesday to talk with staff about Finn. Donna will be returning to St John's on **Friday** to speak with the year 4 children while the teacher's speak with their classes. **Donna will be offering an information session for parents at 2:30 pm in the school library.**

We are aware the school community wants to support Finn and his family. This is very much appreciated by Finn's parents Bridget and Stuart. We encourage you to keep praying for Finn and the Marker family. We especially ask that you respect their privacy and their wish to be able to focus attention on Finn at this time. We ask you to understand the sensitivity of the situation given Finn has sisters Scarlett (Yr 3NG) and Scout (Yr1G) at St John's.

We will provide further information concerning Finn as we are able.

Week 1 Term 3 Mon 24 July	Week 1 Term 3 Tues 25 July	Week 1 Term 3 Wed 26 July	Week 1 Term 3 Thurs 27 July	Week 1 Term 3 Fri 28 July	Week 1 Term 3 Sat/Sun 29/30 July
			<i>Athletics Carnival</i> <i>First Communion</i> <i>Introduction</i> <i>Evening 7pm</i>		
Week 1 Term 3 Mon 31 July	Week 1 Term 3 Tues 1 Aug	Week 1 Term 3 Wed 2 Aug	Week 1 Term 3 Thurs 3 Aug	Week 1 Term 3 Fri 4 Aug	Week 1 Term 3 Sat/Sun 5/6 Aug
	<i>ICAS – English</i> <i>8am</i>			<i>Grandparents & Special Friends</i> <i>Day 1:30 – 3:00</i>	

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 27th July (W2)

St John's Athletics Carnival
Eucharist Introduction Evening 7pm

Tuesday 1st August (W3)

ICAS – English – 8am

Friday 4th August (W3)

Grandparents' and Special Friends' afternoon tea and liturgy 1:30pm

Friday 11th August (W4)

St John's Public Speaking finals (K-2 @ 9am, 3-6 @ 11.15am)

Saturday 12th August (W4)

Parish Family Mass – hosted by Years 2 & 3 5pm

Tuesday 15th August (W5)

Feast of the Assumption 9.15am Whole School Mass

Saturday 19th August (W5)

P&F Trivia Night @ Dee Why Bowling Club

Wednesday 23rd August (W6)

Book Week Parade (Book Week all week)

Friday 1st September (W7)

Father's Day afternoon tea and liturgy

First Eucharist

Sat 9th – Sun 10th and Sat 16th – Sun 17th September

Gala Days (W10)

Year 3&4 – Tuesday 19th September
Year 5&6 – Thursday 21st September

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE FUNDRAISER TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY 19th AUGUST

DEE WHY BOWLING CLUB

223 Fisher Rd North, Dee Why 7.00pm-11.00pm

All money raised on the night goes towards improvements to the school's playground area

CAN YOU HELP?
DONATIONS NEEDED

If you are able to help out with prizes for raffles or silent auctions for our Trivia Night fundraiser (eg. restaurants, beauticians, travel agents, hotels, sporting clubs etc) please contact Joanne Woolford - email: joanne.woolford@bigpond.com
Thank you!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW ON Qkr!

(8 people per table) Nibbles included, drinks at Club prices.

If you do not have a table, fear not, we'll ensure you're allocated to a table with new friends to have fun with on the night! Just mention in Qkr "table needed".

2017 Bishop's Religious Visual Art Prize

Some of you did get creative in the holidays; we have some beautiful entries already!

The closing date for entries is Friday 28th July (that's next Friday!)

It's not too late to get creative. Full details (including suggested scripture passages) are available on the [home page of our weebly](#).



Term 3 - Parish School Mass – Saturday 12th August @ 5pm

SAVE THE DATE

Our next Parish School Mass will be held on **Saturday 12th 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)

(This Sacrament is available to all children in Year 3 and above who have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Reconciliation.)

The Introduction Evening for First Communion will be held **next Thursday 27th August** at 7pm in St John's Church. All children who are receiving the sacrament must attend with a parent.

The Sacrament of First Communion is open to all children in Year 3 or older who have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Reconciliation.

Preparation sessions will run over 4 weekends in August between 5th August and 27th August and the Sacrament will take place on the weekends of 9/10 September and 16/17 September

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



SCHOOL NEWS

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL – SEMESTER TWO

Our thanks to members of the Semester One SRC for their hard work on behalf of the students of St John's. Our SRC meets with Mr Bateman during the term to discuss student ideas, support for school events and to voice ideas about ways to help make our school even better. Semester Two SRC members will be presented with their badges at Monday morning's prayer assembly (July 24th). Parents are very welcome to attend. Congratulations to the following children who have been nominated by their classmates.

KJ	Zali T	2C	Keeley F	3D	Cheriese E	5/6L	Ruby G / Annamaria M
KB	Luke M	2N	Mia H	4R	Brooke G	5/6DF	Skye M / Maegan D
1JB	Hannah J	2G	Gemma T	4B	Monica G	5/6O	Mikayla H / Isabella S
1G	Luella V	3NG	Amelia H	4SC	Alessio A	5/6BF	Jade D

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES

Regular school attendance is an important factor in successful learning and social development for all children. Unfortunately genuine illness or injury necessitates absence for shorter or sometimes longer periods – this is part of life and totally understandable. Prompt explanation of absence by parents and carers is required either by Flexibuzz, dated note, email or phone call to the school. We are required to provide regular reporting to Commonwealth Government authorities on attendance via our electronic roll and to assess explanations for absence as justifiable or unjustifiable. We are also required to follow up on unexplained absences. Providing an explanation for absence saves your teacher a considerable amount of time.

Extended absences are not encouraged for the reasons mentioned above. An application for extended absence (10 days or more) must be completed and submitted for approval to the principal prior to the absence taking place. Forms are available on our [website](#) including absence notes.

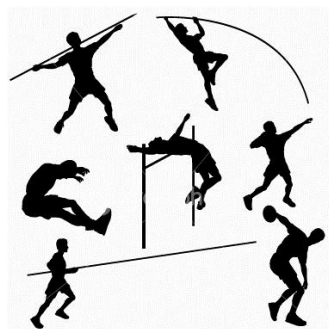
Please note that morning assembly is part of the school day (8:40 am). Children are expected to attend. We encourage children to be at school for the full day unless there is a justifiable and fully explainable reason (note or email) for them to leave school early or arrive late; or special arrangements have been put in place by the school.

SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS

You would have received your statements for this term. Prompt payment is always appreciated.

The Catholic Schools Office (CSO) has established a Fees Liaison Unit which can support the school and families in relation to school fee questions or issues – more information about the unit and its function will be sent from the CSO to all families in coming weeks.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – THURSDAY 27TH JULY



The St John's Athletics Carnival will take place next week on Thursday 27th July at the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation, Narrabeen. It is a regular school day and all children must attend.

Each year we call upon parent helpers to help us run the carnival in the form of marshals, judges, timekeepers etc. If you are able to help out on the day please fill in the appropriate section in the online form.

All children travel to and from the carnival by bus. If you are taking your child HOME at the conclusion of the carnival please nominate this on the form. If your child will be going home with an adult other than their parent you need to indicate this on the form as well.

We ask all parents to please complete the online permission form **ASAP** - <https://goo.gl/forms/idQtnP4nXCQmB9O32>.

ST JOHN'S PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

The annual St John's Public Speaking Competition is on again early in Term 3.

This is 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. The previous competitions have been very successful and the children were able to present well- prepared speeches on their topic. 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. Palm cards are permitted.



The winners from each class will present their speech to the school on Friday of Week 4 (11th August) with K-2 presenting their speeches from 9am and Years 3-6, after recess (11.15am).

Information on the topics was sent home at the end of last term and is also available on the home page for each class on our school weebly – <http://stjohnsnarraweena.weebly.com>

WELLBEING AND SOCIAL SKILLS

At St John's we believe in the importance of caring for and supporting the 'whole child'. This means we focus not only on the academic development of our students, but also their spiritual, physical, social and emotional development.

This term we have a few different initiatives running within classrooms and across the school to support the development of social skills for our students.

These include different lunch time activities:

Mondays – **Coding Club (K-2)** in the library

Tuesdays – **Coding Club (3-6)** in Room 9

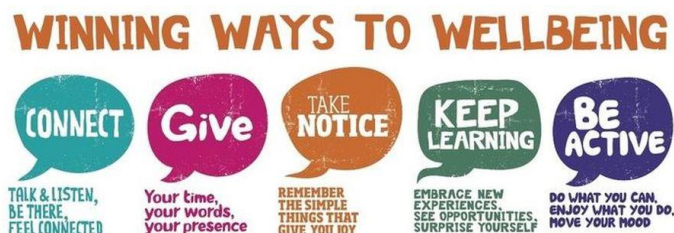
Wednesdays – **Gardening (K-6)** in the Eco Garden

Thursdays – **Lunch Club/Sewing Club (K-6)** in the hall

Fridays – **Social Skills Games/Chess/Lunch Club (K-6)** in the library

We encourage you to speak with your child about their social and emotional skills and support them to develop their ability to bounce back from problems (to develop resilience), to know who they can talk to if they have a problem, to develop problem-solving skills (including learning how to compromise), to think about the feelings of others (to develop empathy), and to treat others how they would like to be treated (to live as a disciple of Jesus).

We have many resources for parents (and some for children!) on our Wellbeing page on the Weebly – click on image below.



BOOT FOR NETS

Accompanying our newsletter today is a flyer advertising the 'Boots for Nets' initiative which aims to raise funds to purchase mosquito nets for disadvantaged countries. Parents donate their child's their outgrown football boots to a central point in our school. Parents can then buy back a second hand pair of boots for \$20 with proceeds being used to purchase the nets. Please see the flyer for further details. Our boots bin will be appearing on Monday. Buy-back will be on a first come, first served basis.

OPAL CARDS HELP US

It is really important that your child uses their School Bus approved Opal Card when using a school bus service. The tap on and off feature identifies the number of uses for a particular bus and this helps the State government make decisions about the future of a particular route. Please ensure your child's bus route has the best chance of survival by encouraging them to tap on and off.

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.

Book Week Parade

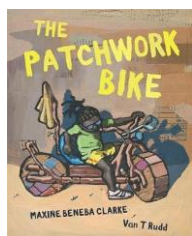
On Wednesday August 23 we will have our school Book Week Parade. Students are encouraged to dress up as a book character of their choice or to create a costume around the Book Week theme of, '**Escape to Everywhere**'. The students will wear the costume while parading with their class in front of the 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 31st 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 Kindergarten to Year 4 read the CBCA 2017 shortlisted book, 'The Patchwork Bike'. This amazing book integrated in well with the presentations some students made earlier in the week on recycling and the children in this story use an assortment of found and recycled material to make a bike. Years 3 and 4 the read an article on scavenging from council clean-ups and discussed the arguments for and against this practice. Years 1 and 2 discussed items they had made from recycled materials.

This link is the author reading '[The Patchwork Bike](#)'.

ROBOTICS CLUB AFTER SCHOOL – TERM 3

Robokids ran their first session on Tuesday afternoon in the school library. It was very well-received and the children enjoyed getting into the programming. Feel free to pop your head in and have a look to see what it looks like – Tuesdays @ 3.30pm.

You can visit www.robokids.com.au or email jo@robokids.com.au for more information.

Bookings are open:
<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=293077> Watch this video to see what we do [Robokids in Action](#)

Or you can visit www.robokids.com.au or email jo@robokids.com.au for more information.



SINGING LESSONS

Singing lessons will be available to students as an extracurricular activity from week 2, Term 3. If you would like your child to take singing lessons on Friday 28th July at lunch time please RSVP by clicking on the google form below.

Please note, this is service from an external provider and additional fees apply.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14EI9FUtPS-2hl6KKOcdcaZkr97H83oT31sBR8RxBjnI/edit>

CANTEEN

IMPORTANT NOTE: Canteen is CLOSED every TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

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	<p>We require 2 volunteers each day to operate the canteen.</p> <p>If anyone would like to join our group of canteen volunteers, click here or email cendrine01@optusnet.com.au</p> <p>Canteen Coordinator: Cendrine Lambert(0435030903)</p>
J King	CLOSED	G Curran	CLOSED	L Miners	
A Lalic	CLOSED	M Di Palma	CLOSED	K Burke	
		M Boulos		K Doolan	
W1 Term 3 Mon 31 July	W1 Term 3 Tues 1 Aug	W1 Term 3 Wed 2 Aug	W1 Term 3 Thurs 3 Aug	W1 Term 3 Fri 4 Aug	
C Gategood	CLOSED	N Spencer	CLOSED	L Lapa	
P Sargent	CLOSED	S Forrester	CLOSED	K Blyth	
				MA Bell	

Parent Breakfast

Parents and carers are invited to join us for breakfast and a chat. Come along and meet other parents in your cohort; meet the Principal and other staff members; enjoy a relaxed and informal atmosphere. Breakfast of tea/ coffee and fresh pastries will be provided. Breakfast will be held in the school library from 8:30-9:15, see dates below:

<https://goo.gl/forms/bBHoazRpHFPi5Xp43>



The P&F Gazette

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

TRIVIA Night

- 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!

Tickets only \$25 a head – selling fast – order yours on Qkr! now!

See you there!

The CRUNCHTIME Canteen News Update



Remember the **Canteen will open only on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays in Term 3**. We are temporarily closing on Tuesdays & Thursdays until we review current community preferences and rostering. The Canteen Survey will be going out to the whole school community, including students, very soon!

Grandparents & Special Friends Day – Friday 4th August

A reminder that we will welcome all Grandparents and Special Friends to a liturgy and celebration in their honour on Friday 4th August (1:30 – 3:00pm). What a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for the love and guidance they've given us all. Refreshments will be available after the liturgy. We'd love some more volunteers to help the afternoon run seamlessly. If you're able to spare some time that afternoon in setting up, serving refreshments or helping to clean up at the end, please contact **Gen Ferris, Class Parent Coordinator** - gen.ferris@gmail.com

Wishing you all a wonderful start to Term 3!

Bel, Pip, Gen, Russell & Caroline

Exciting reasons to keep saving with School Banking.

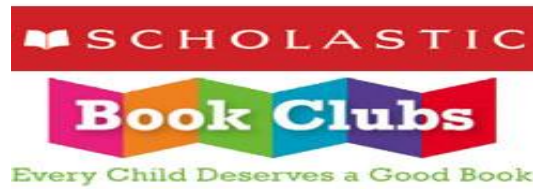
Welcome back to school for Term 3. It's great to see School Bankers showing continued saving efforts through the first half of the year.

Don't miss out on the Grand Prize competition ending this term. To be in the running for a family trip to Tokyo Disneyland, children need to make

15 or more School Banking deposits between 23rd January, 2017 and the end of Term 3.

New reward items available in Term 3. After making 10 School Banking deposits, children can now choose to redeem the Smiley Emoji Keyring or the Volt Handball.





Book club orders for Issue 5 are due no later than

Friday 4th August

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

Timetable for the Athletics Carnival 2017

- 8.45am** Classroom teachers mark students on roll. Line up outside to prepare for buses. Students wear name tags in HOUSE colour. Please bring a copy of your roll.
- 9.10am** Buses arrive.
- 9.45am** Arrive at Narrabeen Academy / Classes parade around the stadium/ Students sit in colour houses / **Cheers**
- 10.00am** **800m Events Begin**
 Junior 800 metre race (girls and boys – 8,9,10 year olds)
 Intermediate 800 metre race (girls and boys – 11 years old)
 Senior 800 metre race (girls and boys – 12/13 years old)
- 10.30am** **Infants 70 metre sprints** - Primary have morning tea
- 11.00am** **Primary Track & Field Events Begin**

Times	7/8	9	10	11	12/13
11.00 – 11.25	Track 100/200m	Discus	Shotput	Break	Long Jump
11.25 – 11.50	Long Jump	Track 100/200m	Discus	Shotput	Break
11.50 – 12.15	Break	Long Jump	Track 100/200m	Discus	Shotput
12.15 – 12.40	Shotput	Break	Long Jump	Track 100/200m	Discus
12.40 – 1:05	Discus	Shotput	Break	Long Jump	Track 100/200m

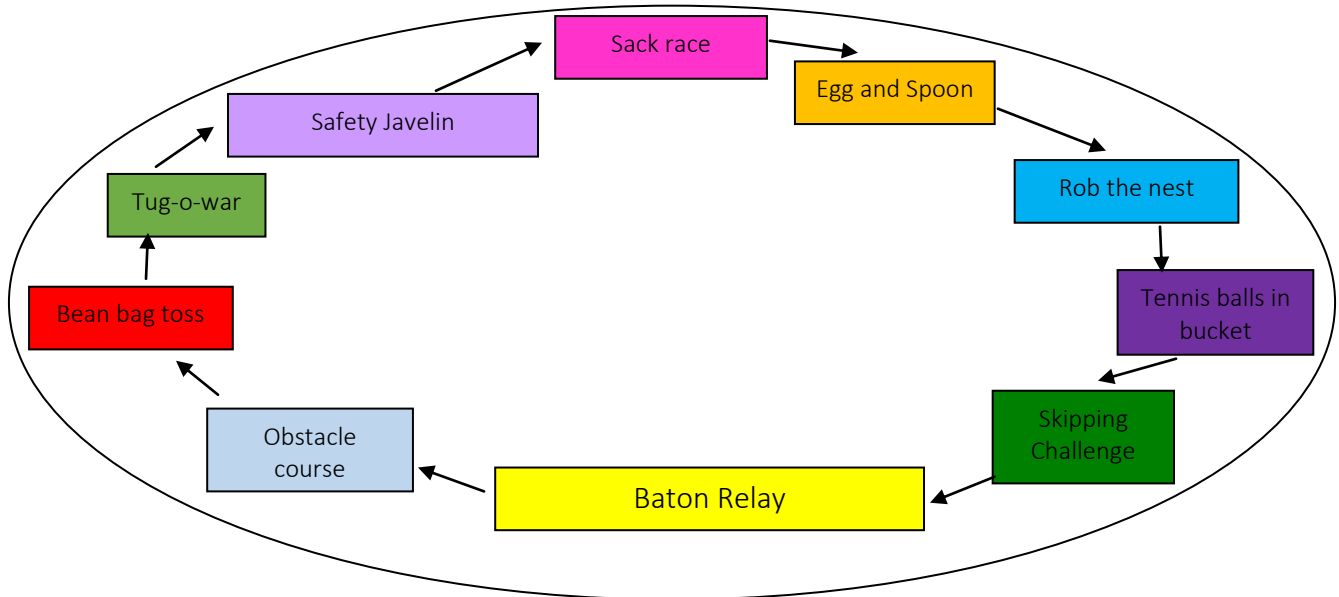
***7yr olds in Yr 2 compete with 8yrs but do not qualify for the Northern Beaches (Peninsula) Cluster Carnival**


11.00 – 1:00pm Infant Activities Begin (see separate sheet)

- 1.05pm** **Finals/Relays – time permitting** (Lunch break in stands for other students)
- 1:45pm** **Pack Up / Clean Up – roll call**
 At the end of the carnival, each child must report to their class teacher for the class roll to be taken. All rubbish is picked up (grounds left tidy).
- 2.15pm** **Finish** (Buses Depart – 5 buses booked).

Infants Activities

Times	KB group 1	KB group 2	KJ group 1	KJ group 2	1JB girls	1JB boys	1G girls	1G boys
11:10 – 11:20	Baton Relay	Skipping challenge	Tennis balls in bucket	Rob the nest	Egg and spoon	Sack race	Safety Javelin	Tug-o-war
11:20 – 11:30	Obstacle course	Baton Relay	Skipping challenge	Tennis balls in bucket	Rob the nest	Egg and spoon	Sack race	Safety Javelin
11:30 – 11:40	Bean Bag Toss	Obstacle course	Baton Relay	Skipping challenge	Tennis balls in bucket	Rob the nest	Egg and spoon	Sack race
11:40 – 11:50	Tug-o-war	Bean Bag Toss	Obstacle course	Baton Relay	Skipping challenge	Tennis balls in bucket	Rob the nest	Egg and spoon
11:50- 12:00	Safety Javelin	Tug-o-war	Bean Bag Toss	Obstacle course	Baton Relay	Skipping challenge	Tennis balls in bucket	Rob the nest
12:00 – 12:10	Sack race	Safety Javelin	Tug-o-war	Bean Bag Toss	Obstacle course	Baton Relay	Skipping challenge	Tennis balls in bucket
12:10- 12:20	Egg and spoon	Sack race	Safety Javelin	Tug-o-war	Bean Bag Toss	Obstacle course	Baton Relay	Skipping challenge
12:20- 12:30	Rob the nest	Egg and spoon	Sack race	Safety Javelin	Tug-o-war	Bean Bag Toss	Obstacle course	Baton Relay
12:30- 12:40	Tennis balls in bucket	Rob the nest	Egg and spoon	Sack race	Safety Javelin	Tug-o-war	Bean Bag Toss	Obstacle course
12:40-12:50	Skipping challenge	Tennis balls in bucket	Rob the nest	Egg and spoon	Sack race	Safety Javelin	Tug-o-war	Bean Bag Toss





DONATE YOUR SOCCER BOOTS TO SAVE A LIFE...

Recycle & Buyback Soccer Boots (and Help Save A Life!)

ST JOHN'S is partnering with Boots For Nets – helping supply mosquito nets for children in need to banish malaria in Africa and around the world. Helping out is easy!

Step 1:

Donate your outgrown soccer boots to the BOOTS FOR NETS bins provided at school entrance.

Step 2:

Pick up a recycled pair at the beginning of next season (Summer & Winter soccer) for \$20!

So, not only do you get to donate your child's soccer boots that they've outgrown – you'll be part of the “buyback” family, able to pick up a cheap pair of kicks for next season – helping out kids both near and far.

Get off the sideline and get involved now!

For more info see our Facebook page- Boots For Nets.

*Boots will be available on a first come, first served basis when on sale next season'

**BOOTS
FOR
NETS**

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

Catholic Primary School



Presents Parent Course

1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching

The program supports parents and caregivers with effective strategies to help their children self-regulate and manage their emotions and behaviour. Children who have developed social and emotional skills find it easier to manage themselves, relate to others, resolve conflict, and feel positive about the world around them.

1-2-3 Magic is easy to learn and it works!

The logical and practical 1-2-3 Magic method can be learnt in **3 sessions**. It is easy to remember and implement especially when parents are tired or stressed.

Strategies are given for the following 3 tasks of parenting:

- ✓ Helping children to self-regulate and learn to control their own unwanted behaviour
- ✓ Encouraging social and emotional learning and self-awareness
- ✓ Strengthening parent-child relationships (shared fun, praise and listening.)

Where: St. John the Apostle Catholic Primary School

166 Alfred Street, Narraweena. School library.

When: Mondays 21st, 28th August and 4th September. **Time:** 6:30-9:00pm

Cost: \$10 for a workbook covering the 3 sessions.

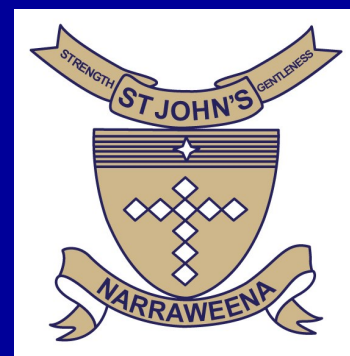
RSVP: Bookings are essential: <http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au>

Booking Code: 235y8

Queries: School office 9971 9297 or
Email: sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au

ST. JOHNS PLAY GROUP

Every second Tuesday
from 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,
during term time:
Week 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9.
9-11am

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.

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**Fb: St John's Narraweena
playgroup**

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

For queries and questions please contact St John's office via phone, email or in person, via Facebook.

Term 3 Playgroup Dates: July 18th, August 1st, 15th & 29th, September 12th.