



# ST JOHN'S NEWS

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## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,



This portrait of Finn and his beloved little dog, Roger, captures a sense of innocence and love that epitomised Finn. The painting, done by one of our Yr 2 teachers, Mrs Navarro, has been shown to Finn's family and our children and forms a special place in our classroom prayer spaces. It will be displayed at Finn's funeral tomorrow.

This week has been marked by a tremendous outpouring of love and support within our community. Each teacher has provided wonderful care for the children within their classroom and a 'Quiet Space' has been available in the school library for them. Counselling staff from the Catholic Schools Office have been available in the space to provide children who wish to use it with opportunities to talk and to express their feelings.

The compassion and care for Finn and his family demonstrated by our children has been quite beautiful.

Today's athletics carnival was a great opportunity for the children to have some fun and release some of their energy. Children attending the carnival wore green arm bands today in memory of Finn.

We are receiving many questions about what families can do to support or help at this time. There is information further on in the newsletter concerning the donation of goods for the formation of care packages. These can assist families who need community support at difficult times and casserole club is always in need of donations.

Kind regards,

**Mark Bateman** - Principal

### **Father's Day Breakfast – 2017**

We will be holding a Father's Day breakfast this year Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. The morning will follow the normal procedure of breakfast from 7:30 am, special surprises in the school hall, a prayer time then close.

### **Year K and 1 parent breakfast postponed**

Due to a clash of dates with Prayer Assembly for Year 1, we have decided to postpone the parents breakfast with Miss Dunk and Mrs McDonnell Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July. We apologise for any inconvenience and will advise you of the future date.

<b>Week 3 Term 3</b> Mon 31 July	<b>Week 3 Term 3</b> Tues 1 Aug	<b>Week 3 Term 3</b> Wed 2 Aug	<b>Week 3 Term 3</b> Thurs 3 Aug	<b>Week 3 Term 3</b> Fri 4 Aug	<b>Week 3 Term 3</b> Sat/Sun 5/6 Aug
	<i>ICAS – English 8am</i>			<i>Grandparents &amp; Special Friends Day 1:30 – 3:00</i>	
<b>Week 4 Term 3</b> Mon 7 Aug	<b>Week 4 Term 3</b> Tues 8 Aug	<b>Week 4 Term 3</b> Wed 9 Aug	<b>Week 4 Term 3</b> Thurs 10 Aug	<b>Week 4 Term 3</b> Fri 11 Aug	<b>Week 4 Term 3</b> Sat/Sun 12/13 Aug
<i>Parent Breakfast 8:30 – 9:15 2-3</i>	<i>Feast of St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop) Yr 2 Coastal Environment Centre</i>			<i>Public Speaking Finals K-2 9:00 3-6 11:15</i>	<i>Parish Family Mass 5pm</i>

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

### **Tuesday 1st August (W3)**

ICAS – English – 8am

### **Friday 4th August (W3)**

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

### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August (W4)**

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

### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August (W4)**

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

### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August (W5)**

Feast of the Assumption 9.15am Whole School Mass

### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August (W5)**

P&F Trivia Night @ Dee Why Bowling Club

### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August (W6)**

Book Week Parade (Book Week all week)

### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September (W7)**

Father's Day breakfast and liturgy (please note change of time)

### **First Eucharist**

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> – Sun 10<sup>th</sup> and Sat 16<sup>th</sup> – Sun 17<sup>th</sup> September

### **Gala Days (W10)**

Year 3&4 – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Year 5&6 – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September

## ST JOHN THE APOSTLE FUNDRAISER TRIVIA NIGHT

**SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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*

There are a few people finishing off art works and so we are extending the submission date to **next Friday (4<sup>th</sup> August)**. Details are on the [home page of our weebly](#).



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

#### 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)*

*(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 **TONIGHT** at 7pm in St John's Church. All children who are receiving the sacrament must attend with a parent.



## SCHOOL NEWS

### DANCE FEVER

What a fantastic day we had on Monday! I think we know now why dancing is part of the Physical Education program! We were hip-hopping our way around the hall and working up a sweat. There were huge smiles all around.



## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

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What a brilliant day!! The sun was shining down brightly for us today as we ran, skipped, jumped, and threw our way all around the Narrabeen Sports Academy for the 2017 St John's Athletics Carnival.

The day began celebrating Finn with one minute's silence and then the release of some green balloons to celebrate what would have been his 10th birthday. I'm sure he was smiling down on us all from Heaven.

Congratulations to all of our athletes – we just loved seeing everyone get involved, have a go, try their best and have some fun!



## LIBRARY NEWS

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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



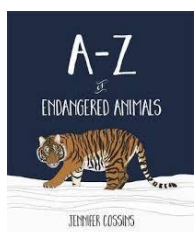
On Wednesday August 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have our school Book Week Parade. Students are encouraged to dress up as a book character of their choice or to create a costume around the Book Week theme of, **'Escape to Everywhere'**. The students will wear the costume while parading with their class in 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 Extension

*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 have been extended will be accepted from now until **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August**. The competition winners will be announced during Book Week celebrations. The theme for Book Week this year is **"Escape to Everywhere."***

## Fr Vogt Writing Competition



*This week in Library classes read the book "A-Z of Endangered Animals". This beautifully illustrated book showed some of the special animals which are sadly in declining numbers. Students enjoyed guessing which animal would be listed under each letter and were shocked at the very low populations of some of these species.*

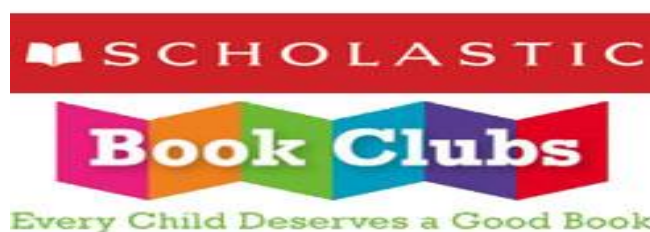


## CANTEEN

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

W3 Term 3 Mon 31 July	W3 Term 3 Tues 1 Aug	W3 Term 3 Wed 2 Aug	W3 Term 3 Thurs 3 Aug	W3 Term 3 Fri 4 Aug	<p><b>We require 2 volunteers each day to operate the canteen.</b></p> <p>If anyone would like to join our group of canteen volunteers, click <a href="#">here</a> or email <a href="mailto:cendrine01@optusnet.com.au">cendrine01@optusnet.com.au</a></p> <p><b>Canteen Coordinator:</b> Cendrine Lambert(0435030903)</p>
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## BOOK CLUB



**Book club orders for Issue 5 are due no later than**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**



## *The P&F Gazette*

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

### The St John's Narraweena Playgroup – YOU'RE INVITED!



Hooray Playgroup is back! Here's a message from Zuzana B (mum of Tommy in Yr 1) - our wonderful new leader....

I am very excited to invite local pre-schoolers and their parents and carers to St John's playgroup. It is aimed at children 3 - 5 years of age but younger siblings are welcome. This is a beautiful opportunity for children to **get to know St John's, make new friends, play, learn and have fun.**

We **read, sing and do craft in every session.** There is always plenty of time for free play as well, giving parents a chance to connect and relax.

This term the topic is **"Making things."** In week one, we used coloured rice for playing and learning about volumes. We explored different materials and the sounds they make and in the end, the children made simple musical shakers for the playgroup. In the coming sessions, the children will have a chance to bake bread, create their own building blocks and make things from recycled household materials.

At the moment, the playgroup runs fortnightly on Tuesday mornings, in term 3 it will be weeks 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9. **It's free and open to anyone**, please just bring morning tea for your child. If you are looking for something to do on Tuesday mornings, why not come along? Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Zuzana**



**Psst! .... Only a few tables left – tickets selling fast at only \$25 each**  
**Order yours on Qkr! now!**

### Earn & Learn

St John's is registered for Earn & Learn. Collect stickers from any Woolies and bring them in (already stuck to the sheet) so we can get some new sports resources.



### Reminders:

- **Grandparents & Special Friends Day – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August, 1.30pm Liturgy followed by refreshments**
- **Term 3 Parents & Friends Meeting – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm in the Library**

Questions? Comments? Or do you have something you wish to include in the P&F meeting agenda?  
Please email [stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com) We'd love to hear from you!

Best wishes

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



## FREE PARENT EVENT

# How to Give YOUR BILINGUAL CHILD The Best Start

ADVICE FOR PARENTS & TEACHERS  
OF CHILDREN AGED 0-6

This event is a Kids First Community Service Seminar

Tickets are  
absolutely **FREE**,  
however places  
are limited.  
Bookings are  
**essential**

To reserve your place,  
book on-line at  
[www.kids-first.com.au/  
bilingualkids](http://www.kids-first.com.au/bilingualkids)

Or call Kids First now on  
**9938 5419**

Does your  
preschooler  
speak more than  
one language?

Bilingual children have unique  
language and learning needs.

If you are a parent or teacher of  
children who speak languages  
other than English, don't miss  
this valuable & absolutely **FREE**  
event!

Speech Pathologist April  
Yumang will give you practical  
information & ideas for  
supporting bilingual children  
so that they can learn, make  
friends and enjoy success at  
preschool and school.

**Don't delay – this event  
is already filling fast!**

**TUESDAY**  
**1 August 2017**  
**7.30pm – 9.30pm**

**The Chairman's Lounge**  
**Brookvale Oval**  
**Alfred Street Brookvale**

Located in the Ken Arthurson Stand.  
Enter via main gate on Alfred Street.  
Ample parking available