



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Our Parents and Friends group is busily preparing for this year's Trivia Night at Dee Why Bowling Club this Saturday evening. Parent response to this event, which is our major fundraiser for 2017, has been strong and we are looking forward to an enjoyable night. Parent and community sponsorship has been incredibly generous and very much appreciated. This means we have a variety of fantastic prizes to be auctioned or won during the evening. Proceeds from the event will be put towards improvements to the play equipment area. Our plan is to create a mix of structured play and imaginative or creative play spaces for the children to enjoy. Parents who are unable to come along to the evening are invited to make a donation.

Our Year 3 and Year 5 families will receive their child's NAPLAN results on Friday this week. The results will be sent home in an envelope with each child and we will explain that parents are to be the first ones to see the results. The children did very well overall with our Year 5 showing strong growth in Numeracy and in other areas. Our Year 3 did particularly well across the areas assessed. Parents are invited to talk to their child's classroom teacher if they need any explanation of the results or in relation to their child's result. NAPLAN is one test among many. This assessment was carried out in May 2017, so there has been a considerable length of time lapse since sitting the test and a lot of learning covered in class since May.

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) is moving toward online testing for NAPLAN with transition taking place from 2018. St John's Year 3 and Year 5 students will sit for a School Readiness Test (SRT) in September. The purpose of the SRT is to assess the effectiveness of each school environment for online testing in NAPLAN and to collect information about implementation. This is not intended as an academic assessment but more of a trial of the delivery systems. Information about online testing accompanies this newsletter. Information for parents is attached to your email today. The information contains links to sample online assessments and St John's will be providing online testing experience prior to the SRT so that children are familiar with the environment.

Last Saturday evening saw us celebrate Mass with the Parish and many school families came along as did a number of families from our local Public Schools. Many thanks to our Year 2 and 3 parents and children for their hosting of the evening.

Best wishes for the week ahead,

Mark Bateman – Principal

DIARY

Week 6, Term 3 Mon 21 Aug	Week 6, Term 3 Tues 22 Aug	Week 6, Term 3 Wed 23 Aug	Week 6, Term 3 Thurs 24 Aug	Week 6, Term 3 Fri 25 Aug	Week 6, Term 3 Sat/Sun 26/27
1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching 6.30-9pm		Book Week Parade 8.45am Kinder 2018 Parent Information Evening 6.30-8pm			
Week 7, Term 3 Mon 28 Aug	Week 7, Term 3 Tues 29 Aug	Week 7, Term 3 Wed 30 Aug	Week 7, Term 3 Thurs 31 Aug	Week 7, Term 3 Fri 1 Sep	Week 7, Term 3 Sat/Sun 2/3
Play to Learn (Session 1) 9.15-10.30am 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching 6.30-9pm				Father's Day breakfast and liturgy 7.00-9.00am Play to Learn (Session 1) 9.15-10.30am	

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 28th August (W7)

Play to Learn (Session 1) 9.15-10.30am

1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching 6.30-9pm

Friday 1st September

Father's Day breakfast and liturgy (*please note change of time 7am*)

Play to Learn (Session 1) 9.15-10.30am

Monday 4th September

Parent Breakfast K & 1 8.30-9.15am

1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching 6.30-9pm

Friday 8th – Sunday 10th September

Future Ready Conference for Parents –

Further details & Registration via the following link below

Monday 11th September (W9)

Play to Learn (Session 2) 9.15-10.30am

Friday 15th September (W9)

Play to Learn (Session 2) 9.15-10.30am

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



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	Mark Y & Krish R (5/6B) Joel I (5/6DF)
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KB	Ethan B Alessia G Tobias P	2G	Georgia G Pascal K Gemma T	4R	Charlotte B Carys F	Sport Christopher A (2G) Oscar S (KB)
KJ	Brandon D Lilah R Zali T	2N	Lewis F Indiana G Brooke H	4SC	Marilla G Charles S	Library Heath D (2N)
1G	Melissa B Max F Scout M	3D	Liam C Henri L	5/6DF	Luke S Claudia V Harry W	
1JB	Leon D Jake F Heidi K	3NG	Elissa G Chiara M Elio V	5/6L	Jonathan F Ryder H Charlize K	Music/Drama Sophie M (5/6L)
2C	Madeline K Victor K Anika K	4B	Camila G Aaron R	5/6O	Max B Mikayla H	
				5/6B	Jade D	

SPIRITUAL NEWS

Go Forth, the Mass is ended!

Every time we go to Mass, we actually finish with the beginning! (Sounds weird – bear with me!)

When the Mass ends we are asked to go and glorify the Lord by our lives! Our Eucharistic journey begins as we leave the church. What we do during the week, when we “go forth”, is just as important as that hour we spend on Sunday.

So congratulations to the members of our St John’s Community who got together this morning and cooked over 60 meals that will be used throughout our school and Parish community.

Thank you to those families who donated food for the cooking.

A special thank you to 2G – your super gardening skills came in very handy to finish off today’s dishes. This is going to become a regular fixture on the calendar – look out for the next session and come along!



KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATES 100 DAYS!

Last Thursday was a VERY SPECIAL day for our Kindergarten students as they celebrated 100 days of big school. The day was full of great learning and lots of celebrations. The Year 5 buddies created special cards and sang them a version of 'Happy Birthday'.

Kindergarten experienced everything 100 had to offer. We painted 100 dots, created a crown using 100 stickers, made biscuits using 100s and 1000s and probably ate 100 lollies. We had an amazing day!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PUBLIC SPEAKING WINNERS



Congratulations to our fabulous public speakers! There was such a variety of topics and such interesting content delivered so well by all of our finalists, some very hard decision-making for our judges!

Congratulations to Zali and Tobias in Kindergarten, Dominic in Stage 1, Nick in Stage 2 and Lucinda in Stage 3.

Congratulations to our overall winner – Monique!

Our 2 Year 6 finalists, Monique and Larissa, will be heading off to St Kevin's in Dee Why on the 21st August to represent our school in the Year 6 Cluster Public Speaking final. Good luck, girls!



CONGRATULATIONS TO PENELOPE – MANLY REP NETBALLER!

Well done to Penelope in Year 6 for making it onto the u13 Manly-Warringah Netball Representative squad – your hard work and practice has paid off to get you into a team of the top 20 under 13 players in the district. We wish you all the best!

YEAR 3-4 AND 5-6 GALA DAYS

Can our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents please ensure they have completed the online permission form for our upcoming Cricket, Netball or AFL Gala Days at the end of Term 3.

Please click the link [here](#) or via our Weebly.

AN INTERESTING ARTICLE FOR PARENTS – SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH THEIR EMOTIONS

Continuing on with our SEL learning at St John's, a friend posted a link to an article on Facebook called "The Train Analogy That Will Completely Change How You See Your Crying Child". It is a really interesting article about how our role as parents and carers is actually to support children in being able to 'ride the wave' (or 'get through the tunnel') of an emotion naturally as a way of building resilience. As adults we sometimes feel the need to try to apply logic, or we feel embarrassed when big emotions overtake little people in inopportune places or at inopportune times. I highly recommend the article.

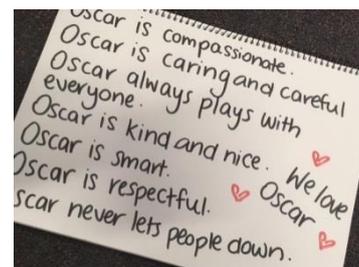
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MORE SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING IN OUR CLASSROOMS

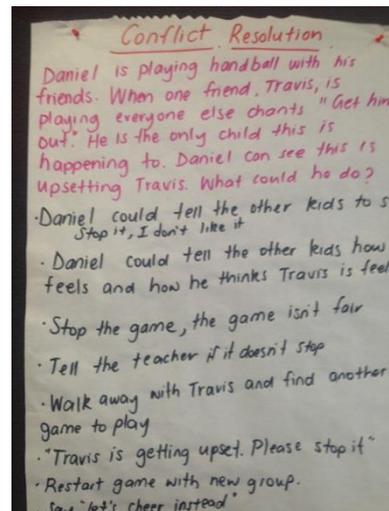
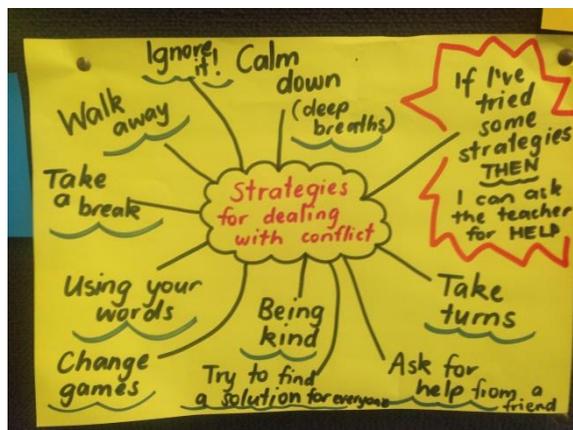
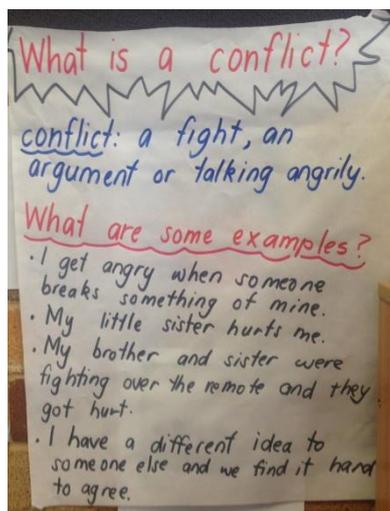
Some of our SEL learning across the school:

Kindergarten – have been learning to use Caring Words and Actions. We know that we can have nice feelings and sad feelings. One way we can help everyone to have nice feelings is by the way we speak to each other. In fact, Kindergarten have been learning to *compliment* each other. This helps us to identify the positive qualities of our friends and then we get to make them feel good by complimenting them!

This is just one example of the caring words in our Compliments Book:



Year 1 – Year 1 are focusing on building conflict resolution skills. We have identified what a conflict is and brainstormed various strategies for dealing with them. We have thought of various solutions we can use for particular conflict scenarios. We have been talking about using these skills in our day-to-day activities. We are trying to work out what strategies we can use independently to try and solve a conflict before we ask for help from a teacher but we are also reminded that once we have tried some and the conflict isn't resolved it is okay to ask a teacher for help.



Year 2 – Year 2 are focusing on building positive relationships. Friendship skills will be reinforced through discussing what a good quality of a friend is, to be a good friend we need to build communication effectively and work collaboratively. The children will also reflect on times they have been good friends.

Year 3 – Year 3 have been learning how to identify our emotions more accurately. We started with some of the obvious emotions: happy, sad, angry, afraid – and found there were so many levels of each emotion that one word is not enough. There is a huge difference between being annoyed and being furious!

We have also identified that our emotions can change many times during the day. Just because something negative happens doesn't mean you have to feel that emotion all day.



Year 4 – Year 4 are focusing on building positive relationships with our friends and bouncing back from any problems we face. We recognise that it is through our mistakes that we grow, learn and develop positive relationships with our peers. We are using reflection circles in class to focus on positive experiences we have had throughout our day. We are also discussing positive ways to problem solve and strategies for moving forward after conflicts in our PDH units "Boys to Men" and "Girl Power".



Year 5/6 – In Stage 3 we are continuing to recognise our emotions throughout the day. We are tracking our emotions by moving pegs with our names on it onto different cards labelled with feelings and what this feeling might look/sound or feel like. As well as recognising how we feel, we are learning how to regulate these emotions – for instance, to know what different cool-down or calming strategies to use if we feel anxious or angry, or even when we are too excited and find it hard to control ourselves! The teachers are modelling a lot of this ‘self-talk’ about how we regulate our emotions throughout the day to ensure we’re being safe, respectful and responsible learners in St John’s, alongside our students! A little video from Year 5 creating our emotions word banks can be found [here](#).

CORRECT SCHOOL UNIFORM

As the weather warms up, your children may not need to wear singlets or skivvies under their school uniform anymore. Additionally, girls may wear short white crew socks instead of navy stockings with their winter uniform.

Cricket clinics begin at St John’s this week (for the next 4 weeks), with K, Yr 1 and Yr 2 having clinics on Thursdays, and Yr 3, Yr 4 and Yr 5/6 having clinics on Fridays. Students are to wear sports uniforms for the cricket clinics.

If you are unsure of what days your child should be wearing their sports uniform to school, please see table below.

Day	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Class/es	Yr K-6 – Dance	K, Yr 2, 3D, 4R	Yr 1, 3NG, 4B, 4SC, Yr 5/6	Yr K-2 – Cricket Clinic (Wk 5-8)	Yr 3-6 – Cricket Clinic (Wk 5-8)

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 is always available on our website ([Enrolments and Contacts – Uniform](#)).



Book Week Parade



On Wednesday August 23rd 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.

Scholastic Book Fair

On Tuesday August 22nd until Friday August 25th we will have our school Book Week Book Fair. There are plenty of books to buy starting from \$5.00. It will be open from 3.05pm until 3.45pm on Tuesday afternoon; Wednesday from 8.10am until 8.40am and again after school from 3.05pm until 3.30pm. It will be open again on Friday before school from 8.10am until 8.30am.

CANTEEN

IMPORTANT NOTE: Canteen is CLOSED every TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

W5, Term 3 Mon 21 Aug	W5, Term 3 Tues 22 Aug	W5, Term 3 Wed 23 Aug	W5, Term 3 Thurs 24 Aug	W5, Term 3 Fri 25 Aug	<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>
K Clemesha S Formosa	CLOSED CLOSED	B Gunasti C Turner M Boulos	CLOSED CLOSED	C Miller H Baumann M Southan	
W5, Term 3 Mon 28 Aug	W5, Term 3 Tues 29 Aug	W5, Term 3 Wed 30 Aug	W5, Term 3 Thurs 31 Aug	W5, Term 3 Fri 1 Sept	
S Goodwin J King	CLOSED CLOSED	T Hawthorne B Gant P Moore R Crookwell	CLOSED CLOSED	N Mascolo K Vumbaca A Lalic	



The Number Ninja Warrior Challenge

Be a Number Ninja and break the Number Code for your grade.



Show your super ninja thinking skills on paper and place it in the box outside the office by Wednesday 23rd August.

Don't forget to clearly label your thinking with your name and class.
One Number Ninja will be chosen for each grade. The winning Ninja names will appear in the in the newsletter on Thursday 24th August.
Look in the Newsletter each week for a new challenge.

The Number Ninja Warriors will be announced at the Friday assembly in the hall and each Ninja will receive a certificate.

K-2: 8.45am in the hall.
3-6: 2.35pm in the hall.

Grade	Number Ninja Warrior Challenge
Kindergarten	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The number is between 0 and 20. The number has 2 digits. It is closer to 10 than 20. It is an odd number. I would need 2 tens frames to make this number.
Year 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> I need 4 tens frames to make this number. It is an even number. It is between 20 and 40. It is around halfway between 20 and 40. You can reach this number skip counting by 4s. The digit in the tens column is odd but the digit in the ones column is even. The ones digit is smaller than 6. There are no zeros in my answer.
Year 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The number is between 300 and 400. It is closer to 300 than 400. The sum of the digits is 12. When you multiply my digits, the product is 60. The digit in the tens column is double the first even number. There are 34 tens in my number. The digit in the ones column is $\frac{1}{2}$ of 10. The digit in the hundreds column is a factor of 9.
Year 3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> My number is between 150 and 200. I am an odd number. My number is closer to 200 than 150. The sum of the digits is 12. My tens digit is $\frac{2}{3}$ of 12. When you multiply the digits in my number, the result is 24. There are 18 tens in my number.
Year 4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The number is $> 4\ 087$ but $< 7\ 913$. The sum of the digits is 16. There are 52 hundreds in this number. The digit in the tens is four times greater than the digit in the hundreds. The number in the ones is $\frac{1}{2}$ that of the hundreds digit.
Year 5 and 6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Is a number between 9200 and 9500. When <u>multiplied</u> by 8, the result is a whole number. The number in the thousands is a <u>cubed</u> number of the hundreds number. The sum of all the digits in the number is 32. The digit in the tens is a <u>multiple</u> of the ones digit. The digit in the hundredths place is 200% of the digit in the tenths place. There are no numbers that are used twice and no zeros included.

FAMILY LIAISON OFFICER

1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching

Monday 21st, 28th August and 4th September – 6:30-9pm – School Library

If you haven't had the chance to attend a 1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching seminar during your time as parents at St John's, then please feel warmly invited to join us this term. This course is highly popular with parents, which is why we offer it several times per year. This will be the last chance to join in 2017; we won't be able to run it again at St John's until 2018. At the end of the 3 evenings, you should be able to help your children with self-regulation and self-awareness which are two of the main building blocks to being socially competent. (See the school Weebly for more information on Social and Emotional Learning: <http://stjohnsnarraweena.weebly.com/wellbeing.html>). All dates and time details are in the attached flyer, including how to register.

Parent Breakfast - Reminder

Parent Breakfast: Years K&1 (Monday 4th September)

Please rsvp using the link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZA0t9gQEp6ONTz4pYMPWr2sE5MDpCNBSchsTL9TIY3of8gw/viewform?c=0&w=1&includes_info_params=true

Future Ready - Conference for Parents

For the first time, our own Diocese of Broken Bay is hosting the Council of Catholic School Parents Annual Parent Conference here on the Northern Beaches in Manly. There is a fantastic line up of expert speakers to help us understand which skills our children will need to be "Future Ready". The conference runs over 3 days, but it is possible to visit for individual speakers. In parallel there is a "Kids Conference" where the children can engage in activities such as coding and robotics, circus and magic.

Friday 8th - Sunday 10th September – Further details and registration via the following link:

<http://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/2017-parent-conference.html>

Helicopter Parenting

I read this really good article on Helicopter Parenting this week as it landed in my Facebook newsfeed. As a parent myself, I found this article useful as it is often too easy to do too much for our children because we love to help them. It serves as a reminder that sometimes less is more: http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/marcia-sirota/helicopter-parents-employment_b_16329884.html

Vinnies Youth Camp - Term 3 Vacation

Vinnies is running another Youth Camp during the term break from 25th-29th September. These camps are free of charge to the parents if you are lucky enough to get a spot; I understand they are highly sought after. The last camp had 37 children. I know some children who have been to several of these youth camps over the years and they really love them. Here is an excerpt from the email I got about the last camp:

"We had 37 kids and 18 volunteer leaders enjoy a week of fun and friendship, the kids had a very busy and fun week, we did archery and rock climbing, had a magic show and a visit from a ranger with some of her reptiles, we had a movie night and a trivia night, and played lots of sports games outside as we were blessed with very nice sunny weather for the full week!"

If you think your child might like to join the camp then please see last week's newsletter for the forms which must be returned directly to the Broken Bay Youth Team by noon 28th August.

You can contact me per email or the Vinnies Youth Team directly if you have any questions: Kate Conroy – Youth Coordinator in the office on **9495 8306**.

Jeanie Mc Donnell

Family Liaison Officer



The P&F Gazette

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association



Only 2 more sleeps!

7pm, Saturday 19th August Dee Why Bowling Club

Nibbles provided, drinks at club prices, BYO other food

Wishing everyone a fantastic night, and a **huge** thank you to all our volunteers & supporters!



Raffle Prizes

- Tooth Sparkler Professional Teeth Whitening Kit – value \$450
- Revolution Tennis Racquet & 1 term of lessons – value \$210
- Cake Pop Voucher – value \$150
- Le Hair Chateau professional hair dryer – value \$100
- Miguel Mastre Paella Kit – value \$60
- Dee Why Hotel voucher – value \$50
- Stowaway Bar voucher – value \$50
- Stowaway Bar voucher – value \$50
- Wine & Glasses pack – value \$50
- Wildwater Restaurant voucher – value \$50
- The Beach Shed Dee Why – value \$50
- Xtend Barre 2 Week Pass – value \$49
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- Manly Surf n Slide day pass – value \$40
- Austrian Beer Bar voucher – value \$40
- Le Hair Chateau Luxury Hair Care Pack – \$30
- Dee Loft Thai Restaurant voucher – \$30
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Silent Auction Items (bid on the night)

- Miele vacuum cleaner (valued at \$520)
 - Blackmores hamper (valued at \$150)
 - Xtend Barre 1 x 10 class pack (valued at \$240)
 - Aerial Antix drone photo shoot (valued at \$300)
 - 12 x Pigeons Peake Wines (valued at \$580)
 - 1 x Angel Tepees party pack (valued over \$500)
 - Round of golf at Cromer Golf Course for 4 people (valued over \$400)
 - Ready Steady Go term voucher (valued at \$190)
 - Beacon Hill Youth Club gymnastics term voucher (valued at \$200)
 - Mymoovit collapsible trolley (valued at \$155)
 - Vision personal training voucher (value \$400)
 - Hair voucher - The Salon Alternative (value to \$200)
 - Revolution tennis 10 x private lesson and adult tennis racquet (valued at \$700)
 - Tooth Sparkler sports mouthguard (valued at \$250)
 - 1 x Tooth Sparkler tooth whitening package (\$450)
 - Professional Landscape Print
 - In2Swim -3 months weekly lessons (\$228)
 - MTA Travel – Travel Goods & Voucher (over \$250)
- 1. School holiday survival pack**
- Manly Surf n Slide day pass (valued at \$40)
 - Skateboard, Pittwater Sports Centre day pass (valued at \$97), Hoyts movie vouchers
 - Le Hair Chateau voucher (valued at \$50)
 - Cleaning voucher (valued at \$50)
 - The Little Alchemist Brewing Co 6 pack beer & t-shirt, Bottle of red wine

2. Principal for the day!!!

Term 3 Parents & Friends Meeting

Thanks to all who attended on Tuesday night this week, it was a really informative and interesting evening! We'll be back with a full summary next week, and the minutes will be available via the School website soon.

Best wishes – and hope to see you at the Trivia Night!

Bel, Pip, Gen, Russell & Caroline

FREE ESAFETY COMMUNITY SEMINAR – 28TH AUGUST – MESSAGE FROM MP JASON FALINKSI

A message from the Federal Member for Mackellar, Jason Falinski:



Office of the
Children's
**eSafety
Commissioner**

To help tackle this issue, the Government has established the Office of the eSafety Commissioner (click the image to find out more).

To help parents, teachers and young people learn about online safety issues such as cyberbullying, image-based abuse and exposure to inappropriate content, **the eSafety Commissioner, Julie Inman Grant, is hosting an [eSafety community seminar](#)** in our area.

The seminar is at 7pm-8:15pm on Monday, 28 August, at The Pittwater House School, 70 South Creek Rd, Collaroy.

This is a good opportunity to educate our community about these important issues. If you would like to attend, please click below.

[Click to RSVP](#)

FREE SCREENING – BAG IT – SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT!

One of our Year 6 parents works at Castle Cove Family Dental and has very kindly extended an invitation to a FREE FILM SCREENING of "Bag It" on Tuesday 12th September 2017. Guest speaker Anthony Hill from Plastic Pollution Solutions (<http://www.plasticpollutionsolutions.com.au/>) will be speaking before the film and holding a Q&A after.

Castle Cove Family Dental have invited patients and their families to attend, along with the local community and our St John's family. They are giving away one boomerang bag (one per family) who attend on the night as a thank you for attending. They have also asked for you to bring in any unused material that can be donated to Boomerang Bags on the night.

Along with the screening, there will also be some wonderful exhibitors attending on the evening - these include OzHarvest, Shoes for Planet Earth, Thermomix, Pure Free Water bottles, Boomerang Bags, The Source Willoughby; all wonderful contributors to helping save our planet.

Additionally, Castle Cove Family Dental have begun a recycling collection program for oral care products linked with TerraCycle. Old toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes, empty floss containers and toothbrush packaging can be dropped off in the labelled bucket in the school foyer. This will be passed onto the Dental surgery who will send it onto Terracycle for recycling.

*****We have a bucket in the school foyer ready to collect any oral care products ready for recycling!*****

I know that many of our St John's family recently watched the ABC's War on Waste documentary. Our Year 3 students have also been reforming our rubbish collection at St John's and helping us to separate our rubbish from the many things that can be recycled in our school lunches and canteen orders. Getting involved in ways to cut down on our use of plastics seems to be the next step in our journey to being more aware of our environment and reducing our impact.

Call 9417 7222 or email info@castlecovedental.com.au to secure your seats. Get in quick!

MONTE SANT' ANGELO MERCY COLLEGE

Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College is pleased to advise that bursaries for entry into Year 7, 2018 are currently available. Attached is our bursary advertisement which you may like to forward to your Year 6 parents or include in your weekly newsletter.

Full details of Monte's Bursary Program and application forms are available at: <http://www.monte.nsw.edu.au/admissions/bursaries/>

Please note the closing date for applications is: 22 September 2017.

Privacy Notice for Parents and Carers

NAPLAN Online 2017 School Readiness Testing

This note is to inform you that some personal information about students and parents which has already been obtained this year is being used again as schools prepare for NAPLAN online.

This personal information will be used by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA), which is the NAPLAN Test Administration Authority responsible for New South Wales.

NESA is responsible for collecting information to be used during the testing that schools are about to undertake to check their readiness for NAPLAN Online. This 'readiness testing' includes the management of student registration, test administration and reporting of results to schools.

The information NESA uses will include school name, year level, student name, date of birth and gender. NESA discloses this information to Education Services Australia Ltd (ESA), a national, not-for-profit company owned by Australia's state and territory education ministers. ESA is engaged by the Australian Government to operate the secure online platform used for NAPLAN Online.

NESA will not disclose to ESA any information about students who are not undertaking the readiness testing for NAPLAN Online.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), which conducts NAPLAN testing, will not access the information provided for the readiness testing.

The personal information provided by each school may be used to:

- conduct NAPLAN Online readiness testing
- provide reports relating to NAPLAN Online readiness testing
- conduct research, and compile and analyse statistics.

The information will not be disclosed other than for the purposes outlined above, unless authorised or required by law.

More information

If you have concerns about privacy issues relating to NAPLAN Online, please contact your school.

Further details about how NESA complies with NSW privacy laws, including a right to access and request amendment to your personal information, are available [here](#).

Information about how ESA handles information for the purpose of NAPLAN Online is available [here](#).

Information about how NSW Catholic schools comply with privacy laws is available [here](#).

Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.

* Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html>



Frequently asked questions

Which students will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate.

How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability.

How long is the school readiness test?

The school readiness test is expected to include two assessments: a writing assessment* and a combined numeracy/literacy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes.

** Year 3 students will only be expected to complete the combined numeracy/literacy assessment.*

When will my school participate in the readiness test?

One week within the test period in August and September will be identified for each school to conduct readiness testing.

How will students be prevented from using the internet or spellcheckers when completing the test?

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform will have state-of-the-art security protections. The assessment is delivered inside a locked-down browser. This ensures students cannot access the internet or spellcheckers while completing the test.

Will schools and parents be provided with information on the results of the readiness test?

There will be feedback to schools about the technical information gained from the readiness testing. There will be no reporting of student test results from the readiness test.

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 Monday Breakfast at School for Parents



An invitation to all parents and carers to join us for
breakfast and a chat.



Where: Library
Time: 8:30-9:15am
When: Mondays:
K&1 — 4th September
2&3 — 7 August
4,5,6 — 14 August

Come along and

- Meet other parents in your child's cohort
- Meet the Principal and other staff members
- Enjoy a relaxed and informal atmosphere
- Breakfast provided: Tea & Coffee, fresh Pastries

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For catering purposes, please RSVP using
the following link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/bBHoazRpHFPi5Xp4>

A special support class for Years 5 & 6 students in a mainstream environment

St Lucy's Satellite Class now enrolling for 2018



You are invited to visit St Lucy's satellite class at St John's Catholic School, Narraweena to learn about our high school transition program, which encourages Years 5 and 6 students to 'aim high'. The open day is for parents, principals, classroom teachers, learning support staff and other professionals.

The Aim High program is a two year preparation program for high school.

The program is specially designed for students with intellectual disabilities, currently in mainstream schools who will benefit from additional preparation in literacy and numeracy as a solid foundation for their high school studies.

The program has a great impact on their self-esteem and they develop a confident sense of themselves and their gifts and form close friendships.

While enrolled with St Lucy's and following the St Lucy's program, the Aim High students are part of St John's, wearing the same uniform and attending the same events. The class has only 10 students, with two staff members, and their program is designed specifically for their needs.

Date: Tuesday 29 August • Time: 9.30am-11.00am

Address: 166 Alfred St, Narraweena NSW 2099

RSVP: Terry Williamson on 9487 1277 OR terryw@stlucys.nsw.edu.au



Hi everyone

I am pleased to let you all know we have a new date for my bike ride.

It will now be taking place on Sunday 27th August.

If you have already sponsored me thanks very much, I really appreciate it. If you haven't and would like to there is still time before I do the ride. Just to remind you all I am doing this ride to raise money to help kids with cancer. 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, 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 to 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](#)



Beacon Hill Cricket

(incorporating Allambie)



Register NOW Online

beaconhillcricket.com



You are invited to play Australia's favourite sport with Beacon Hill Cricket Club.

There are new formats this season - shorter games but with less players per team resulting in faster games but more cricket (batting, bowling and fielding) for all players.

Ages 4 and up. Friday and Saturday. Girls and boys, plus Senior Cricket.

To find out more about your local club go to <http://beaconhillcricket.com/> or email Peter Horton on peter.horton.au@gmail.com or phone 0407 012 538.



SIXERS GIRLS CRICKET LEAGUE

JOIN THE FUN!



Beacon Hill Cricket Club is seeking expressions of interest from Year 4 to Year 6 girls at St John's Narraweena (and their friends) to play in an all-girls competition on Saturday afternoons.

Ages 10 and up are suitable and no playing experience is necessary. There are also options for girls aged 4-9, please get in touch.

To register interest please email Peter Horton on peter.horton.au@gmail.com (or phone 0407 012 538) and we will organise a come-and-try-day before the season starts.

To find out more about your local club go to <http://beaconhillcricket.com/>