



# ST JOHN'S NEWS

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## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for the final Term of the year.

My wife has taken to cooking delicious broths of late and I find myself very willing to try her recipes and provide her feedback – all positive so far! She is taking care to include natural ingredients in the slow cooker overnight. It would be really simple for her to go to the supermarket and buy the commercial broths so readily available but there is a sense of joy and satisfaction in taking the slow and deliberate route; not to mention the delicious flavours that emerge along with the homely smells that fill our kitchen during the night while the broth is brewing.

Sometimes the sense of urgency about events and happenings screaming at us from the diary can cause us to choose the quick way of getting things done. Do it, tick it off and move on to the next thing. Choosing to be a little more deliberate about things that matter or that can create a sense of joy in the lives of those we love are worth doing. With Term 4 facing us, there are many things to achieve and goals to reach such as report writing, preparing for our graduating Year 6's, running our Mission Day and Talent Quest, organising our budget, planning for 2018 with all that entails, our P&F and School Advisory Council meetings and our end of year Christmas celebration to name a few things on the agenda.

I am making a choice this week to begin the term with a slow cooker attitude rather than the 'buy and microwave' way off the shelf. We will get to the end of the term somehow and I would like to take some time along the way to identify the things that matter most and to concentrate on those; look at what is essential and non-essential and try to cultivate a calm, sense of purpose. Being able to concentrate and appreciate the joys and demands of the here and now is an important thing to do and an effort is needed to not allow the pressure of busy-ness to get in the way. As I enjoy my wife's broth, I will be continually reminded of these ideas.

Hopefully, by term's end we can say that a sense of calm has prevailed! The staff and I look forward to working with you and your children during the term.

I would also like to make a special request for your prayers for our much loved and dear friend and colleague, Anna Kauffmann. Anna is receiving care at home for her illness.

Sincerely,

Mark Bateman – Principal

### **Staffing Arrangements for Term 4**

At the end of Term Three we announced that Mrs Lewis would be replaced by (in part) by Miss Lim while on maternity leave this term. During the holidays, Miss Lim accepted a full time position at St Philip Neri Catholic School, Northbridge. As a result, Mrs Christina Tyack will be working with Mrs Douglas (5/6DF). Mrs Fountain will be working with Mrs Blyton (5/6L). Mrs Blyton will also continue her work with Mrs Jones in 1JB.

We also welcome back Mrs Rachael Ndeira who will be working with Miss Dunk in 3D.

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<i>Life Ed</i> <b>Hockey Clinics</b> K-3	<i>Life Ed</i> <b>Kinder &amp; Yr 5</b> <b>Class Mass</b> <i>Yr 6 Stella Maris</i> <i>transition</i>	<i>Life Ed</i> <b>Year 6 Class</b> <b>Mass</b>	<i>Life Ed</i> <b>Reconciliation</b> 10am 5DF	<i>Life Ed</i> <b>Hockey Clinics</b> 4-6 <b>School Disco</b>	
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<i>Life Ed</i> <b>Hockey Clinics</b> K-3 <b>Taste of Big</b> <b>School 9.15-</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>4SC &amp; 4B class</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>Yr 2 Class Mass</b>	<b>6L Reconciliation</b> 10am	<b>Hockey Clinics</b> 4-6 <b>Taste of Big</b> <b>School 9.15-</b> <b>10.30am</b>	

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Hockey Clinics K-3  
Transition to big school Session 1 @9.15am

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

Hockey Clinics 4-6  
Transition to big school Session 1 @9.15am

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

School photos (children to wear full SUMMER uniform)

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

Hockey Clinics K-3  
Transition to big school Session 2 @9.15am

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

P&F meeting 7pm

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Hockey Clinics 4-6  
Transition to big school Session 2 @9.15am



**Congratulations**  
**Sienna and Bonnie**  
**on representing Polding at the PSSA**  
**softball carnival**

### TERM 4 – MISSION

Mission is a word we hear in many contexts: NASA talking about a mission to Mars, Tom Cruise has taken on several “impossible” missions, every company and organisation seems to have a “mission statement” these days. The word has its roots in Latin - “*missio*”, meaning “*to send*”. Mission is a sending out or being sent out with authority to perform a special service.

2000 years ago, twelve disciples were sent on a mission, one which we continue today:

*“When Jesus had called the twelve together he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.” Lk 9*



Every class has begun this term with a focus on ‘Mission’ in our Religion units. The children will be learning about how, as disciples of Jesus, we need to help people in need: in our community, in our country and around the world, just as Jesus showed us.

This Sunday is **World Mission Day**. Each year, the Holy See sets aside this Sunday as a special commemoration for the Mission of the Church.

Next Thursday, members of our Mission Team will attend the **Diocesan Mission Mass** along with students from every Primary and High School in our Diocese. Bishop Peter will celebrate the Mass and representatives from *Catholic Mission* will talk to the children about work being carried out here in Australia and overseas.



Our **Mission Day** is coming up on Thursday in Week 5. All of the classes are working on their plans for this fun day. It is a practical way for us to bring our Core Values to life and to make a difference. Keep an eye out for information coming out soon.

Pope Francis is a great believer in the call to mission. He says,  
*‘All of us are invited to “go out” as missionary disciples, each generously offering their talents, creativity, wisdom and experience in order to bring the message of God’s tenderness and compassion to the entire human family.’*

**Talent Quest** is one of the ways we use *our* gifts, talents and creativity to raise money to help others in need. The TQ team are meeting this week, watch this space for details!

### A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS

When was the last time you did something just for you?

The Diocese has organised a wonderful retreat day for parents to be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October (Week 3).

While the day is based on our Catholic Faith - it is not based in heavy theology but rather around a day-to-day sense of spirituality.

Never been to a retreat before but would like to find out more?

Why not find a friend and invite them along?

You will find the Retreat Invitation on our [Weebly Faith Page](#).





**ST JOHN'S SCHOOL DISCO**  
**TOMORROW!**  
**REMEMBER TO BRING GOLD**  
**COINS FOR GLOW ITEMS**

**Water and cordial available during the disco.**

Children are to be dropped off and picked up from the School Hall.  
**Students and parents will only have access to the back of the school,  
via Waratah Parade.**

**Please note that younger preschool siblings  
are not allowed at the disco.**

**If you wish to purchase glow sticks please see a list of glow stick items attached.**

## Healthy Harold - Life Education



**Click on the image (left) to  
complete the permission form.  
We require a completed  
permission form for all students.**

### WRITING HIGHLIGHTS

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Thank you to the wonderful artists, writers and reviewers in Year 3 for sharing some of their writing samples in our school foyer. It's great to see how well they were able to give each other feedback and feedforward, just the same as the teachers do!

Keep an eye out on writing samples from other grades over the next few weeks.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

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It is coming up to that time of year again – School Photo time!

MSP Photography will be coming to St John's on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (Wk 4) and children must come to school nice and neat and wearing their full summer uniform.

Information on photo packages and family photo options will be sent home to all families tomorrow.

If your child is sick or absent from school, you are legally obliged to need to contact the school and provide a reason for your child’s absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may send a note or an email or Flexibuzz message to the school (with an explanation); telephone the school or visit the school. Absence notes are available on our [school website](#).

Taking children out of school for long absences is discouraged. If children are away from school for 10 days or longer, an **‘Application for Extended Leave’** (available on the [school website](#)) must be completed and signed off by the school principal. The principal will determine whether any absence is justified or unjustified and whether a pattern of absences needs to be followed up. Expectations on schools for the monitoring of school attendance have been increased. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us with this obligation.

**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**



<b>Strength &amp; Gentleness</b>	
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<b>KB</b>	Ollie B Livia D Gibson G	<b>2G</b>	Tobias G Darcy M	<b>4R</b>	Ella D Rose R	<b>Sport</b> Tyler J (1JB) Lukina L (2N) Chloe F (4R) Giselle B (4SC)
<b>KJ</b>	Taj H Joshua R	<b>2N</b>	Charli B Lucas C Mia H	<b>4SC</b>	Samuel C Braxton V	
<b>1G</b>	Elinna A Jack K	<b>3D</b>	Madison M Aurora P	<b>5/6DF</b>	Joshua B Maegan D Justine L Bianca M	<b>Library</b> John Paul F (1JB) Joshua S (3NG) Christian C (3NG)
<b>1JB</b>	Ruby K Crystal L	<b>3NG</b>	Nelson D Alexander M	<b>5/6L</b>	Luke C Jonathon F	
<b>2C</b>	Keeley F Marcus H Nicholas L	<b>4B</b>	Domenic B Emma B Andie M	<b>5/6O</b>	Sophia A Jackson L	<b>Music/Drama</b> Samuel C (4SC)
<b>Rock &amp; Water</b>		Bianca M (5/6DF)		<b>5/6B</b>		

QKR

Qkr has asked us to pass onto schools that fee payers using Android devices should ensure they download the latest update (released last night). This update should fix the Android app crashing for users.



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.

## This week in library

**Kindergarten** are looking at author/illustrators and where to find them in the library. This week we looked at Julia Donaldson and found some of her books on the self.

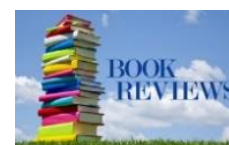


Later this term kindergarten will be working with some simple coding programs.



**Years 1 and 2** reviewed the sections of the library and used a Pokemon Hunt activity to find each section. This term we will also be looking at the author-illustrator Aron Blabey. Students will also use some simple coding programs during their library time.

**Years 3 and 4** are busy writing book reviews on their holiday reads. We are hoping to display their reviews in the library to encourage others to try the books.



Years 5 and 6 are continuing with the Rock and Water program they started last term.

## CANTEEN

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

W2, Term 4 Mon 16 Oct	W2, Term 4 Tues 17 Oct	W2, Term 4 Wed 18 Oct	W2, Term 4 Thurs 19 Oct	W2, Term 4 Fri 20 Oct	<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>
C Gategood P Sargent	<b>CLOSED</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	S Forrester R Jia	<b>CLOSED</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	K Blyth MA Bell L Scott	
W3, Term 4 Mon 23 Oct	W3, Term 4 Tues 24 Oct	W3, Term 4 Wed 25 Oct	W3, Term 4 Thurs 26 Oct	W3, Term 4 Fri 27 Oct	
S Goodwin J Beavon	<b>CLOSED</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	G Curran M Di Palma	<b>CLOSED</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	L Miners K Burke J Laird	



## *The P&F Gazette*

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

**Parents & Friends  
Annual General Meeting  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November  
7pm in the school library.  
All welcome!  
Refreshments provided**



If you have any items for the agenda, we warmly invite you to contact any of the Executive committee directly, or email to [stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com)

## **School Disco Tomorrow!**

**Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>**



**Session 1 K-2 5pm to 6.30pm**

**Session 2 Yrs 3-6 7pm to 8.30pm**

**Remember to enter via Waratah Pde**

**Bring spare change if you wish to purchase glow items!**

**Most of all .... HAVE FUN!**

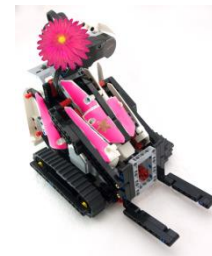
Best Wishes

Bel, Pip, Gen, Russell & Caroline



Come and join the fun at Robotics! Robokids will again be running an after-school Robotics Club at St John's on Tuesday afternoons from 3.15-4.30pm in Term 4. Anyone from Year 2 to Year 6 can come along to the sessions (\$247.50 for a 9 week term) and learn to code using Lego Mindstorms robotics motors, sensors and software.

- Create a robot dance – dress up your robot and dance to music.
- Plan and code synchronised moves – enter the robot talent show.
- Write a play for your robot – code the moves, sounds and images.
- Battle it out in the Sumo challenge – code the light sensor to stay in the arena.



Bookings are open: <https://www.trybooking.com/310967> Visit [www.robokids.com.au](http://www.robokids.com.au) or email [jo@robokids.com.au](mailto:jo@robokids.com.au) for more information.

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## SCHOOL BANKING

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# Enhance the School Banking experience with the CommBank Youth app

The CommBank Youth app provides a hands-on experience, teaching your child to earn, save and spend their money responsibly. With the CommBank Youth app, your child can:

- Check the balance of their Youthsaver account
- View School Banking deposits in their transaction history
- Track the number of Dollarmites tokens they collect
- Set up savings goals and track progress
- Create a list of chores/jobs they can do to earn pocket money.

### Get Started:

1. Download the CommBank Youth app on any iOS 9+ device.
2. Your child can securely log on to the CommBank Youth app using their NetBank client number (only one child can log on per device). If your child hasn't got a NetBank client number, you can set this up by visiting your nearest CommBank branch with your driver licence and child's birth certificate.







## FREE PARENT EVENT

# How to help YOUR CHILD MAKE A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION to High School

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/highschooltransition](http://www.kids-first.com.au/highschooltransition)

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

## Want your child to thrive at high school?

Moving on to high school means big changes for kids!

In this valuable presentation, experienced teacher, Sonja Walker, will share practical tips to help you support your child through the social, emotional & academic challenges that lie ahead.

Learn about:

- How life at high school has changed
- Supporting your child as their peer group changes
- Tools to help your child get organized for high school homework

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

**TUESDAY  
25 October 2016  
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