



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

This has been a very challenging week for us all at St John's. We have, however, been able to reflect individually, as a staff and with the children about Mrs Kauffmann. What has emerged from our reflections is deep sadness but great appreciation for the many qualities and gifts Mrs Kauffmann has shared with us - her generous spirit; positivity; deep love for the children, her family and many friends and especially her courage and wisdom. These are just of the few things that have emerged consistently from our community about the impact she has had upon us.

Today will be an extremely sad day but a celebration of a wonderful young life that has inspired us all.

We have been asked by some of you how you can help. Anna's husband, Jake requested no flowers at the funeral but asked for donations to the Chris O'Brien Lifeshouse via this fundraising

link: <http://www.mylifeshouse.org.au/support-lifeshouse/donate-now/>. Please click on the In Memoriam link under Support Lifeshouse – donate now, and include Anna Kauffmann's name.

The Chris O'Brien Lifeshouse is an incredible facility whose mission is to improve the quality of life of cancer patients, carers and their families by advancing the understanding, diagnosis, treatment, cure and prevention of this often-heartbreaking disease.

The Chris O'Brien Lifeshouse has been an amazing support to Mrs Kauffmann and her family during her illness and she was very passionate about fundraising for them. Just this year alone she had raised over \$50,000 for Sarcoma research and we hope to continue this in her honour.

During the week we received messages of sympathy received along with many special touches of kindness from our parents – our sincere thanks. Special thanks to our colleagues and friends from the Catholic Schools Office and our local Catholic primary schools who helped out while the St John's staff attended Mrs Kauffmann's funeral.

I ask that you continue your prayers for Mrs Kauffmann, her husband, Jake, and her family and friends and that we also pray for those near and dear to us who have died. We also ask for your prayers and thoughts for our friends at St Lucy's on the first anniversary of the tragic passing of the Manrique family.

Sincerely,

Mark Bateman – Principal

Week 3, Term 4 Mon 23 Oct	Week 3, Term 4 Tues 24 Oct	Week 3, Term 4 Wed 25 Oct	Week 3, Term 4 Thurs 26 Oct	Week 3, Term 4 Fri 27 Oct	Week 3, Term 4 Sat/Sun 28/29
Life Ed Hockey Clinics K-3 Taste of Big School 9.15- 10.30am	4SC & 4B class Mass	Yr 2 Class Mass	6L Reconciliation 10am	Hockey Clinics 4-6 Taste of Big School 9.15- 10.30am	
Week 3, Term 4 Mon 30 Oct	Week 3, Term 4 Tues 31 Oct	Week 3, Term 4 Wed 1 Nov	Week 3, Term 4 Thurs 2 Nov	Week 3, Term 4 Fri 3 Nov	Week 3, Term 4 Sat/Sun 4/5
		All Saints Day Whole School Mass 9.15am		School photos	

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 23rd October

Hockey Clinics K-3

Transition to big school Session 1 @9.15am

Friday 27th October

Hockey Clinics 4-6

Transition to big school Session 1 @9.15am

Friday 3rd November

School photos (children to wear full SUMMER uniform)

Monday 6th November

Hockey Clinics K-3

Transition to big school Session 2 @9.15am

Tuesday 7th November

P&F meeting 7pm

Friday 10th November

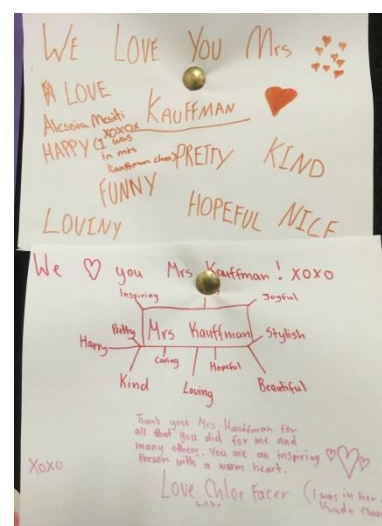
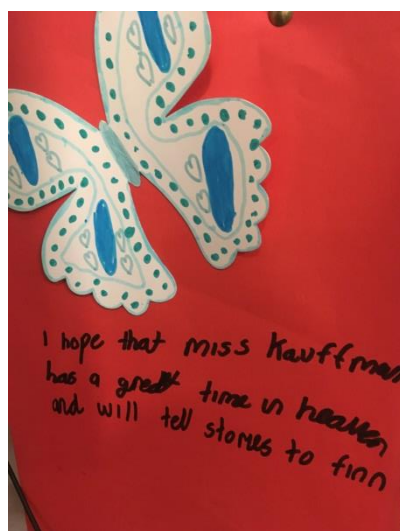
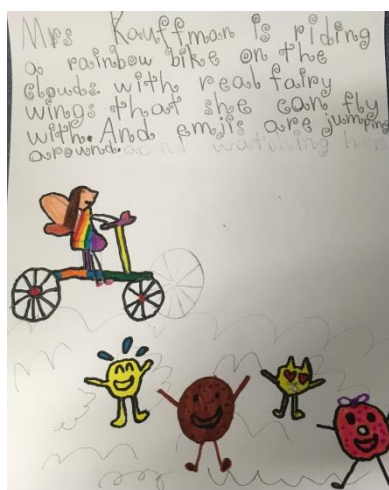
Hockey Clinics 4-6

Transition to big school Session 2 @9.15am

SPIRITUAL NEWS

REMEMBERING MRS KAUFFMANN

This week we have remembered Mrs Kauffmann in many ways. There have been lots of prayers and lots of discussion. There isn't enough room here to publish all of the children's responses but they have been thoughtful, loving and absolutely precious. Naturally, there has been a lot of reflection on Mrs Kauffman being with Finn. One suggestion that she could teach him in heaven was very quickly countered with, "Nuh, they'd both rather play soccer!" Too true! What a lovely image!



The Catholic Schools Office have asked us to pass on to our families a link to the Bishop's Pastoral Letter. You can read the letter here: <http://bit.ly/2xA1Hct>.

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL PHOTOS

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

MSP Photography will be coming to St John's on Friday 3rd 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 has been sent home and needs to be returned to the office as soon as possible.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL FOR A DAY

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.

A reminder – if you have kept your child home from school today due to Mrs Kauffman's funeral – please ensure you still send a Flexibuzz, email or note to school for our class rolls – a legal document.

TENNIS GALA DAY

A number of children were selected yesterday for an upcoming Tennis Gala Day and were given permission notes.

Please return the permission notes to the office as soon as possible.



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.

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						
KB	Lucy E Emery H Harley K	2G	Alekss B Benjamin F Rosie S	4R	Chloe F Frederick F	Sport Alyssa A (2C) Neeve S (2G) Charlotte B (4R) Liam Cotton (4B)
KJ	Florence K Michalis S Zali T	2N	Olivia B Abbie D Matthew K	4SC	John B Mikayla C	
1G	Sophia H Luella V	3D	Chloe C Cameron O	5/6DF	Andrew J Skye M	Library Tobias G (2G) Chloe C (3D)
1JB	Hannah J David M Piero V	3NG	Jayden B Oscar H	5/6L	Bonnie J Annamaria M Alessia Z	
2C	Lennox D Isabella S Natalia T	4B	Lucas D Holly D Edie P	5/6O	Oliver C Noa D	Music/Drama Ethan C (4SC)
Rock & Water				5/6B	Annamieke B	

CANTEEN

IMPORTANT NOTE: Canteen is CLOSED every TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

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	We require 2 volunteers each day to operate the canteen. If anyone would like to join our group of canteen volunteers, click here or email cendrine01@optusnet.com.au Canteen Coordinator: Cendrine Lambert (0435030903)
S Goodwin J Beavon	CLOSED CLOSED	G Curran M Di Palma	CLOSED CLOSED	L Miners K Burke J Laird	
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The P&F Gazette

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

Dear Anna,
you were a friend, a mentor,
a teacher and guide, a colleague, an inspirer, and a
beacon of light to everyone who had the
good fortune to know you.
Every life you touched now glows with your spirit
We love you and will
always remember you.



Parents & Friends Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 7th November

Everyone is warmly invited to join us in the School Library from 7pm (with refreshments provided).

Apart from general business and updates on what is happening in our school community, we will be running elections for the following two roles within our P&F Executive Committee:

- **Vice President**
- **BBCSP Coordintor (Broken Bay Catholic School Parents – formerly DPC)**

** Please note that under our constitution, any Executive Committee role filled for two consecutive years must be opened for new nominations and/or re- election prior to the third year*

We are on the lookout for a new **Class Parent Coordinator** and **Uniform Shop Coordinator** for next year.

If you would like to nominate for any the above roles, or 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

School Disco – Oh What a Night!



A huge thank you to the Kindergarten parents who ran such a scintillating evening, and all the fabulous volunteers who helped throughout the event. Most of all, we salute the amazing DJ and the enthusiasm of all the students – you rocked!


Best Wishes

Bel, Pip, Gen, Russell & Caroline

Year 6 End of Year Party - Barefoot Bowls, Dinner and Disco

Thursday 14th December 5-9pm

Dee Why Bowling Club, Details to follow shortly



Obstacle Course, Tumbling classes and Birthday Parties
We offer Ninja Kids classes for all kids aged 5—15
Increase Confidence, Improve Fitness, Improve Flexibility, Have Fun!

Ninja Kids classes run weekly for the school term on:

- Mondays 3.45pm—4.45pm
- Wednesdays 3.45pm—4.45 pm
- Thursdays 6pm—7pm
- Saturdays 10am—11am

Casual Classes \$20 Per Child.
Class Fees for regular 10 week term \$165

Contact: info@ninkakids.com.au
Or call 9939 9748 for more Information
on how to enrol.