



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,



Thinking back I can remember a number of significant teachers in my own life as a school student. I particularly remember Br Berg who was incredibly passionate about science. He had a wonderful ability to be able to capture everyone's interest in the subject through his delivery AND in the way he related to his students – interested, respectful and with humour. Everyone I speak to who knew Br Berg speaks with fondness and has a significant memory. I'm sure each of us has a stand out teacher in our own lives; someone that did provide wonderful role modelling. If

you reflect upon the influence of that person, I am sure it comes down to the way they treated and related to their students. As I look at our own school, I am incredibly grateful for a team of teachers who do show great care and interest in each of their students. It was so encouraging for them to therefore receive a delicious lunch on Tuesday to say 'thank you' for the great work they are doing with your children in helping to build the future.

In other news, the Parish has been working with the school for a few years now on plans for the construction of a shared car park and play space using some of the grassed area between the Church and school and on doing some minor upgrade work in the school hall. Our new Parish Administrator, Father Reinaldo, recently requested that any plans for the hall and car park be placed on hold while a review of the project, including costs was carried out. As a result, the Church, school and Diocese has agreed to re-think planning for the hall, play spaces and Church surrounds and to take into account the needs of the community as part of the process. The Diocese will be assisting with the development of new plans. Plans for a car park, therefore, remain on hold while this new work is done. No time line has been suggested at this point and current arrangements will remain in place indefinitely.

In a separate building project, we have been raising funds with the help of our parents to make improvements to the play equipment area. Planning for this work has been affected by potential drainage issues from planned work to the hall. I have been given clearance to now proceed with our playground plans and have re-started talks with our playground designers. They know how eager we are to begin work and I will keep you informed of progress.

It has been a very challenging beginning to Term Four overall. Your patience and support with these issues is appreciated as we negotiate our way through them.

Sincerely

Mark Bateman – Principal

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:

We are looking to on the St John's of Advisory Council for 2018 as we have some current volunteer parents stepping down at the end of the year. The Council supports the principal in implementing the Vision and Mission of the school. The Advisory Council does not have decision making powers but is a consultative group providing advice on policy, issues and planning in relation to our school community concerning the development of positive links with our Parish. Anyone interested in contributing to the council is invited to contact Mr Bateman via the school email address or by phone for more information or to express an interest in joining the group.

Congratulations to Mrs Lewis:

Mrs Lewis and her husband, Murray, are thrilled to announce the arrival of a beautiful daughter – Siana-Rose. Everyone is doing well and we can't wait to meet Siana. Congratulations to the Lewis's!

Canteen and Clothing Pool:

Our Canteen Coordinator, Cendrine Lambert, will be finishing up at the end of the year. Apart from her hard work, Cendrine has brought enthusiasm, great organisation and creativity to her role. We will miss her vibrancy in canteen and are very grateful to her for her contribution.

An advertisement will be placed in the local press for a new Canteen Coordinator.

Our Second Hand Uniform angel, Eva Spaliviero, will also be finishing up this year after doing a fabulous job keeping the kids of St John's supplied with hats, bags, library satchels and pre-loved uniforms. Eva has always brought a very special and personal touch to her role as a volunteer coordinator. Our sincere thanks and best wishes to Eva.

Expressions of interest in this role are being sought by our P&F. A shared role will be considered. For further information, please contact the school office.

Class Placements for 2018

The teachers will begin the process of placing children in classes for 2018 in coming weeks. This involves a careful look at academics, social, learning needs, dynamics and the current year's experience. If parents and carers have any issues they feel need to be considered by our staff, I ask that they be put in writing and addressed for Mr Bateman's attention. **All communication in class placement matters has a 12 month use by date.** Children and circumstances change and grow over time and what applied 12 months ago to a particular child may no longer be the case.

Also please note that requests concerning teachers are NOT considered as part of this process. Final decision on class placement rests with the Principal.

DIARY

Week 4, Term 4 Mon 30 Oct	Week 4, Term 4 Tues 31 Oct	Week 4, Term 4 Wed 1 Nov	Week 4, Term 4 Thurs 2 Nov	Week 4, Term 4 Fri 3 Nov	Week 4, Term 4 Sat/Sun 4/5
		All Saints Day Whole School Mass 9.15am		School photos	
Week 5, Term 4 Mon 6 Nov	Week 5, Term 4 Tues 7 Nov	Week 5, Term 4 Wed 8 Nov	Week 5, Term 4 Thurs 9 Nov	Week 5, Term 4 Fri 10 Nov	Week 5, Term 4 Sat/Sun 11/12
Taste of Big School Session 2 9.15-10.45am K-3 Hockey Clinics Catch-up Yr 4 School photos	P&F Meeting and AGM 7pm		1G & 1JB Class Mass 60 Reconciliation 10am Mission Day	Taste of Big School Session 2 9.15-10.45am 4-6 Hockey Clinics	Yr 4 & K 2018 Parish Mass

Friday 3rd November

School photos (children to wear full SUMMER uniform)

Monday 6th November

Transition to big school Session 2 @9.15am

ADDITIONAL PHOTO DAY FOR YEAR 4 TODAY

Tuesday 7th November

P&F meeting 7pm

Friday 10th November

Transition to big school Session 2 @9.15am

13th November

Remembrance Day Liturgy

16th November

3NG & 3D Class Mass

4R Reconciliation

21st 22nd & 23rd November

Broken Bay Summer Sports Trials

1st December

Yr 5&6 Surf Awareness Day

6th December

Year 6 Graduation Liturgy

9th & 10th December

Whole School Mass

15th December

Last Day of School

SPIRITUAL NEWS

ALL SAINTS DAY – WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

Years 3-6 will be going to Mass with the Parish at 9:15 to celebrate this feast day. You are warmly invited to join us.

Saints are sometimes regarded as 'Catholic superheroes'. Stories of miraculous and remarkable deeds abound (less speeding bullets and tall buildings, more conversions and cures). But to get caught up on the Saints of the stained glass windows is to overlook the vast majority of saints. You see, a saint is anybody whose soul is in heaven. The Church celebrates a certain number of Saints whose lives provide a glimpse of God for the rest of the Church. But there are many, many more saints whose glimpse of God was only ever experienced by their family, friends and those with whom they worked. The feast of All Saints is an opportunity to remember and reflect on the lives of *our* saints – those who've been known and loved by just a few.

If you are celebrating Halloween in your house next week, it's important to know that the 31st October is the day *before* All Saints Day. Halloween translates as the evening ('een) before All Hallows (All Holies/Saints). There would be no Halloween if there wasn't an All Saints Day.

MISSION DAY

Thursday Week 5 we are holding our annual Mission Day. A flyer with details of the day will be sent home shortly. The purpose of Mission Day is to put our learning into action. We are focussing on issues that require us to create awareness and projects that we can support financially. We are raising funds for issues that are meaningful to us and, importantly, realising that we have a voice, and we can make a difference!

The children have all been asked to try and "earn" the money that they bring for Mission Day – rather than just asking for money. We would like to encourage them to having a sense of achievement around "raising" the money and then being able to use it to help others. So if there are any odd jobs around the house that are worth a dollar or two ... we would appreciate your support.

TALENT QUEST

Each year we take the opportunity to share our gifts and talents in the Talent Quest. It is another opportunity for us to reach out and make a difference, to carry out our mission as disciples of Jesus. There is a "Frequently Asked Questions" section at the bottom of the newsletter.



SAVE THE DATE – CHRISTMAS CONCERT



On Friday, 1st December we will be holding our **Christmas Concert**. Every class has begun rehearsals and there will definitely be angels singing on the night! The concert is held on the back playground, outside the hall and families are welcome to bring a rug, some nibbles and join in this special celebration of the birth of Jesus.

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL PHOTOS

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. Due to the clash of dates with St Augustine's Open Day for some of our Year 4 boys, MSP have kindly donated their time to come back to St John's on Monday 6th November. They will take class photos for Year 4 on this day, as well as any individual or family portraits for those affected by this clash. Therefore, all Year 4 need to look nice and neat on BOTH days, as well as any siblings having family portraits taken on Monday. Thank you MSP for helping us out with this!

Information on photo packages and family photo options has been sent home and needs to be returned to the office as soon as possible.

SUPER SPORT STAR

Congratulations to Lukina (Yr 2) for her latest results competing in the NSW National Gymnastics Championship competition last weekend at Rooty Hill.

Lukina aced the comp – coming in 2nd place in vault, floor and bar and 1st place in beam. With those outstanding results it is no surprise she took out overall winner in her division.

Lukina works really hard and has shown great dedication – training three times a week for more than 3 hours each session – and it has paid off. We think we'll see her at the 2024 Olympics. Watch this space.

Congratulations Lukina!



Today Paramedic Officer Croft and Police Senior Sergeant Gorman came and spoke to Year 4 about their jobs and how they serve our community. First we had some questions and they answered them all, some were hard and some were easy. We learnt about how they enjoy serving the community and helping others feel safe. Then we spoke about good and bad drugs and how they affect us and our bodies. After all of that, Dominic and Gabby gave them special gifts and they gave us ours. But unfortunately they had to leave. We have learnt so much and we hope that we will see them again!!



AWARDS

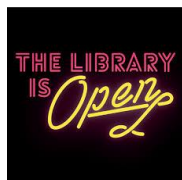


Please note: Awards will be given out as follows:

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

NB: There will be no awards given out next week (3 Nov) due to School Photos

Strength & Gentleness		Skye B (1JB)				
KB	Ethan B Senuk R Arwen T	2G	Christopher A Aurelia B Piper C	4R	Anthony M Olivia O	Sport David M (1JB) Katia K (1JB)
KJ	Ava C Harvey L Aiden P	2N	Joshua B Lewis F Dominic Y	4SC	Olivia B Oliver L	
1G	Matilda B James C	3D	Hugh C Kai K	5/6DF	Andre B Maegan D	Library Harry D (KB) Alison L (4R)
1JB	Valentina B Leon D Elison T	3NG	Zac A Alexandra J Will N	5/6L	Miranda B Lucinda B Phoebe B Mia R Connor W	
2C	Jake D Asha F Antonio Z	4B	Michael A Monica G Antonio K	5/6O	Jerome C Hannah H Katrina S	Music/Drama Anika K (2C)
Rock & Water		Dylan O (5/6L)		5/6B	Athena H	

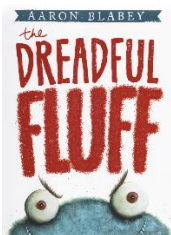
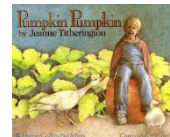


Please come in and join your child in the library on **Tuesday and Thursday before school** and on **Thursday after school**. Read a book together, help them to select a book to borrow, play chess or have a look at some of the book trailers created by our Year 5 and 6 students.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

This week in library

Kindergarten This week in library have read “Pumpkin Pumpkin” by Jeanne Titherington. The students looked at the life cycle of a pumpkin and completed various activities involving retelling events from the story.



Years 1 and 2 have read Aaron Blabey’s book “The Dreadful Fluff”. We compared features from this book to the previous books we have read by this author.

The week students were also introduced to **coding** through ‘**Scratch Junior**’. Everyone was given a brief introduction to the features of the program then some time to experiment with the program in pairs.

Years 3 and 4 have been finishing the writing of their 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.

This week’s theme was looking a personal space and body language cues which can let us know if we are invading someone’s space.

CANTEEN

IMPORTANT NOTE: Canteen is CLOSED every TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

W4, Term 4 Mon 30 Oct	W4, Term 4 Tues 31 Oct	W4, Term 4 Wed 1 Nov	W4, Term 4 Thurs 2 Nov	W4, Term 4 Fri 3 Nov	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)
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K Clemesha S Formosa	CLOSED CLOSED	M Myers C Glover	CLOSED CLOSED	G Alessi L Oppedisano R Read	

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Children planning to enter the competition are required to have an understanding of how each piece moves and the objectives of the game. Please complete the entry form (attached to newsletter). Payment of **\$5.00** per student entering is to be made via **Qkr** – this covers award costs. A trophy will be awarded to a winner in each year with 2nd & 3rd places to receive medals. Each entrant will receive a certificate of participation.

Any parents are welcome to assist with the chess competition - for the whole day or half day (parent volunteers do not need to know how to play chess). If there are not enough helpers the competition may not be able to go ahead.

For further information please contact Rachael Crookwell on 0408 627 270

Entry form is attached to this newsletter or can be obtained from the office.

Please return the completed entry form to the school office by Thursday 9th November. Entry forms will not be registered until Qkr payment made.

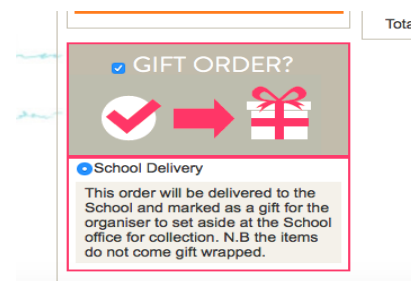
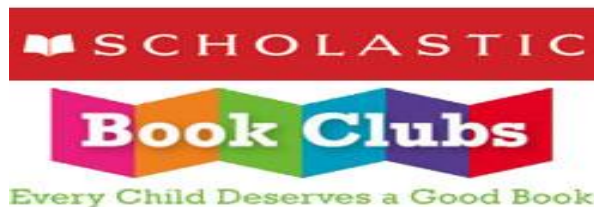


SAVE THE DATE

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

Thursday 14th December 5-9pm

Dee Why Bowling Club, Details to follow shortly



Book club orders for Issue 7 are due no later than

Monday 30th October

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” when ordering.

To avoid any problems with a gift order please email the office about your order.

Freddie and Sarah F will be walking on Sunday 26th November in the Walk4BrainCancer Manly fundraiser.

We are doing it to honour Finn. If any other Year 4 kids would like to join us with a parent/carer, or any teachers or other students interested, you are more than welcome. The registration needs to be done individually and then we can all meet up on the day.

<https://www.walk4braincancer.com.au/events/71/w4bc-manly-2017>

P&F NEWS



The P&F Gazette

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

Parents & Friends Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 7th November

Everyone is warmly invited to join us in the School Library from 7pm (with refreshments provided) – and just for fun we'll have some **LUCKY DOOR PRIZES !** 😊

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 also seeking volunteers for these two very important roles in our community

- **2018 Class Parent Coordinator**
- **2018 Uniform Shop Coordinator**

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

Best wishes

Bel, Pip, Gen, Russell & Caroline

ST JOHN'S ANNUAL CHESS COMPETITION - ENTRY FORM



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ST JOHN'S ANNUAL CHESS COMPETITION

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

I have made payment via Qkr: _____ Circle Yes/No

I am able / unable to assist at the Chess competition _____ (name).

Parent Helpers contact details _____

Why do we have a Talent Quest?

The Talent Quest serves two main purposes. It allows us to be disciples who reach out to help others because we raise funds for Catholic Mission and it is fun to share our gifts and talents to entertain our friends.

What “talents” are we looking for?

Singing, dancing, a musical instrument, magic shows, a little play...you name it – we’ll love it! It can be a solo act or with a group.

When do entries close?

Entries close on **Tuesday 31st October – Week 4**

What days and times are the heats on?

Dates for the heats will be decided once we have all the entries in.

The children’s heats will be posted in the library window. Buddies work with the younger children to find their heats.

All heats begin at 1:15 and finish at approx 2:00.

If your child is unable to perform for a legitimate reason (eg: doctor’s appointment/illness) we will look at rescheduling – please notify your class teacher via tiqbiz.

Are parents invited to the talent quest?

Parents are invited to watch the finals of the Talent Quest.

If you wish to come and watch your children in their heats you are able to do so. However, it is not an expectation and there will be no changes made to heat schedules to accommodate parents. The Talent Quest is first and foremost for the students.

Choosing appropriate costumes and music.

Please remember the children are performing at a Catholic Primary School with 5 year olds in the audience. Outfits that might be acceptable at dance class are not necessarily appropriate for the talent quest. Simple is always best and no-one is expected to buy anything for the Talent Quest. The group does not need to go and buy matching outfits.

Make sure that EVERYTHING is labelled (especially the uniform they take off).

Check the lyrics of any song your child is singing or dancing to – you can do this on the internet. The fact that a song has a radio edit indicates that the original does have inappropriate content.

Can my child wear make-up for the Talent Quest?

No make-up is to be worn during the heats or finals of the talent quest.

Can I come and take my child out of class to get ready before their performance?

Simple answer - no.

The lunch bell goes at 1:15 and the Talent Quest does not take precedence over learning.

What if my child joins a group or decides they do not want to be in the Talent Quest?

If they are joining a group that has already put in their entry form (or they are pulling out of a group) – there is no need to advise anyone – the group will still perform.

If they are a solo performer who no longer wants to perform, they need to advise Mrs Nelson-Smith (3NG) or Miss Gorman (1G).

When will I know if my child is in the Finals?

Details of the finals will be posted when the heats are finished. As this can be fluid, we can’t give you an exact date but it will be around the end of Week 8. Finalists are posted around the school as well as on the weebly. Again, we are promoting independence in the children - they are encouraged to check the lists (buddies will help).

When are the Finals?

K-2 Finals are on Wednesday 13th December at 11:15

3-6 Finals are on Thursday 14th December at 11:15

We cannot make changes to the run order of the Finals to accommodate parents.



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@ninkajids.com.au

*Or call 9939 9748 for more Information
on how to enrol.*



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The Cyber Safety Lady
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RAISING RESPONSIBLE DIGITAL CITIZENS:

A Practical and positive approach to safety on digital technology.

Leonie Smith gets results where others often fail. Parents, teachers & students say they leave her talks feeling empowered, determined to succeed with online safety. They actually make changes!

Leonie's presentations and workshops are not just scary stories, she gives real practical advice on how to protect you & your family from cyber bullying, scams, and frightening adult content.

Leonie's heartfelt, sometimes humorous stories, help to illustrate why it is so important for everyone to understand how the digital world works, and how to use it safely. She's done the hard yards.

She Covers:

The latest popular apps - Social media & kids - Safer messaging - Cyber bullying - Adult content filters - Screen time solutions - Privacy settings - Smart phone issues - Scams & traps online - Online Strangers - Smart online behaviour - Gaming - Your child's digital world.

BIO:

An online multi media pioneer Leonie Smith, "The Cyber Safety Lady" has been passionate about digital technology & building internet communities since 1995. Helping everyone stay safer online is her passion.

Leonie has spoken to thousands of parents, students, teachers, business and community groups all over Australia. She works closely with the Australian Northern Beaches Area Police Command giving talks on Sydney's Northern Beaches. She is a highly sought after media spokesperson on Cyber Safety

Leonie is the Author of the very popular "Keeping Kids Safe Online" the parent step-by-step cyber safety manual, and "Keeping You Safe Online" the Teen "do it yourself" Cyber Safety manual.

The Cyber Safety Lady

Appearing at: **St John the Baptist, Freshwater**

Date: **8th November** Time: **7pm**

Address: **7 Johnson St, Freshwater**



"Keeping Kids Safe Online"

Parent/Teacher Manual

A Step By Step Manual For

Safety Online. Parental

controls, manage screen time,

cyber bullying & privacy. Adult

content filters.

"Keeping You Safe Online"

Teen Manual

Safety & privacy settings and

security tips, without all the

"Secret Parent Business"

'I recently attended your Cyber Safety seminar at Manly Village Public School. I just wanted to write to you to say thank you. I found the evening incredibly informative, practical and so valuable in terms of safeguarding and educating my children about staying safe in this fast moving and ever changing cyber world..'

Karen Wooldridge Parent

As Seen On

