



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Next week we have the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of St John's Parents and Friends. You have received information about the meeting in recent weeks. I will provide an update on a number of matters including our School Improvement Plan (SIP) and class arrangements for 2018 following recent discussions with staff and the School Advisory Council. The meeting will also provide an opportunity to celebrate the support we have received from parents in so many ways during the year. All parents are invited.

The children attended mass with the Parish yesterday morning to celebrate 'All Saints Day' which is a solemn day in the Church year. While many of the children enjoyed the fun of Halloween in their neighbourhoods on Tuesday evening, All Saints Day on Wednesday helped them to think about the qualities of saints and the call for each of us to be saints in our lives. At our Advisory Council meeting on Tuesday evening our prayer included a call to think about the actual people in our lives who have qualities that we admire - saint like qualities. We used the names of these people and the list of qualities to create our own litany of saints and in doing so were able to reflect on the presence of Christ within others. In particular we noted the saint like qualities of Finn Marker and Anna Kauffmann.

In other news, the children are preparing for our Mission Day which will be held Thursday, November 9th. Mission Day features a student run activity session between recess and lunchtime. Each class has created a range of activities for children to enjoy in return for a small donation towards a number of charitable organisations like Caritas and Bear Cottage. Mission Day is a very practical and enjoyable way to encourage the children to think of others. Parent support of the day is very much appreciated.

Best wishes for the week ahead

Mark Bateman – Principal

Christmas Carols:

You will see below that St Johns will be holding a Christmas Carols Evening Friday December 1st in the school grounds from 6pm. This is planned to be an outdoor event. We see that the local Public School is planning their event the same evening, so we encourage families to walk to school that night to avoid parking issues. Parking will not be permitted on the school site.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:

We are looking at 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.

Canteen Survey:

Our Canteen Committee and our Canteen Coordinator work form a subgroup of our P&F. They support the implementation of the St John's Canteen Policy. The group is continually looking at ways to develop our canteen as an effective service for the community. It is looking for parent feedback in order to inform future planning. You are invited to complete the survey at the following link to provide this important information. Please see P&F section below.

Diocesan Information:

We have had some enquiries concerning the Church's position in relation to the recent debate on marriage equality. We recently published a link to the pastoral letter sent to communities by Bishop Peter Comensoli, Bishop of Broken Bay. Following is link to the Bishop's office of Broken Bay Diocesan website <https://www.dbb.org.au/> All relevant information on the stance of the diocese to this issue can be read from here.

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.

DIARY

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 9.15 Mission Day	Taste of Big School Session 2 9.15-10.45am 4-6 Hockey Clinics	Yr 4 & K 2018 Parish Mass
Week 6, Term 4 Mon 13 Nov	Week 5, Term 4 Tues 14 Nov	Week 5, Term 4 Wed 15 Nov	Week 5, Term 4 Thurs 16 Nov	Week 5, Term 4 Fri 17 Nov	Week 5, Term 4 Sat/Sun 18/19
Remembrance Day Liturgy 8:45			3NG & 3D Class Mass 9:15	Chess Comp	

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 6th November

Transition to Big School Session 2 @ 9.15am
ADDITIONAL PHOTO DAY FOR YEAR 4

Tuesday 7th November

P&F meeting 7pm

Friday 10th November

Transition to Big School Session 2 @9.15am

13th November

Remembrance Day Liturgy 8:45

21st 22nd & 23rd 28th 29th 30th November

Broken Bay Summer Sports Trials

1st December

Broken Bay Summer Sports Trials
Yr 5&6 Surf Awareness Day
Christmas Concert

6th December

Year 6 Graduation Liturgy

9th December

Whole School Mass 5pm

15th December

End of Year Liturgy 11.15am
Last Day of School

SPIRITUAL NEWS

A GENUINE SAINT PUTS A DIFFERENT TWIST ON HALLOWEEN



While other kids were out trick or treating, Antonio K in 4B decided to go with his friends and take part in the fun but instead of asking for a treat, he asked for tins of food for the homeless.

People responded and Antonio was able to donate 13 tins of food to those in need. It is wonderful to see such thoughtfulness and compassion in our children. Well done, Antonio!

MISSION DAY

Plans are well under way and excitement is building for next Thursday 9th November when we are holding our annual Mission Day. A flyer with details of the day is attached.

TALENT QUEST

Thank you to everyone who has entered this year's Talent Quest. We are drawing up the heats and details will be posted next week.



SCHOOL PARISH MASS – BLESSING OF KINDER 2018

On **Saturday 11th November at 5pm**, we will be welcoming our 2018 Kindergarten children and their families at a special School Parish Mass. The Year 4 children (who will be their buddies next year) will be carrying out ministries at this Mass. We invite all families to join us to make this a warm St John's welcome.

Year 4 students have been sent a Flexibuzz today with a link. It is also available on the Year 4 Weebly page.

If you do not have a child in Year 4 or in Kindergarten 2018 but would like to join us for the sausage sizzle after Mass, please just click on this link and let us know how many sausage sandwiches your family requires: <https://goo.gl/forms/GAR5KlgSuvciiHKH2>



SAVE THE DATE – CHRISTMAS CONCERT



On **Friday, 1st December at 6pm** 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. Details on "costumes" for each grade will be sent home shortly. (It is very much "tea towels and tinsel" – costuming will be very simple.)

Mr Frazer recently held auditions for the roles for the Christmas Concert and as always, was blown away by the talent at our school. Congratulations to the following Year 5 and 6 children who will play some of the important characters in the Christmas story:

Mary: Isabella S.	Joseph: Max B.	Herod: Mia R.	
Wise Guys: Joel I. (Caspar), Connor W. (Balthazar), Andrew J. (Melchior)			
Nusi: Archie P.	Pazit: Josh B.	Tam: Jade Cu.	Aya: Bonnie J.
Augustus: Oliver C.		Donkey: Caylan H.	
Narrator #1: Miranda B.	Narrator #2: Lucia B.	Narrator #3: Alessia Z.	Narrator #4: Claudia V.

SAVE THE DATE – FINAL PARISH SCHOOL MASS

Our Final Parish School Mass for this year will be held on **Saturday 9th December at 5pm**. This is always a special Mass with the whole school being invited to take part. It is an important part of our **Advent preparation** – a way to keep *Christ* in the lead up to *Christmas*.

AWARDS



NB: There will be no awards given out this week due to School Photos

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL PHOTOS

MSP Photography will be coming to St John's TOMORROW. Please ensure your child is at school on time and dressed in full summer uniform (no sports uniforms) looking nice and neat.

Additional Year 4 photos will be taken on Monday 6th November.

A REVISIT WITH OUR NATIVE AUSTRALIAN BEES



Last year, 5I investigated an environmental issue concerning bees which resulting in us reaching out to a local beekeeper, David. David came to the school and installed a beehive for native Australian bees, which are small, black and unlike the honeybee, do not have a stinger.

The bees have been happy in our eco-garden for over a year now.

On Tuesday, David visited again and the current Year 6 students who were in 5I came down and watched as he split the hive from one into two! It was so interesting to get a glimpse into the hive – packed full of bees, honeycomb, pollen pots and pretty delicious honey!

If you are interested in seeing more, check out the video on the 5/6 home page of the Weebly - <http://stjohnsnarraweena.weebly.com/56.html>

Thanks again, David!

Liam, Domenic B, Michael, Aaron and Dom C in Year 4, have organised the Handball Competition for all years from K to 6. It will cost \$1 to enter for each person and all the money we collect will go to Bear Cottage in honour of Finn.



There will be prizes for the winners in each grade. Infant's grand final and primary grand final prizes are - \$5 voucher from the canteen and a certificate for the winner. K-2 solo, K-2 team, 3-6 solo and 3-6 team.

Meet the boys under the clock at morning tea and lunch time. Sign up now, the competition starts next week (Week 5).

GOOD LUCK

ST JOHN'S ANNUAL CHESS COMPETITION

The St John's Annual Chess Competition will be held this year on **UFRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER**. This will be an all-day competition held in the school Library.

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.



CANTEEN

IMPORTANT NOTE: Canteen is CLOSED every TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

W5, Term 4 Mon 6 Nov	W5, Term 4 Tues 7 Nov	W5, Term 4 Wed 8 Nov	W5, Term 4 Thurs 9 Nov	W5, Term 4 Fri 10 Nov	<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	CLOSED	M Myers	CLOSED	G Alessi	
S Formosa	CLOSED	C Glover	CLOSED	L Oppedisano	
				R Read	
W6, Term 4 Mon 13 Nov	W6, Term 4 Tues 14 Nov	W6, Term 4 Wed 15 Nov	W6, Term 4 Thurs 16 Nov	W6, Term 4 Fri 17 Nov	
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G Ferris	CLOSED	C Turner	CLOSED	S Letts	
		M Boulos		M Southan	



The P&F Gazette

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

Reminder - Parents & Friends AGM Tuesday 7th November

Everyone is warmly invited to join us in the School Library from 7pm, refreshments and lucky door prizes 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**
- **Broken Bay Catholic School Parents Representative for St John's**

** 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

...SAVE THE DATE!..

School Family Mass - 5pm Saturday December 9th

Join us as we give thanks for the year and celebrate our faith as a Community!

Canteen Survey

Cendrine is doing an amazing job running our school canteen, Crunchtime . The new and healthier menu has been a huge hit! And since we're always on the lookout for ways to even further improve the way we do things, we're inviting the whole community to have to have their say. Click on the link below, we'd love to hear your thoughts.

[Canteen survey](#)

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

WALK4BRAINCANCER MANLY FUNDRAISER

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>

For those unable to walk on Sunday 26th November, please consider a donation to sponsor Freddie. See below link.

Thank you.

<https://shar.es/1PxO9f>



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@ninjaKids.com.au
Or call 9939 9748 for more information on how to enrol.

Mission Day 2018

When?

Thursday 9th October (Week 5)

Why?

To put our Core Values of Compassion, Justice and Service into practice and reach out to others just like Jesus did. This year we are focusing on health as we follow in Jesus' healing footsteps.

We will reach out to raise money for two special projects:

Bear Cottage (in memory of Finn) and

Chris O'Brien Lifehouse (in memory of Mrs Kauffmann)



Who?

Every class at St John's

What happens?

We get to wear mufti! (Gold coin donation)

Each class sets up their activity and makes a roster for running it.

Then for one hour before lunch, we will be free to enjoy all the activities around the school. Each activity will cost 50c or \$1.



Seniors

Spinach Triangles – 50c

Photo Booth – \$1

Doughnut Challenge – 50c

Malteser Chopstick Challenge – 50c

Year 4

Obstacle course – 50c

Year 3

Mini Putt Putt – 50c

Year 2

Lucky Dip – 50c

Year 1

Disco – 50c

Kinder

Cake Stall – most cakes 50c, some \$1

What to do?

Wear sensible, sun-safe mufti (closed shoes and no singlet tops please) and wear the craziest, most colourful pair of socks. **Bring a gold coin for mufti.**

Think about the activities you would like to do and bring enough money. For example: If you would like to have a cake, get a photo, have a go at the doughnut challenge and go through the Obstacle Course then you need to bring \$2.50.

On Thursday morning, your teacher will collect the money and issue you with tokens to use at the activities. (*There is a maximum limit of \$5.*)

We are disciples of Jesus and our mission is making a difference and reaching out to others - just like Jesus showed us!

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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.



LEONIE SMITH

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!

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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

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