



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

There has been talk in our community concerning the arrangements of classes for 2018 following my report to the P&F Term Four AGM Meeting on Tuesday night. I would like to express my appreciation to parents who have communicated directly with me concerning their questions and queries on this issue following the meeting.

While schools are social places and people do talk about issues that arise we need to be aware that playground gossip, social media misinformation and emotional reaction can unfortunately cloud reasonable discussion. I appreciate the respectful way many of our parents go about dealing appropriately and calmly with issues when they arise and encourage this to ensure that correct channels of communication are used when responding to issues.

We have organised meetings next week for the parents of classes most directly affected by next year's arrangements – Tuesday evening for Year 2 parents with children going to Year 3 and Wednesday evening for Year 4 and 5 parents going to Year 5 and 6 - in order to provide an opportunity to explain the changes and have appropriate discussions. My thanks to all in these grades who have responded to our Google Form which helps us to get organised for the evenings.

Here is the link to the letter sent to these classes for your information showing 2018 class arrangements based on current enrolment <https://goo.gl/forms/QtqIRKYtogwxszu63>.

In relation to the above and as a point of clarification, I would like to emphasise that **it is not the role of our class parents** to answer questions concerning staffing or educational matters. Questions in relation to these matters should be directed to the school via our sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au email address or via appointment with me or the classroom teachers depending on the context of an issue. Our class parents do a fantastic job helping to support community building. They assist the P&F with their activities and help create a sense of social community within their class and grade – their role is to not to represent someone else's issue or complaint or to talk on school policy. It is, in fact, unfair to put them in such a position.

We are blessed with caring, compassionate and professional teachers who have the best interests of our school and your children at heart. As a community we are also very lucky to be able to put plans in place for next year at this stage. There are many schools who are unable to decide on class configurations or placements until the beginning of the new school year. The St John's leadership team is committed to working with our staff, children and parents to put in place arrangements we feel are most effective according to the staffing allocation which we receive from the Catholic Schools Office according to our enrolment numbers.

In other news, the children organised a fantastic Mission Day today with the help of their teachers. We had cake stalls, lucky dips, photo booths, obstacle courses and much more all designed to support Bear Cottage and Christopher O'Brien's Lifehouse. Well done to all the St John's kids, it is inspirational to see their sense of compassion and care coming through in such practical ways and to see these values being nurtured by our teachers and supported by our parents.

A reminder that the <http://www.walk4braincancer.com/> is taking place Sunday November 26th from Manly Beach to Curl Curl. We have a number of families and staff involved and anyone who wishes to join us is welcome.

Go peacefully!

Mark Bateman – Principal

CHRISTMAS CAROLS:

You will see below that St John's will be holding a Christmas Carols evening on 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.

VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU AFTERNOON TEA

We would like to thank all our volunteers this year with an afternoon tea in the Library on Friday 8th December from 2pm for light refreshments. If you can attend please email sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au before 3rd December. THANK YOU!

DIARY

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
<i>Remembrance Day Liturgy 8:45 Hockey Clinics Yr K-3</i>			3NG & 3D Class Mass 9:15	<i>Hockey Clinics Yr 4-6 Chess Comp</i>	
Week 7, Term 4 Mon 20 Nov	Week 7, Term 4 Tues 21 Nov	Week 7, Term 4 Wed 22 Nov	Week 7, Term 4 Thurs 23 Nov	Week 7, Term 4 Fri 24 Nov	Week 7, Term 4 Sat/Sun 25/26
WELLBEING WEEK	<i>Broken Bay Summer Sports Trials</i>	<i>Broken Bay Summer Sports Trials</i>	<i>Broken Bay Summer Sports Trials</i>	<i>Dress as your favourite Superhero</i>	

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

13th November

Remembrance Day Liturgy 8:45

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

13th & 14th December

Talent Quest Finals

15th December

End of Year Liturgy 11.15am
Last Day of School

SPIRITUAL NEWS

MISSION DAY

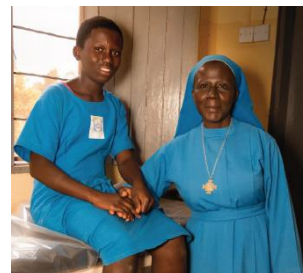
What an amazing day! Thank you to all of the classes for preparing such great activities and delicious treats for us to enjoy. A special thank you to Mrs Pardoen for helping 5/6B with their scrolls (they made a double batch this year and still sold out!) and the Kindy mums who came and sold a mountain of cakes.

The Mission Team will announce the amount raised at Monday's assembly.

TALENT QUEST

The Mission Team are very excited to announce that we have already raised nearly \$280 for Catholic Mission. Our focus for Catholic Mission this year is centred on health as we help raise funds to provide an ambulance and improved hospital services to poor communities in Uganda and help Sr Mary to provide better health care.

Remember, everyone pays a gold coin donation to watch the Talent Quest Finals in Week 10 – so we will be able to send even more money to Catholic Mission to help with this important work.



Talent Quest Heats have been displayed in the Library window and will run Monday to Thursday in Weeks 6, 7 & 8. A huge thank you to Miss Gorman and Miss Blake for all the work that has gone into organising this year's Talent Quest and to all the other teachers who are giving up their lunchtimes to help judge and supervise the heats.

SCHOOL PARISH MASS – BLESSING OF KINDER 2018

It's not too late to join us for this weekend's School Parish Mass. Everyone is welcome to be a part of this special event.

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 TODAY and let us know how many sausage sandwiches your family requires:

<https://goo.gl/forms/GAR5KlgSuvciiHKH2>

We are on the lookout for one more person to help us with cooking the sausages during Mass on Saturday night. Please give the office a call if you can help.

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.)

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*.



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AWARDS



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	Antonio K (4B) Georgie A (5/6L)
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KB	Taj K Luke M Oscar S	2G	Monique C Anton C	4R	Ella D Rose R	Sport Lewis F (2N) Sienna-Rose D (5/6DF)
KJ	Andre D Annabella L Fletcher M	2N	Jasmine C Bailey G Emma H	4SC	Gabriella B Ruby C Tarryn S	
1G	Melissa B Max F Blake W	3D	Philippa P Ava R	5/6DF	Eva C Thomas D Claudia V	Library Luella V (1G)
1JB	Skye B Tayla C Gordon M	3NG	Christian C Rose M	5/6L	Daisy D Sophie M Archie P	
2C	Fin H Sophia V	4B	Luca A Sarah D Olivia S	5/6O	Anna B Max B Alesha T	Music/Drama Ruby G (1JB) Xavier S (3D)
Rock & Water				5/6B	Mackenzie B	

SCHOOL NEWS

WHAT A SPORTING FAMILY!



Congratulations to Sienna-Rose (Yr 6) for making it into the very competitive representative Manly United SAP (Skills Acquisition Program) U12 girls' team. This team is a Northern Beaches Representative Team.

Soccer clearly runs in the family too, as her younger brother, Ethan (Yr 3) has also made it through to the representative SAP junior squad.

Congratulations Sienna-Rose and Ethan – we wish you all the best for the soccer season!

100 PAPER CRANES MEMORIAL FOR MRS KAUFMANN

Georgie Arteaga, Year 6, has shown an immense amount of thoughtfulness and strength by making 100 paper cranes in memory of Mrs Kauffman. Her paper cranes will be on display in the foyer for everyone to see. Georgie will be awarded a Strength and Gentleness Award on Monday for her efforts and dedication to the creation of this special reminder of Mrs Kauffman.

Tomorrow is the final session of our Kinder Transition program and next year's Kindergarten children (and parents!) have had a great time getting to know the school and each other. We thank our teachers, Ms Cahill, Miss Blake and Miss KJ for running the sessions and for the great behind the scenes organisation by our Family Liaison Officer, Mrs Jeanie McDonnell. Thank you to Mrs Eirene Vidler for all of her support as well.

The 2018 Kindergarten families will be attending Mass on Saturday with our current Year 4 students who will be their 'buddies' next year. This is a lovely way we welcome them to our St John's School and Parish community. As Miss Dunk has already said – ALL are welcome to attend Mass and our BBQ after Mass.

POLICE VISIT IN WEEK 6

Officers from Dee Why Police station will visit our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students next Tuesday to talk about cyber-safety. They will cover information on how we can keep safe online, how we can ensure we are being respectful online, and how we can be responsible online – just like our school rules!

We have links and resources for parents and children on keeping cybersafe on our Wellbeing page on the St John's Weebly - <http://stjohnsnarraweena.weebly.com/wellbeing.html>

SAVE THE DATE!



On Friday 24th November (Week 7) – we will have a 'Dress as your favourite Super Hero' day. Children and teachers (and parents can too!) are invited to dress as their favourite superhero, or create their own superhero costume and come in that!

This is a 'just for fun' day as part of our Wellbeing Week celebrations.

CANTEEN

IMPORTANT NOTE: Canteen is CLOSED every TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

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	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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The P&F Gazette

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

Parents & Friends AGM Wrap Up!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our AGM on Tuesday night this week. It was a fantastic evening, extremely informative, and a little sad as we were saying farewell and thanks to Eva, Cendrine and Gen.

We have been so blessed to have these amazing people supporting our School and Community over the years. Their contribution will never be forgotten. Thank you!

We also heard the fantastic news that, with your support, we've been able to reach our fundraising targets for the year. Our new playground upgrade isn't far away!

And we're **so excited** to welcome these wonderful people to our Parents & Friends Community!



2018 Class Parent Coordinator Jo Woolford

2018 Uniform Shop Coordinator Linda Scott

Bel, Caroline, Russell & Pip will all be staying on in their current roles for next year, and we continue to be grateful for the privilege of supporting our School and our Community. Along with Jo and Linda, we look forward to a productive and exciting times ahead! And remember the P&F is our whole community, so if you ever have any questions, suggestions or comments, please let us know! You can approach any of us 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!

Can you help us with a Canteen Power Hour?!



With the hot weather coming, the queues at our School Canteen are ever increasing at lunch time. And who doesn't love an icy treat on a hot day? - but our kids don't want to spend so much of their precious lunch break waiting in line. It would also be really cool if we could still have ice blocks available at lunch time on Tuesdays and Thursdays (when the canteen is otherwise closed). So ... could you be a Power Hour Volunteer? Further info and details of how to volunteer can be found via the Google Forms link below!

[Canteen Power Hour - Yes I can help!](#)

Best wishes

Bel, Pip, Gen, Russell & Caroline

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Cancer Council “Eat it to beat it” Program – Healthy Lunchboxes for optimum learning

During the recent incoming Kinder 2018 Play to Learn Sessions we invited the Cancer Council come and talk to the parents about healthy lunchboxes. Did you know that the Cancer Council recommends 5 portions of vegetables and 2 portions of fruit to be consumed by children and adults every day! If you are not putting vegetables and fruit into your child’s lunch box each day, it will be hard to achieve that number. So if you are giving your children any types of lollies or treats, please do not send them to school as a snack, try replacing those sweet and processed foods with fresh fruit and vegetables. It will be good for their health in the long term and good for their learning in the short term: if a child has had a sugar laden morning tea or lunch, they are often not capable of settling down after the break to learn again. Please visit the website to get some ideas on how to achieve your 5+2 quota every day. <https://www.cancercouncil.com.au/cancer-prevention/diet-exercise/eat-it-to-beat-it/healthy-lunch-box-ideas/>

MOSAICS WITH YEAR SIX



I am excited to be working with Year six next Wednesday and possibly Thursday to create a mosaic of God's garden for the wall on the side of the stairs. I will ask Mark Bateman and the teachers to mosaic the sun and we will mosaic the garden of flowers. We are sticking our creations to mesh so that they can be glued to the wall and then grouted.

If you are a tiler parent and could help us with this final phase, it would be much appreciated. Please contact me with advice as to what glue we should use.

Toni Byrne 94016365

COMMUNITY NEWS

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 (Yr 4) and Sarah F will be walking on Sunday 26th November in the Walk4BrainCancer Manly fundraiser to honour Finn. They have invited 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 everyone 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 - <https://shar.es/1PxO9f>

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for Children with Intellectual Disabilities

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7 GREAT PRIZES TO WIN!

DRAWN ON 05 DECEMBER 2017



**1ST PRIZE
APPLE MAC PACK**

13 inch high performance Macbook Pro (2013 Model)
AND A iPad mini Wi-Fi 64GB Space Gray (2013 Model)

Kindly donated by McAfee



**2ND PRIZE
COCKTAIL PARTY FOR 30 GUESTS**

Prize includes: Choice of 10 canape items ,
Glassware (champagne, wine & high balls)
- Staff (up to 4hrs from arrival time)

Kindly donated by Nicholas and Jennifer Williams of Pinnacle Catering



**3RD PRIZE
LEXUS ESCAPE TO HUNTER VALLEY**

Two nights' accommodation & breakfast for 2 people, at The Sebel
Kirkton Park in the Hunter Valley. Drive to your weekend away in
award-winning Lexus IS200T - the car is yours to enjoy all weekend

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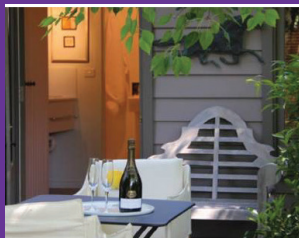
**PLUS \$150
spending money!**



**4TH PRIZE
WEEKEND AWAY IN MANLY**

2 nights accommodation in a
One Bedroom Harbour View Apartment at
Quest Manly **PLUS \$150 cash**

Kindly donated by Quest Manly and Grahame & Maria Sproats



**5TH PRIZE
WEEKEND AWAY IN BOWRAL**

2 nights accommodation for 2 guests in The Shed at
St Chads, Bowral located in grounds of 1920s residence

Kindly donated by Marcia Light



**6TH PRIZE
ANTITHEFT DASH
CAMERAS**

- Separate HD dual Cameras
- Front/Rear HD resolution

Kindly donated by Antitheft Car Alarms.



**7TH PRIZE
WELLBEING
PACK**

A gift pack of Blackmores
vitamins, probiotics and cream

Kindly donated by Stevie-Marie Marris