



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday and Wednesday evening we held meetings with our Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 parents concerning class arrangements for 2018. I was very pleased to be able to announce to the Year 3 parents (2018) that due to the collaborative work of the St John's Advisory Council with myself and the school leadership team and the support of our Parents and Friends group, the Catholic Schools Office agreed to fund an additional full time temporary teacher for the first Term of 2018 for Year 3. If our enrolment numbers in that grade are stable at the end of Term 1, we will keep the third Year 3 teacher for the remainder of 2018.

Our Year 6 class will remain a large class with some extra staffing based on enrolment from 2018. Our Wednesday night meeting was spent giving Year 5 and 6 parents (2018) an insight into how our senior classes will be organised and how the week will work. Our meeting was respectful, calm and constructive. We plan to work next with our children to give them some trial times in their new classes for next year.

I feel we have dealt with this issue inclusively and with consultation. It has been a learning experience for us all and we have a positive result for our children in the end. In the main, school life runs smoothly. Our children are happily learning with teachers that care for them and with parents who not only want the best for their children but who want to support the school. I think our experience this week shows that when issues occur, we are open to discussing them. It is important to seek clarification and to always try and work with us in order to get the best result. Individual campaigning when emotions are high can lead to false assumptions and an isolated approach that may not be in the interests of the common good. Our Catholic faith encourages us to work with each other for the good of all. I often turn to scripture for some guidance when things are challenging and have drawn inspiration from the following quote:

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (Ephesians 4:16)

The funeral for John Cardow, husband of our teacher/ librarian, Kylie Sheehan, is being held tomorrow morning. There will be a number of staff attending the funeral and casual teachers have been employed to replace them during the morning. I ask that you keep John, Kylie and their children Liam and Lily in your thoughts and prayers tomorrow.

Finally, I will be away from school next week. Ms Natalie Ingram will be Acting Principal in my absence and Miss Anne Duncan our School Consultant will be working part time at St John's during the week.

Sincerely

Mark Bateman – Principal

THANK YOU AFTERNOON TEA

We have enjoyed the generous assistance of many parent helpers throughout 2017. The school and P&F are holding a thank you afternoon tea December 8th in the school library from 2:00pm. If you have helped in any way during the year, you are invited to attend.

DIARY

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>Handball comp for dads, uncles, older brothers and grand-dads before school</i> 8.15-8.40	<i>Dress as your favourite Superhero</i>	
Week 7, Term 4 Mon 27 Nov	Week 7, Term 4 Tues 28 Nov	Week 7, Term 4 Wed 29 Nov	Week 7, Term 4 Thurs 30 Nov	Week 7, Term 4 Fri 1 Dec	Week 7, Term 4 Sat/Sun 2/3
	<i>Broken Bay Summer Sports Trials</i>	<i>Broken Bay Summer Sports Trials</i>	<i>Broken Bay Summer Sports Trials</i>	<i>Broken Bay Summer Sports Trials</i> Yr 5&6 Surf Awareness Day Christmas Concert 6pm	

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

<p>28th 29th 30th November Broken Bay Summer Sports Trials</p> <p>1st December Broken Bay Summer Sports Trials Yr 5&6 Surf Awareness Day Christmas Concert</p> <p>6th December Year 6 Graduation Liturgy</p>	<p>13th & 14th December Talent Quest Finals</p> <p>15th December End of Year Liturgy 11.15am Last Day of School</p> <p>9th December Whole School Mass 5pm</p>
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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	Darcy Mc (Yr 2), Bella G (Yr 6)					
KB	Harrison D Liam F Tobias P	2G	Lily M Neeve S	4R	Fredrick F Alessia L Piper M	Sport Gisbone G (KB) Charlie L (3D) Miranda B (5/6L) Krish R (5/B)
KJ	Sophia M Charlie P Mia S	2N	Brooke H Natalia M Jacob T	4SC	Alessio A Patrick V	
1G	Evan C Jamie E Scout M	3D	Ava H Sophie R	5/6DF	Sienna –Rose D Joel I Penelope M Andrew J	Library
1JB	Matthew C Aaron D “Coddie” John Paul F	3NG	Charlotte C Natalie G Joshua S	5/6L	Luke C Joshua G Adam V	
2C	Koby B Zachary C Madekine K	4B	Camila G Al;essia M	5/6O	Levi C Emma F Pratham V	Music/Drama Chloe C (3D) Lachlan M (1JB)
Rock & Water				5/6B	Shamro M	

MISSION DAY

The Mission Team were very proud to announce that we raised \$1901.15 at our annual Mission Day. This money will be shared between Bear Cottage (in memory of Finn) and Chris O'Brien Lifehouse (in memory of Mrs Kauffmann).

Mission Day is an important part of our Religious Education units in Term 4. It gives us a practical way that we can live out our discipleship goals and make a difference.

It was fabulous to hear the various ways that children earned money to spend on Mission day. I'm sure there are a lot of clean cars, well-vacuumed houses, and tidy rooms in Narraweena. There were even dogs that got walked and meals that got cooked.

As we finish our Mission units, classes have been reflecting in different ways on what mission means to them. Luke C in 5/6L has kindly waived copyright and allowed me to print his response:



YEAR 4 & KINDER 2014 MASS

Thank you so much to everyone who came to the Mass, to all of those who volunteered to help with hospitality (and especially to those who were tapped on the shoulder and said, "Yes!".

It was a lovely welcome for our 2018 Kindergarten children and their families.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES - 2018

We have received details of the dates for the **Parish Sacramental Program** for Reconciliation and Communion in 2018. Please see the letter from Mary Baldwin at the end of the newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE – CHRISTMAS CONCERT



On **Friday, 1st December at 6pm** we will be holding our **Christmas Concert**.

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*.

Life - Luke C

*What's the meaning of life?
Is it the roll of the dice?
Will you be lucky
Or end up in strife?*

*Is it an opportunity
To make the world a better place?
Is it to live and to breathe
Or to make and create?*

CHORUS

*People say there is an afterlife
But the way to pass the gates
Is the good deeds you do
Not the riches you make*

*So ...
Stop spending, start donating
Stop frowning, start smiling
Stop ignoring the homeless - make a change.*

*When will you stop thinking about yourself
And think about someone else?
When will you stop for a minute
And just say hello?
When will you stop
And help someone with their load?*

CHORUS

*So get out there, do good deeds
And make someone's day amazing!*

WELLBEING WEEK NEXT WEEK

We are all very much looking forward to celebrating Wellbeing Week next week at St John's. It is a time for us to decompress, to take a breath and to recharge after what has been a very tough term for us all.

We encourage our families to focus on this same message – to put the tech away, to spend some time in nature or as a family playing a board game or some cards. Do some meditation, sit in quiet reflection or even just think about things that make you grateful. We have recently been enjoying the messages of gratitude – www.gratefulness.org is a site you may wish to visit and bookmark!

As part of Wellbeing Week, we will have a 'just for fun' dress up day on Friday (24th November) where students and teachers can come dressed as their favourite superhero. Maybe you can create your own superhero? We're looking forward to it!

We also invite our dads, older brothers, grandfathers or special friends to come to school early on Thursday and participate in a friendly handball comp – we see a couple of dads who are pretty regular participants in our before school handball games already – who else can come along? The playground is open and supervised from 8.15am – games can be played until the bell at 8.40am. See you there?



SINGING STARS



Last Sunday, we performed with the Australian Girls' Choir at the Sydney Opera House.

It was a great success and nearly the whole room was filled up.

All the girls participating in the concert did a fantastic job and were greatly praised. The girls were very anxious but also excited and had a fantastic time, everyone that came were amazed by the outstanding performance that all the girls put on.

By Katrina (Yr 6) and Hannah (Yr 5)

RISING STAR IN THE SURF LIFESAVING SCENE

Elio (Yr 3) has shown great talent in the 1km soft sand running competition of late.

He competes on the team for Dee Why Surf Lifesaving Club and has recently come in first place not just once, but twice!

Congratulations to Elio for his tied first place at Queenscliff Surf Lifesaving Club and then first again at North Steyne this last weekend. What a legend!



ST JOHN'S CHESS COMPETITION

Good luck to all competitors taking part in our school competition tomorrow, Friday, December 17th.

Head Lice

We have had several cases of head lice recently. It would be appreciated if you could check your children's hair regularly and treat accordingly.

TIP – Nit Spritz: 500 ml water, 20 drops water soluble eucalyptus oil, 10 drops lavender oil....in a squirty bottle. Shake well.

CANTEEN

IMPORTANT NOTE: Canteen is CLOSED every TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

W6, Term 4 Mon 20 Nov	W6, Term 4 Tues 21 Nov	W6, Term 4 Wed 22 Nov	W6, Term 4 Thurs 23 Nov	W6, Term 4 Fri 24 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>
S Kevric	CLOSED	D Albanese	CLOSED	A Lalic	
F Doust	CLOSED	C Lambert	CLOSED	**Need Help**	
M Di Palma					
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J King	CLOSED	P Moore	CLOSED	J Spiteri	
G Ferris	CLOSED	R Crookwell	CLOSED	S Walker	
		F McCallum		L Lapa	

P&F NEWS



The P&F Gazette

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

Check out what's new at the Canteen!

- Blue Moon Moosies
- Candy Cane Sipah Straws
- Groovy Grape 100% Natural Squeezed fruit juice
- Rippin' Raspberry 100% Natural Squeezed fruit juice

These all come with the 5 star health rating, are approved by the Healthy Kids Association, and are D.E.L.I.C.I.O.U.S!! Order them over the counter or via Qkr! to try for yourself!

...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 & details of how to volunteer at the Google Forms link [Canteen Power Hour - Yes I can help!](#)

Or you can email your interest to stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com

Best wishes

Bel, Pip, Gen, Russell & Caroline

FAMILY LIAISON OFFICER

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 to 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/>



SCHOOL BANKING

Thank you for a great year of School Banking.

We would like to thank all of our students who have participated in the CommBank School Banking program this year.

If you would like to order a reward item please ensure that the reward coupon is completed and returned by **Tuesday 28th November** Any tokens that have not been redeemed this year can be used in 2018. Our final School Banking day for 2017 will be 5th December 2017.

YEAR 3 SOCIAL NIGHT

Please join us for our Christmas celebration at 'The Deck' in Dee Why beach front.

Friday 24th November @ 7.30pm

Please RSVP via email to Deb as soon as you can - deb_meighan@yahoo.com.au

Hope to see you there!

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

Thursday 14th December from 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>

holiday workshops
Summer

Activities Include: Gymnastics, Trampolining, Foam Pitts, Games, Cooking plus age specific activities such as Kayaking, Basketball, Laser Tag, Craft, Origami

TIMES		
Drop off from: 7:00am		
Pick up by: 6:00pm		
COST		
Non Members	Members	Half-Day
\$97	\$85	\$60

(MEALS INCLUDED)

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Dates: 11-22nd Dec '17
8-29th Jan '18

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"Summer Picture" by Isabella, age 6, Cromer Vacation Care

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Warringah Parish - Sacramental Program
2018

Dear Parents,

If your child received the sacrament of Confirmation this year (or previously), he/she will be able to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist next year.

Please keep the following dates free for next year if you want your child to receive the sacraments. If you can't attend the Commitment Evening and all four lessons then your child will have to wait until 2019.

If you have any questions, please ring me on 0421904114.

Mary Baldwin

Reconciliation

Commitment Evening: 15 February 2018 Term 1 – Week 3 (St John's church)

First lessons: 24/25 February

Second lesson: 3/4 March

Third Lesson: 10/11 March

Fourth lesson: 17/18 March

Reconciliation: week of 19-22 March (5pm at St Kevin's on Monday, 5pm at St John's on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Eucharist

Commitment Evening: 9 August 2018 Term 3 – Week 3 (St Kevin's church)

First lessons start: 11/12 August

Second lesson: 18/19 August

Third Lesson: 25/26 August

Fourth lesson: 1/2 September

Rehearsal: 5 September (St Kevin's), 6 September (St John's)

Eucharist: 8/9 September (St Kevin's)

15/16 September, 22/23 September, (St John's)

Details for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2018
are yet to be confirmed by the Bishop's Office.