



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Earlier in the year our SRC asked if we could run a dress up day on one day of well-being week each term. Dressing up could be for a cause or for fun but not run specifically for fundraising. Our special day is just one sleep away.

This term the idea of 'Superheroes' was raised. We all know superheroes in our lives - ordinary people doing extraordinary things for others. Immediately there are occupations that come to mind like doctors and nurses - especially those working at places like Bear Cottage or Chris O'Brien's Lifehouse; organisations with people working or volunteering in the emergency services; special members of our family who just hold things together for everyone or those who are fighting serious illness or supporting someone in this situation. We are surrounded by superheroes. Taking part in dress up day as a superhero is a fun way to give thanks for these people.

There is a special fundraising opportunity happening this weekend for anyone interested. There is a walk from Manly to Curl Curl to help raise funds for research into brain cancer. You can take part by registering at <https://www.walk4braincancer.com.au/> Our thanks to Freddie F. In 4R for being a superhero himself. Freddie has been rallying others to support this event as a special tribute to his friend Finn.

Have a great week.

Sincerely

Mark Bateman – Principal

My two cents

As Acting Principal this week, I really wanted the opportunity to add my own two cents into the newsletter.

Adding on from Mark, I'm really looking forward to Superhero day tomorrow and have enjoyed hearing the students and teachers planning their outfits, and more importantly, what each of those super-powers and superhero tools and gadgets represent.

I've been thinking about what's important to me and what I would like represented in a superhero and my 'super' powers; my love of reading and the immense power of words and of education; and my belief that each of us is created equal and all need to work together to make the world a more egalitarian one. So #girlpower to help make that a reality! So, I'm hoping to get creative tonight to somehow show this in my superhero outfit tomorrow. Lots of the classes have been using a writing theme of 'Superheroes' this week – have a chat about it with your child.

Class arrangements are beginning to be finalised for 2018 and I would like to express my gratitude to our staff for all of their ongoing hard work in this process. I would also like to acknowledge the overall strength and dedication of our teachers present on a daily basis. Thank you very much also to our parents for your ongoing support and trust in the class arrangement process, our staff, and our school. We really are here in partnership together for the beautiful St John's children. Class lists will go home with Semester 2 reports at the end of Week 9.

The handball 'competition' this morning was a lovely way to start the day as part of our Wellbeing Week celebrations. We had many happy mums, dads, grandparents, uncles and special friends enjoying some friendly competition with the kids. What a vibrant playground it was! I would love for this to become a bit of a tradition at least one day a term. You can check out some of the action on the home page of our Weebly – <http://stjohnsnarraweena.weebly.com> and see more of the pictures below.



Speaking of wellbeing – you may not be aware of all the ways we support the social and emotional learning (SEL), as well as varied interests, of our students, particularly during play time every week! The heats of the Talent Quest are providing lots of entertainment at this time of year during lunch, but we also have daily 'Lunch Clubs'. Mondays and Tuesdays we have computer/coding clubs for our K-2 and 3-6 students. Wednesday's lunch club focus is in the eco-garden, caring for the plants and animals who share that space. Thursdays have our traditional 'lunch club' with lots of choices for games and activities, as well as a sewing club! Friday lunchtimes also have a game focus, and particularly help children develop their SEL skills. Library is also open at lunch every day of the week and is enjoyed by many of our students.

THANKS

for **ALL** that you did today in your classroom...

For making a million little split second

DECISIONS for the benefit of your students.

For putting your own needs on hold and

keeping them the **FOCUS** of your day.

For **PLANNING** for them long before today
ever got rolling.

For **CHANGING** those plans because they didn't
fit someone who needed a little extra.

For smiling, **LAUGHING WITH THEM** and reassuring
their efforts, trials and mistakes.

For placing your hand on a shoulder that
was **EXACTLY** what someone needed.

For getting down on the physical level of
your students because **IT MATTERS**.

For thinking of a new way to reach
someone who wasn't getting it.

You matter.

Yes – **YOU MATTER**.

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And lastly, thank you to our wonderful School Advisory Council and the P&F executive team who created little care packages for our teachers this week with a lovely 'thanks' (see left), a Kit-Kat to remind us to take a break, and a coffee voucher. It has been a big term (and a big year!) and it's always nice to be acknowledged.

Sincerely,

Natalie Ingram

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. Please email or call the school to RSVP by Friday 1st December.

DIARY

Week 8, Term 4 Mon 27 Nov	Week 8, Term 4 Tues 28 Nov	Week 8, Term 4 Wed 29 Nov	Week 8, Term 4 Thurs 30 Nov	Week 8, Term 4 Fri 1 Dec	Week 8, 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	
Week 9, Term 4 Mon 4 Dec	Week 9, Term 4 Tues 5 Dec	Week 9, Term 4 Wed 6 Dec	Week 9, Term 4 Thurs 7 Dec	Week 9, Term 4 Fri 8 Dec	Week 9, Term 4 Sat/Sun 9/10
		<i>Year 6 Graduation Liturgy</i>		<i>Thank You Afternoon Tea</i>	Whole School Mass Sat 5pm

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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

13th & 14th December

Talent Quest Finals

15th December

End of Year Liturgy 11.15am
Last Day of School

9th December

Whole School Mass 5pm

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		Luke S (5/6DF)				
KB	Hunter H Owen N Ellie W	2G	William B Susannah C Gemma T	4R	Tahlia B Jasper K Alison L	Sport Larissa C (5/60)
KJ	Brandon D Riley H Lilah R	2N	Indiana G William M Indianna V	4SC	Elisa C Hudson L Taylah P	
1G	Evan C Arianna K Aiden M	3D	Jasmine L Henri L	5/6DF	Lucia B Hayley B Justine L	Library Asha F (2C) Connor W (5/6L)
1JB	Jake F Katia K Chloe N	3NG	Sienna G Elissa G	5/6L	Ilenia M Alexandra S	
2C	Lachlan B Matthew F Anika K	4B	Liam C Aaron R	5/6O	James C Mikayla H	Music/Drama Isaac B (5/6DF) Lilah R (KJ)
Rock & Water				5/6B	Olivia B	

WHOLE SCHOOL PARISH MASS – SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER, @ 5PM

On Saturday week we will have our final School Parish Mass and Sausage Sizzle for the year and it will be a [Whole School Mass](#) with everyone welcome to join in. This is a great way to keep *Christ* in the lead up to *Christmas*.

Please click on this link to let us know if your family can join us:

<https://goo.gl/forms/S9Ty6Fh02n9ExxAz1>

We would appreciate it if you could let us know by Friday 1st December so that we can allocate ministries to the children.



ADVENT

The church's liturgical season of Advent – our time of preparation before Christmas – officially begins on Sunday 3rd December. In class, we are already beginning to talk about Advent. We are noticing that even nature around us is beginning to put on a beautiful show of purple to remind us!



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



As part of our Term 4 Mission focus, each class will be preparing a Christmas Hamper for St Vincent de Paul to distribute to a family in need this Christmas. Details for this year's hampers will be coming home tomorrow and our Giving Tree will be up in the foyer as well.

Start thinking about the delicious things you would like to get for the hamper!

This is another great opportunity for us to live out our Core Values.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



On **Friday, 1st December at 6pm** we will be holding our **Christmas Concert**. The children have been working hard in their Creative Arts lessons to bring the Nativity story to life.

An email was sent to families today detailing "costumes". (Well, let's be honest – it took me *three* goes to get it right!) If you have any concerns about costumes, please contact your class teacher and we should be able to help. We want it to be simple – no one should have to go out and "buy" anything for the concert.

We are rehearsing assuming all children will be here. If your child is not attending, could you please send a quick note/email to your class teacher.

SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 6 DEBATERS

Congratulations to our very persuasive debating team who did well in the Northern Beaches Community of Catholic Schools Primary School Debating competition. The team won a few and lost a few and made improvements each time. They all are particularly talented in their rebuttals – so be careful what you say to them or they may turn your words around and use them against you!

The debating team will be presented with certificates at Monday's prayer assembly.

A note from the team:

Year 6 have been learning about debating this term.

Over the past few weeks the Year 6 debating team have been participating in a weekly debate. We received the topic each Thursday at 11am and worked from recess, through lunch till the end of the day preparing the debate.

We have been attending Stella Maris, Manly to debate. Our topics were very different each week. We give thanks to Mrs O'Connell for giving up her time to help us prepare. This year our team was made up of 10 people: 4 people in the core team and 6 people as reserves;

CORE TEAM: Sophia A, Miranda B, Monique R, and Isaac B

RESERVE TEAM: Alessia Z, Claudia V, Lucia B, Larissa C, Jesse M and Jackson L.

We also thank Mrs Fountain and all of Year 6 who helped research facts and statistics. At the end of the rounds St John's were successful in two debates. We have developed our skills each week, and learnt a lot about rebuttals.



HUMBLE ACHIEVERS SHOW GREAT TEAMWORK

Abby (Yr 2) is an all-round athletics star and enjoys participating (and excelling!) in a variety of sports.

Abby has been particularly successful in recent times in her Little Athletics team and as a representative for North Curl Curl Surf Lifesaving Club.

In Little A's, Abby has come third in the State competition representing Manly-Warringah in the 'jumps' relay – a particularly tricky event where 3 children work as a team in a long jump competition. The children line up across 3 long jump pits to run and jump. Their combined jumps are then added together to find the longest jump!

She's also been a great team player in relays as well. Abby, along with another one of our fabulous Year 2 athlete, Neve, had to join up with some of the Newport SLSC to work together. They raced in a beach sprint relay and came in third place. What great spirit!



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 squirt bottle. Shake well.

CANTEEN

IMPORTANT NOTE: Canteen is CLOSED every TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

W6, Term 4 Mon 27 Nov	W6, Term 4 Tues 28 Nov	W6, Term 4 Wed 29 Nov	W6, Term 4 Thurs 30 Nov	W6, Term 4 Fri 1/2 Dec	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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W7, Term 4 Mon 3 Dec	W7, Term 4 Tues 4 Dec	W7, Term 4 Wed 5 Dec	W7, Term 4 Thurs 6 Dec	W7, Term 4 Fri 7 Dec	
D Barwell Need Help	CLOSED CLOSED	B Gunasti R Jia M Boulos	CLOSED CLOSED	C Miller A McGoldrick H Baumann	

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' on Dee Why's 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 4 PARENT DRINKS/DINNER

We would love to see lots of Mums and Dads for an end of year catch up.

Please join us at 7pm on Thursday 7th December at JB and Sons, Pacific Parade, Dee Why Beach.

Please RSVP to jspiteri@bigpond.net.au by the 4th December.

From the Year 4 Class Parents

YEAR 6 END OF YEAR PARTY - BAREFOOT BOWLS, DINNER AND DISCO

Thursday 14th December from 5-9pm.

Dee Why Bowling Club, tickets \$36 and includes, barefoot bowls, dinner and disco.

Please pay **ASAP** on QKR as we need to confirm numbers and menu options.

Thank you Year 6 parents.

ROBOKIDS

What a fantastic term we are having!

Over the last 2 weeks we have explored coding with some of the sensors attached to our EV3 robot including the colour sensor.

The coding has become more complex as we need to design our programs in a logical sequence and break down complex decisions being made as the robots move around autonomously.

Your children have shown great skill and understanding in this challenge!

We have also explored conditional coding with a switch block. The Switch Block allows your program to make a decision between 2 or more options based on many types of inputs, such as sensor values.

FYI in 2018 we will be returning to St John's, Narraweena in Term 3 and 4 again with more challenges and coding skills!

Kind Regards,

Jo Townsend

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 7pm)

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 7pm)

First lessons start: 11/12 August

Second lesson: 18/19 August

Third Lesson: 25/26 August

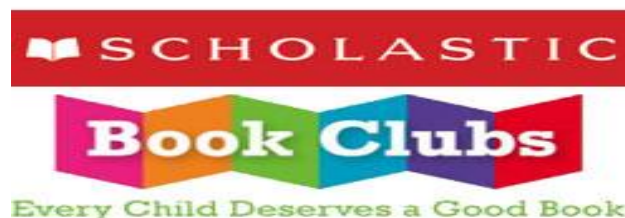
Fourth lesson: 1/2 September

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.



Book club orders for Issue 8 are due no later than

Monday 4th December to ensure delivery before the last day of school

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.

☒ GIFT ORDER?

☒ School Delivery

This order will be delivered to the School and marked as a gift for the organiser to set aside at the School office for collection. N.B the items do not come gift wrapped.

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



School Holiday Activities

Summer 2017/18

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

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HOLIDAY FUN

Summer

BOOK ONLINE NOW!



**HAVE FUN THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
AT MANLY WARRINGAH GYMNASTICS.**

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF ORGANISED GAMES,
ACTIVITIES, MOVIES AND LEAP INTO OUR GIANT FOAM PIT.

OUR HOLIDAY PROGRAM IS SUITABLE FOR ALL **SCHOOL
AGE KIDS** AND IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE
NEW FRIENDS. ALL STAFF ARE FULLY ACCREDITED AND
WILL KEEP THE KIDS ENTERTAINED THE ENTIRE DAY.

MWGC IS THE PERFECT VENUE FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO
SPEND THEIR **HOLIDAYS!**

MONDAY 18/12 - FRIDAY 22/12 (short day only)

MONDAY 08/01 - FRIDAY 12/01

MONDAY 15/01 - FRIDAY 19/01

MONDAY 22/01 - THURSDAY 25/01

\$55 SHORT DAY: 9.00AM - 3.00PM

\$73 LONG DAY: 8.30AM - 4.00PM

**NO BOOKINGS WILL BE MADE WITHOUT PAYMENT
NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN
MINIMUM AGE IS 5 YEARS OLD**

WHAT TO BRING AND WEAR

- PACKED LUNCH, MORNING TEA AND DRINK
- NO PEANUT BUTTER OR NUTS PLEASE
- SUITABLE CLOTHES FOR GYMNASTICS.
eg. SHORTS AND T-SHIRTS OR LEOTARD



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24 MIDDLETON ROAD, CROMER

Christmas Choral Concert

Family orchestral Christmas concert featuring Santa's arrival, food stalls and fireworks.

Thursday 7 December, 6.30 - 8.30pm
Manly Oval, Manly

Christmas by the Beach

Family Christmas show and carols, free Santa photos, rides, face painting and food stalls.



Friday 15 December, 4 - 8pm
James Meehan Reserve, Dee Why



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WATER

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northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au



Summer Skate Nights

Fridays 5, 12 and 19 January 2018, 5 - 8pm

Street style skate, BBQ, music, live street art & giveaways.

Netball Courts
Abbott Rd, North Curl Curl
Free (helmets compulsory)
Enquiries: 9942 2401 or youth@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au



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Please support St Lucy's School Raffle
for Children with Intellectual Disabilities

FANTASTIC PRIZES TO BE WON!

Please visit our raffle page www.rafflelink.com.au/www2017 and purchase your raffle tickets.

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

Kindly donated by McCarroll's Automotive Group & Lexus of Chatswood



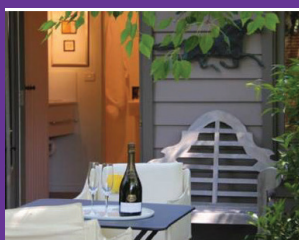
**PLUS \$150
spending money!**



**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