



# ST JOHN'S NEWS

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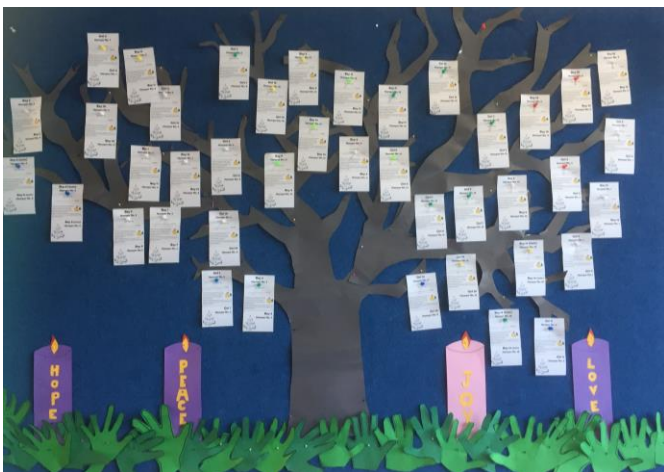
## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

The children have been preparing for our Christmas Concert, which will be held this Friday evening at 6pm. Gathering as a community at this time of year for this event can help motivate us for the Christmas season as it fast approaches.

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent – a time to put our minds to preparing for the arrival of our saviour at Christmas. Monday's prayer assembly heralded the arrival of Advent with a beautiful display of our Advent candle and wreath waiting expectantly on the stage, beckoning the children to place Jesus firmly in their thoughts and prayers. The colour purple reminds us that this is a time to think of how we can deepen our relationship with Jesus and it is a royal colour, reminding us of the imminent arrival of our real king.

Now is the time to pull out the Advent Calendars and to establish some rituals in the family as we move towards Christmas. Little daily rituals like a different prayer at meal times each night, or the display of symbols like the Advent wreath, or the gradual setting of the nativity scene, or the telling or reading of Advent stories before bedtime can help children develop a feeling of anticipation and excitement. Advent can be a time when a special feeling is developed with our homes that helps everyone focus on what Christmas is all about. You can find some suggested activities here - <http://cathfamily.org/advent-joy-for-kids/>



At school, our Giving Tree has been set up in the foyer and the children are bringing in donations of food for those in need. Our 'Talent Quest for Catholic Mission' is underway with finals happening during the last week of school. There is an atmosphere of contribution and support for those in need which is being taken seriously and creatively by our staff and students.

Our concert on Friday evening fits the Advent theme perfectly. We look forward to your support and your presence on the night. May this Advent be a special

time of preparation and meaning for you and your family.

Sincerely

Mark Bateman – Principal

## DIARY

<b>Week 9, Term 4</b> Mon 4 Dec	<b>Week 9, Term 4</b> Tues 5 Dec	<b>Week 9, Term 4</b> Wed 6 Dec	<b>Week 9, Term 4</b> Thurs 7 Dec	<b>Week 9, Term 4</b> Fri 8 Dec	<b>Week 9, Term 4</b> Sat/Sun 9/10
		<i>Year 6 Graduation Liturgy 6.30pm</i>		<i>Thank You Afternoon Tea</i>	<i>Whole School Mass Sat 5pm</i>
<b>Week 9, Term 4</b> Mon 11 Dec	<b>Week 9, Term 4</b> Tues 12 Dec	<b>Week 9, Term 4</b> Wed 13 Dec	<b>Week 9, Term 4</b> Thurs 14 Dec	<b>Week 9, Term 4</b> Fri 15 Dec	<b>Week 9, Term 4</b> Sat/Sun 16/17
		<i>Talent Quest Finals from 11.15am</i>	<i>Talent Quest Finals from 11.15am</i>	<i>End of Year Liturgy 11.15am Last Day of School</i>	<i>HOLIDAYS</i>  <i>HOLIDAYS</i>

## AWARDS



**PLEASE NOTE: THIS FRIDAY – 8:45am Kindergarten – Year 4  
Years 5 & 6 on Monday morning**

**STRENGTH & GENTLENESS will be presented on MONDAY mornings during Prayer Assembly**

Strength & Gentleness						
<b>KB</b>	Ilana A Alessia G Coby S	<b>2G</b>	Angus B Tobias G Lucas P	<b>4R</b>	Charlotte B Brooke G Thomas S	<b>Sport</b> Tobias P (KB) Aiden P (KJ) Sarah D (4B)
<b>KJ</b>	Joshua D Oscar K Arkie T	<b>2N</b>	Heath D Isla P Joy N	<b>4SC</b>	Marilla G Charles S Charlotte Y	
<b>1G</b>	Jeremy B Maeve G Giselle L	<b>3D</b>	Lachlan H Matthew H Henri L	<b>5/6DF</b>	Jade C Maegan D Anna P	<b>Library</b> Florence K (KJ) Giselle B (4SC)
<b>1JB</b>	Monique C Leon D Tyler J	<b>3NG</b>	Amelia H Chiara M Scarlett M	<b>5/6L</b>	Ruby G Ryan L Jesse M	
<b>2C</b>	Gianni D Victor K Elysia L	<b>4B</b>	Cameron G Max K Emma S	<b>5/6O</b>	Jerome C Mia C Angel M	<b>Music/Drama</b> Xavier S (3D)
				<b>5/6B</b>	Joseph M	

### ADVENT

The church's liturgical season of Advent – our time of preparation before Christmas – officially begins this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

You will notice changes in the church – the Advent Wreath appears, the altar will be dressed in purple and the priest will be wearing purple vestments.

This simple prayer might be a way to begin Advent with your family.

*Dear God  
As we begin our Advent journey  
Grant us the courage to hope.  
Hope for your presence,  
Hope for your peace,  
Hope for your promise.  
Amen*

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



Thank you so much to everyone who has already sent in their hamper items and to those families who have taken tags from the Giving Tree. The tags are all gone – replaced with hearts representing your love and generosity.

Could we please have all hamper items returned to class and gifts (with their gift tag) returned to the office by

**MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT



On **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

The children will be sitting with their classes, and parents are invited to bring a picnic rug and join in the festive atmosphere. We will have some chairs at the back of the playground for any family members who need a seat. The concert will go for approximately 1 hour.

An email and flexibuzz have been sent to families detailing “costumes”. If you have any concerns about costumes, please contact your class teacher and we should be able to help. Remember, 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.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> December so that we can allocate ministries to the children.



**FUTURE SOCCEROOS?**

Congratulations to Max (Yr 4) for making it into the very competitive representative SAP (Skills Acquisition Program) U11 Squad for Manly United Football Club. Max will compete against other squads representing clubs all over NSW.

Soccer clearly runs in the family too, as his younger brother, Pascal (Yr 2) has also made it through to the representative SAP junior squad. He'll be joining another one of our soccer stars, Antonio (Yr 2), both in the Under 9 squad.

Congratulations to all of our representative soccer players – we wish you all the best for the upcoming season!

**CHESS COMP**

We have had another successful year of chess at St John's. We would like to thank Rachael Crookwell for all her hard work managing chess in 2017 and give a big thank you to all the parents that helped Rachael run the Chess Competition in Term 4.

We have many talented up and coming chess players at our school and their dedication to the game is astounding. Congratulations to all participants! See below for a list of all the place getters.

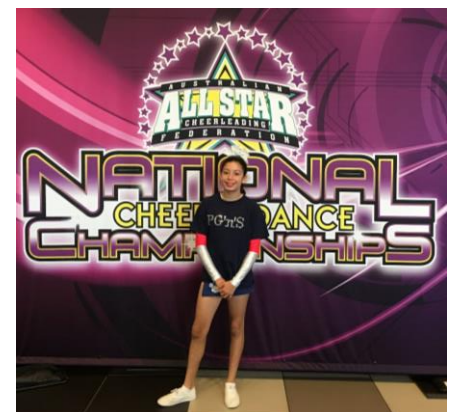


<b>Overall winner: Aaron R (Yr 4) – name on perpetual trophy</b>	
<b>Best in Kindergarten</b>	<b>Runner up in Kindergarten</b>
Oscar K-S	Emery H
<b>Best in Year 1</b>	
Piero V	
<b>Best in Year 2</b>	<b>Runner Up in Year 2</b>
Tobias G	Victor K-S Dominic Y Aleks B
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Benjamin F	
<b>Best in Year 3</b>	<b>Runner Up in Year 3</b>
Nicholas C	Elio V
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – Philippa P	
<b>Best in Year 4</b>	<b>Runner Up in Year 4</b>
Aaron R	Hudson L Alison L
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place - Ethan C	
<b>Best in Year 5</b>	<b>Best in Year 6</b>
Joshua B	Miranda B

**Cheerleading Champion**

Who's got spirit? Calista does! Calista (Yr 6) and her cheerleading team from *Plie, Groove and Shuffle* have recently competed in the National Cheerleading Championship.

The team performed brilliantly and came second in the competition – WOW – congratulations Calista!



**IMPORTANT NOTE: Canteen is CLOSED every TUESDAY AND THURSDAY**

W7, Term 4 Mon 4 Dec	W7, Term 4 Tues 5 Dec	W7, Term 4 Wed 6 Dec	W7, Term 4 Thurs 7 Dec	W7, Term 4 Fri 8 Dec	<p><b>We require 2 volunteers each day to operate the canteen.</b></p> <p>If anyone would like to join our group of canteen volunteers, click <a href="#">here</a> or email <a href="mailto:cendrine01@optusnet.com.au">cendrine01@optusnet.com.au</a></p> <p><b>Canteen Coordinator:</b> Cendrine Lambert (0435030903)</p>
D Barwell <b>Need Help</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	B Gunasti	<b>CLOSED</b>	C Miller	
	<b>CLOSED</b>	R Jia	<b>CLOSED</b>	A McGoldrick	
		M Boulos		H Baumann	
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MA Bell  D Galuge	<b>CLOSED</b>  <b>CLOSED</b>	S Forrester  C Turner	<b>CLOSED</b>  <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED FOR CLEANING</b>	

P&F NEWS



*The P&F Gazette*

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

**Volunteer “Thank You” Afternoon Tea - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm**



Hello you wonderful volunteers who do so much in our School Community! From being class parents, helping out at sports days and special events, donating time and prizes, running the Chess Club, serving at the Canteen, Eco Garden and so much more ....

As way of saying thank you, St John’s is hosting an afternoon tea at 2pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec in the School Library. Please come if you can!

**School Uniform Shop – Donations Needed!**

The School Uniform Shop is running low on some items, especially boys’ short sleeved white shirts. Any donations of items in reasonable clean condition will be most gratefully accepted! – and can be dropped in to the School Office any time!

**Reminder: School Family Mass - 5pm Saturday 9th December**

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



Best wishes

Bel, Pip, Gen, Russell & Caroline



#### YEAR 4 PARENT DRINKS/DINNER

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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](mailto: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

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Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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

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**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)

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**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

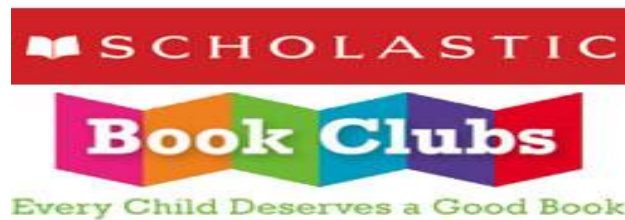
Fourth lesson: 1/2 September

**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)

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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.

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## holiday workshops

# Summer

**TIMES**

Drop off from: 7:00am  
Pick up by: 6:00pm

**COST**

Non Members	Members	Half-Day
\$97	\$85	\$60

**(MEALS INCLUDED)**

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

## PITTWATER SPORTS CENTRE

For more information visit:  
[www.pittwatersports.com.au](http://www.pittwatersports.com.au) or call us today on 9913 7421

## BOOK NOW!

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





# School Holiday Activities

## Summer 2017/18

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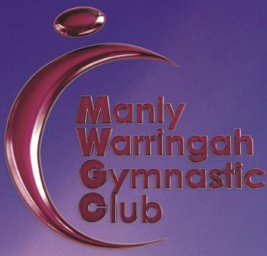
"Summer Picture" by Isabella, age 6, Cromer Vacation Care

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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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