



# ST JOHN'S NEWS

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## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Children are capable of remarkable things.

During 2017, I have seen children so moved by compassion that they are driven to respond in impressive and contagious ways. Support for research into a cure for cancer have been very well supported. Organisations like Tour for Cure, Walk4braincancer, Bear Cottage and the Children's Hospital have all attracted individual and group efforts of support from our wonderful children. Beyond this there have been neighbourhood drives including cake and lemonade stalls, colouring, guessing and handball competitions sparked by a need to bring hope and respond to a cause that touches the heart.

I have had to hold some activities back because of the sheer volume of causes that the children have wished to support – a tough decision when the spirit is so willing!

Children spend 7 years of their lives at primary school. These are important, formative years. When values like those mentioned above are expressed and acted upon, they become embedded in the person. I often hear that it is high school where 'the rubber hits the road' in terms of education, but the more I see how our school connects our core values to real life, the more it reveals how the impact of our work, in partnership with parents, impacts our children in a holistic way. Doing that work in an atmosphere of faith adds further depth and meaning.

The above was emphasised for us last night at our Year 6 Graduation. Our children led a truly beautiful liturgy which highlighted what it is to be a Year 6 student at St John's. It was very special to be a part of something that displayed not only their journey since 2011 but the way in which they have been encouraged and support along the way. Special thanks to our Year One buddy parents for providing a delicious supper for the 200 strong in attendance and to members of our School Advisory Council for the setup, service and a clean-up last night.



On Saturday evening we will be celebrating our final Mass with the Parish for 2017. Thank you to all families who have responded to our invitation and informed us of requirements for the BBQ. I encourage a strong attendance for this celebration as we head into the final week of school. A reminder that our End of Year Liturgy will be held Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> in the Church beginning at 11:15 am. This is a time for us to gather to look back on the year; to do some acknowledgements and to present special awards and announce our student leaders for 2018. All parents are welcome to attend.

Following the liturgy, parents are permitted to take their children home once teachers have been informed. Supervision will be in place until the end of the school day for any children remaining at school.

Regards

Mark Bateman – Principal

## DIARY

Week 10, Term 4 Mon 11 Dec	Week 10, Term 4 Tues 12 Dec	Week 10, Term 4 Wed 13 Dec	Week 10, Term 4 Thurs 14 Dec	Week 10, Term 4 Fri 15 Dec	Week 10, Term 4 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>
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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY – FIRST WEEK OF 2018

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January

Staff Development Day

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

Year 1-6 MAI interviews  
Kindergarten Best Start/MAI interviews

### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Year 1-6 – First day of Term 1  
Kindergarten Best Start/MAI interviews

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Kindergarten at school until 12pm  
Kindergarten Best Start/MAI interviews in the afternoon

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Kindergarten at school until 12pm  
Kindergarten Best Start/MAI interviews in the afternoon

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Getting to know you picnic for Kinder 2018 and any new families – on the astro-turf at St John's after 10am Mass – ALL WELCOME!

## 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		Sarah D (4B)				
KB	Lucas J Emmeline R	2G	Monique C Georgia G Annika H Pascal K	4R	Airell D "AJ" Ines M Annie S	Sport Lilah R (KJ) Aleks B (2G) Cameron O (3D) Charlotte C (3NG) Ruby C (4SC)
KJ	Taj H Benjamin L Noah M	2N	Olivia B Mia H Lukina L	4SC	Ethan C Domenic C Zac M	
1G	Thomas B Ayrton D Jimmy J	3D	Nicholas C Liam C Charlie L	5/6DF	Caylan H Harry W	Library Sophie M (5/6L) Joshua B (2N)
1JB	Ruby G Chelsea H Heidi K	3NG	Ruby N Jacob O Erin W	5/6L	Ryder H Charlize K Monique R	
2C	Alyssa A Jacob H Carys P	4B	Tamar M Ella T	5/6O	Bella G Vincenzo M Elizabeth S Isabella S	Music/Drama
				5/6B	Krish R	

## ADVENT

This Sunday we begin the Second Week of Advent. We light the second purple candle and we focus on love. Sometimes it is also referred to as the faith candle.

If you get a chance to walk through the foyer, Year 5's thoughts on what Christmas means to them are displayed. They have also asked you a question: *What does Christmas really mean to you?*

I would add another question: *How will your family share love and faith this Christmas?*

**Dear God**

*As we journey down this Advent road,  
Just as you shared the ultimate gift of  
love, your Son, with us,  
Help us to fill the world with love:  
Love in our hearts,  
Love in our homes,  
Love in our communities.  
Amen*

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Thank you for your generosity. I know that a lot of the children have had fun helping to select and buy the food items as well as the gifts for the Giving Tree. It is so empowering for them to feel like they can make a difference. The hampers are filled to overflowing and now we are wrapping and preparing them for distribution.



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



Everyone is welcome to join us for this final School Parish Mass for 2017 as we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent. Come along and help keep Christ in Christmas!

## CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY OUTDOOR MASS – 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER @ 5PM

St John's will be celebrating Christmas Eve Mass at 5pm on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December. This is a very family friendly event held out in the back playground (weather permitting) and the children are encouraged to dress up as shepherds and angels.

**HOLY FAMILY NEEDED!** We are looking for a mum and dad and bub to play the part of the holy family at the Christmas Eve Mass. Let the parish office know on 99826536 if you can help.

## CHRISTMAS BUSH – HELP!

The Parish are selling Christmas Bush at the Christmas Eve Mass. All money will go to St Vincent de Paul. If you have any Christmas Bush you can donate on the day it would be greatly appreciated!





### Open Air Family Mass

Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5.00 pm  
(carols start at 4:30)

St John's Church, Narraweena

All Welcome

Children can dress up as an  
angel or a shepherd and be part of  
the Offertory Procession.




Bring a rug to sit at the front or  
a chair to sit at the back.  
It'll be great to see you there.

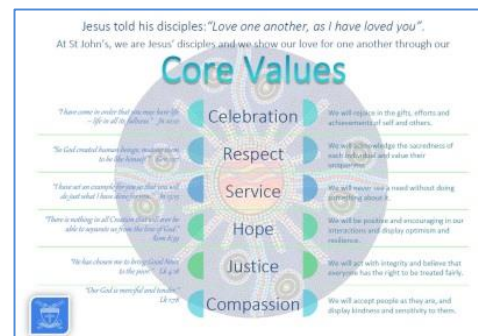
Other Christmas Mass times at St Johns:  
Christmas Day – 8 & 10 am



If anyone is available to help set up for the Mass at 11 o'clock on Sunday,  
please contact the Parish office on 9982 6536.

*St John's is committed to building positive relationships between all members of our community. All members of the school community; parents, children and teachers, have an obligation to work together to create an environment in which the unique dignity of each person is valued and respected. One of the strengths of our school is to be found in the Core Values that are shared by the community. They are Gospel based, quite explicit and influence every aspect of school life. At Monday's assembly, we will celebrate these children who have been nominated by their peers and teachers to receive the Core Values Awards for Term 4:*

Year	Student	Receiving the Award for the following Core Values:
Kindergarten	Charlie P	Respect & Compassion
Kindergarten	Livia D	Celebration & Compassion
Year 1	Evan C	Celebration & Hope
Year 1	Katia K	Celebration, Respect & Compassion
Year 2	Lucas C	Hope & Compassion
Year 2	Victor K- M	Celebration, Respect, Service & Justice
Year 2	Aurelia B	Respect, Hope & Compassion
Year 3	Jayden B	Hope & Compassion
Year 3	Jasmine L	Respect, Hope & Justice
Year 4	Domenic B	Celebration, Service & Hope
Year 4	Taylah P	Celebration & Respect
Year 4	Freddie F	Service
Year 5	Ashley H	Compassion & Respect
Year 5	Lachlan B	Celebration
Year 6	Claudia V	Service & Justice
Year 6	Annamaria	Compassion, Service & Justice



## SCHOOL NEWS

### TALENT QUEST AND CATHOLIC MISSION

We are all very much looking forward to our Talent Quest finals next week. K-2 will be on Wednesday from 11.15 and 3-6 on Thursday from 11.15. All are welcome to come along and enjoy the many talents of our St John's students.

As you know, this is a fundraiser for Catholic Mission. We ask students and parents to bring a gold coin donation on the day so we can help those who are less fortunate than us.

### HOCKEY GALA DAY



Last Thursday, a small but committed group participated in the Northern Beaches Hockey Gala Day. Children from Year 4 to Year 6 were invited to try out for the team – thank you to Mrs Frost for organising the trials!

Ella, Annie and Tahlia from Year 4, along with Anna P and Bonnie from Year 5, and Isabella from Year 6 competed very well on the day. They won 3 games, drew 1 and lost 1 and finished the day 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in their pool. All of the team

showed great sportsmanship, but a special shout out to Ella who received a 'good sportsmanship' prize on the day, as chosen by the organisers of the event.

A special thank you to Mrs Dunstan for being team manager on the day.





# Author Visit



Next Tuesday we are fortunate enough to have Belinda Murrell visit our school. Belinda is a bestselling, internationally published children's author with a history of writing in her family that spans over 200 years. Belinda has written more than 30 books including *The Sun Sword* trilogy, 13 books in the popular *Lulu Bell* series and her award-winning *Timeslip* novels. Her latest series is called *Pippa's Island* about a group of best friends who start a secret club, which meets after school in a tower on top of a boatshed.

Belinda will speak with students from Kindergarten to Year 2 from 9.00 until 9.30 and students from Years 3 -6 from 9.35 until 10.20. Some students will then participate in an intensive writing workshop with Belinda for an hour.



We have lots of new books in the library if you are able to help with covering them we will provide the contact you need. Just pop into the library or ask at the office and we will send home a bag with the books and contact. It would be great if we could start the new year with these books ready to be borrowed.

**Overdue books:** All children who have books still out received a reminder note with the titles listed on it this week. Please help your child to find these books and return them next week. If you think these books have been returned please let me know and we will look on the shelves.

## CANTEEN

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

W10, Term 4 Mon 11 Dec	W10, Term 4 Tues 12 Dec	W10, Term 4 Wed 13 Dec	W10, Term 4 Thurs 14 Dec	W10, Term 4 Fri 15 Dec	<b>We require 2 volunteers each day to operate the canteen.</b> 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> <b>Canteen Coordinator:</b> Cendrine Lambert (0435030903)
MA Bell	<b>CLOSED</b>	S Forrester	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED FOR CLEANING</b>	
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## ***The P&F Gazette***

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

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### **Reminder - Volunteer "Thank You" Afternoon Tea tomorrow - 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, nurturing the Eco Garden and so much more ....

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

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### **School Uniform Shop – Donations Needed!**

The School Uniform Shop is running low on some items, especially boys' short sleeved white shirts.

All donations in reasonable and clean condition will be most gratefully accepted!

These can be dropped in to the School Office any time.

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### **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

# 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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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

Pittwater  
Sports Centre

## 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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