



# ST JOHN'S NEWS

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## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Next Tuesday evening we will be holding our first Parents and Friends meeting for 2018. The following week the St John's Advisory Council will meet for the first time. Both of these parent groups provide considerable, valuable support and leadership for our community.

Executive members of the Parents and Friends group are as follows:

President: Belinda Haroutonian                      Vice-President: Caroline Miller  
Secretary: Philippa Toohey                      Treasurer: Russell Scott  
Diocesan Parent Rep: Rony Rahme

They are ably supported by our Class Parent Coordinator Joanne Woolford and her generous team of Class Parents. My thanks to all parents who have volunteered for the role of Class Parent. Every class has now been accommodated. A special meeting for Class Parents is being held next Tuesday evening at 6:15 pm prior to the P&F meeting.

I encourage you to be a part of the activities of our P&F who are working hard to support us in educating your child(ren) in faith and life. One of the very first combined activities being organised by our P&F and our Advisory Council is the community Bush Dance being held Saturday evening March 3rd. Whether it is the Bush Dance, a social event, assistance in our canteen or in our classrooms, volunteering in our library or with special events, our P&F and children welcome your interest in the life of our school. If you haven't been involved in some way as yet, why not make 2018 the year to commit to something? Our children will be better for it.

Our Advisory Council is a group of parents who support the leadership of our school in the implementation of our Mission statement and in the implementation of our School Improvement Plan. They provide advice to me concerning school issues; about school policy and in relation to future planning. The group meets once to twice a term and the minutes of the meeting are published on our website as are those of the P&F. Members include:

Co-chairs - Rachael Crookwell and Natalie Bradshaw

Parent Member - Amelia Chandler                      Parent Member - Meghan Bassett  
Parent Member - Wendy Jones                      Parent Member - Julie Hogan  
Parent Member - Caroline Glover                      Teacher Member - Christine Dunk  
Parent Member - Lisa Rourke                      Teacher Member - Natalie Ingram  
Parent Member - Nicci Bradley

Father Reinaldo Vassoler, our Parish Priest, and I are ex-officio members of both groups. All schools in the diocese will have Advisory Councils in place by the end of 2018.

Each of the parents above is a supportive member of our community wanting the best for all who are a part of it. The existence of these groups is a demonstration of the important role parents play in education and of the value we place on creating supportive partnerships at St John's.

During 2018, I pray for the volunteer parent and staff leaders of St John's that their contribution is focused on the common good, given generously and imbued with a spirit of strength and gentleness.

Sincerely,

**Mark Bateman** – Principal

### Year 3 Air Conditioning:


Workmen arrived at school early this morning to install air conditioning units to each of our Year 3 classrooms and our Learning Support Room. This mean our entire site is now air conditioned which will enable a comfortable learning environment for our children and staff.

### Staffing News:

Mrs Pauline Douglas is taking three weeks leave from next week. She will be replaced by Mrs Christina Tyack who is well versed in the day to day running of our school. We wish Mrs Dougals a wonderful break and welcome Mrs Tyack to St John's and Year 6 where she will be working alongside Ms Ingram.

Miss Karlie Cunningham will be joining us next Wednesday as our new PE Teacher. Karlie has taught PE in a number of independent schools and Catholic systemic schools in the Diocese of Sydney. We look forward to welcoming her to St John's.

## DIARY

Week 5 Term 1 Mon 26 Feb	Week 5 Term 1 Tues 27 Feb	Week 5 Term 1 Wed 28 Feb	Week 5 Term 1 Thurs 1 Mar	Week 5 Term 1 Fri 2 Mar	Week 5 Term1 Sat/Sun 3/4
<i>Tour de Cure Assembly 8:45</i>	<i>St John's Playgroup 9-11am Meeting for Class Parents 6:30 P&amp; F Meeting 7:15</i>	<i>Northern Beaches Swimming Carnival</i>			<i>Bush Dance</i> 
Week 6 Term 1 Mon 5 Mar	Week 6 Term 1 Tues 6 Mar	Week 6 Term 1 Wed 7 Mar	Week 6 Term 1 Thurs 8 Mar	Week 6 Term 1 Fri 9 Mar	Week 6 Term1 Sat/Sun 10/11
		<i>Year 3 Mater Maria Links Day</i>	<i>Bishop and Yr 6 Leaders Day (Captains)</i>		<i>Family Mass (Kinder &amp; Year 5 hosting)</i>

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### Mon 12 & Thurs 29 March

Open Day morning 9.15-10.40am evening 8.30-8pm

#### Tues 13 & 27 March

St John's Playgroup 9-11am

#### Tues 14, 21 and 27 March

Year 3 boys visiting St Paul's College Manly

#### Tues 3 April

Staff Development Day

#### Thurs 5 April

St John's Cross Country

#### Sat 7 April

Family Mass (Year 1 & Year 6 hosting)

#### Fri 13 April

Last Day of Term One



We have been doing some interesting work on mindfulness and on relaxation...

Look at this beautiful visual representation by Khyla M. It's guaranteed to relieve any stress or tension!

## SPIRITUAL NEWS

### LENT – SUPPORTING PROJECT COMPASSION

We've been hearing lots of stories of people giving up their pocket money or doing extra jobs around the house to earn money for Project Compassion. 1B have created the scarecrows for our bush dance and they look fabulous. To help raise money for Project Compassion, we are going to have a guessing competition to see who can correctly identify the scarecrows. See below in School News for more information!

### OCEAN SWIM FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Lachlan M (Yr 2) likes to dive into a good cause! He was involved in the Murray Rose Malabar Magic Ocean swim recently, raising money for Rainbow Club Australia (<https://rainbowclubaust.com.au/>). Rainbow Club are a great organisation who help children with a disability learn to swim.

Lachlan came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 250m dash and is looking forward to being able to go in the longer distance events as he gets older.

Not only did Lachlan get involved, he and his family raised over \$1600 for Rainbow Club, and he was the 8<sup>th</sup> highest individual fundraiser. He even had the chance to meet Dawn Fraser, who was the race starter on the day! Lachlan showed off his medal to his St John's mates at prayer assembly on Monday and we are very proud of his efforts – keep it up!



### SAVE THE DATE - SCHOOL PARISH MASS – SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018 & 5PM

This Mass will be hosted by our Year 5 students and our Kindergarten students but everyone is welcome to join us and make this a joyful celebration of our faith.

## 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						
<b>KC</b>	Gabriella A Mitchell J Tahlia M	<b>2R</b>	Skye B Matthew C	<b>4SC</b>	Charlie L Joshua S	<b>Sport</b>  Emma F (Y6) Tasman V (KC)
<b>KG</b>	Matiass B Caitlin K	<b>3B</b>	Olivia B Gianni D Lukina L	<b>5D</b>	Annie S Charlie S	
<b>1B</b>	Chloe C Brandon D	<b>3O</b>	Jacob H Marcus H	<b>5NF</b>	Luca A Carys F Aaron R	<b>Library</b> Giselle L (2N)  The Library Team
<b>1G</b>	Ava C Lucas J Mia S	<b>3R</b>	Angus B Sophia V	<b>6DI</b>	Ryder H Lucia R	
<b>2N</b>	Tayla C Hannah J	<b>4B</b>	Ethan D Cheriese E Jasmine L	<b>5/6B</b>	Leela K	<b>Music/Drama</b> Josh R (1R)

ST JOHN'S SWIMMING CARNIVAL

*Take your mark get set BEEP!*

*The swimming carnival was one of 2018's major successes.*

*Everyone was swimming and having fun, and trying their best!!! The cheers were loud and clear for the judges and everyone got points for their colour house!*

*Congratulations to Green house for collecting the most points and adding their name on the swimming carnival trophy! Congratulation to Blue, Gold and Red for trying their hardest! Good job for all the competitors - it was a very close.*

Yr 6 Playground team

Congratulations to the Lorikeets for taking the victory.

Good luck to all of our St John's swimmers who will represent us at the Northern Beaches Swimming Carnival at Warringah Aquatic Centre next Wednesday.



PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

Tonight is the last of our parent information nights to begin 2018. We would like to thank the teachers for all of the preparation put into the evenings for each grade, as well as the wonderful way they have begun the school year with their new classes. We would also like to thank all the parents who attended the evenings. We value the community building that these events offer, not only for the shared understanding of what will be happening across the year in each classroom, but for the connection that occurs between the parents and teachers. If you were unable to attend these nights, information will have been sent home with your child, and will be available on our school weebly – <http://stjohnsnarraweena.weebly.com>

Kindergarten families are invited to our final Parent Information night – in our library at 6.30pm tonight.

IT'S CRUNCH TIME AT THE CANTEEN

**STOP PRESS:**

The canteen will be open tomorrow (Friday) at lunchtime. All purchases will be over the counter (no online ordering).

**Snacks**

- GF Red Rock Deli Chips Plain \$1.00
- GF Mamee Rice Sticks \$1.00
- GF Mamee Cornitos \$1.00

**Drinks - \$2.00**

- 100% Fruit Juice
- Grape, Raspberry

**Frozen Treats**

- Frozen Orchies – 80c
- Icy Bites - 50c
- Icy Pops – \$1.20
- Moosies \$1.00
- Frozen Yoghurt \$2.00
- Juicies \$1.00
- Frozen Slushies \$1.50

ENROLMENTS FOR 2019 – SPREAD THE WORD



Enrolments are open for Kindergarten children for 2019. Interest in other grades is welcome. We will be holding Open Mornings and Evenings this year for interested families. Dates and time are as follows:

**St John's Open Mornings – Monday March 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 am – 10:40 am.**  
**Open Evenings 6:30 – 8:00 pm on the same dates.**

**Enrolment forms must be in by the end of May 2018 for 2019. We encourage all siblings to have forms in by the beginning of May – this will assist us in identifying available spots for next year.**

School Tours can be booked on Wednesdays or attend playgroup every second Tuesday of the month. Please phone 9971 9297 or email [sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au) for a booking or further details.

## BUSH DANCE

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The Bush dance is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March! The students of 1B were very excited to be able to create 2 scarecrows for the Bush dance! Can you guess which two teachers these scarecrows represent? We are going to hold a guessing competition and it will cost 50 cents for 2 guesses.

The lucky winners will be drawn Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March at assembly. We will pull the names out of a hat and the first correct answers win.

All proceeds will go to Project Compassion. Thank you to Natasha Pardoen for helping 1B make the scarecrows.

## BROKEN BAY DIOCESE WINTER SPORTS TRIALS

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Trials will be held in the following sports: AFL, rugby league, netball, soccer, hockey and touch. Details can be found at the bottom of the newsletter. Player Profile Forms are available at the office. The trials are available to year 5 and 6 students who play at a competitive level eg: A grade or Rep. Year 4 student who play at a higher level can also apply.

## SCHOOL BUS

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➤ **Students will now require an Opal card which you can apply for online via**  
<http://www.transportsw.info/school-students>

➤ **School Bus route**

<http://www.sydneybuses.info/news/new-bus-route-numbers-for-school-special-bus-services-in-2016>

CLASS	TEACHER	CLASS PARENT(S)	
KC	Ms Cahill	Wendy Jones	Carol Glover
KG	Mrs Gillett	Angela Cannavo	Eryka Arteaga
IG	Miss Gorman	Lauren Willoughby	Shelly Thorn
1B	Mrs Blyton	Carly Dircks	Anita Richter
2N	Mrs Navarro	Julie Felice	Anna Amoroso
2R	Ms Rath	Jen Castorina	Natalie Biddle Blazenka Harvey
3B	Miss Blake	Amelia Chandler	
3O	Mrs O'Connell	Gen Ferris	Sonia Kevric
3R	Miss Roache	Sonia Samartin	Sarah Forrester
4B	Mrs Booth	Caroline Miller	Brooke Gunasti
4SC	Mrs Coram and Mrs Stachersky	Michelle Southan	Jo Woolford
5D	Miss Dunk	Karen Blyth	
5NF	Mrs Nelson-Smith and Mrs Fountain	Belinda Bedford	Dena Farley
6DI	Mrs Douglas and Ms Ingram	Christine Hodge	Kylie Johnston

## CLASS PARENT INFORMATION EVENING 2018 – 27TH FEBRUARY 2018, 6:30-7:15

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If you have volunteered to be Class Parent this year, you are warmly invited to join us at our Class Parent Information evening. Please arrive early for a prompt 6:30pm start, as the P&F meeting will follow on from our meeting. It is important to attend the meeting as we have some updates to share with you this year and will show you the new SignUp volunteer program we will be trialling for registering volunteers for events. We look forward to seeing you there.

## LIBRARY NEWS

In the first few weeks of Library Year 3 have been learning to use the library computer system Destiny. They borrowed their own books using the barcode scanner this will allow myself as library teacher much more time to help students select appropriate books. The students have also been learning to use Destiny to search for books in the library.



Students from Kindergarten to Year 4 have been reading, 'The Race for the Chinese Zodiac' and learning about Chinese New Year. Students then researched their birth year and its corresponding animal and its traits.



Years 5 and 6 had been learning about the Dewey Decimal system. [The Dewey Decimal Rap](#) is a fun way to help them remember the numbers and their subjects.



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

## CANTEEN

### CANTEEN OPENING DETAILS WILL BE SENT OUT BY FLEXIBUZZ

The canteen will be open tomorrow (Friday) at lunchtime for snacks and frozen treats.  
All purchases will be over the counter (no online ordering).

## FAMILY LIAISON OFFICER

### **URGENT HELP NEEDED**

#### *Casserole Club - SOS*

*We currently have families in the school facing challenging times, and as a caring Catholic community we are committed to helping those who are in need of support. The Casserole Club at St John's is a store of frozen meals prepared by parents to be given to those who need a practical helping hand.*

***At present the freezer is empty.***

*We urgently need a supply of casseroles, soups, curries, lasagne, or anything that freezes well. If you are able to help by preparing a meal please ask at the office for take-away containers that can be used. Meals should be labelled with basic ingredients and brief instructions on how to reheat. Perhaps you could consider making a larger batch of your family meal and putting some aside.*

*Your help would be greatly appreciated.*

***Thank you,***  
*Jeanie McDonnell, Family Liaison Officer*



Tuesday is School Banking Day...



### Calling for volunteers – we need your help!

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires volunteers to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. If you can spare an hour on a Tuesday morning please let us know. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Currently, School Banking day is Tuesday.

If you are interested in volunteering please email our School Banking Co-ordinator, Belinda Bedford, ([bgedford@optusnet.com.au](mailto:bgedford@optusnet.com.au)) with the following details:

Your name, phone number, and days/dates you are available.

### OPEN DAYS

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#### **Attention Year 5 Parents:**

Children attending Catholic systemic high schools (Mater Maria Warriewood, St Paul's Manly, Mercy College Chatswood) should enrol for those schools in Year 5 for Year 7. Read on for the dates of high school Open Days.

**Marist College North Shore Open Day Saturday 3 March 2018 10am-1.30pm** 270 Miller Street NORTH SYDNEY  
[www.maristcollege.com](http://www.maristcollege.com)

**Mercy Catholic College, Chatswood Sunday 4th March from 11am - 2pm.** 101 Archer Street, CHATSWOOD

*Applications for placement in Year 7, 2020 are open and should be received by the College office by the end of Term 1, 2018. It is anticipated that the interview and acceptance process for entry into Year 7, 2020 will commence in Term 3, 2018. For further information please visit the College website <http://www.mercychatswood.nsw.edu.au/> or contact our College Registrar [SMCCC.Registrar@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:SMCCC.Registrar@dbb.catholic.edu.au)*

**Mater Maria Catholic College – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 4-7pm** 5 Forest Road WARRIEWOOD

*Year 7, 2020 applications close on Wednesday 4 April 2018. Applications welcome for Years 8-11 Please contact our enrolment Register (Deborah Fitzgerald) on 9997 7044 or email [deborah.fitzgerald@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:deborah.fitzgerald@dbb.catholic.edu.au)*

**Stella Maris College Manly – Wednesday 14 March 4-7.30pm** 52 Eurobin Avenue, Manly



## The P&F Gazette

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

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### Scarecrows in the Eco Garden?

That can mean only *one* thing .... The Bush Dance isn't far away - YEEEE HAAA!

All welcome, entry is free

BYO picnic & Bush Dance attire.



Yummy sausage sandwiches, beef sliders (3 ways) and drinks are on the menu; **these are up on QKR! and need to be pre-ordered prior to 8pm Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.** (Your eldest child will bring the relevant tokens home in their clear note folder prior to the event.)

Lolly bags, novelty items and raffle tickets will be available to purchase in cash on the night.

Our favourite band **Ducks on the Pond** will be playing ... keep an eye out for any familiar faces ☺

Looking forward to welcoming the 2018 St John's School Year with everyone, especially new faces!

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### Canteen Update

#### Say hello to **Sushi Wednesdays & Cool Fridays**

We have a wonderful community at St. John's, which has meant we've been able to put together an interim roster of volunteers in the Canteen whilst we await the appointment of our new Canteen Manager. So, at least up until the end of March, here's what we can offer:

##### Wednesdays

Sushi/Edamame/Rice Paper Roll lunch orders via QKR! - look for the specific Sushi Wednesday tab on Qkr!  
Lunch time over the counter cash sales of iced treats, chips, cookies and bread sticks available also

##### Fridays

Lunch time over the counter cash sales of iced treats, chips, cookies and bread sticks.

Again, we appreciate your patience, and sincerely hope these measures bring a little more lunchtime joy!

P.S. The new system of dividing queues into K-2 & 3-6 is working a treat ☺

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### P & F meeting, Tuesday 27th February **Save the date!**

Our first P & F meeting for the year is on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the school library. All welcome!

### Class contact lists for 2018

Each year the P&F compiles a contact list to be used for communicating with parents about school events. If you would like to be included in your child's Year Group List please fill in the form [here](#) . You will need to fill in a new form for each child

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### School Uniform Shop Reminder

Open Fridays, 8.30 – 9am and 2.30 – 3pm in the canteen



Questions? Comments? Email any time at [stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com)

Warm regards

Bel, Pip, Jo, Russell & Caroline





# SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING

We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school. Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.

Bring your vouchers to the office.



[www.ooshnb.com.au](http://www.ooshnb.com.au) Centre No: 0403 074 015 or Office: 9984 8089

Email: [narraweena@ooshnb.com.au](mailto:narraweena@ooshnb.com.au)

Kids Club News

**Parents, I would like to inform you that we are almost at 100% capacity on a Tuesday and Thursday. If you have not re-enrolled your child please come and see Jeff and he will be able to help you.**

**You can download the 'My Family Lounge' app through the app store and use this to book casual days where the calendar is marked green.**

PLEASE NOTE, IF YOU REQUIRE A CASUAL BOOKING, YOU MUST BOOK THROUGH YOUR MY FAMILY LOUNGE ACCOUNT EITHER ONLINE OR THROUGH THE MFL PHONE APP. IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH MAKING A BOOKING PLEASE RING US ON 0430 074 015 or EMAIL US AT [narraweena@ooshnb.com.au](mailto:narraweena@ooshnb.com.au) or RING HEAD OFFICE ON 9984 8089 AS WE CAN NOT ACCEPT CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT BOOKED IN, DUE TO NUMBERS AND STAFFING RATIOS. PLEASE SEE JEFF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

'We have been busy here at OOSH over the past few days, updating our online communication with families. We have started a Facebook Page called 'NARAWEENA KIDS CLUB'. The page includes information about the morning routine, afternoon interests and activities including photos and quotes from the children. We already have around 20 members and it would be amazing if you could get online and join the group so you can leave comments about the program and your child's favourite games to play.

Each morning this week Jaz has created a new drawing game for the children. She has been asking them to all draw a picture that has to include 3 different items. This makes for an interesting morning as we love to see what the children come up with. These drawings are going to be placed around the room with a description of what needed to be included for you to all come and look at.

Finally I would like to congratulate all of the kindy kids and parents for settling in so well in both the mornings and afternoons. The seniors and siblings are making the process alot smoother for everyone involved but would like to say that we think all of the kindy children are superstars and many of them in the afternoon don't want to leave OOSH they are having so much fun!

Come along and get involved if you are new or would like some more mornings or afternoons.

Jeff and the OOSH team'



# 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**

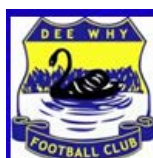
For more information visit:  
[www.pittwatersports.com.au](http://www.pittwatersports.com.au) or call us today on **9913 7421**

**BOOK NOW!**

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



Pittwater Sports Centre



## WANT YOUR KIDS TO MAKE FRIENDS EASILY?

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| 1) Can we keep friends in same team?                         | YES |
| 2) Does every child receive a trophy?                        | YES |
| 3) Is our club part of active kids & receive \$100 discount? | YES |
| 4) Do we offer extra coaching via academy?                   | YES |

Then come & play football with Dee Why FC & register at [www.dyfc.com.au](http://www.dyfc.com.au)

For Academy Trials & dates visit [www.dyfcacademy.com.au](http://www.dyfcacademy.com.au)

We currently need to fill a few teams from last year in Under 7, Under 10 Girls, Under 12 Girls, Under 12 Mixed Team, Under 10 Mixed team. Please call Sasha 0411656444.

