



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents

This week, the children in our Parish, including our Year 3 children, made their First Reconciliation. Receiving a sacrament is always a very special occasion for the children and their families. At this time of Lent, when our focus is on strengthening our relationship with Jesus and on preparing for the great celebration of Easter, receiving Reconciliation has even more significant meaning. We were blessed to have our parents, Miss Dunk and parishioners volunteer as group facilitators during the preparation sessions. Their role was to support our children and parents to engage with materials provided by the diocese rather than lead the groups in the activities. We very much appreciate their generosity and commitment to the program and their groups.



It was great to see our children supporting Harmony Day yesterday. While the variety of colours in our clothing brightened up the day, our purpose was to provide an opportunity to build awareness about the diversity that exists within our school and to discuss how valuable this is to St John's. Parent support of Harmony Day does help us to work towards this goal. I encourage you to talk as a family about some examples of diversity in your own experience. This will help build on the children's learning at school.

I trust that three way interviews being held at the moment are providing parents, children and teachers with some clear goals for learning leading into term two. There's no doubt our decision to run interviews earlier this year has created a very busy term for us all, however, we believe that the effort everyone has put in has helped in creating a climate in which are doing our best to work together on your child's learning.

A reminder that mid-year reports will be sent home at the end of the Term 2 and optional interviews will be offered at that time to discuss progress. Parents may contact the school to arrange an appointment with the teacher to discuss your child's progress at any time during the year.

Finally, parents will receive a letter from our Director of Schools, Peter Hamill concerning media reports about Catholic Schools today. Please keep your eye out for his communication as it contains some important and reassuring messages concerning school fees and our school system.


Regards,

Mark Bateman – Principal

St John's Open Day – Thursday 29th March

We will be holding our second Open Day on Thursday 29th March (Week 9) with a morning session from 9.15-10.30 and an evening session from 6.30-8pm. We invite all interested families, friends, relatives and neighbours to come along and check out what a Catholic education can offer. Our Year 6 students are looking forward to offering you a tour around the school, and we will also hold an information session in the library in both the morning and evening sessions. Tell your friends!

DIARY

Week 9 Term 1 Mon 26 Mar	Week 9 Term 1 Tues 27 Mar	Week 9 Term 1 Wed 28 Mar	Week 9 Term 1 Thurs 29 Mar	Week 9 Term 1 Fri 30 Mar	Week 9 Term1 Sat/Sun 31/1
<i>Holy Week Liturgy Kindergarten 8:45 am Prayer Assembly</i>	<i>St John's Playgroup 9-11am 1-2-3 Magic 6.30-9pm (Session 3)</i>	<i>Holy Week Liturgy Yrs 2,3 & 4 2:15pm</i>	<i>Open Day 9.15-10.40am evening 6.30-8pm Holy Week Liturgy Yr 5&6 2:15pm</i>	Good Friday <i>(school closed)</i>	
Week 10 Term 1 Mon 2 April	Week 10 Term 1 Tues 3 April	Week 10 Term 1 Wed 4 April	Week 10 Term 1 Thurs 5 April	Week 10 Term 1 Fri 6 April	Week 10 Term1 Sat/Sun 7/8
<i>Easter Monday (School closed)</i>	<i>Staff Development Day (School closed)</i>	<i>Easter Liturgy 2.15pm</i>			<i>Family Mass (Year 1 & Year 6 hosting)</i>

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Fri 13 April

Last Day of Term One

Mon 30 April

Term 2 commences

Tues 8 May

ICAS – Digital Tech 8am

Tues 29 May

ICAS – Science and Tech 8am

Fri 6 July

Last Day of Term 2

6th-8th June

Year 5 & 6 Canberra Camp

Mon 11th June

Queen's Birthday – NO School

Tues 12 June

ICAS – Spelling 8am

Thurs 14th June

ICAS – Writing 8am

ASTHMA FORMS

Asthma forms were sent home in week 2 to all children who are have noted they are asthmatic. These forms should be sent back to school **NO later than Friday 23 March**. All children are required to have a Ventolin at school. Please contact the school office if your child is no longer asthmatic or anaphylactic.

COLOUR RUN PERMISSION FORMS



The colour run is our annual school fundraiser event – and all funds raised this year will go towards new classroom furniture for our Stage 3 students (years 5 & 6). All families need to complete the online permission form for their child to attend the event at Beverly Job Park.

Please complete the permission form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/eKxUeSH0taFIdaak1>

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						
KC	Lawson L Alexia N Tasman V	2R	Melissa B Valentina B Evan C	4SC	Chloe C Jacob O	Sport Chelsea H (2R) Sienna G (4SC)
KG	Teya H Barney J Tom W	3B	Piper C Sophie M William M	5D	Ethan C Camila G	
1B	Joshua D Coby S Ellie W	3O	Zachary C Abbie D Chloe O	5NF	John B Lucas D Anthony M	Library Ayrton D (2R) Jade C (6DI)
1G	Lucy E Joshua R	3R	Lachlan B Neeve S	6DI	Lucinda B Joshua B	
2N	Elianna A Tyler J Katia K	4B	Zac A Charlotte C Alex T	5/6B		Music/Drama Willow B (KC) Liam C (4B)

LIBRARY NEWS

'One of the greatest gifts adults can give—to their offspring and to their society—is to read to children.' — Carl Sagan



"When I say to a parent, "READ to a child", I don't want it to sound like medicine. I want it to sound like chocolate." — Mem Fox

Monday March 19th was International 'Read to ME Day'.



A big thank you to the parents who came in and read to small groups of children. The day was great reminder for everyone about not only the importance of reading to children but the joy it can bring.

Reminder: All children in Kindergarten – Year 2 require a Library bag to borrow. This can be a canvas or calico bag, a shopping bag, or even an old pillow slip. Many children are disappointed when they miss out on borrowing so please try and pack their school bag the night before where possible.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thank you to the families who came to the Parish Stations of the Cross last Friday night. We were very proud of the way the children led us through Christ's journey. For children, the story is not an easy one – Christ's death was not an easy one, but must be put in context of the times in which he lived and in the context of the Resurrection story.



His death and resurrection need to be told as a whole story. There's some understanding about the times in which he lived that helps separate the actions from the way we live today. The idea of people doing things differently in Jesus day helps contextualise it.

Some key ideas for talking to young children:

- *Jesus was a kind and brave man. Many people loved him but there were others who didn't like him.*
- *Back in Jesus's time, crucifixion was not uncommon. While we put people in gaol for crimes they punished them more severely. People who didn't like Jesus wanted him treated like a criminal even though he wasn't.*
- *The people who didn't like him had him arrested and killed in that cruel way.*
- *Jesus died. Unlike anybody else he came alive again – only God can do that.*

An article about talking to children about Jesus' crucifixion from a parent's point of view can be found at:

<http://www.catholicallyear.com/2014/04/how-to-talk-to-little-kids-about.html> - It has a lot of ideas that may or may not be suitable for your child but for me, an important line in the article is "If they have questions, I answer them. If they don't have questions, that's fine." It's a story they hear every Lent and like most concepts, their understanding will deepen each time.

It is also important to remember that the story of the crucifixion must be considered in context with the joy of the Resurrection! Jesus had to die...so he could rise!



RECONCILIATION



Congratulations to all of the children who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week.

Thank you to all the parents for preparing your children and especially those parents who facilitated groups.

Next week, we will be celebrating Holy Week at special liturgies:



Holy Week

Resurrection.

Monday 26th March @ 8:45 - Kindergarten will share the story of Palm Sunday at Monday morning's Prayer Assembly in the hall.

Wednesday 28th March @ 2:10 in the Church – Year 3, Year 4 & Year 2 will share the story of the Last Supper, Washing the Feet and Jesus in the Garden.

Thursday 29th March @ 2:10 in the Church – Years 5 & 6 will share the story of the Lord's Passion.

Wednesday 4th April @ 2:10 in the Church – Year 1 will help us to celebrate the

As well as our school liturgies, there are of course, the church celebrations of Holy Week and Easter:

Holy Thursday 29th March: The Last Supper

At St John's: 7.30 pm (followed by 1 hour Adoration)

At St Kevin's: 7.30 pm (followed by 1 hour Adoration)

Good Friday 30th March

At St John's: 10am Stations of the Cross,
3pm Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

At St Kevin's: 11am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross,

3pm Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

5pm La Passione di Cristo (in Italian)

7pm Paixao de Cristo (in Portuguese and Spanish)

Holy Saturday 31st March

At St John's: 7.30pm Easter Vigil.

At St Kevin's: 7.30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 1st April

At St John's: Masses: 8:00am and 10.00am

At St Kevin's: Masses: 8:00am, 9.15am, 10.30am (in Italian), 4pm (Filipino) and 6pm

Reconciliation

Holy Saturday 31st March

At St John's: at 10am

At St Kevin's: at 10am

SAVE THE DATE

Our next School Parish Mass will be hosted by Year 6 and their Year 1 buddies on Saturday 7th April. Everyone is welcome to join us for this special celebration of our Faith.



POLDING SWIMMING TRIALS

Yesterday Andie (Yr 5) went to the Polding Swimming Trials - she represented St John's very well for the first three swimming carnivals. This time she represented Broken Bay. She went to the Homebush Olympic swimming pool to compete.

Andie did really well and got 7th overall out of 90 kids in the backstroke.

By Andie and Carys.



SCHOOL INTERVIEWS – A GREAT WAY TO BUILD COMMUNITY AND PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Our parent-teacher-student goal setting interviews have begun this week. It has been well-received so far, with parents, teachers and students all commenting on how nice it is to be able to get into the classrooms, touch base with the learning that has already happened (so much of it already!!!) and collaboratively set goals for the rest of the year.

Children relish the opportunity to show and engage in their learning with their parents, and the research shows that this parent engagement and the ability to participate in purposeful conversation about their child's learning, helps build connection, partnership and leads to improved student outcomes! Win-win!

YEAR 6 TECH TEAM UPDATE



At St John's we have been using technology across our school in many different ways.

One example is Seesaw <https://web.seesaw.me/seesaw> – this is an app and program that the children can do many different activities that the teacher sets. Children can also use it for subjects like maths or English. All the grades use it across the school.

The children from year 1 are using one of our most useful apps, the Google suite. They are using this to record what different baptism symbols mean. The Google suite is used to carry and share information and for multiple people to access at the same time. There are many different templates to help present your working out and projects. When children use Google suite they are introduced to many different fonts, shapes and other useful tools.

By the Yr 6 Tech Team

BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION

We have noticed the same children still arriving at school before supervision begins **at 8.15am**. Parents, please ensure the safety of your child by not dropping them off to school prior to this time or by booking them into OOSH.

Before school care is available from 7am, and after school care is available from 3pm to 6pm Monday to Friday. Vacation Care is also available during the school holidays.

To download a registration forms go to www.ooshnb.com.au or contact OOSH Northern Beaches on 9984 8089 or email naraweena@ooshnb.com.au

HEAD LICE

We have had several cases of head lice across all year groups this term. It would be appreciated if you could check your children's hair regularly and treat accordingly.

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

Antonio Z (30) has written a little bit about himself in Italian and has translated it into English.

Mi chamo Antonio. Sono italian. Io amo calcio.
il mio compleanno e' il 27 maggio. Ho nove
anni. voglio essere una stella del
calcio quando sono un adulto. faccio
tesoro dei miei ricordi, mio nonno.

grazie per aver
ascoltato ragazze e
ragazze. 7/3/18

ENROLMENTS FOR 2019 – SPREAD THE WORD

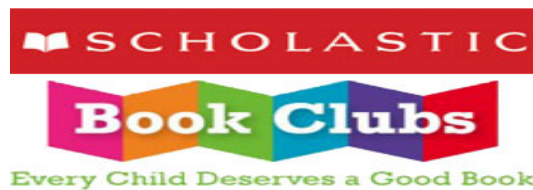


Enrolments are open for Kindergarten children for 2019. Interest in other grades is welcome. We will be holding Open Mornings and Evenings this year for interested families. Dates and time are as follows:

St John's Open Mornings – Thursday March 28th, 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 for a booking or further details.



Issue 2 : Scholastic is offering free books when you order from three book club issues in a row!

Help your students keep the READING MOMENTUM ROLLING

We're offering parents whose school is opted in to **LOOP** the opportunity to keep the reading momentum rolling throughout the school year with a **KEEP IT ROLLING** special offer.

This will help families to build their home library and keep the reading momentum rolling among students—**PLUS**, it will help keep the **Rewards** rolling in to the school all year!

For on line ordering please follow the link <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/>

Unfortunately, we cannot accept cash or cheque orders.

Remember to collect your orders from the office if you request a “gift” order.

Book Club orders for Issue 2 are due no later than

Wednesday 28th March

A MESSAGE FROM THE NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL TO ALL LOCAL SCHOOLS

Park and Walk!

Let's make school drop off a positive experience for everyone!

Is this you?

- ◆ Do you ever find yourself in a long queue for 'Kiss and Drop' that snakes across driveways, creeps forward, forces you to double park or creates a dangerous area for children trying to cross the road?
- ◆ Are you frustrated with trying to find a park that's close to the pick-up zone?

Here's some tips, and some challenges

- to make dropping off and picking up your children from school a more positive experience for everyone.
- ◆ **Park a short distance away** and walk your child to and from school.
Your challenge – do you need to park as close as possible to school?
- ◆ **Park at a nearby playground** or park and meet other parents and children for a brief play before walking together to school.
Your challenge – is there a park not far from school where you can meet?
- ◆ **Consider alternative options** to driving, such as car-pooling, walking, cycling or taking a bus.
Your challenge – do you need to drive every day?

What's positive about these options?

- ◆ It's good exercise.
- ◆ Models a positive and healthy life-style to your children.
- ◆ Removes additional traffic around the school.
- ◆ Reduces inconvenience for residents.



The P&F Gazette

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

Its Cross Country time and it's going to be **BIG**,
bright and colourful!

THURSDAY 5th APRIL

@Beverly Job Park



The Colour Run is our annual school fundraiser event – and all funds raised this year will go towards new classroom furniture for our Stage 3 students (Years 5 & 6). It's a day of fun and activity, with some sensational prizes on offer for the feistiest fundraisers including **AMF Bowling/ Laser Tag** giveaways, **Taronga Zoo passes** and vouchers from **Dee Why RSL!**

All students should have received their sponsorship envelopes by now – so you have the next few weeks to enlist the support of family and friends.

The class that raises the most money and returns their envelopes first will be paid a visit by **Pepperoni Pete** from **Dominos Dee Why** – yes that's right, a **free pizza lunch at school!**

We also would love the support of parents and carers to help us coordinate the event, both in the lead up and on the day in roles such as Finish Line banner holders, judges and boundary supervisors. If you're able to spare a few hours to assist, please visit <http://signup.com/go/dCERUyT> to select your role.

...and don't forget the **Easter Egg guessing competition** – only 50c to guess how many delicious chocolatey eggs are in the jar near the School Office. You can make your guess before school right up until the day of the Colour Run when the final winner will be announced. What will YOUR guess be?!



The Entertainment Book – now on available at St John's!



We're thrilled to be able to offer this fantastic book of discount offers to our community. For \$70, The Entertainment Book 2018/19 (Sydney & surrounds) offers you literally hundreds of discount vouchers. Using just a few of them covers the initial outlay.

From fine dining to casual and family friendly restaurants, cinemas, wildlife parks, bowling, sports, shopping and more ... it's a fantastic way to save money, especially when you're looking for inexpensive family activities to enjoy on school holidays and weekends.

Some local venues include **Dee Why RSL, Stella Blu, Sale Pepe, Pilu, Dee Why Hotel, Three Beans, Jah Bar, On Shore** ... and so many more! And for activity – **Hoyts, AMF, Flip Out** ... the list goes on.

Visit <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/94u9722> to find out more.

You can purchase either the book or digital membership. *Hint, with the book it's easier to share your vouchers with others ☺

Questions? Comments? Email any time at stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com

Warm regards

Bel, Pip, Jo, Russell & Caroline



MANLY
HINKLER PARK - PITTWATER ROAD
12 - 29 APRIL

TUE	WED	THURS 12	FRI 13	SAT 14	SUN 15
NO SHOW	NO SHOW	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	3:00 pm 7:00 pm	11:00 am 4:00 pm
TUE 17	WED 18	THURS 19	FRI 20	SAT 21	SUN 22
3:00 pm	11:00 am	11:00 am	3:00 pm 7:00 pm	3:00 pm 7:00 pm	11:00 am 4:00 pm
TUE 24	WED 25	THURS 26	FRI 27	SAT 28	SUN 29
11:00 am	3:00 pm	11:00 am	3:00 pm 7:00 pm	3:00 pm 7:00 pm	11:00 am

SEAT PRICES	RED	YELLOW	BLUE	GREEN
ADULT	\$55	\$50	\$45	\$30
**STUDENT/CONCESSIONS	\$50	\$45	\$40	\$25
*CHILD	\$45	\$40	\$35	\$20

FAMILY PASS \$140 'BLUE SECTION' ONLY (2 Adults + 2 Child) No extra discounts
 *All Children 3 - 14 to be accompanied by an Adult or Student
 **ID REQUIRED FOR CONCESSIONS. BOOKING FEES APPLY
 NO CHANGES OR REFUNDS ONCE TICKETS ARE ALLOCATED
 CASH SALES & EFTPOS ONLY - NO CHEQUES
 LIMITED DOOR SALES 1 HOUR PRIOR TO SHOW TIME SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY
 OFFICE HOURS: TUE - SUN 10AM - 5PM (CLOSED MONDAYS)

BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED
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ST JOHN THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OPEN DAYS MARCH 2018

**ENROL NOW
FOR 2019**

Monday 12 March 2018

Open morning 9.15am – 10.40am, Open Evening 6.30pm – 8pm

Thursday 29 March 2018

Open morning 9.15am – 10.40am, Open Evening 6.30pm – 8pm

Providing quality Catholic education to the local community since 1961. Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2019 and other grades 2018, 2019. Meet the principal; student leader activities for the children; see our school in action.

St John's, Narraweena, a place of 'Strength and Gentleness'.

Come and see what a Catholic education can offer your child.

School tours are available on Wednesdays or can be arranged by appointment.

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ST LUCY'S SCHOOL

Excellence in education for children with intellectual disabilities

OPEN DAYS

Does your child have an intellectual disability or an Autism Spectrum Disorder?

We invite you to one of our Open Days to see how your child will benefit from St Lucy's intensive instruction in areas like: literacy, numeracy, social competence and independence skills in a dynamic and creative environment.

St Lucy's Wahroonga Campus K – Yr6

St Lucy's Narrabeen Campus (satellite) K – Yr1

St Lucy's Narrabeena Campus (satellite) Yr5 – Yr6

For more information contact the Registrar on 8355 3157 or enrol@stlucys.nsw.edu.au. Applications close in May 2018.



To book an Open Day session in March or April, visit
www.stlucys.nsw.edu.au/enrolment/open-days-2018/

OPEN DAY SESSIONS:

Narrabeen Campus

- Wednesday 21 March 9.15am

St Josephs Primary School
(St Lucy's Satellite)

108 Ocean Street, Narrabeen

Wahroonga Campus

- Thursday 22 March 9.15am
- Monday 26 March 9.15am
- Friday 6 April 9.15am

St Lucy's School

21 Cleveland Street, Wahroonga

www.stlucys.nsw.edu.au

PITTWATER SPORTS CENTRE

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AUTUMN

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

TIMES

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

COST

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

(MEALS INCLUDED)

**DATES FOR THE DIARY:
16TH — 30TH OF APRIL '18**

Activities Include: Gymnastics, Trampolining, Foam Pits, Games, Baking plus age specific activities such as Kayaking, Basketball & Craft.

April Holiday Camps

16th April 2018 – 30th April 2018



Join our Holiday Camps and play soccer indoors on grass

CLINICS FILL FAST, SO BOOK NOW!

Here at the Football Factory we acknowledge the necessity to focus on the development of an individual's skills. It is important that Children have fun whilst they learn new skills, and that's why we've tailor made our school holiday camps to be both fun and engaging!

- Professionally qualified & engaging FFA & AFC coaches
- Learn new tricks, skills and techniques to improve your overall ball mastery and game play. We will teach you how to execute a 'Zidane Turn', 'The Socrates', 'Rabona', 'Maradona Spin', 'Cryuff Cut', 'Ronaldo Chop', or learn how to do an 'Oxford'!
- Play football, no matter what the weather, in your boots!
- Finish the day with Laser football

Half Days 9.00am-12:00pm | Full Days 9.00am-3.00pm | Extended days 8.30am-5.30pm

For 5-14 year olds

Book from 2 days to 10 days

Check it Out!

