



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents

Kindergarten helped us all to focus on the beginning of Holy Week at our prayer assembly on Monday. They re-enacted the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on the back of a borrowed donkey (a symbol of peace) to celebrate the Feast of the Passover and mark the beginning of Jesus journey to the cross, his death and his glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday.

On Wednesday afternoon Years Two, Three and Four helped us to reflect on the Last Supper (the first Eucharist), the washing of the feet of the disciples and Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane followed by his arrest. On Thursday afternoon, our seniors then led us poignantly through the Stations of the Cross and the death of Jesus and following Easter Year One will lead the Resurrection liturgy. Being able to celebrate these events together is always a special time for the children of St John's as it immerses them in the most important aspects of their faith. Parents are most welcome to join us for these celebrations which take place in the Church after lunch.

Parish celebration times and locations are published in this week's newsletter and all families are strongly encourage to take part in the Holy Week and Easter celebrations with our Parish community. Please note that events are held at both St John's, Narraweena and St Kevin's, Dee Why.

This week the media has been giving a lot of air time to the unfortunate decision of our Australian cricket players to get involved in 'ball tampering'. It has left me wondering about the pressure that competitive sport and the need to perform placed upon these young men and how this impacted their thinking. In the end it led to poor decision-making and we have witnessed the ramifications. Making good decisions or at least having an understanding and some grounding in decision-making is an important skill for our children to learn, from a very young age. There is such an important role to play for parents and teachers in this area and when this done effectively our children can grow in confidence and resilience.

Following parent, teacher and child interviews, the topic of decision making is one that is often spoken about. At St John's, the teachers and staff believe in fostering independence in learning at both a social and academic level. Once the skills and the understanding have been developed there is a gradual release of responsibility to the learner as they move to independence. This often means holding back from giving the children an answer in order to engage their independent thinking and ultimately their sense of responsibility.

Following is an article for parents on helping children with decision-making. It has some helpful background including developmental information, some practical family scenarios and some useful guidelines for parents on how to foster good decision making with children:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/182q7uPMY5CMDCTgKM3I7DIHmLkkr56nv/view?usp=sharing>


The above article is provided from our KidsMatter (mental health framework) resource bank. St John's has been a member of the kids' mental health initiative for five years. KidsMatter supports our strong emphasis on mental health through social and emotional learning.

We have a Pupil Free Day next Tuesday, 3rd April. The teachers will be strengthening their teaching skills in relation to Oral Language and its connections with writing. They will join 300 other colleagues at Waitara to work with two internationally renowned educators, Sheena Cameron and Louise Dempsey. As a result, we will be able to enhance the learning of your children in the area of literacy.

Wishing you a happy and Holy Easter,

Mark Bateman – Principal

DIARY

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>
Week 11 Term 1 Mon 9 April	Week 11 Term 1 Tues 10 April	Week 11 Term 1 Wed 11 April	Week 11 Term 1 Thurs 12 April	Week 11 Term 1 Fri 13 April	Week 11 Term1 Sat/Sun 14/15
<i>Core Values Assembly</i>	<i>Year 3 & 4 Soccer Gala Day</i>		<i>Year 5 & 6 Soccer Gala Day</i>	<i>Last Day of Term One</i> <i>School resumes Monday 30th April</i>	

PLEASE NOTE – THERE WILL NOT BE A NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED IN WEEK 10. OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE ON THURS 12TH APRIL.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 30 April

Term 2 commences

Mon 7th May

Parent Workshop – The Resilient Child

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

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>

The following Students will receive an award for The Wellbeing Team Production of an informative video of the Relax Kids Program.
Andrea B, Jerome C, Daisy D, Isabella M, Sienna N and Alesha T



WK 9 MERIT AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED ON FRIDAY IN WK 10

FRIDAY MORNINGS – 8:45am Kindergarten – Year 2, FRIDAY AFTERNOONS – 2:40pm Year 3 – 6

KC	Jake J Joshua M Violet M	2R	James C Crystal L Aiden M	4SC	Ava H Liam S	Sport Melissa B (2R) Charlotte C (4B)
KG	Fleur D Isaac M Nathan W	3B	William B Isla P	5D	Gabriella B Ella D	
1B	Ilana A Lara C Charlie P	3O	Anika K Lucas P Antonio Z	5NF	Giselle B Charlotte B	Library
1G	Taj H Benjamin L Luke M	3R	Aurelia B Indiana G Victor K	6DI	Jerome C Alesha T	
2N	Jeremy B Jamie E Arianna K	4B	Natalie G Aurora P Sophie R	5/6B	Shamro M Toby P	Music/Drama Zali T (1B)

Kindy Garden Beds Make Over

In Kindergarten our fabulous parents have been working hard to make over our three garden beds in the outside area behind KC and KG.

“Children learn best and retain the most information when they engage their senses, especially through play. When they feel safe, secure and supported, they grow in confidence to explore new ideas.”
(EYLF, 2009).

Our parents donated their time and resources to make three beautiful garden beds. We now have a dinosaur garden, fairy garden and a sensory garden to engage the children in imaginative play.

Mr Bateman helped us open the garden beds and many parents came to see the children enjoy the gardens.

We would like to thank the Kindergarten class parents Wendy Jones, Carol Glover, Eryka O’Connell and Angela Cannavo-Seibert for organising all the donations for the gardens and putting together a working bee to get the job done. Thank you to all our kindergarten parents who donated resources and/or time to make the gardens a reality.

Everyone is welcome to come and have a look at our gardens and who knows, if you wish hard enough you might spot a real fairy pottering in the garden.

Samantha Cahill KC
Jade Gillett KG



HOLY WEEK



This week our classes have helped us recall the events of Holy Week. We have seen voices raised in praise and shouting “Hosanna” turn to voices crying out to “Crucify Him”. We have watched as Jesus called his disciples, both then and now, to serve one

another. We shared in the Last Supper, the First Eucharist, which continues to be at the centre of our Catholic lives. Today, we walked with Jesus on the journey to the Cross.

Holy Week, culminating in the Easter Resurrection, is at the core of our faith. It is a great time to immerse your children in the ritual and ceremony of our church and to help them make connections to their learning. How will you make this Easter be about more than just chocolate eggs?

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting Project Compassion at home. Project Compassion boxes should be returned to the church over the Easter weekend. If you are unable to be at church over the Easter weekend, please send your boxes to school next week.



LIVING OUR LIVES IN EASTER LIGHT

Holy Week 2018

When we consider the life and times of Jesus of Nazareth, we find,

- such moral courage
- such strength of character
- such clarity of thought
- such economy of speech
- such uncompromising simplicity
- such magnificent integrity,

that death could never compromise him, defeat or destroy.

When we consider the life and times of Jesus of Nazareth we find:

- such poise and composure
- such searing honesty
- such tolerance for the underdog
- such loyalty to his friends
- such unwavering insistence on love,
- such magnificent integrity,

that death could never compromise him, defeat or destroy.

When we consider the life and times of Jesus of Nazareth we find:

- such self-knowledge
- such straightforwardness of intention
- such absence of hypocrisy
- such generous compassion
- such boundless forgiveness
- such magnificent integrity,

that death could never compromise him, defeat or destroy.

When we consider the life and times of Jesus of Nazareth we find:

- such unfailing fearlessness
- such unwavering truthfulness
- such generosity of spirit
- such abundance of humanity
- such oneness with the divinity
- such magnificent integrity,

that death could never compromise him, defeat or destroy.

The fullness of resurrection life, surviving our physical death, life beyond the grave:

all of a piece with the lives we are living now.

Lord,
may we follow you during this Holy Week through suffering and death, to the fullness of Easter Life.



Michael Maginn

Yesterday at 01:08

Michael is Father Michael Maginn – an Irish priest who writes beautiful poetry about daily happenings.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2019 – SPREAD THE WORD



Enrolments are open for Kindergarten children for 2019. Interest in other grades is welcome.

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.

OPEN DAY

There was another fun Open Day held at St John's today. Thank you Year 6 for organising the activities and showing our guests around St John's with such enthusiasm and dedication.



FUNDRAISING

On Saturday, Elisa, Alessia M and my brother Lucas sold cupcakes at Manly to raise money for Project Compassion. We were very fortunate that lots of people bought a cupcake and some people just donated without buying anything! At the end of the day we raised the total amount of \$165. We all believe that if we can make a huge difference to other people's life, others can do the same.



Elisa C 5NF

St John's are recreating the stories of Holy Week, from the time when people welcomed Jesus with palms to when he was resurrected, we follow his journey from Palm Sunday to Easter. Each day throughout this week we will go to mass to watch each year perform the stories of Holy Week.

Kindergarten: Palm Sunday,
Year One: the Resurrection
Year Two: the garden of Gethsemane
Year Three: the Last Supper
Year Four: the Washing of the Feet
Year Five and Six: the Stations of the Cross (pictures next week)

Maegan, Lucia, Luke, Nikita and Dylan, Yr 6 Mission Team





This morning some year 11 students came to the library to perform an anti-bullying play for St John's. They showed us what not to do and what to do in a bullying situation.

My favourite parts were the maths teacher, the dance and the slow motion handball with the sound effects.

There were lots of messages in the play: we are all different, treat others how you would like to be treated and there are different types of bullying such as social, cyber, physical and verbal bullying.

BY ERIN W 4SC

This morning some year eleven Mater Maria students came to teach us about bullying. My favourite part was when the boys played the slow-motion handball rally, their sound-effects were hilarious. The message of the play was to treat others the way you would like to be treated and to ask for help if you're being bullied.

By Jacob O 4SC

This morning Mater Maria students from Year 11 came to perform a bullying play to show us all the different types of bullying like physical, social, cyber and verbal. I really enjoyed the dance that they performed at the end for us. It also made it very interesting to watch. The message of the play is when you bully someone it hurts them and to treat people how you want to be treated so they will treat you the same way. I also loved the character of the teacher because he was super crazy and funny. He made me want to watch the play.

By Sienna G 4SC

LIBRARY NEWS

Easter reading. Are you looking for non-chocolate Easter gift ideas? Why not get a book?

Northern Beaches Council Library have a range of activities for students during the upcoming school holidays. [Click here](#) to make a booking.

A reminder that Scholastic Book Club are great value books and a percentage of each order is given back to the school for resources and books.

FAMILY LIAISON OFFICER

Parent Workshop – “The Resilient Child”

What is resilience? How do we develop resilience in our children? What are the elements of mental fitness? What is a growth mindset? How do children learn to manage anxiety?

Presented by Jeanie Mc Donnell, Family Liaison Officer and Alison Lumsden, School Counsellor.

Details: Monday 7th May, 6:30-8:30pm in the school library.

Bookings required: <http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au>

Booking Code: **ZJ2N4**



The P&F Gazette

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

Just 1 week to go until the Colour Run Cross Country!



Remember to get your fundraising envelopes in quickly to be in the 'running' for some fabulous prizes including passes from **AMF Bowling & Laser, Taronga Zoo & DYRSL**.

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!**

HELP NEEDED

We still need the support of more parents/family members/ carers 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 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 activities – **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 - PITWATER 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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