



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for Term Two.

Getting back into routine can be a bit of a shock to the system after being away from the bells and timetables of school life. Nevertheless, when children are supported in setting up and sticking to a consistent home routine involving bed times, home learning time, morning routines and fun times, many barriers to learning are removed. Establishing that routine can be one of the challenges of parenting but persistence pays off, so hang in there! Something else that pays off in developing positive behaviour in children is consistency. The following linked article from Michael Grose puts the idea of consistency in perspective and offers some really helpful tips for parents that could prove useful at the beginning of the term:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZitRExmaJU1mxsrL5OAV1sc9hlw8upOC/view?usp=sharing>

I was really impressed with our School Captains and our Mission Team who led a beautiful and respectful ANZAC Day prayer for us on Monday morning. Our children sat totally engaged with the ideas of sacrifice evoked by the red poppies and the sprigs of rosemary in the prayer space; the discomfort evident in the images of soldiers in various theatres displayed around the walls of the hall and the unifying but winsome sound of the Last Post and the Reveille played at the end of the prayer time. A sense of gratitude and the call to be peacemakers was left firmly in our hearts and minds.

Doing this on the morning of the first day of term was indeed a special contribution from our student leaders under Miss Dunk's guidance, and one that did provide our children with a meaningful experience of being part of our community, well done.

Lest we forget.

Last Saturday evening, the Parish of Warringah came together in St Kevin's Church at Dee Why to celebrate the installation of Father Reinaldo Vassoler as our Parish Priest. Over 700 people attended the celebration led by Bishop Peter Comensoli, Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay, with 300 of those attending the International Food Night following Father's installation. Our P&F and Advisory Council members provided a gourmet BBQ alongside delicious meals from the Filipino, Italian and Spanish communities. I'm pleased to say all of our meals were gone within an hour – compliments to our chefs!

It was great to see St John's families joining into both events. Father's installation and the response to it highlights the sense of welcome felt broadly within our Catholic community for Father but importantly for the leadership he is entrusted to bring to our Parish. Our two schools, St John's and St Kevin's are a vital part of the Parish of Warringah - that means you are too. All our families are invited to commit to building a strong and vibrant Parish and to support Father Rei in his ministry. I encourage you to look for opportunities to do this with your family during Term Two.

Best wishes for the Term ahead.

Sincerely

Mark Bateman – Principal

WINTER UNIFORM:

The children will change to winter uniform by **Monday, June 4 (Week 5)**. Parents may choose either summer or winter uniform until the changeover date to accommodate the changeable weather. A reminder that the uniform requirement is for predominantly white sport shoes for our sports uniform. [School Uniform Information](#)

NAPLAN

This year's NAPLAN assessments will take place for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 on the following dates (Week 3, Term 2):

- Tuesday May 15 Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Writing test
- Wednesday May 16 Reading test
- Thursday May 17 Numeracy test
- Friday, May 18 will be a makeup day.

Results will be distributed to parents by August 18. Further information about NAPLAN can be found at <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>

KINDER ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

All enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 should be submitted by the end of May. We ask any siblings enrolling to submit applications as soon as possible so that we can determine the number of places available for 2019.

If you had friends or family attend our Open Mornings or Evenings earlier this term, remind them to get their enrolment applications in before the end of May. Enrolment information can be found on our school website. Enrolments remain open throughout the year for other grades.

DIARY

Week 2 Term 2 Mon 7 May	Week 2 Term 2 Tues 8 May	Week 2 Term 2 Wed 9 May	Week 2 Term 2 Thurs 10 May	Week 2 Term 2 Fri 11 May	Week 2 Term2 Sat/Sun 12/13
Year 5 Prayer Assembly 8:45 Parent Workshop – “The Resilient Child” 6.30-8.30pm	ICAS Digital Tech 8am	Stage 3 Canberra Info Night 6pm Northern Beaches Cross Country		Mother's Day Breakfast 7.30am	School Mass 5pm Yrs 2 & 4 hosting
Week 3 Term 2 Mon 14 May	Week 3 Term 2 Tues 15 May	Week 3 Term 2 Wed 16 May	Week 3 Term 2 Thurs 17 May	Week 3 Term 2 Fri 18 May	Week 3 Term2 Sat/Sun 19/20
Kindergarten Prayer Assembly 8:45	NAPLAN Language Conventions & Writing	NAPLAN Reading Comprehension	NAPLAN Numeracy		

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tues 29 May

ICAS – Science and Tech 8am

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

Saturday 30th June

Confirmation 10:30 & 2pm

Fri 6 July

Last Day of Term 2

Sat 16th July

School Parish Mass – Year 1 & 3 5pm

AWARDS



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

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Strength & Gentleness		Joel I & Dylan O (6DI)				
KC	Gabriella A Evie B Mitchell J	2R	Matilda B James C Scout M	4SC	Biba D Charlie L	Sport Luella V (2N) Chloe O (30)
KG	Ethan C Joshua S Holly S	3B	Susannah C Fin H Lukina L	5D	Antonio K Haley M	
1B	Coby S Arkie T Ellie W	3O	Koby B Matthew K Antonio Z	5NF	Michael A Liam C Ella T	Library Fin H (3B) Jayden B (4SC)
1G	Liam F Noah M	3R	Lennox D Brooke H	6DI	Max B Andre B	
2N	Jamie E Katia K Giselle L	4B	Alexander M Will N	5/6B	Brendan W	Drama John Paul F (2N) Max B (6DI)

SPIRITUAL NEWS

BISHOP'S VISUAL ART PRIZE 2018



*"How sweet to my taste are your words, O Lord;
sweeter than honey to my mouth!"*

If you have walked through the school foyer this week, you will see the prayer space covered in honey, bees and bibles – definitely inspired by the above metaphor from Psalm 119.

This year, the Bishop's Visual Art Prize is based on "illuminating" a line of scripture. Unlike previous years where children have been invited to enter, this year every student at St John's will be part of the competition. Years 3-6 will be studying illumination, both traditional and contemporary, next term in Creative Arts. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will create artwork based on the scripture of their Religion units. Each student will select an art work to be submitted for judging in Wk 7 of Term 2. Three pieces of art in each stage – Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten), Stage 1 (Yrs 1&2), Stage 2 (Yrs 3&4) and Stage 3 (Yrs 5&6) will then be selected for submission to the Diocesan competition next term.

We are hoping to display all of the artworks in the hall at the end of this term to enable everyone in our school and parish community to enjoy the children's creative interpretation of the Word of God.





We will celebrate the Feast of the Ascension AND Mothers' Day at our Parish School Mass on Saturday 12th May.

Everyone is warmly invited to join us.

Information was emailed to Year 2 & 4 families on Monday. If you haven't already done so, please let us know you are coming using this google form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/t8LwJHkk0fNMN8FB3>

If you are joining us for the sausage sizzle but don't have children in Year 2 or 4, please let us know how many sausage sandwiches you would like filling in this google form: <https://goo.gl/forms/XKOD8sVYfevEhjlI3>

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

In the Diocese of Broken Bay, each parish runs a preparation program for children receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Initiation is a gradual process that takes place within the community of the faithful, the people of God as represented by the local Church, whose responsibility as the baptised it is to hand on and nourish the faith of those searching for Christ.

The **Information and Commitment Evening for the Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place on Thursday 24th May (Wk 4) at 7pm in St Kevin's Church. This evening is the first step in preparing for the sacrament. The children who are to be confirmed attend with a parent.



Call out for Facilitators

We need parents to help facilitate the program in small groups. The Confirmation program involves four sessions of 45 minutes during which children and their parent(s) work through the activities provided. Facilitator notes and step by step instructions as well as any resources are provided each week. Mentors who have been involved in the program before are available to support new parent facilitators. Parents can also be co-facilitators and work together to run a group. Your role is to facilitate the groups but every parent takes responsibility for their own child's sacramental journey.

If you are interested in being a facilitator – or would like to know more about it, you will find an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** form at <https://goo.gl/forms/NKqawN3omACwPYLo2> Alternatively, feel free to talk to Christine Dunk; we welcome any enquiries about facilitating or about support available to do so.

SCHOOL NEWS

NATIONAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL DAY – TUESDAY 1ST MAY

**PATIENT
CARING
INSPIRING
ENGAGING
DEDICATED
MOTIVATING
HELPFUL
AMAZING
KNOWLEDGEABLE**

Tuesday marked **National School Principal Day**, (which unfortunately I didn't know about until Wednesday!).

I am grateful to have an opportunity to praise and thank our principal Mark Bateman in particular, as well as all of those working in this unique profession.

Principals work tirelessly to make schools a place where teachers, principals and parents work cooperatively together to ensure our children get the best start possible.

There is an interesting article for you to read here for '[Praise for Australia's School Principals](#)'.

NAPLAN

In Week 3 (Tuesday 15th-Thursday 17th May) our Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in 4 assessments as part of NAPLAN (National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy). These tests involve reading, writing, spelling and grammar, and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress, and that the NAPLAN tests provide one part of the insight teachers have into each of our students.

A letter to our Year 3 and 5 students will be sent home on Friday next week.

*At St John the Apostle Narraweena we are **RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, SAFE** Learners*

As part of our ongoing professional learning at St John's, our teachers are participating in a few initiatives this term. This Monday and Tuesday all class teachers engaged in a CASL meeting (Collaborative Analysis of Student Learning) focusing on Maths.

The purpose of a CASL meeting is for a team of educators to work with a class teacher to analyse a specific learner in their class who they are 'curious' about in terms of their learning. The classroom teacher brings work samples and questions/hunches they have. The team listen and offer ideas and suggestions to try in the class over the next few weeks. At some point between the initial meeting and the wrap up meeting, the principal (and other members of the team where possible) will conduct an instructional walk and give feedback/feedforward/touch base with the teacher regarding the implementation of the ideas and suggestions. At the end of the cycle, a final meeting will be held looking at new assessment/observational/anecdotal results.

PARENT EDUCATION SESSIONS IN MATHS

In addition, we will be offering Parent Education sessions in Maths (ideally we will film these and display on our Weebly for those who are unable to attend). These parent education sessions will be offered in the morning and afternoon of Friday 25th May (Wk 4) as well as a session before our P&F meeting on Tuesday 29th May (Wk 5) – the maths session will begin at 6pm and our P&F meeting at 7pm.

RELAX KIDS

Relax Kids with Elizabeth Byrne continues this term with children attending a Relax Kids session with their class once a fortnight. These sessions have been very well received by both the children and teachers and it is great to see and hear children using the strategies they learn about in Relax Kids to help them to self-monitor and self-regulate their emotions on the playground and in the classroom. Ask your child what they have learnt!

WORRY WOO EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - K-2 - TERM 2

As part of our wellbeing program we are running the Worry Woo monsters program for our children in years K-2, starting in Term 2, 2018. If you want to know more about the program you can; visit the website <http://www.worrywoos.com/index.html>, or speak to your child's teacher or contact our Family Liaison Officer: Jeanie.mcdonnell@dbb.catholic.edu.au

This program is being offered to help the children to develop their emotional intelligence. In total there are 7 Worry Woo lessons and each lesson looks at a different element of emotional wellbeing. Each lesson has a character which the children will be introduced to, there is a stuffed toy character in the classroom for the children to play with and connect with as a visual and tactile support.



More links can be found on the Parent page of our Weebly.

SCHOOL CROSSING

Our crossing supervisor, Peter, has advised us that, on several occasions, children have run out onto the crossing before he has stopped the traffic and indicated that it is now safe to cross.

If your children ever use this crossing without adult supervision, would you please discuss the need to wait until they are invited to cross the road.





Mother's Day Breakfast

Friday 11th May from 7:30am

Menu

Bacon & Egg Roll \$3.00

Bacon Roll \$2.50

Egg Roll \$2.50

Bacon and Egg on a Plate \$2.50

Banana or Blueberry Muffin \$3.00

Single Stem Rose for Mum \$1.00

Coffee Cart selling coffee & tea from 7:30am

Mother's Day Raffle

Order your food and raffle tickets on QKR

Ordering on QKR closes Monday 7th May 2018

Proudly hosted by Year 1

KINDY SOCIAL NIGHT

When: Saturday 19th May 7pm onwards

Where: Dee Why Hotel

Come for a drink, come for dinner, and come for dessert!

We hope to see you there.

Kindy Class Parents

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**

All Australian schools are required to participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

For further information please contact Eirene Vidler- Learning Support Teacher.

SCHOOL BANKING

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

- 1. Online** Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.
- 2. In branch** Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away.

School Banking day is Tuesday.

Check out our new reward items for Term 2!

- Glow Light
- Sparkle Glitter Pens



COMMUNITY NEWS

An advertisement for piano lessons. At the top is a graphic of piano keys. Below it, the text reads: "Col's Music House" in a stylized font, followed by "Piano Lessons" in a bold, sans-serif font. Then, "At St. Johns School" and "Tuesday Morning Before School" are listed. Below that, "First Lesson Free" is written. At the bottom, a black bar contains the text "ENQUIRIES: 9972 2311 0412897737" in white.

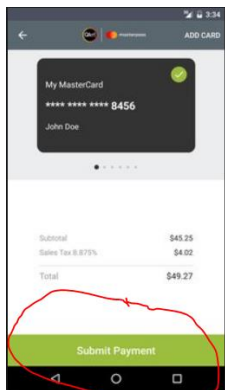
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The P&F Gazette

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

Qkr! - Remember to hit 'submit'!



We love Qkr! and how much easier it makes our lives. Whether for lunch orders, or Mother's Day raffle tickets and bacon and egg rolls, it means we don't have to scrounge around for the right change and can place our orders in seconds.

But please remember to **hit submit**.

Then ensure the screen then confirms **"You paid \$xx to St John's."**

You will also be **emailed** a receipt – this is a great way to check the order has been processed.

If you could please take the time to ensure your order is completed it would be fantastic! If you need any help with Qkr! please let the School know and someone will be glad to help! 😊

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



We're so excited about The Entertainment Book 2018/19 (Sydney & surrounds) coming to St John's. For only \$70, you receive literally hundreds of discount vouchers redeeming just one or two of them will cover the initial outlay! 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, valid from 1st June 2018. *Hint, with the book it's easier to share your vouchers with others 😊

School Uniform Shop Reminder

Open Fridays 8.30 – 9am & 2.30 – 3pm



Linda has lots of pre loved uniform items in excellent condition ... and if you're unable to come in on Fridays you can email her at

sjanschooluniform@gmail.com for your requirements or any questions.

*****Special of the week – St John's ¼ zip polar fleece jackets only \$5. These are no longer available new get in quick!**

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

Warm regards

Bel, Pip, Jo, Russell & Caroline