



# ST JOHN'S NEWS

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## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

As Mother's Day is upon us I'd like to wish all of the mums out there a very happy day. Preparations are well underway for breakfast on Friday morning. Our Year One parents are doing a fabulous job in preparing for breakfast and the various activities that will be offered during the morning. The children have been making something special for their guests to collect from the hall on arrival and we will have a blessing prayer and a song at our assembly at 8:30 am.

Special thoughts and prayers for the mums who are no longer with us. Their love and influence remains in our hearts and lives and I know they will be remembered in a very special way this weekend.

I offer the following prayer from the Catholic Education Office in Brisbane for all of our mums.

### *A BLESSING FOR MOTHERS*

*Bless all who 'mother' and bring new life in any way,  
These 'mothers' who teach and guide,  
Who encourage and heal.  
These 'mothers' who feed and nurture the life  
That has been entrusted to them.  
Bless them today with all good things:  
with health, with laughter, with joy and with love,  
with pride in their 'children'  
and the support of many friends.*

*May all 'mothers' who have nurtured life in others  
be themselves nurtured one day in your strong embrace,  
there, for all eternity, to rejoice with their families and friends.*



This Saturday evening at 5 pm, Years 2 and 4 will be hosting this month's Family Mass and sausage sizzle. All families are welcome to attend. Our Family masses provide the children with a lovely sense of connection to their Parish. Our teachers and Miss Dunk always make every effort to engage the children as much as possible in the celebration, which adds to their sense of connection.

We are currently organising for Kindergarten 2019. I am calling for all enrolment applications to be submitted during the month of May. I would like to finalise all sibling enrolments as soon as possible so that we can have a good idea of how many spaces to offer for next year. Thank you to all families who have completed and submitted forms so far.

Happy Mother's Day

Mark Bateman – Principal

## 'IT'S CRUNCH TIME' IS RE-OPENING. WE HAVE A MANAGER!

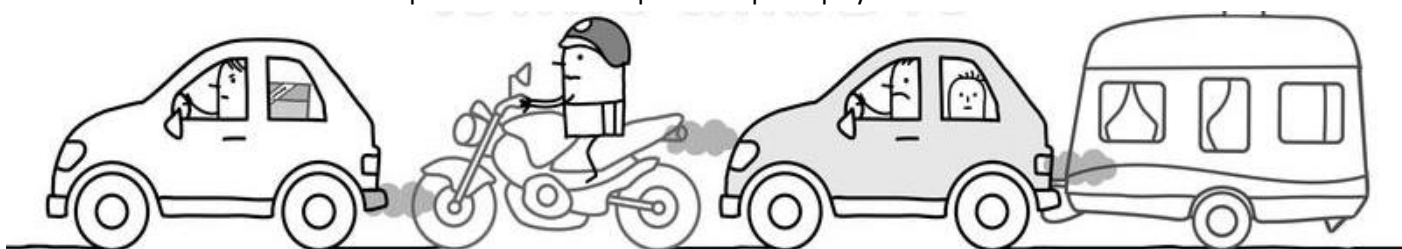
Our Canteen will re-open on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Shirley Mauro will be our new Canteen Manager. Shirley is one of our mums (Josh and Sophie) and has been one of our most enthusiastic volunteers to date. Shirley will help us introduce some changes to the canteen that are explained in an email sent to all families today.

The Canteen will re-open Mondays and Wednesdays for Sushi lunch orders (via Qkr!) and over the counter service and on Thursdays and Fridays for over the counter service at lunchtimes only at the moment. We will be trialling some new lunch order items next week on Thursday and Friday.

Please note that recess service will not be available.

## DROP OFF AND PICK UP ZONE:

Parents are requested to NOT park in the drop off/ pick up zone at the front of the Church before and after school. If children are to be walked into school, parking should occur outside the drop off zone. Your support ensures safety for the children and the smooth operation of our drop off and pick up system.



## 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 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 Term 2 Sat/Sun 19/20
<i>Kindergarten Prayer Assembly 8:45 K-2 Rugby League Clinic</i>	<b>NAPLAN Language Conventions &amp; Writing</b>	<b>Y2 Class Mass NAPLAN Reading Comprehension</b>	<b>NAPLAN Numeracy</b>		<b>Rekindle the Fire Parish Mass 5pm</b>
Week 4 Term 2 Mon 21 May	Week 4 Term 2 Tues 22 May	Week 4 Term 2 Wed 23 May	Week 4 Term 2 Thurs 24 May	Week 4 Term 2 Fri 25 May	Week 4 Term 2 Sat/Sun 26/27
<b>K-2 Rugby League Clinic</b>	<b>3-6 Rugby League Clinic</b>	<b>Yr 4 Class Mass</b>	<b>Confirmation Commitment Evening – St Kevin's</b>	<b>Parent Maths Session – 8.45am &amp; 2pm</b>	

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Tues 29 May

ICAS – Science and Tech 8am

Broken Bay Cross Country

### Tues 5<sup>th</sup> June

St John's Advisory Council Meeting

### 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> June

Year 5 & 6 Canberra Camp

### Mon 11<sup>th</sup> June

Queen's Birthday – NO School

### Tues 12 June

ICAS – Spelling 8am

### Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> June

ICAS – Writing 8am

### Sat 16<sup>th</sup> June

School Parish Mass Yr 1 & 3 - 5pm

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Confirmation 10:30 & 2pm

### Fri 6 July

Last Day of Term 2

## 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**

<b>KC</b>	Antonella B William F Emma G	<b>2R</b>	Chelsea H Aiden M Chloe N	<b>4SC</b>	Marlon I Scarlett M Erin W	<b>Sport</b>  Tayla C (2N) Charlotte C 4B
<b>KG</b>	Moana-Lisa P Benjamin T Haley W	<b>3B</b>	Joshua B Gianni D Darcy M	<b>5D</b>	Banjo L Alessia M	
<b>1B</b>	Brandon D Riley H Charlie P	<b>3O</b>	Lewis F Marcus H Neve S	<b>5NF</b>	Max K Aaron R Emma S	<b>Library</b> Holly S (KG) Lucas J (1G)
<b>1G</b>	Lucy E Luke M Oscar S	<b>3R</b>	Indiana G Nicholas L	<b>6DI</b>	Jade C Joel I	
<b>2N</b>	Hannah J Tyler J Arianna K	<b>4B</b>	Hugh C Chloe C Sophie R	<b>5/6B</b>	Annameke B	

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

### SCHOOL PARISH MASS

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We will celebrate the Feast of the Ascension AND Mothers' Day at our Parish School Mass this Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

Everyone is warmly invited to join us.

### THE ASCENSION

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This weekend, we will mark the last Sunday of the Easter Season as we commemorate the Ascension of Christ when he returned to his place beside his Father.

The Ascension is not a farewell or a time of sadness at Jesus' departure from this world. Rather, the Ascension celebrates the on-going presence of the risen Christ among us.

The Season of Easter finishes on the day of Pentecost – next weekend – and our parish has something exciting planned for this celebration – see below.



### UPCOMING PARISH EVENT

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A Youth Vigil Mass with a special ritual called **"Rekindle the Flame"** is being held on the Feast of Pentecost - Saturday 19 May at 5pm at St John's Church.

After Mass, there will be a sausage sizzle for World Youth Day Fundraising:  
Sausage sizzle: \$3 each or 2 for \$5 and a bundle of wood: \$1 to "rekindle the flame".

All our families are invited to be part of this special event!



### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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A hard copy note was sent home to all Yr 2 parents today – please check your child's bag!



## NORTHERN BEACHES CROSS COUNTRY



We had a squad of 60 students represent St John's at the Northern Beaches Cross Country at Rat Park on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Congratulations to all of the students for their great commitment and enthusiasm and effort to achieve a personal best. The students are also to be congratulated for their great sports-person-ship in the way they looked out for each other and the other runners, how they encouraged and congratulated each other, and how well they represented our school in their words and actions.

*'On Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May some of our students represent St John's in the Northern Beaches Cross Country. We all had a great time and all tried our best. Congratulations to all the students that made it to the next level on the 29<sup>th</sup> May.'* – Bonnie & Jade Cl (Yr 6)



Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the Broken Bay Cross Country to be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> May at Fagan Park, Galstan.

8 Years Girls	8 Years Boys	9 Years Girls	9 Years Boys
Abbie D – 5 <sup>th</sup> Charli B – 6 <sup>th</sup>	Blake W – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ava H – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gemma T – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Antonio Z – 10 <sup>th</sup>
10 Years Girls	10 Years Boys	11 Years Girls	12 Years Girls
Ella D – 1 <sup>st</sup> Andie M – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Emma S – 6 <sup>th</sup> Ava R – 7 <sup>th</sup> Jasmine L – 15 <sup>th</sup> Elissa G – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christian C – 15 <sup>th</sup> Oscar H – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Hannah H – 8 <sup>th</sup> Brooke G – 21 <sup>st</sup>	Lucinda B – 6 <sup>th</sup>



Congratulations to Lucinda (Yr 6) and Andie (Yr 5) for their excellent sporting prowess. The girls recently spent time trying out for the Polding representative team for netball (Lucinda) and touch football (Andie).

This means the girls competed against other students from not just within our Broken Bay diocese, but from 5 other NSW dioceses as well (Armidale, Bathurst, Lismore, Newcastle-Maitland and Wilcannia-Forbes).

After a gruelling couple of days, all girls have successfully made their respective team and will now be eligible to try out for the NSW PSSA (NSW Primary School Sports Association) team which is made up of both Catholic and Public School students.



Congratulations also to Sienna (Yr 6) and Charlotte C (Yr 4) who have successfully made the Broken Bay representative team for softball. They will try out for Polding next month.

Congratulations and good luck!

## REPRESENTATIVE RUGBY

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Jonathan (Yr 6) has been a keen footy player from a young age and has been playing for the Dee Why Lions since he was 6. He has just been invited to join the Warringah Rats Under 11 Representative squad for Rugby Union. This 18-member squad is made up of members from seven local clubs.

After trying out for the team last year but not making it through, he was especially determined to try again this year. Well done Jonnie on your persistence and determination – it's paid off!

To make the team Jonathan had to participate in two separate trial days with mixed teams from the seven clubs, as well as in his own regular team with scouts observing the games.

The Warringah squad competes against other representative teams in the wider Sydney area. The children have an option of being promoted to the NSW representative team after the next level of competition.

Congratulations and good luck to our future Wallabies player!

## REPRESENTATIVE HOCKEY

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Congratulations to Annie S, Ella D & Tahlia B (Yr 5) who have all been selected for the Northern Sydney Beaches rep hockey team.

The team competes in carnivals and Field State Champs. Representative hockey enables the girls to improve their hockey, play different competitors, and provide opportunities for selection at higher levels.



## SO MUCH SPORT!

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St John's students are participating in Rugby League clinics over the next few weeks, with thanks to the Manly Warringah NRL schools program. Children from K-2 will be participating in fundamental skills-building sessions on Mondays over the next 3 weeks, and children from Yrs 3-6 will be participating in Eagle Tag and Rugby League clinics on Tuesdays over the next 4 weeks (not including next week due to NAPLAN). The Yrs 3-6 children will participate in their clinics down at Beverley Job Park.

## SCHOOL CROSSING

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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?



## CHESS AT ST JOHN'S IN TERM 2

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This term Chess Club will be on in the library at lunchtime at

This term we will be competing in the NSW Junior Chess League Primary Schools Chess Teams Competition. This competition involves many schools in the area and is held on Friday afternoons after school. This year we have two teams competing and we would like to wish them well in the coming term.

The members of the teams are:

<u>Rookie team</u>	<u>Junior Rookie team</u>
Aaron R	Alekss B
Alison L	Victor K
Ethan C	Lachlan B
Michael A	Dominic Y
Nicholas C	Benjamin F

Good luck to all our players!

## CHESS CLUB

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Chess Club will begin this week on Friday in the library at lunchtime after the eating bell. It is open to all children of all abilities. It is a great way for your child to learn how to play chess in a relaxed, fun environment.

Rachael Crookwell

Samantha Cahill

## SUPPORT NEEDED FOR SIENNA:

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Sienna N in Year 6 has been selected as a member of the junior girls NSW Softball Squad to tour Japan in August. This is an amazing achievement, Sienna, congratulations! Sienna needs to raise funds to help cover the cost of her trip (\$4500) and is asking for community support. Sienna is working with her family to make and sell delicious Rocky Road treats (\$7 each) or beautiful bracelets (quartz, amethysts, freshwater pearls and more) for \$15.

Orders can be made by contacting Anne-Maree Newberry on 0402 975 010.

*Sienna will be selling Rocky Road and other goodies at our*

*Mother's Day Stall this Friday morning.*



## KINDY SOCIAL NIGHT

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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

## YEAR 4 SOCIAL NIGHT

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It's time for a kid free catch up!

Date - Friday 25 May

Venue - Dee Why Hotel

Time - anytime from 7pm

RSVP to Jo on [Joanne.woolford@bigpond.com.au](mailto:Joanne.woolford@bigpond.com.au) by 21 May so we can book a table

From yr 4 parents - Jo, Caroline, Brooke & Michelle

## FAMILY LIAISON OFFICER

### 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching – Daytime course – expressions of interest

Several parents have mentioned that they would like to do a 1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching course during the daytime. Can you please email [Jeanie.mcdonnell@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Jeanie.mcdonnell@dbb.catholic.edu.au) with an expression of interest? Jeanie can organize these sessions on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday starting at 9:15 for approx... 2 hours, so please contact her to let her know your preferred day. The workshop runs for 3 sessions.

### The Resilient Child Workshop

We received very positive feedback about the Resilient Child workshop which ran on Monday evening. A short version of the presentation from Monday night can be found on the school weebly: <https://stjohnsnarraweena.weebly.com/parent.html>. If you are interested in joining another Resilient Child Workshop, please contact Jeanie Mc Donnell with an expression of interest: [Jeanie.mcdonnell@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Jeanie.mcdonnell@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

## SCHOOL BANKING

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### 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](http://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.

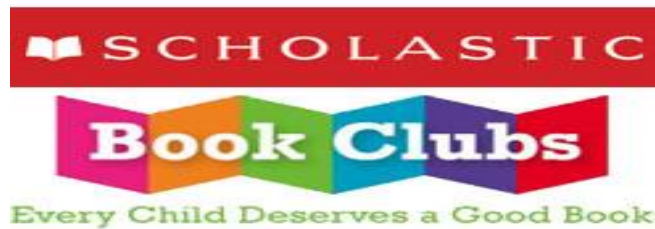
### School Banking day is Tuesday.

Check out our new reward items for Term 2!

- Glow Light
- Sparkle Glitter Pens







Issue 3 : 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 3 are due no later than**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

#### COMMUNITY NEWS

**Col's Music House**  
**Piano Lessons**  
At St. Johns School  
Tuesday Morning Before School  
First Lesson Free

**ENQUIRIES: 9972 2311 0412897737**



# *The P&F Gazette*

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

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## Reminder

### Colour Run Prizes drawn next week

Remember to return your sponsorship envelopes by tomorrow (Friday 11th) to be in the running!



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## School Uniform Shop News

Winter Specials on our Pre-Loved Items!

Girl's Winter Dresses - \$15

¼ Zip Polar Fleece - \$5

Visit Linda from 2.30pm tomorrow in the School Canteen  
(note the Uniform Shop will be closed tomorrow morning due to the Mother's Day celebration)

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## Next P & F Meeting - Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May

We would love you to join us at 7pm in the School Library for our next Parents & Friends meeting.

It's a fantastic way to get involved in our School Community, learn more about our School, and also make some great new friends!  
If you have any items you would like to add to the agenda, we invite you to email them to [stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com) or you're welcome to approach any of us in person

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

Warm regards

Bel, Pip, Jo, Russell & Caroline