



# ST JOHN'S NEWS

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## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

### CLAIM THE DATE FOR ST JOHN'S FETE – Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018

We are excited to announce we are in the process of organising **St John's Fete** this year. The fete will be a great community builder, a day of family fun and it will raise funds for our school and community. We have a date, a co-ordinator, (thank you Linda Nero) and already an interested team is forming to help guide the day. We'd love to have your support in making this a fantastic family day. Please read the P&F Gazette further on in the newsletter for more information.

National Sorry Day will be celebrated on May 26<sup>th</sup> followed by National Reconciliation Week (May 27<sup>th</sup> – June 3<sup>rd</sup>). The theme of the week is 'Don't keep history and mystery'; the idea behind the theme being that history is important for us all. It tells our story and in so doing gives us a sense of identity and understanding. For Indigenous Australians, recognition and acknowledgement of their story, inclusive of discrimination, exclusion, as well as times of restoration and achievement is an essential part of the reconciliation process. Fr Andrew Hamilton provides an interesting perspective on **National Sorry Day** and **Reconciliation Week**. Here is a link to his one page article providing food for thought:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zxBHU031QBXnWhJ8yMQkzZpnD4iqfSkY/view?usp=sharing>

Our teachers will be working with the children to help them understand the central themes of National Reconciliation Week and National Sorry Day. The following website is a helpful resource to explore and it asks a very relevant question – 'What are some of the things I don't know about our shared history?'

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/>

In other news, the Parish of Warringah is about to begin preparing children for the Sacrament of Confirmation. A commitment meeting is arranged for tonight, Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at St Kevin's Church, Dee Why beginning at 7:00 pm. The timing for Confirmation is excellent as it links in beautifully with our recent celebration of Pentecost Sunday – the time the disciples were given the gift of the Holy Spirit which inspired them to go out to the world to spread the good news. The Sacrament of Confirmation will help the children and parents taking part to be aware of that same gift in their own lives. Best wishes to all candidates and families involved in the program over the next few weeks.

Finally, a reminder that the Term 2 P&F meeting will be held next week. It begins with a 6:00 pm Maths Workshop for parents in the library, led by Ms Cahill. The P&F General Meeting will follow the workshop.

Regards,

Mark Bateman – Principal

## PARKING ISSUES, ACTION TAKEN:

Unfortunately, we continue to experience drop off and pick up issues in Waratah Parade and in Alfred Street. If our procedures are followed as described, there should not be any problem. **I advise that council rangers have been asked to support us in enlisting community cooperation.**

Mark Bateman

## MESSAGES TO CHILDREN:

We request that messages to children, especially in relation to pick up in the afternoons be communicated to the office by 2:30pm at the latest unless there is an emergency situation. We have been experiencing a high volume of requests to relay messages very close to bell time which is the busiest part of the day.

## 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

<b>Week 5 Term 2 Mon 28 May</b>	<b>Week 5 Term 2 Tues 29 May</b>	<b>Week 5 Term 2 Wed 30 May</b>	<b>Week 5 Term 2 Thurs 31 May</b>	<b>Week 5 Term 2 Fri 1 June</b>	<b>Week 5 Term 2 Sat/Sun 2/3</b>
	<i>ICAS – Science and Tech 8am Broken Bay Cross Country</i>	<i>Night of the Notables Year 5 &amp; 6 6:30pm</i>	<i>Yr 1 &amp; Yr 6 Class Mass</i>		
<b>Week 6 Term 2 Mon 4 June</b>	<b>Week 6 Term 2 Tues 5 June</b>	<b>Week 6 Term 2 Wed 6 June</b>	<b>Week 6 Term 2 Thurs 7 June</b>	<b>Week 6 Term 2 Fri 8 June</b>	<b>Week 6 Term 2 Sat/Sun 9/10</b>
<i>Winter Uniform Changeover</i>	<i>St John's Advisory Council Meeting</i>	<i>Year 5 &amp; 6 Canberra Camp</i>	<i>Year 5 &amp; 6 Canberra Camp</i>	<i>Year 5 &amp; 6 Canberra Camp</i>	

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

Queen's Birthday – NO School

### **Tues 12<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Mon 18<sup>th</sup> June**

123 Magic and Emotion Coaching

### **Mon 25<sup>th</sup> June**

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### **Sat 30<sup>th</sup> June**

Confirmation 10:30 & 2pm

### **Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

123 Magic and Emotion Coaching

### **Fri 6<sup>th</sup> 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**

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<b>Strength &amp; Gentleness</b>		Keeley F, Anika K, Ellie N, Joy N, Isabella S & Indianna V (30)				
<b>KC</b>	Jensen H Lawson L Tahlia M	<b>2R</b>	Valentina B Evan C Ellison T	<b>4SC</b>	Claudia G Sienna G Joshua S	<b>Sport</b>  Emery H (1G) Chiara M (4B)
<b>KG</b>	Leo O Matthew R Tom W	<b>3B</b>	Lucas C Isla P Jacob T	<b>5D</b>	Tamar M Olivia S	
<b>1B</b>	Chloe C Alessia G Zali T	<b>3O</b>	Charli B Keeley F	<b>5NF</b>	Luca A Rose R Giselle B	<b>Library</b>  Alexia N (KC) Neeve S (3R)
<b>1G</b>	Taj H Lilah R Joshua R	<b>3R</b>	Asha F Bailey G	<b>6DI</b>	Lachlan B Luke C Jonathan F Ryder H	
<b>2N</b>	Thomas B John Paul F Luella V	<b>4B</b>	Ethan D Alexandra J Aurora P	<b>5/6B</b>	Harry P	<b>Drama</b>  Sophia H (2R) Emma B (5NF)

## SPIRITUAL NEWS

### CONFIRMATION INFORMATION AND COMMITMENT EVENING

The **Information and Commitment Evening for the Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place tonight, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 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.



### MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Today is the feast day of Australia's patron saint, Mary, under the title of "Help of Christians". She is also the patron saint of our Defence Forces.

*Almighty God, deepen in our hearts  
 our love of Mary Help of Christians.  
 Through her prayers and under her protection,  
 may the light of Christ shine over our land.  
 May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.  
 Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.  
 Bless especially the men and women  
 of the Australian Defence Force and their families.  
 We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.



### MATHEMATICS PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

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This term we will be running a parent education workshop on Mathematics. The workshop will look at how children best learn Mathematics and ways you can support your child at home. We will run the workshop on three different days in the library. Please click on the google form link and complete the form to let us know that you can attend.

<https://goo.gl/forms/dln0VYzIEFJId7jp1>

The workshops will run on the following dates:

- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 9am in the library
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm in the library
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 9am in the library



Please come along. We hope it will be an informative and practical workshop for you.

Samantha Cahill, Mathematics Coordinator

### YEAR 3-6 GALA DAYS

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This term the Year 3-6 children will have the opportunity to choose from 3 sports for their Gala Days; Netball, AFL and Rugby League. These are held in the last week of term.

All Yr 3-6 parents need to complete the online permission form for their child to attend the day; including information on transport options to and from the events. It is a regular school day, so it is expected that children attend the day.

Please click on the link below to complete the form (it has also been saved on the 3-6 home pages on the Weebly):

<https://goo.gl/forms/iDftQBRsMDpQkeGA2>

### RUGBY LEAGUE CLINICS

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This term we have been expanding our rugby league skills with the help of rugby clinics given to us by the Manly Warringah Rugby League club. This will definitely help us during our gala day; year 3&4 will be doing their gala day on Tuesday in Wk 10 and year 5&6 will be doing theirs on Thursday in Wk 10. We hope everyone is excited.

*From Jade, Bonnie and Levi on the playground team*

### STAGEARTZ STARS

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Congratulations to some of our Yr 6 drama stars for landing roles in the upcoming *Beauty and the Beast* at the Glen Street Theatre in Belrose this September.

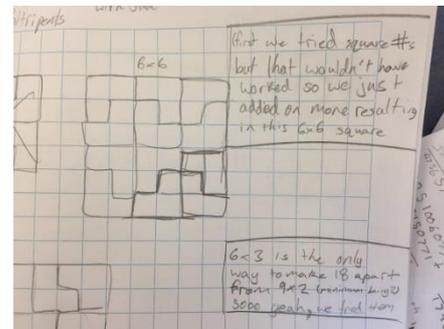
Joel, Max, Josh, Hayley, Hannah, Nikita and Jade Cu from Year 6 will all have roles singing and dancing on stage. *Beauty & the Beast* will be performed at Glen St Theatre, 21st to 29th September, 2018 – in the two weeks before the October school holidays.

<http://www.stageartz.com.au/beauty-the-beast/>

## MATHS CHALLENGE

Children from our Yr 4, 5 and 6 classes have begun their Maths Challenge tasks this week as part of the Australian Mathematics Trust. The focus is particularly on how well children are able to articulate their reasoning and explain their mathematical thinking.

The children also get the opportunity to meet and work with their peers at some of our Northern Beaches Catholic Community of Schools and even head up to Mater Maria to work with high school teachers. Good luck kids!



## NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME



The St John's children joined in with children all around Australia and New Zealand to listen to the story 'Hickory Dickory Dash' – the story *behind* your favourite nursery rhyme. It was a great read and well-enjoyed by all!

Have you checked out the StoryBox Library?

As an added bonus, Story Box Library is making their entire library, (yes, all 187 stories and short films!) including Hickory Dickory Dash free for registered NSS participants to view between **Monday 21st and Friday 25th May**.

## HOW TO LOG ON TO STORY BOX LIBRARY

- Visit [storyboxlibrary.com.au](http://storyboxlibrary.com.au)
- Look for the key symbol and LOG IN option in top right corner of website
- Choose either School & Early Childhood OR Public Library & Tertiary log in options (\*N.B. the Schools log in will give you access to the Classroom Ideas and the Library log in will give you access to the At-Home Activity intended for families).
- Use username: **NSS2018** and password: **welovestories** to log on, noting that both are case sensitive (\*N.B. if using Public Library & Tertiary log in page, you will need to scroll down past barcode option to use the username/password log in section).
- Once logged in, click on the STORIES page and scroll down to locate Hickory Dickory Dash.

Don't forget that you have the option to view closed captions as the story is played. Look out for the CC symbol at the bottom of the video screen to turn captions on. Classroom Ideas and At-Home Activity links and can be found under the Story Details section.



# The P&F Gazette

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

## ST JOHN'S FETE – SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday 3rd November 10am - 3pm**

**It's time to GET EXCITED!**

Entry will be open to our whole local Northern Beaches community, with exciting rides, raffles, competitions, merchandise & foods stalls to enjoy.

### PRIZES NEEDED

Can your family or business donate a prize for the raffle? Do you know anyone else who could?

Would your business be interested in holding or supporting a stall?

If so, please let us know via the link <https://goo.gl/forms/wvU8YUoXZUG3JYhD2>

or email us at [stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com)

**Stay tuned, lots more information to come!**



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



Just a few visits to some of our local favourite restaurants, cinemas and entertainment venues will recoup the \$70 outlay in spades! All dining areas at the Dee Why RSL, the Dee Why Hotel, Pilu for that special occasion, plus Hoyts, Zone Bowling, Flip Out and so many more venues .... this is a fantastic way to save money, especially when you're looking for inexpensive family activities to enjoy on school holidays and weekends.

The **Entertainment Book** has over a thousand vouchers for all of Sydney and surrounds – a fantastic opportunity to try some new venues further afield! 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 😊**

## Crunch Time – Canteen News!

Our food tastings last week were a huge hit - thank you to all the students, parents and carers who took part. We've based the new hot food menu on your feedback favourites, and the winners are (drum roll please!) ....

**1 - Butter chicken**

**2 - Bacon pasta carbonara**

**3 - Bolognese pasta bake**

**4 - Chicken mini rissoles with macaroni cheese**

These new items will be available, from **mid-next week**, on all days except Tuesdays when the canteen is **CLOSED**. And remember we have **sushi** available **each Monday and Wednesday**. More hot food items will be available in the coming weeks. Thinking of volunteering an hour or two each term? – please fill out the Call Out for Canteen Volunteers form and return to the school office asap!

## School Uniform Shop News

Boy's Winter pants only \$6

Girl's winter shirts only \$6

Preloved clothing in excellent condition!

Visit Linda in the School Canteen 8.30 – 9am Friday mornings & 2.30 – 3pm Friday afternoons.

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

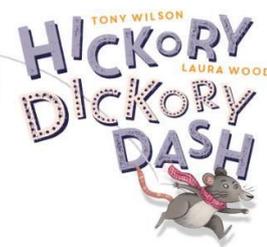
We would love you to join us at 7pm in the School Library for our next Parents & Friends meeting – there's lots to discuss, especially our exciting Fete in November!

Warm regards

Bel, Pip, Jo, Russell & Caroline

## National Simultaneous Storytime

WEDNESDAY 23 MAY 2018



All classes enjoyed reading the fantastic book after morning tea. All the Year 3 classes joined together in the library for the reading of a hard copy of the book while other classes watched an electronic copy in their classroom.

Kindergarten have read other Nursery Rhymes such as 'I'm a little tea pot' and 'Row, row, row your boat'. After reading they identified the rhymes in the book.

Years 1 and 2 had fun changing around the words in Hickory Dickory Dock and made their own rhyming versions.

Years 3 and 4 investigated other Nursery Rhymes and made changes to the rhymes to create their own versions.



Years 5 and 6 read 'Sorry Day' by Coral Vass. This book entwines two stories retelling the momentous day when the then Prime Minister of Australia, Kevin Rudd, acknowledged the sorrows of past and said 'SORRY' to the generation of children who were taken from their families. Students then watched a clip of the historic speech.



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.

## FAMILY LIAISON OFFICER

### 1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching is back!

This is our most popular parenting course. If you did not make it in term 1, this is your chance to join this year.

Dates & Time: Mondays 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> June and 2<sup>nd</sup> July. 6:30-9pm.

Bookings are essential: <http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au> booking code: **yhnza**

Please email [Jeanie.mcdonnell@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Jeanie.mcdonnell@dbb.catholic.edu.au) for any queries.

### The Resilient Child – Daytime workshop!

For those who were not able to join the workshop last week, we are now offering a daytime session:

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> June 9-11am. Please register: <http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au> booking code: **6km6m**

