



ST JOHN'S NEWS

166 Alfred Street, Narraweena NSW 2099
T: 02 9971 9297 F: 02 9971 2157 E: sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au W: sjandbb.catholic.edu.au

Issue No 17 – 7th June 2018

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

We recently held a meeting of our Advisory Council which is composed of parents and staff. The following information clarifies it's purpose:

The purpose of the St John's School Advisory Council is to serve, nourish and strengthen our school as part of our local Parish, wider community and Diocese by:

- *acting with Strength and Gentleness as responsible stewards in sustaining our school Mission*
- *communicating respectfully, reflectively and collaboratively;*
- *using prayerful discernment in decision making;*
- *supporting parent engagement and partnership in children's education in faith and learning; and*
- *supporting school leadership and staff in the implementation and evaluation of the School Improvement Plan (SIP).*

One of the issues that was discussed at our recent meeting concerned communication between the school and our families. A need to clarify our key forms of communication emerged. Listed below are the main forms of communication we use in order of priority:

1. **The school newsletter** published on the website and emailed to each family each week.
2. **Email** used to send notes and letters. You can also use sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au to contact us.
3. The **Flexibuzz** application is used to send push notifications about events, reminders and quick messages on a whole school or on a grade or class basis.
4. **Class Pages**, often referred to as our **Weeblys**, communicates information from your child's class carrying relevant points for parents and children.

We are in the process of organising a Facebook page that will provide sharable news feeds about school events and happenings. Class parents may have organised their own form of social media communication with parents on an invitation only basis, however, these arrangements are done privately and are not controlled by the school. Any questions about school policy or decisions should be directed to the school via the above email address or by contacting us on 9971 9297.

On Tuesday morning I spent time observing morning drop off in Waratah Parade. It was raining, cold and uncomfortable. This is precisely the time our procedures need to be followed most carefully. While most parents are cooperative, there was enough evidence on Tuesday for me to ask all parents and carers to read and cooperate with our procedures and to have a mindset that focuses on **'cooperation and the good of all' rather than 'my need before others'**.

I have included more detailed actions we all need to follow to improve things in the main part of the newsletter below. Council Rangers have been requested to support us in increasing road and pedestrian safety around our school.

Despite the wild and wet conditions, excitement levels remain high as our senior students headed off to Canberra on Wednesday morning. They return Friday evening after a series of excellent learning experiences at the nation's capital.

Best wishes,

Mark Bateman – Principal

CALL TO COME TO MASS:

A Family Mass is planned for Saturday, June 16th at 5 pm. Family masses offer a time for the children and their families to experience a connection with this faith community as we celebrate the Eucharist together. Families regularly attending Sunday Mass are providing their children greater opportunity to achieve this. These experiences along with prayer and prayer celebrations, RE lessons, reflection times, stories and discussions about Jesus through scripture help the children develop their own spiritual understandings which are foundational to faith formation. **Come along and help your child feel part of our Parish.**

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for representative sport duties

Tahlia B	5D	Polding Hockey (2018) Polding – Polding Selection Trials
Lucinda B	6DI	Netball Polding (2018) Polding – Polding Team
Charlotte C	4B	Softball Polding (2018) Polding – Polding Selection Trials
Ella D	5D	Polding Hockey (2018) Polding – Polding Selection Trials
Ella D	5D	Cross Country Polding (2018) Polding – Polding Selection Trials
Andie M	5NF	Swimming Polding (2018) Polding – Polding Selection Trials
Andie M	5NF	Touch Polding (2018) Polding – Polding Team

PARISH WORKS WITH US ON MORNING PARKING:

Following discussion at a recent Pastoral Council Meeting, the Parish weekday morning mass time will be changed from 9:15 am to 9:30 am from Tuesday June 12th. This will increase the time lapse between the finish of morning drop off time for our children at 8:40 am and allow time for parishioners praying The Rosary before mass to park safely in the Church grounds.

WARATAH PARADE DROP OFF AND PICK UP - IMPORTANT:

After observation of morning drop off in Waratah Parade it is clear cooperation with the following procedures would **SUBSTANTIALLY** increase safety for all and lower frustration at drop off/pick up times:

- **LEAVE** ample **ROOM BEHIND FOR** other vehicles;
- **STAY IN THE CAR.** Children should be ready, say goodbye in the car, get out of the car with their bag and walk straight into school. In the afternoon, the children should get straight into the car with their bags.
- **PARK OUTSIDE THE DROP OFF AREA IF** there is **ANY NEED TO GET OUT** of the car.
- let the **CAR IN FRONT LEAVE FIRST.**

Even though it is a short amount of time involved dropping off and picking up are is needed. Think ***cooperation and good of all' rather than 'my need before others'***.

Please communicate these points to friends, grandparents or relatives doing occasional Waratah pick-ups.

Mr Bateman

KINDER ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

All enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 should be submitted by the end of Term 2. 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 Term. Enrolment information can be found on our school website. Enrolments remain open throughout the year for other grades.

DIARY

Week 7 Term 2 Mon 11 June	Week 7 Term 2 Tues 12 June	Week 7 Term 2 Wed 13 June	Week 7 Term 2 Thurs 14 June	Week 7 Term 2 Fri 15 June	Week 7 Term 2 Sat/Sun 16/17
<i>Queen's B'Day</i> <i>NO School</i>	<i>ICAS – Spelling</i> <i>8am</i>		<i>ICAS – Writing</i> <i>8am</i>		<i>School Parish</i> <i>Mass Yr 1 & 3</i> <i>5pm</i>
Week 8 Term 2 Mon 18 June	Week 8 Term 2 Tues 19 June	Week 8 Term 2 Wed 20 June	Week 8 Term 2 Thurs 21 June	Week 8 Term 2 Fri 22 June	Week 8 Term 2 Sat/Sun 23/24
123 Magic and Emotion Coaching 6.30-9pm Library	123 Magic and Emotion Coaching 9-11.30am				

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 25th June

123 Magic and Emotion Coaching 6.30-9pm

Tues 26th June

123 Magic and Emotion Coaching 9-11.30am

Sat 30th June

Confirmation 10:30 & 2pm

Mon 2nd July

123 Magic and Emotion Coaching 6.30-9pm

Tues 3rd July

123 Magic and Emotion Coaching 9-11.30am

Fri 6th July

Last Day of Term 2

Wed 25th July

Term 3 Commence

AWARDS



******PLEASE NOTE – THE HALL IS CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE. AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED IN CLASSROOMS******

KC	Joshua M Jamie M Tasman V	2R	Jake F Crystal L	4SC	Jayden B Ava H	Sport Charlie L (4SC)
KG	Matiass B Teya H Josefina H	3B	Piper C Pascal K Wiliam M			
1B	Ilana A Gibsone G Arwen T	3O	Matthew F Indianna V			Library Fluer D (KG) Mia S (1G)
1G	India G Aiden P	3R	Angus B Neeve S			
2N	Katia K Giselle L Blake W	4B	Natalie G Chiara M Cameron O			Drama Owen N (1B) Matilda B (2R)

'Sweeter than honey - Teaching Scripture Summit

We have been offered the opportunity for a parent from St John's to attend either one or both days of the Diocese of Broken Bay Teaching Scripture Summit on July 25 and 26 at no cost. The summit is a key element of the Diocese's focus on the importance of the scriptures in our Catholic heritage and in the faith development of our children.

We feel it would be of great benefit to our community to have a parent involved as well as the staff who are attending. For example, there will be specific workshops for parents:

SCRIPTURE AT HOME

Parents are the primary faith educators of their children and therefore have a vital role in teaching Scripture. Yet many parents feel inadequate for the task and don't know where to start. This workshop offers practical encouragement and ideas for parents in allowing the Word of God to find a natural presence in the environment of the home and family living.

As well as keynote speakers discussing the "why's and how's" of studying scripture, there will also be workshops looking at music and art, including Aboriginal art, as ways of teaching scripture.

You can visit the website <https://sweeterthanahoney.dbbco.org/summit-program.html> for more details. If you feel you would be interested in this opportunity or would like more information, please let Mr Bateman know ASAP - places in workshops are filling.

Year 1 & Year 3 Parish Family Mass

We are looking forward to a great celebration of our faith next Saturday night 16th June. The children had a fantastic rehearsal with Mr Fraser on Tuesday, the singing was amazing and we are hoping to have a great choir! If you are in Yr 1 or Yr 3 and you haven't yet filled in the google form, we would appreciate you letting us know by tomorrow so we can finalise ministries.

<https://goo.gl/forms/FDIFyBnrXxWquVto1>

I recently heard of a parent who said they felt really uncomfortable about coming to Mass because their toddler would be too noisy. That's the beauty of our school Mass - it is especially designed for families, so please don't let that stop you coming along. We've got something special planned for our youngest parishioners next week!



SCHOOL NEWS

PACER

Students from our school are currently undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



CANBERRA EXCURSION SO FAR...

Our Year 5 and 6 students and teachers have had a fabulous start to our Canberra excursion. Although it is quite chilly down here, we are keeping rugged up and are staying warm (and excited!). So far we have been to the National Electoral Education Centre where we have learned about the preferential voting system used in Australia. We've also been to Parliament House and looked into the House of Representatives and the Senate AND have had fun pretending to pass a bill through parliament into law. We have driven past the embassies and guessed the countries by their flags (it's hard!) and we've done some great exploring and discovering at the CSIRO!

And even better, we've been to Questacon! It was SO MUCH FUN! And tonight we're heading off to the Australian Institute of Sport after dinner. The teachers are sure we will sleep well tonight!

Tomorrow is our last day in Canberra. We head out to Tidbinbilla to the Deep Space Communications Complex to see all of the giant satellite dishes and lots of cool space stuff – it's part of NASA! Then we head to the War Memorial and finally will be making our way back home.

Our ETA back at school is 7pm on Friday night, but we will use Flexibuzz to send any updates as needed.





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>

QKR

As of June 6th some of the older versions of the Qkr app will no longer work, and families must update their app. Most people have auto update enabled in their phone settings so this will happen seamlessly for them. If the app has stopped working, simply download the current version from the app store.

And if you still have any issues, go to the website as this is a backup to people with really old phones that may not be able to upgrade. <https://qkr.mastercard.com/store/>

CROSS COUNTRY PIZZA LUNCH

3B and 3O were the lucky winners of Cross Country pizza lunch. Today they had a special pizza delivery by Pepperoni Pete, the children were very excited meeting him and loved the pizzas. A big thank you to Dee Why Dominos who over the last 4 years have donated the pizzas for this fundraiser.



LIBRARY NEWS

ENTRY CAN ALSO BE USED FOR FR VOGT WRITING COMPETITION

WRITEON COMPETITION



WriteOn is an annual writing competition open to all NSW primary students in Years 1 to 6. It can be used as a whole-class teaching activity or as an individual project. The competition supports the learning described in the [NSW English K–10 Syllabus](#).

WriteOn provides students with the opportunity to become published authors. Outstanding entries are published in the [Best of WriteOn anthology](#).

WriteOn 2018 The competition closes 4 July 2018.

Students in Years 1 to 6 compose an imaginative text up to 500 words in length using an image as stimulus. Entries are to be submitted using the [online entry form](#). Before entering, please read the competition guidelines.

For more information including success criteria click [here](#)

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.



1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching

This course is hugely popular with parents of children aged 2-12 years. We are running the course for the last time in 2018 and offering daytime and evening sessions in weeks 8, 9 and 10 of this term. To register your interest of if you have any questions please email Jeanie.mcdonnell@dbb.catholic.edu.au

YEAR 1 PARENTS SOCIAL NIGHT

When: [Saturday June 23rd 6:30pm](#)

Where: Deck Bar and Dining, Dee Why

RSVP to Shellie shellie_thorn@bigpond.com by Monday 18th June

Shellie, Lauren, Anita & Carly

Support our school, order your copy now!

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/94u9722>

School Holiday Activities Winter 2018

What's in this edition?

- Vacation Care Bookings Open 12 June, 7am Page 7
- Healthy Lunch Box Tips Page 8
- Art Prize 2018 Page 9
- Discount Vouchers Page 10
- School holiday Workshops Pages 11 & 12

Winter Fun by Elisabeth, age 7, Cromer Vacation Care

northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au
vacationcare@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au
t 9942 2312

northern
beaches
council



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!

We'll be inviting our whole local Northern Beaches community to St John's, 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



Crunch Time – Canteen News...

Vox Pop – the results are in!



Our new canteen menu has been given the big thumbs up from the harshest critics we know. With Sushi now available on Mondays & Wednesdays, and our new hot food menu available every day except Tuesdays, it's wonderful to know our St John's Crunch Time Canteen now offers fresh, nutritious and delicious lunchtime meals to our kids almost every day.

Trying new things isn't just a challenge for our kids; Canteen Manager Shirley along with her wonderful volunteers and the Canteen Committee are doing an amazing job researching, learning and optimising the new processes. Shirley in particular has worked tirelessly, and always with grace and a beautiful smile. Thank you!

Did you know... Our new lunch order meals are all Healthy Kids NSW GREEN rated, and are prepared following precise food safety methods. We can also have occasional AMBER rated specials, so keep an eye out for our special sausage roll, dim sim and pork bun days coming soon. We'll let you know via the newsletter and FlexiBuzz, stay tuned 😊

"A boy in my class had the Butter Chicken and it smelled really good. So I asked mum to order it for my lunch, now it's my favourite."

*Student, 9 yrs, known fussy eater.
Parents are in equal parts shocked and delighted.*

"I really like the chicken rissoles. They were yummy and I like the macaroni cheese, and I like the spork."
Student 7 yrs

School Uniform Shop News – it's winter bargain time!

Girls' winter dresses only \$15 Girl's winter shirts only \$6

Plus lots of other preloved uniform items clothing
excellent condition – great range of sizes
Reuse, recycle & SAVE!

Visit Linda in the School Canteen 8.30 – 9am Friday mornings & 2.30 – 3pm Friday afternoons, or you can email any questions or requests any time to sjanschooluniform@gmail.com

Warm regards
Bel, Pip, Jo, Russell & Caroline