



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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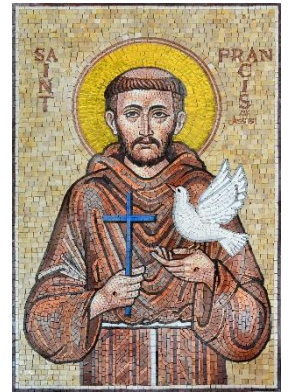
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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

We had a fantastic day at our Athletics Carnival yesterday. Our Colour House Captains did an amazing job instilling enthusiasm into their teams during the day. Well done to the children, our parent helpers and our amazing staff.

It is good to be back at school following my involvement in a three Francis's pilgrimage over two weeks in Italy. The group I was with explored Pope Francis's encyclical (teaching) about 'The Earth as our Common Home' (Laudato Si); the contribution of Francis Jordan, the founder of the Salvatorian Order of Priests, and we travelled by foot (about 150 km) to the beautiful town of Assisi to immerse ourselves in the life and times of the famous saint - Francis of Assisi.



Pilgrimage is very much about the experience including the joys, the challenges and the revelations than about anything else. Joys included the magnificent scenery, incredible history, beautiful liturgy, camaraderie, amazing Italian hospitality and the chaos of Rome! Challenges included the lengthy walks in the summer heat, coping with the feeling of sheer exhaustion; being unable to speak the local language and being away from the familiarity of home. Revelations included the magnificence of the Vatican; learning about the simple but incredible lives and faith of the saints throughout Italy; the impact and reach of our faith in the world and the courage of Christian people, especially Jesus, in the face incredible cruelty and persecution. I look forward to sharing some of my experiences with the children in the weeks to come. I am very grateful to Ms Ingram for her leadership of St John's during my absence.

In other news, Bishop Peter Comensoli, the Bishop of Broken Bay, has been appointed as Archbishop elect of Melbourne. I attended his farewell mass at the Cathedral at Waitara during the school holidays. Bishop Peter's appointment has come as a surprise to many of us in Broken Bay given his relatively short tenure with us. Bishop Peter's value for consultation, his positivity toward the people of our Diocese and his willingness to be involved in key issues in areas of education, especially during the challenges presented by the Gonski Report during 2017, have been welcome. Bishop Peter has asked for your prayers as he takes up his new ministry. Interim administration will be in place until a new Bishop of Broken Bay is appointed.

Acceptances for our Kindergarten grade for 2019 have been sent to all families. Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 remain open. Please encourage families and friends you know with children ready to begin school to come and visit us and to see what St John's has to offer. Regular school tours are being conducted and there is a very good video introduction to our school on our new website <https://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/>. Parents with any questions about arrangements for 2019 Kinder classes are invited to attend one of two information sessions next **Tuesday, August 7th, from 9-9:45 am and from 6-6:45 pm in the school library** or to make contact with me to directly. If you would like to attend either of the two sessions, please complete the following link to book a place <https://goo.gl/forms/Xiy1TXXIRWtfskoA3>

Sincerely

Mark Bateman - Principal

DIARY

Week 3 Term 3 Mon 6 Aug	Week 3 Term 3 Tues 7 Aug	Week 3 Term 3 Wed 8 Aug	Week 3 Term 3 Thurs 9 Aug	Week 3 Term 3 Fri 10 Aug	Week 3 Term 3 Sat/Sun 11/12
Peer Support begins	St John's Playgroup 9-11am				School Parish Mass Yr 5&6
Week 3 Term 3 Mon 13 Aug	Week 3 Term 3 Tues 14 Aug	Week 3 Term 3 Wed 15 Aug	Week 3 Term 3 Thurs 16 Aug	Week 3 Term 3 Fri 17 Aug	Week 3 Term 3 Sat/Sun 18/19
School Photos The Resilient Girl Workshop – 6.30-9.30pm	ICAS Maths 8am Peer Support Year 6 Cupcake Fundraiser		Northern Beaches Athletics Carnival	Grandparents Day – Time TBC Book Fair begins	

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tues 21st August

Book Week Parade
St John's Playgroup 9-11am

Friday 24th Aug

Public Speaking Finals 11.15am-1.15pm

Wed 29th Aug

Yr 4 Parish Mass

Sat 8th Sept

School Parish Mass K, Yr 2 & 3 5pm
First Communion 6pm – St Kevins

Sun 9th Sept

First Communion 9.15am – St Kevins
Tues 11th Sept
Public Speaking Finals 7pm

AWARDS



****PLEASE NOTE – THE HALL IS CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE. AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED IN CLASSROOMS****
STRENGTH & GENTLENESS will be presented on MONDAY mornings during Prayer Assembly

Strength & Gentleness	Marlon I (4SC) & All of Year 5
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KC	William F Emma G Joshua M	2R	Valentina B Evan C Crystal L	4SC	Claudia G Oscar H Ava R	Sport Arianna K (2N) Nelson D (4B)
KG	Erica A Hannah F Josefina H	3B	William B Fin H Jacob T	5D	Ella D Charles S	
1B	Chloe C Senuk R	3O	Keeley F Chloe O	5NF	Michael A Luca A Charlotte Y	Library Tom W (KG) Matthew H (4SC)
1G	Emery H Tobias P	3R	Jasmine C Annika H	6DI	Daisy D Emma F Bonnie J	
2N	Jamie E Hannah J Tyler J	4B	Alexandra J Sophie R	5/6B	Annamiek B	

ST JOHN'S FETE

It's happening on Saturday 3rd November – and planning is in full swing!

Entry will be open to our whole local Northern Beaches community, with exciting activities, raffles, competitions, merchandise and foods stalls to enjoy. We've already had amazing support from our community with sponsorships and prizes donated, but we'd love to receive more to help make the day as exciting as possible.

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



We are so excited to announce that the advance purchase of wristbands for unlimited rides at our school fete are now available!

There will be some AMAZING rides and activities at the fete – a chair ride, some action adventure jumping castles and obstacle courses and slides, and a teacup and saucer ride too!

Tickets can be pre-purchased via TryBooking <https://www.trybooking.com/401089>

- \$20 for unlimited rides all day (\$25 on the day).

Thanks to our amazing sponsors so far  **HAMILTON ISLAND**
GREAT BARRIER REEF AUSTRALIA



The Marcus Family

The Broad Family



Laing + Simmons
Dee Why



PRAYER ASSEMBLY - WEDNESDAY 8TH AUGUST – FEAST OF MARY OF THE CROSS

On Wednesday morning, we will have a special prayer assembly to celebrate Mary MacKillop's feast day.

Mary MacKillop was an ordinary Australian. With faith and trust in God, she was able to achieve extraordinary things. 'Never see a need without doing something about it' was one of her well-known sayings. She set up schools which gave poor children a basic education and taught them about the love of God. To the hopeless, she brought hope. Mary MacKillop treated all people with dignity and respect and we are lucky to have her as our Australian saint.



FIRST EUCHARIST – COMMITMENT EVENING

There is a Commitment Evening next Thursday 9th August 2018 at St Kevin's Church, Dee Why at 7pm. Children receiving the sacrament should attend with a parent.



SCHOOL PARISH MASS

Our Senior students will be hosting our School Parish Mass on **Saturday 11th August at 5pm.**

Please come and join us for this important part of our children's faith development.

WHAT IS GOD ASKING OF THE CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA?



It is this question that has moved the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference to announce a Plenary Council of the Church in Australia to be held in the year 2020. This Council is the first to be held in Australia for some 80 years and will probably be the only Council held in our lifetimes.

A Plenary Council is the highest form of communion between the various local or particular churches of a nation. It is, then, not simply a meeting of bishops but a process that calls for the participation of **the entire Catholic community**. It invites the whole Church into dialogue, to discern how its communities can live the Gospel with renewed vitality amidst new questions and challenges.

Every Parish and every school will be invited to contribute to the discussion. This means students, staff, parents – anyone who is part of our school community will be invited to take part.

Miss Dunk will be attending a session tomorrow to find out more about this process and how it might look for our community. The Plenary Council represents an exciting opportunity for sharing experiences (good and bad) and to look forward to the future and - dare I say – change!

SCHOOL PHOTOS – ‘SAY CHEESE’

MSP Photography are on their way! Have your child's school memories captured forever.

Our School Photo Day is

MONDAY 13 AUGUST 2018 (Wk 4)

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP payment envelopes & remember these helpful points:

- don't seal envelopes inside each other (you can pay for all children in one envelope however each student needs to have their own envelope on the day)
- family envelopes are available at the school office upon request
- please enclose correct money as no change is given (No cheques accepted)
- credit card payments can only be made online by following the instruction on the envelope or by calling the MSP office prior to our photo day. Children will still need to return envelopes to school to bring with them on the day
- Sport and speciality photo orders will be organised after our photo day on a separate form.

Please feel free to visit the MSP website www.msp.com.au or call 9499 6555.

PEER SUPPORT LEADER TRAINING

Our Year 5 and 6 students began training as Peer Support leaders today. This program offers opportunities for authentic student leadership and helps our Stage 3 students continue developing their resilience, their self-confidence, and their leadership skills.

The Peer Support program will then begin on Monday of Week 3. Peer Support builds student friendship networks across the whole K-6 cohort as well as helping all children be more supportive of each other.



Peer Support sessions

We are working on a module called Living Positively helping us explore the concept of optimism. The module runs for 8 sessions. Our first session enables the children to get to know everyone in the group, agreeing on how they will work well together and interact cooperatively with others. They will also begin to think about what it means to be optimistic. We encourage you to talk to your children about Peer Support every week, as it will help to reinforce the concepts learned in each session.

CLASS ORGANISATION 2019:

We have had a few queries concerning class arrangements for 2019. At this stage, it is too early to be able to predict our staffing allocation for next year let alone our class configuration. The Catholic Schools Office decides staffing allocation for its schools based on overall enrolments, taking into consideration relevant contextual factors. Staffing for 2019, therefore, is not possible to predict until later in the 2018 school year. This information is usually shared at the P&F meeting for Term 4.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION



A gentle reminder that the K-6 Public Speaking competition begins in classrooms next week. Children should be well-practised and ready to go by then. The St John's Public Speaking Final will be held in the St John's Church on Friday 24th August starting at 11.15am.

COLES LITTLE SHOP

Kindergarten are collecting Coles Little Shop Collectables. We would like to set up a little shop at school for the children to play in. If you have any Coles Little Shop Collectables that you wouldn't mind donating to Kindergarten, please place them in the tub outside the school office.



Thank you so much for all your support.

MUSICAL TALENT?



Does your child have a musical talent they want to explore? Did you know we have multiple options to help cater to this at St John's? Mr Frazer, our very creative and talented music and drama teacher runs a school choir each week during lunch. We also have [Col's Music House](#) offer keyboard tuition on Tuesday mornings before school, [Music Bus](#) offer a variety of instruments on Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school, and [Evergreen Music](#) has recently started a band ensemble who practice on Wednesday mornings before school. Contact the school office if you would like any further information about your child getting their groove on!



ST JOHN'S ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Thank you to everyone who made our carnival such a lovely day yesterday – it ran smoothly, the children had a great time, and even the weather cooperated by giving us a glorious sunny day!

Final results are still being collated and the colour house points will be announced next Monday at our Prayer Assembly (hosted in the church by Year 2). We will also announce the names of children moving on to represent us at the Northern Beaches Athletics Carnival (Thursday 16th August) in next week's newsletter. A short video with some photos was published on our website, weebly and Facebook page yesterday – please enjoy some more pics below!



The Resilient Girl Workshop

Parents of Girls are invited to join our workshop designed to help Girls learn how better how to manage their emotions, build supportive relationships and friendships, build independence and self-confidence.

Where: St. John's School Library, When: Monday 13th August, Time: 6:30-8:30pm

RSVP: www.schoolinterviews.com.au Booking Code: 6KM6M

If you have any questions about the course please email: Jeanie.mcdonnell@dbb.catholic.edu.auENTE

Brokenbay Catholic School Parents presents: Dr. Justin Coulson Parent Workshop

Have you booked your seat for ...

**21 DAYS TO A HAPPIER FAMILY - Dr Justin Coulson
ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S LEADING PARENTING EXPERTS**

WHEN: Tuesday 31 July, 2018

WHERE: Light of Christ Centre, Yardley Ave Waitara

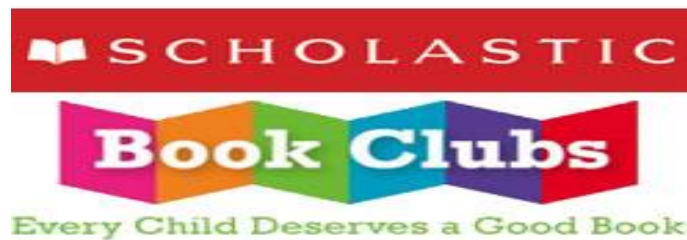
There is no cost and all parents and carers are welcome so spread the word.

To secure your seat, go to Broken Bay CSP website:

www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/dr-justin-coulson.html

Or bitly:

<http://bit.ly/2Ngr6AG>



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 5 are due no later than

Monday 13th August



Sunday 5th August
Year 1 Scoot n' ride & Pizza Catch Up
Curl Curl Netball Courts
3:30pm - Scoot & Bike Ride
5pm - Pizza at Harbord Bowling Club

RSVP - Class Parents
Carly, Lauren, Shellie & Anita



COMMUNITY NEWS

STELLA MARIS - ENROLLING NOW for YEAR 7 2021

If you wish to enrol your daughter at Stella Maris College for Year 7 2021, the Registration Form needs to be received by the Registrar no later than Friday 21 September, 2018.

To download a Registration Form please visit our website www.stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

Interviews for Year 7, 2021 will be conducted early in Term 1, 2019

Tours of the Campus can be booked by contacting the College Registrar on 9976 1802

Limited places still available for Year 7 2020

Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College

2019 BURSARIES APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Current students Years 7-11 and prospective students Years 7 -11 in 2019 eligible, financial criteria applies. **APPLICATIONS CLOSE 21 SEPTEMBER 2018**

ENQUIRIES registrar@monte.nsw.edu.au or visit the website for details www.monte.nsw.edu.au

Application forms are available at: <http://www.monte.nsw.edu.au/admissions/bursaries/>

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Monday 20 August, 7.30 - 9pm

Building positive connections

A GUIDE TO BULLYING

What are you supposed to do if your child is a victim of bullying? Or if they're actually the ones 'doing' the bullying?

Join our online webinar where Dr Justin Coulson from Happy Families will help you develop strategies in guiding your child to build positive connections.

Free - registrations on
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Suitable for parents
of 10 - 18 year olds

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