



# ST JOHN'S NEWS

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## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

We have all been made aware of the plight of the farming community due to the current devastating drought. It seems the situation is evoking tremendous concern and outreach and our community is rallying to provide both financial and emotional support through social media and other means. At St John's we will be teaching the children about drought in coming weeks and sharing the stories of our farmers. We intend to help the children develop and understanding about what the word 'plight' can actually mean in daily life. Along with that will be some encouragement to reach out and use their amazing sense of compassion to take some action to help.

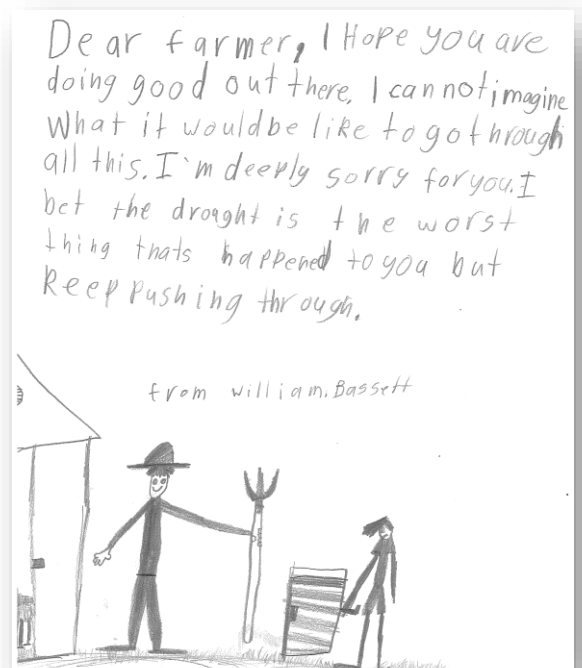
We have our Father's Day Breakfast coming up August 31<sup>st</sup>. We have joined the 'Buy a Bale' project which seeks to provide funds to buy bales of hay which will be used to feed stock. There will be an opportunity to donate towards this cause at the Father's Day Breakfast and we will be asking the children to bring a gold coin that day to give to the project. There is more detail further on in our newsletter. If you are not already involved in supporting our cousins in the country, perhaps donating to the 'Buy a Bale' project is something you could consider.

This evening, our Year 3 parents and children will be attending their Commitment Evening at 7 pm tonight in the Church at Dee Why. The celebration leads into the First Eucharist preparation program which begins over the weekend. As the final Sacrament of Initiation, the Eucharist brings the children into full participation in the life of their faith community. It is an important and wonderful step in building a relationship with Jesus and one that deserves your prayers and support.

We have our first Family Mass of the term this Saturday evening at 5:00 pm in the Church. Year 5 and 6 will be hosting the mass this weekend and all families are invited to come along. Our last mass was extremely well attended and we would love to see a similar response. Given the colder weather, we have decided to not hold a sausage sizzle following mass during the winter months.

Finally, we held two workshops this week to discuss our plans for next year's Kindergarten. My thanks to our wonderful Kindergarten teachers, Ms Cahill and Mrs Gillett for their contribution to our workshops and to the parents who came along and contributed so constructively to our discussion. We are busy planning for Kindergarten Parent Information Evening, Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> followed by our transition to school mornings for our new pupils. A point of clarification coming from our workshops this week, is that 'Play to Learn' specifically refers to the process we use for our transition to school mornings. We use the 'Play to Learn' ideas in the first few weeks of school to assist the children settling in, but it is not a 'program' we use to teach our Kindergarten classes. Our main tools are the NESA syllabus documents and our focus is on implementing the syllabus requirements within a distinctively Catholic environment.

Should parents have any questions about our planning for 2019, you are invited to come and talk to us about them.



## UPDATE ON THE HALL:

A meeting was held this week including members from the Bishop's Office, the Catholic Schools Office (CSO), the Parish and St John's school concerning the hall. Following recent engineer reports, we were advised that the hall is not compliant with Australian Building Standard requirements and cannot be used. Of particular concern is the use of the space by a large gathering.

As a result, OOSH services need to be moved and interim arrangements will be put in place to cater for the needs of the school and Parish. Time is needed to achieve this and the group will be meeting at the end of Term 3 with a view to establishing a clear way forward.

In the first instance OOSH services will be moved to Room 10 in the school and Room 5 will be used as an overflow space. OOSH will share the use of the canteen before and after school beginning Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Our prayer assemblies will continue to be held in the Church on Monday mornings. Award assemblies will take place on Friday mornings for Years K-2 and afternoons for Year 3-6 from August 17<sup>th</sup>. These will be held in the library or on the blue soft fall.

Sincerely  
Mark Bateman – Principal

Check out the latest news, photos and videos on our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page!

Recently published:

- St Mary of the Cross liturgy
- Peer Support session 1
- What does handwriting look like in Kindergarten?
- Fabulous fundraising effort from our Year 5 girls
- Highlights from the Athletics Carnival

## DIARY

Week 4 Term 3 Mon 13 Aug	Week 4 Term 3 Tues 14 Aug	Week 4 Term 3 Wed 15 Aug	Week 4 Term 3 Thurs 16 Aug	Week 4 Term 3 Fri 17 Aug	Week 4 Term 3 Sat/Sun 18/19
<i>School Photos</i> <i>The Resilient Girl</i> <i>Workshop –</i> <i>6.30-9.30pm</i>	<i>ICAS Maths 8am</i> <i>Peer Support</i> <i>Year 6 Cupcake</i> <i>Fundraiser</i>		<i>Northern Beaches</i> <i>Athletics Carnival</i>  <i>Cook Off</i>	Grandparents Day – Time TBC <i>Book Fair begins</i>	
Week 5 Term 3 Mon 20 Aug	Week 5 Term 3 Tues 21 Aug	Week 5 Term 3 Wed 22 Aug	Week 5 Term 3 Thurs 23 Aug	Week 5 Term 3 Fri 24 Aug	Week 5 Term 3 Sat/Sun 25/26
	<i>Book Week Parade</i> <i>St John's</i> <i>Playgroup 9-11am</i>			<i>Public Speaking</i> <i>Finals 11.15am-</i> <i>1.15pm</i>	

## ST JOHN'S FETE

Watch this space for an exciting  
update next week



**Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Aug**

Yr 4 Parish Mass

**Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Aug**

Father's Day Breakfast

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Sept

Broken Bay Athletics Carnival

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Sept**

School Parish Mass K, Yr 2 & 3 5pm

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Sept**

First Communion 9.15am – St Kevins

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Sept**

Public Speaking Finals 7pm

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Sept**

First Communion 5pm – St Kevins

**Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Sept**

First Communion 10am

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept**

First Communion 5pm – St Kevins

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept**

First Communion 10am

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Sept**

Last Day of Term 3

**AWARDS**



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

**As there will be no Prayer Assembly on Monday because of photos, STRENGTH & GENTLENESS will be presented at tomorrow mornings Prayer Assembly**

<b>Strength &amp; Gentleness</b>	Mitchell J (KC)
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<b>KC</b>	Gabriella A Antonella B Mitchell K	<b>2R</b>	Matilda B Melissa B Ayrton D	<b>4SC</b>	Lachlan H Rose M	<b>Sport</b> Blake W (2N)  Ella D (5D)
<b>KG</b>	Moana-Lisa P Imogen S	<b>3B</b>	Mia H Darcy M Isla P	<b>5D</b>	Ines M Hayley M	
<b>1B</b>	Brandon D Oscar K Fletcher M	<b>3O</b>	Koby B Lucas P	<b>5NF</b>	Carys F Oliver L Alison L	<b>Library</b> Fletcher Mc (1B)  Darcy Mc (3B)
<b>1G</b>	Benjamin L Lilah R	<b>3R</b>	Lachlan B Anton C	<b>6DI</b>	Jade C Ruby K Pratham V	
<b>2N</b>	Thomas B Katia K Luella V	<b>4B</b>	Nicholas C Liam C Madison M	<b>5/6B</b>	Krish R	<b>Drama</b> Liam F (1G) Chiara M (4B)
<b>Rock &amp; Water</b>		Monica G (5D)				

### FIRST EUCHARIST – COMMITMENT EVENING

There is a Commitment **TONIGHT** 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 11<sup>th</sup> August at 5pm**. Please come and join us for this important part of our children's faith development.

### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION – WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Next Wednesday, we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption – Mary, the mother of God, being taken into heaven, body and soul at the end of her earthly life. It always surprises me how often Mary is portrayed as meek, mild and obedient. The words of many of our hymns convey that image: Gentle woman, quiet light, peaceful dove, our art works often show her with downcast eyes, not looking directly forward.

Yes, she was obedient and did as God asked, and, yes, she was humble. (Can you imagine anyone today being the mother of Christ – imagine the Facebook followers!) But there was nothing meek about agreeing to bear the Son of God – just the opposite – what bravery! It was not being gentle but having great strength that got Mary through the crucifixion of her son and helped her to continue to be his disciple afterwards.

The New Testament does not demonstrate a meek woman, devoid of creativity and initiative. It shows a strong, noble woman who put her free will at the disposal of God's will. That is what the feast of the Assumption celebrates: that because God will never be outdone in faithfulness and generosity, he remained utterly faithful to Mary through death, as she was utterly faithful to him in life.



**The Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation – a day Catholics are obliged to attend Mass (outside of our Sunday Obligation). The whole school will attend Mass with the Parish next Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. You are welcome to join us.**

*\*PS. It's often confusing, especially for the little ones to – Mary, Jesus' mother is not Mary MacKillop – having those feasts a week apart can be tricky!!*

### PLENARY COUNCIL

We have been talking so much about optimism and hope in our Peer Support Groups and last Friday I was in a room that was full of both as I attended the Plenary Council Animator Training. The object of the Animators is to gather the stories of as many people as possible in answer to the question: **What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?**

When they say everyone – they mean everyone (it's an incredible logistical operation!). From the youngest (they've already tried it out with 7 year olds) to the oldest, men, women, devout practicing Catholics and those who have turned away completely.

I was pleasantly surprised by the attitude of the clergy about this Council, we are encouraged to be as honest and open as we can. One of the most powerful things we talked about was "Why stories?". They want people's stories – not their opinions, opinions are formed by the experiences you have – it's about digging deeper. You see, you can argue with someone's opinion, you cannot argue with their experiences!



The Parish Council will be meeting with the Plenary Animators (fancy word for facilitators) soon and we look forward to providing opportunities to hear from as many of you as possible. Start thinking about the stories you would like to share!

### BISHOP'S ART PRIZE



Hundreds of entries were received from schools across the Diocese and I did not envy the judges. The winners of the Bishop's Religious art prize have been announced and, unfortunately, St John's was not a prize winner this year. Nevertheless, we are still immensely proud of the children who were chosen to represent us. We all felt "illuminated" by taking part in the competition.

DROUGHT AID – BUY A BALE



Many of our children, families and teachers have asked if we are going to get involved in supporting our farmers – and we absolutely agree it is important for us to do what we can to help! We will be holding a gold coin donation day after our Father's Day celebrations on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August with all proceeds going to the Rural Aid 'Buy a Bale' campaign.

On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August, children (and parents!) may choose to come to school wearing their favourite flannelette shirt, or Akubra hat, or work boots. This is not a requirement – the focus is more on the donations than the dress-ups!

The 'Buy a Bale' drought appeal campaign is providing meaningful support for farmers by delivering hay and other essential items to farmers who have no feed left for their cattle. Learn more about where the money goes by checking their website <https://www.buyabale.com.au/>

RESPONSES TO THE DROUGHT

Thank you to Tobias (Yr 1) and his mum for writing this special poem for his public speaking competition.

*Rain rain don't go away,*

*I know a lot of people who need you here today.*

*Our land is dry and harsh sometimes and very unforgiving.*

*There's no water in our banks right now for cattle to be drinking.*

*Our farmers are doing it tough right now, they're doing all they can.*

*But they need all of us right now to lend a helping hand.*

*So next time our milk, eggs and meat are bought*

*let's think long and hard about how these things are sought.*

*These men, women and their families work hard every night and day*

*Just to bring us our essentials that we need every day.*

*So rain please come back as you can see*

*Our farmers are our priority!*



Toowoomba based photographer +  
Drought Awareness Campaigner, Edwina  
Robertson (@edwinarobertson) is  
delivering letters all over drought affected  
areas to farmers to help lift their spirits.

Year 3's letters of appreciation are sure  
to bring a smile to their faces!!

Dear farmer, I appreciate  
you growing fruit and vegetables  
for us. I cannot imagine  
how hard it is to be in a  
drought. Kind regards  
Madeline Kew ♥



Dear Farmer,  
Me and my friends at school  
know you are suffering  
from a terrible drought.

I Really wish I could give you  
Lots of food & Water. Farmer Never give up,  
Keep trying And I would Love to say a humungous,  
ginormous, huge & big Thank you For making  
Food like dairy. Yummy cheese, Milk,  
Cream, butter & Ice cream.  
So Never give up and thank you!

Kind Regards



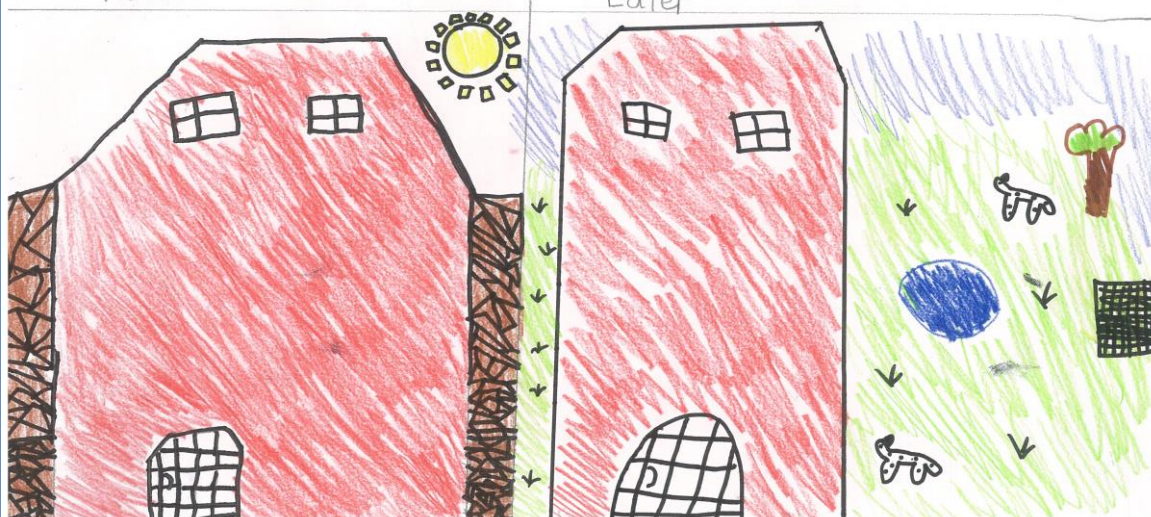
Love From Lukina  
xoxo

Dear farmer,

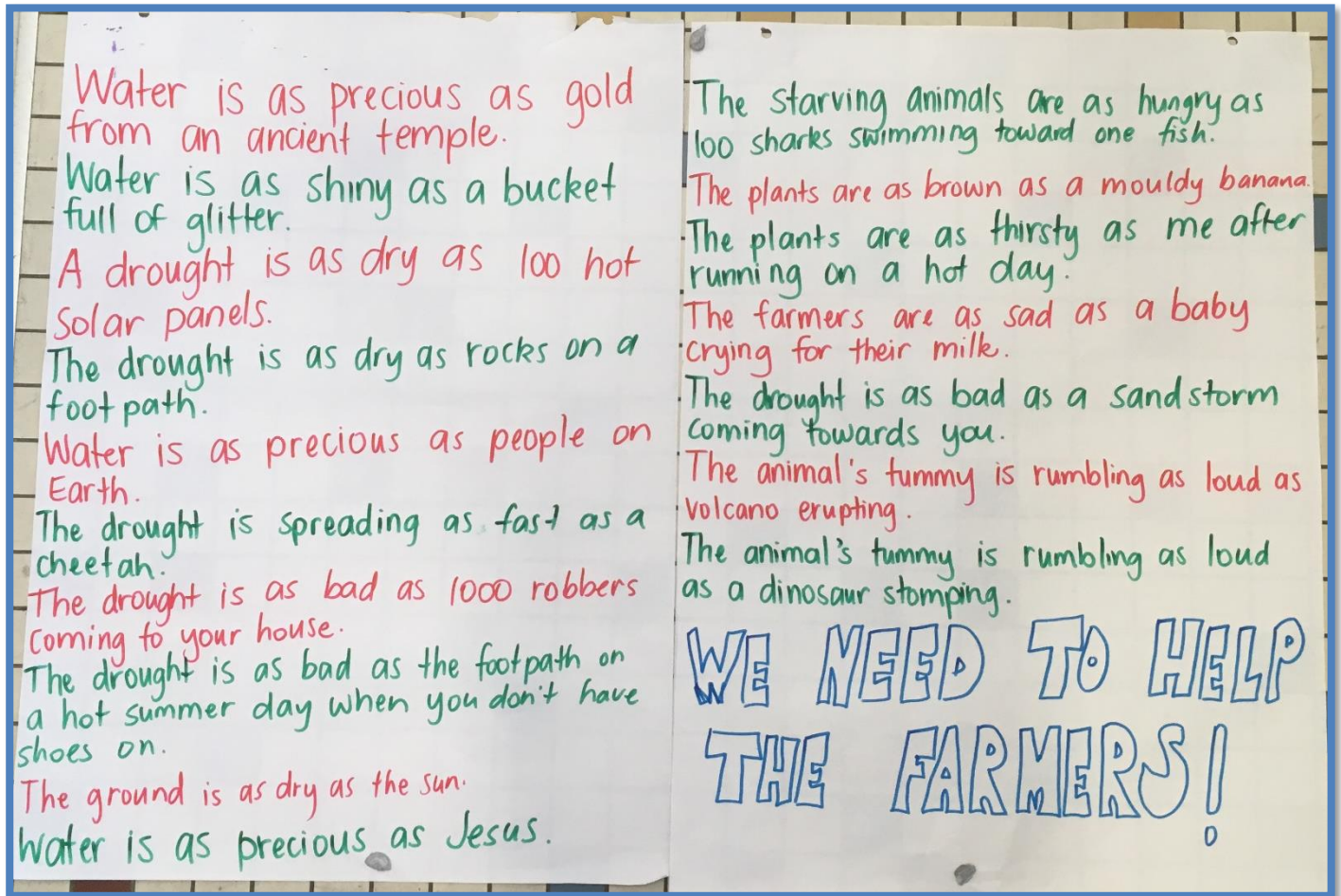
I cannot imagine how you feel With all  
crops dried up and only misery left  
but I hope this letter will bring you some  
joy! even if it is just for one minute  
We are thinking of you! love Annie St John Narrabeena  
Northern beaches Sydney N.S.W. Good luck!

Now

Later



Year 1 have been thinking about the drought and have written some beautiful similies.



#### GRANDPARENTS' DAY NOTE FOR YEAR 5 & 6 PARENTS

We're getting excited about Grandparents' Day next Friday 17th August 2018.

Food can be dropped off at the meeting room before school on Friday (Year 5 are bringing sweet & Year 6 are bringing savoury).

We need volunteers to help setting up, serving and packing away. We would really appreciate it if you could complete the link below.

<https://goo.gl/forms/8kx42ofXVq5JMFwn1>

#### SCIENCE WEEK - PAPER PLANE CHALLENGE

Calling all paper plane experts... As part of science week get involved folding and throwing your hand crafted paper plane. We will be running a paper plane throwing contest at lunch time next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August. See the link below for:

<http://www.paperplanes.youngscientist.com.au/>



Can you beat this? The current Australian by a school student is 35.2 metres!!!



## SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL – SEMESTER 2 REPRESENTATIVES

We congratulate the following children for being selected as the semester 2 SRC representatives for their classes and we know they will do a great job. First SRC meeting will be held on Friday with Mr Bateman and SRC badges will be presented at **tomorrow morning's assembly (8.40am)** on the soft fall.

KC	KG	1B	1G	2N
Alexia N	Barney J	Arkie T	India G	Heidi K
2R	3B	3O	3R	4B
Valentina B	Will B	Jake D	Sophia V	Ethan D
4SC	5D	5NF	6DI	5/6F
Jacob O	AJ D	Alison L	Ashley H	Shamro M

## NORTHERN BEACHES ATHLETICS CARNIVAL REPRESENTATIVES

Northern Beaches Athletics Teams 2018 - girls					
Charli B	3O	Ella D	5D	Madison M	4BI
Giselle B	5NF	Abbie D	3O	Andie M	5NF
Tahlia B	5D	Claudia G	4SC	Joy N	3O
Lucinda B	6DI	Vanessa H	6DI	Phiippa P	4SC
Emma B	5NF	Ava H	4SC	Taylah P	5D
Charlotte B	5NF	Hannah H	6DI	Lucia R	6DI
Susannah C	3B	Bonnie J	6DI	Ava R	4SC
Jade C	6DI	Ruby K	6DI	Ella T	5NF
Sarah D	5D	Hayley M	5D	Alesha T	6DI
Maegan D	6DI	Chiara M	4B		
Northern Beaches Athletics Teams 2018 – boys					
Christopher A	3O	Lachlan D	5NF	Aaron R	5NF
William B	3B	Gianni D	3B	Matthew S	6DI
Max B	6DI	Jonathon F	6DI	Liam S	4SC
Angus B	3R	Ryder H	6DI	Charles S	5D
Levi C	6DI	Oscar H	4SC	Pratham V	6DI
Matthew C	2R	Joel I	6DI	Connor W	6DI
Christian C	4B	Maurice J	5D	Blake W	2N
Ethan C	5D	William M	3B		
Domenic C	5D	Will N	4B		
Lucas D	5NF	Lucas P			



Next week in Peer Support the children will share the things they enjoy in life and have an opportunity to discuss their favourite activity. This session enables children to recognise what makes them happy. Discuss with your child the activities they enjoy.



## LIBRARY NEWS

### Book Week Parade



Coming up in Week 5 (August 18-24) we will have our school Book Week Parade on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August. Students are encouraged to dress up as a book character of their choice or to create a costume around the Book Week theme of, **‘Find your Treasure’**. The students will wear the costume while parading with their class in front of the whole school.

During this week we will also have the Carnival Book Fair where students can purchase books.

### Fr Vogt Writing Competition

*Each year at St John’s we have a writing competition which was started in 1999 in memory of Father Vogt who was the Parish Priest at St John’s when the church was being built.*

*Entries for the competition will be accepted from the beginning of Term 3 until Monday 13th August (extended from Friday). The competition winners will be announced during Book Week celebrations. The theme for Book Week this year is **“Find your Treasure.”***

A copy of the entry form as well as the success criteria for each stage are attached at the end of the newsletter.



## *The P&F Gazette*

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

### **St John's Term 3 Parents & Friends Meeting**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm in the School Library**

We warmly invite all parents and friends to join us! It's a great opportunity to find out what's happening behind the scenes with our school - learn about educational goals, social/emotional programmes, fundraising, special events and more. It's also a great way to meet other members of our St John's community whilst enjoying the yummy refreshments provided.

### **Call for nominations – St John's P & F Executive Committee 2019**

In line with the P & F Constitution, all Parents & Friends Executive Committee roles will be made vacant at the Term 4 Annual General Meeting. As such, nominations are now open for the following positions:

<b>President</b>	<b>Vice President</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Secretary</b>

If you are passionate about our school and our community, we encourage you to apply! Every member of the current committee has relished their involvement over the past 2 - 3 years. We have become incredibly close, have had the privilege of meeting so many other wonderful parents and friends and have been blown away the bands of volunteers and supporters who help every step of the way. You will also enjoy the amazing support of the School Executive and BBCSP (Broken Bay Catholic School Parents.) You'll make a difference, and you won't look back!

**If you would like to nominate, or if you have any questions, please feel free to approach any of the current committee in person, or email us at [stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com)**

### **Canteen Update**

**We ❤️ Shirley!**



Our Canteen Manager Shirley truly has the magical touch. Our canteen is now open every day except Tuesday. The delicious Good Food Hero hot lunches are available each of these days, while sushi can be ordered every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, plus there'll be lots of the hugely popular special food days to look forward to. It's all down to Shirley's contagious enthusiasm, clever planning, and the fabulous volunteers who give 1 – 2 hours of their time to support her along the way. **Thank you Shirley ☺**

Would you like to be a Canteen Volunteer? In return for a few hours of your time, you'll enjoy the energy and camaraderie, and your kids or grandkids will **love** seeing you behind the counter.

**If you'd like join the Canteen Team, or if you have any questions about what's involved, we'd love you to email us at [stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com)**

### **Thank you – from Caroline**

Volunteering is something so many of us do because we love being part of a community, and it's never for the recognition. But it was so lovely that P & F President Bel took the time to nominate me for the recent JLL/Dee Why Grand Captains of Community award (in the midst of giving birth to twins!) And that the whole school got behind this, and so many of you voted. Whilst I felt a bit awkward, it was a beautiful gesture and something I will never forget. I've received \$200 Accor Hotels voucher which is amazing. Thank you. And a huge congratulations to the winner, Josie Parata for all her work with SMS Lighthouse – a truly deserving winner!

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

Warm regards

**Bel, Pip, Jo, Russell & Caroline**

# ***FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST***

## ***SUPER DAD!***



It's time to celebrate our dad's, our superheroes. Save the date for the St John's Father's Day breakfast: Friday 31st August.

It will be an action-packed morning with a photo booth and games for all our heroes including a Marvel vs Avengers tug-of-war, and kryptonite relay!

Food and raffle tickets will be available for purchase on QKR! More details out soon.



### 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 13<sup>th</sup> August, Time: 6:30-8:30pm

RSVP: [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) Booking Code: 6KM6M

If you have any questions about the course please email: [Jeanie.mcdonnell@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Jeanie.mcdonnell@dbb.catholic.edu.au) ENTE

### **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](http://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/dr-justin-coulson.html)

Or bitly:

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



**CAN YOU HELP?**

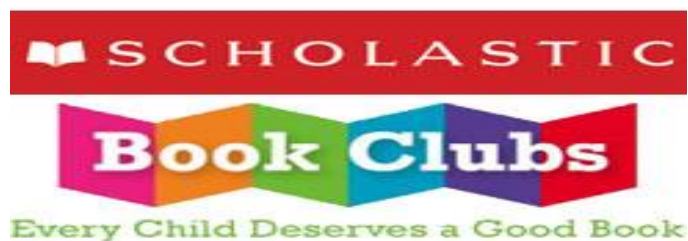


**THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST FROM 9.30am, we are cooking MEALS TO deliver or FREEZE for our school and parish families in need.**

We are going to have a cooking Thursday in the meeting room behind St John's church, to prepare meals. There are currently school families living through hard times and sick or senior parishioners who need meal support. Our Parish Priest, Fr Reinaldo, is generously supplying the funds to cover costs. **Come and enjoy the company**, help peel the vegies, stir the pot, roll meatballs or just keep the coffee on. **Thank you in anticipation**...Contact Toni Byrne [tbyrne01@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tbyrne01@optusnet.com.au) or call on 9401 6365

**Col's Music House**  
**Piano Lessons**  
At St. Johns School  
Tuesday Morning Before School  
First Lesson Free  
**ENQUIRIES: 9972 2311 0412897737**





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**Book Club orders for Issue 5 are due no later than**

**Monday 13th August**



## 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](http://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**

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

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# Fr Vogt Writing Competition

## Success Criteria Stage 1

- Choose an interesting topic to write about
- Include a 'sizzling start' - get the reader's attention using sound, action or dialogue
- Give your writing a beginning, middle and end
- Use show don't tell- instead of 'I was nervous' try 'As I waited in the queue my stomach started to flutter'
- Use Tier 2 words - instead of using big try large or giant or enormous
- Check that your writing makes sense - remember to proof read
- Punctuate your work
- Check your spelling is correct
- Type or write your work neatly

## Fr Vogt Poetry

### Success Criteria Stage 1

- Choose an interesting topic to write about
- Choose interesting words eg. alliteration onomatopoeia, adjectives
- Use correct punctuation
- Use an illustration that enhances the poem

# Fr Vogt Writing Competition

## Success Criteria Stage 2

- Choose an interesting topic to write about
- Include a 'sizzling start' - get the reader's attention using sound, action and dialogue.
- Ensure you have an orientation, complication and resolution
- Use show don't tell- instead of 'I was nervous' try 'As I waited in the queue my stomach started to flutter'
- Include descriptive language - metaphors, similes
- Use Tier 2 words - instead of using big try large or giant or enormous
- Use a variety of sentences
- Check that your writing makes sense - proof read
- Punctuate your work
- Check your spelling is correct
- Type or write your work neatly

# Fr Vogt Writing Competition

## Success Criteria Stage 3

- Write an imaginative text
- Include a 'sizzling start' - an engaging beginning using sound, action or dialogue
- Ensure you have an orientation, complication and resolution
- Use show don't tell- using the 5 senses
- Include descriptive, engaging and entertaining language
- Use figurative language –idioms, similes, personification etc.
- Use Tier 2 words - instead of using big try large or giant or enormous
- Use a variety of sentence types - simple, compound and complex
- Ensure you have a cohesive story
- Use correct punctuation and spelling
- Proof-read your work
- Type or write your work neatly

## FATHER VOGT MEMORIAL WRITING COMPETITION ENTRY FORM 2018



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Entries for the competition will be accepted from now until Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August. The competition winners will be announced during Book Week celebrations. The theme for Book Week this year is **"Find your Treasure."***

Please tick the categories in which you wish your entry to be judged. Entries should be edited and published either in clear handwriting or typed. Please give your work a title. Poems can be illustrated by hand or by using a computer.

CATEGORIES	PLEASE TICK		PLEASE TICK
Kinder - Best piece of writing- narrative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kinder - Best illustrated poem	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yr 1 & Yr 2 - Best piece of writing- narrative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yr 1 & 2 - Best illustrated poem	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yr 3 & 4 - Best piece of writing- narrative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yr 3 & 4 - Best illustrated poem	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yr 5 & 6 - Best piece of writing- narrative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yr 5 & 6 - Best illustrated poem	<input type="checkbox"/>

Kinder narrative - 100 words or less  
Yr 3 & 4 narrative - 600 words or less

Yr 1 & 2 narrative - 350 words or less  
Yr 5 & 6 narrative - 950 words or less

- Entries should be given to Ms Sheehan, OR emailed to: [kylie.cardow@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kylie.cardow@dbb.catholic.edu.au)
- Entries must have the entry form attached OR if your entry has been emailed it should also have your name, class and categories you are entering
- Closing date - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August.

Entries must be **your** original work and should be on A4 paper.  
Please sign to acknowledge that it is your own work

*Good Luck, everyone.*



# NIPPER REGISTRATION DAY

9th & 16th September 2018

9am till 11am

Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club

U6 through to U14

(U6 must turn 5 by 30th September 2018)

## PRELIMINARY EVALUATION SWIM DATES

(for U8-U14 only)

16th & 23rd September 2018

2pm till 4pm at Pittwater House

(Gold Coin Donation)

## NIPPER SEASON STARTS

7th October 2018

U6 & U7 \$75 / U8 to U13 \$90 / U14 \$120

Nipper Parent \$60

Family Membership \$250

(Surf Life Saving are an eligible sport as part of the Active Kids

Rebate program)



## NIPPER CONTACT & COMMUNICATIONS

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