

ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Our response to Grandparents and Special Friends' Day was again very strong this year. It was great to see so many visitors attending our school. We celebrated with a lovely liturgy during which the children presented a play called 'The Grandparents Chapter'. The message of the play was that even though the love we receive from our grandparents can sometimes be a little 'smothering' (and a source of some good hearted fun) it is actually a very special thing to experience. It can inspire us to show appreciation and return the love and affection we so generously receive. We are always very conscious of those loved ones who could not be with us last week and



the children acknowledged them beautifully in their prayers of the faithful during the liturgy.

Feeding 300-400 people afternoon tea is no mean achievement. Once again our parents stepped up, providing delicious treats and refreshments to all of our guests. Particular thanks to our Year 5 and 6 Class Parents and all parents who volunteered their time to help out. We have a dedicated group of teachers who organise this event each year and they have a wonderful way of being able to include our children, their families and guests into our celebrations, well done to them. We're now thinking about what to do in 2019!

Coming up is our Father's Day breakfast August 31st beginning at 7:30 am on the back playground. The theme of the morning is 'Superheroes' and we look forward to welcoming our Dads and special friends. In addition to our Father's Day breakfast, gold coin donations to the 'Buy a Bale' charity will be taken. All proceeds will be given to the fund to support farmers in being able to feed their stock during this terrible drought. Children can will wear a flannel shirt in honour of our Farmer Superheroes on the day. Please note this not compulsory, children are welcome to join in if they wish.

A reminder that our St John's Fete is fast approaching. Make sure you check out all the fete news further on in the newsletter and look out for opportunities to be involved in what promises to by a fantastic community event. Our newsletters indicate a tremendous sense of support and contribution taking place in our community. This is a constant at St John's and is something I very much appreciate.

Sincerely,

Mark Bateman - Principal







DIARY					
Week 6 Term 3 Mon 27 Aug	Week 6 Term 3 Tues 28 Aug	Week 6 Term 3 Wed 29 Aug	Week 6 Term 3 Thurs 30 Aug	Week 6 Term 3 Fri 31Aug	Week 6 Term 3 Sat/Sun 1/2
Week 7 Term 3	P&F Meeting 7pm - School Library Week 7 Term 3	Yr 4 Class Mass 9:30 Week 7 Term 3	Week 7 Term 3	Father's Day Breakfast 7:30 Buy a Bale – Gold Coin Donation Week 7 Term 3	Week 7 Term 3
Mon 3 Sept	Tues 4 Sept	Wed 5 Sept	Thurs 6 Sept	Fri 7 Sept	Sat/Sun 8/9
Wellbeing Week	Broken Bay Athletics Carnival Class Mass 9:30 KG & 5NF		Mission Project Day – Mission Team	Wellbeing Week Footy Colours Day - Gold Coin Donation	School Parish Mass Kinder, Yr2 & Yr3

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tues 4th Sept

Broken Bay Athletics Carnival

Sat 8th Sept

School Parish Mass K, Yr 2 & 3 5pm

Sun 9th Sept

First Communion 9.15am - St Kevin's

Tues 11th Sept

Public Speaking Finals 7pm

Sat 15th Sept

First Communion 5pm – St John's

Sun 16th Sept

First Communion 10am - St John's

Sat 22nd Sept

First Communion 5pm – St John's

Sun 23rd Sept

First Communion 10am - St John's

Fri 28th Sept Last Day of Term

AWARDS



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

кс	Joshua A Tahlia M Lincoln T	2R	Chelsea H Sophia H Chloe N	4SC	Elissa G Ava H Ruby N	Sport Blake W (2N)
KG	Nathan W Tom W	3B	Benjamin F Lukina L	5D	Ethan C Dom C	Ella D (5D)
1B	Livia D Gibsone G Coby S	30	Anika K Elysia L Isabella S	5NF	Charlotte B Piper M Rose R	Library <u>Gibson G (1B)</u>
1G	Joshua R Emmeline R	3R	Natalia M Neeve S	6DI	Andre B Ashley H	Joshua B (6DI)
2N	Arianna K David M Blake W	4B	Chloe C Natalie G	5/6B	Amie <u>E</u>	Drama Skye B (2R) Michael A (5NF)
Rock & Water			Brendon W (5/6F)			

LAUDATO SI

Years 5 & 6 have been looking at Pope Francis's encyclical "Laudato Si – In Care of our Common Home" as part of our Religion Module this term. In this letter, Pope Francis challenges each one of us to consider out impact on the planet. We watched a short video and immediately wrote down the messages that we heard. Here are just a few:









SAVE THE DATE

Kindergarten, Year 2 and Year 3 will be hosting our next School Parish Mass on Saturday 8th September at 5:00pm. Everyone is warmly invited to join us.

SAYING GRACE

Our children who are preparing for First Communion have been talking about saying "Grace" before meals as a form of preparation. The sacrament of Eucharist is one of thanksgiving. This has started a conversation around ways to say "Grace". From a simple "Today I am thankful for..." from each member of the family to a more traditional format, there are infinite ways to thank God before we tuck in to a meal.

<u>Follow this link</u> to the Faith page of our Weebly which has some options your family might like to try. ("Superman" Grace is always a winner.) Being grateful is a wonderful habit to cultivate!

CHECK OUT THE LATEST UPDATES ON OUR WEBSITE

We have published photos and videos in the News and Events section of our website this week about the following:

- Celebrating our Grandparents and Special Friends https://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/celebrating-our-grandparents-and-special-friends/
- Results from the Northern Beaches Athletics Carnival https://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/northern-beaches-athletics-carnival-st-johns-results/
- A taste of our Book Parade https://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/book-parade-such-fun/
- Photos from the foyer Mr Bateman's Italian adventure https://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/mr-batemans-trip/
- Special visitors in Kindy (chickens!) https://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/chickens-in-kindy/
- Celebrating 120 days in Year 1 https://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/120-days-in-year-1/

Our St John's Facebook page has all of the above, plus:

- A free parent seminar on 'Raising Kids and Teens in a Screen World' which we highly recommend for our parents - https://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/dr-kristy-goodwin.html
- Year 3 posting their letters to our farmers
- More pictures from the Grandparents and Special Friends' Liturgy
- Updates on Science Week across the school, including our Paper Planes Challenge!
- More pictures from the Northern Beaches Athletics Carnival

Make sure to bookmark our site and check in regularly to see what's happening around the school!

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Our Fr Jim McKeown Public Speaking finals will be held in St John the Apostle Church tomorrow after morning tea. Congratulations and good luck to all our public speaking finalists.

WHERE: St John the Apostle Church

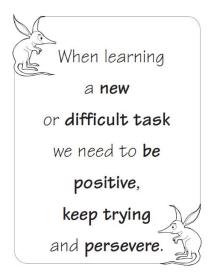
WHEN: 11.15am - 1.15pm

YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME
KC	Lincoln T	2R	Coddie D	4SC	Ruby N
KG	Leo O'Cl	3B	Susannah C	5D	Charlie S
1B	Chloe C	30	Keeley F	5NF	Emma S
1B	Andre D	3R	Dominc Y	6DI	Lucinda B
2N	Tommy B	4B	Nick C	6DI	Vanesa H

Running Order:

1	4SC	Ruby	8	6DI	Vanesa
2	3R	Dominc	9	4B	Nick
3	KG	Leo	10	3B	Susannah
4	5NF	Emma	11	KC	Lincoln
5	1B	Andre	12	5D	Charlie
6	30	Keeley	13	2R	Coddie
7	2N	Tommy	14	1B	Chloe
			15	6DI	Lucinda

Next week in Peer Support the children will practise developing their strengths. This will help your child become more resilient and optimistic. Ask your child to share the strengths they identified during this week's session. The poster below shows you some of the language that we are using in our Peer Support lessons. Why not try it at home!





FETE NEWS

ST JOHN'S FETE

Please find below sponsorship package information at the end of the newsletter!!!



WELL DONE LUCINDA

Lucinda B. represented Polding at the recent State PSSA Netball Carnival T Homebush. Polding is one of two Catholic Representative Teams in NSW (the other is MacKillop). Making the team is an amazing achievement in itself but Lucinda's team went to the next level — PSSA Champions for 2018, the best in the State. Congraluations Lucinda we are extremely proud of you!



FRUIT AND VEG MONTH

Our school has registered for Fruit & Veg Month 2018. The theme for this year is 'Happy Fruit & Veg'tember!'

Fruit & Veg Month 2018 runs for the last 4 weeks of Term 3, Monday 3rd to Friday 28th September.



As part of Fruit & Veg Month, students will be involved in various classroom and school based activities which encourage them to eat more fruit and vegetables.

FATHER VOGT MEMORIAL WRITING COMPETITION 2018 FINALISTS

Congratulations to all the students who entered the Father Vogt Memorial Writing Competition. The judges this year had an especially tough job choosing between so many quality entries.

Early Stage 1

Narrative	Poem
Violet M	Joshua A

Stage 1

Narrative	Poem
Lachlan M	James C
	Hannah J
	India G

Stage 2

Narrative	Poem
Annika H	Annika H
Piper C	Keeley F
Nicholas C	Nicholas C

Stage 3

Narrative	Poem
Charlie S	Carys F
Carys F	Camila G
Hayley B	Lucinda B

Overall Winner Best Piece of Writing

Charlie S

To read these wonderful pieces of writing please visit the library where they will be on display.

Congratulations to all the students who entered this year, the standard of writing was very high.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all who supported the Book Fair this year, especially those who donated books to our library. Based on our sales, we have earned around \$900 worth of free books from Carnival Book Fair.



Please join us at the Term 3 Parents & Friends Meeting!

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

Tuesday 28th 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 declared open at the Term 4 AGM. As such, nominations are now open for the following positions:

President Vice President

Treasurer Secretary

If you are passionate about our school and our community, we encourage you to apply!

If you would like to nominate, or if you have any questions, please feel free to chat to any of the current the P&F committee personally, or join us at next week's meeting. You can also send us an email at stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com

Questions? Comments? Email any time at stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com

Warm regards

Bel, Pip, Jo, Russell & Caroline

FAMILY LIAISON

11 Tips for Becoming a peaceful and calm parent.

Often when I speak to parents, they mention how difficult it can be to stay calm when their children are acting out difficult behaviours. I came across this article this week with tips for parents on how to stay calm when you feel your blood beginning to boil:

https://childdevelopmentinfo.com/parenting/11-tips-for-becoming-a-peaceful-and-calm-parent/?utm_source=Ages+%26+Stages+Chart%3A+Birth+to+5+Years+Old&utm_campaign=102bf745e9-CDI_Newsletter_June_5_2018_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_dc30993e8d-102bf745e9-135654089&goal=0_dc30993e8d-102bf745e9-135654089&mc_cid=102bf745e9&mc_eid=8c8f8db9a6#.W3zIJmdlKig

Kids First Children's Service at Brookvale is hosting another valuable (and completely free) Community Service Seminar in 2 weeks' time and we'd like to invite families to join us.

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD MAKE A SUCCESSFUL START TO HIGH SCHOOL will give parents of children in Year 6 lots of practical tips so that they can help their children prepare for a confident start to secondary school.

Parents will receive terrific advice, information and free resources that they can use now, or keep for future reference next year.

This seminar will focus on providing parents with strategies to help their children make a confident, organised start to Year 7, including:

- SUPPORTING THEIR CHILD AS THEIR PEER GROUP CHANGES
- WHAT TEACHERS WILL EXPECT FROM THEIR CHILD IN YEAR 7
- HOW ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENT TASKS WORK IN HIGH SCHOOLS
- PRACTICAL TOOLS THAT WILL HELP THEIR HIGH SCHOOLER MANAGE HOMEWORK MORE EASILY
- EFFECTIVE WAYS TO CONNECT WITH THEIR CHILD'S SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS
- APPS, WEBSITES AND DIGITAL RESOURCES THAT COULD HELP THEIR CHILD NEXT YEAR

WHEN?

This free event is Tuesday 18 September, 2018.

WHERE?

The Chairman's Lounge (corporate function area) Brookvale Oval

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

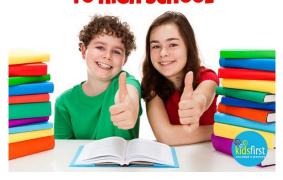
Current students Years 7–11 and prospective students Years 7 –11 in 2019 eligible, financial criteria applies. **APPLICATIONS CLOSE 21 SEPTEMBER 2018**

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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FREE PARENT SEMINAR

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD MAKE A SUCCESSFUL START TO HIGH SCHOOL







Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.
- * Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 20 August and 7 September 2018.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/ naplan-online/naplan-online-publicdemonstration-site

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:

http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html



Frequently asked questions

Which students will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate.

How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability.

How long is the school readiness test?

The school readiness test is expected to include two assessments: a writing assessment* and a combined numeracy/literacy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes.

* Year 3 students will only be expected to complete the combined numeracy/literacy assessment.

When will my school participate in the readiness test?

One week within the test period in August and September will be identified for each school to conduct readiness testing.

How will students be prevented from using the internet or spellcheckers when completing the test?

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform will have state-of-the-art security protections. The assessment is delivered inside a locked-down browser. This ensures students cannot access the internet or spellcheckers while completing the test.

Will schools and parents be provided with information on the results of the readiness test?

There will be feedback to schools about the technical information gained from the readiness testing. There will be no reporting of student test results from the readiness test.



St John the Apostle Catholic School

Strength & Gentleness

August 2018

Re: St John's School Fete

Dear Sponsors or Donors,

St John's Fete is to be held in the grounds of St John the Apostle Primary School, Narraweena, on Saturday 3rd November, 2018, from 10am to 3pm. This year the fete aims to attract over 1500 visitors throughout the course of the day. The school is seeking support from local businesses and/or members of the community for this event, to better enhance the consumer's experience.

An available sponsorship package accompanies this letter of introduction. Each option offers considerable exposure to the wider Northern Beaches community. Alternatively, we are seeking donations of goods and services or products we can use for raffles, auctions and prizes. Donation information is included on the form below.

Any assistance provided would be gratefully received. In return, various opportunities have been arranged for advertising and acknowledgement via our <u>weekly newsletter</u>, our <u>Facebook Page</u> or our <u>website</u>. In the past, our fetes have attracted large crowds providing wonderful memories for our children and families.

Your interest in this community event is most welcome. We would be very happy to answer any questions regarding this information by phone or email.

Kind regards,

Linda Nero (St John's Fete Coordinator)

Mark Bateman (Principal)



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SPONSORSHIP AND DONATION PACKAGES

GOLD PACKAGE - INVESTMENT \$500 + GST

Sponsorship benefits

- Opportunity to create a bespoke event branding activation within a 3m x 3m space
- Opportunity to display sponsor branding / signage around event site in the lead up and during the
 event
- Logo included in printed marketing collateral where possible
- Logo included in onsite signage where possible
- Business logo / family name published on the School website and Facebook page
- Business logo / family name published in the School weekly newsletter
- Business logo included on the School website with hyperlink to business website
- MC promotional announcements throughout the event day
- Certificate of appreciation

SILVER PACKAGE - INVESTMENT \$300 + GST

Sponsorship benefits

- Opportunity to support and brand an existing activation such as an activity, performance or experience
- Opportunity to display sponsor branding / signage around event site during the event
- Logo included in onsite signage where possible
- Business logo / family name published on the School website and Facebook page
- Business logo / family name published in the School weekly newsletter
- MC promotional announcements throughout the event day
- Certificate of appreciation



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POP UP STALLS - INVESTMENT \$250 + GST

Sponsorship benefits

- Opportunity to create an engaging event branding activation within a 3m x 3m space
- Opportunity to sample or sell product onsite within the designated space

RAFFLE DONATIONS & PRIZE GIVEAWAYS:

- Business logo / family name published in the School weekly newsletter
- Certificate of appreciation

*We welcome donations such as travel or accommodation vouchers or packages, auction items, free goods or services, meal offers, entrance tickets, and raffle prizes.



St John the Apostle Catholic School

Strength & Gentleness

I would like to sponsor St John's Fete

To secure a sponsorship, please complete the information on the following page and email to sian@dbb.catholic.edu.au for the attention of 'The Fete Committee'.

Business/ Name: ______ Please circle Sponsorship Level: GOLD SILVER POP UP STALL DONATION \$_____ |

If a donation, please write what the donation is in the space below:

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____ |

Email: _____ Website: ____ |

Please email your logo to sian@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Payment (via electronic funds transfer or credit card):

Account Name: St John's Narraweena
BSB: 062-784
Account Number: 13178100
Reference: Fete YourBusinessName

Credit Card: Visa / MasterCard (please circle)

Name on Card: _____ |

C/C #: ___ / __ / ___ |

Expiry: __/ __ (mm/yyyy)

Note: Collections for donated items can be organised by contacting the Sponsorship Coordinator, Wendy Jones, on 0415 940 321 or via email <u>sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au</u>. If you have any questions regarding becoming a St John's Fete supporter, please email at the above address and we will contact you as soon as possible.



Raising Kids & Teens in a Screen World

A FREE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF STUDENTS IN YEARS 4 TO 12

Being a parent in today's digital world can be an overwhelming and confusing task... Become the pilot of your family's digital plane with some realistic advice to enhance learning and safeguard your child's physical and emotional health.

This engaging seminar arms parents with simple strategies to manage screen-time at home without tears and tantrums, and without having to constantly fret about online safety.

- Learn why our kids become infatuated with technology and why they find it hard to switch off devices
- Understand how to help your kids develop healthy digital habits
- Examine the current risks to kids' online safety – the 3Ps: predators, pornography and peers
- Explore why we need to avoid using screen-time as a reward or punishment tool

Dr Kristy Goodwin, Presenter

As a leading digital parenting educator, speaker, researcher, author and former teacher (and mum who deals with her kids' techno-tantrums), Kristy translates the latest research into essential, digestible information and tips for parents and carers, so that they can safely navigate the digital terrain, without suggesting that kids be 'digitally amputated'!

Tuesday 11 September, 7-9pm (doors open at 6.30pm)

Mater Maria Catholic College, 5 Forest Rd, Warriewood NSW 2102
Tickets www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/dr-kristy-goodwin

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



It's time to celebrate our dads, our superheroes, on Friday 31st August from 7:30 am.

Food & raffle tickets are now available for purchase on Qkr! Please place your order by Wednesday 29th August. A coffee van will be available on-site.

PRICES:

- Bacon & egg roll \$3.00 Bacon roll \$2.50 Egg roll \$2.50
- Bacon & egg on plate (no roll) \$2.50 Muffins \$3.00

RAFFLE TICKETS - great prizes to win including the ULTIMATE SUPERHERO PACK!

• Ticket prices: 1 for \$2.00, 3 for \$5.00, 7 for \$10.00.