



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Preparations for our Fathers Day and Special Friends breakfast have been finalised and we are looking forward to welcoming our guests tomorrow morning.

As we lead into our celebrations, I invite your prayers for Ms Rath (our Yr 2 teacher) and her family. Ms Rath's dad, Elwyn, sadly passed away last week and his funeral was held this morning. Elwyn was 94 years old, a loving husband and the dedicated, loving father of 8 children. Tomorrow will be especially challenging for Ms Rath as it will for all of our families who have experienced a similar loss. Hopefully it can also be a time to celebrate the lives and shared gifts of those we love. We also think of God, our Father, and how as parents and teachers we help our children to develop their connections with and understanding about him. A quote from Romans 10:14-15 encourages us in this responsibility as the primary educators in faith: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the Good News.'



This week, we held our Parents and Friends meeting. Minutes will be posted on our website. Part of the agenda included discussion about our hall. I am grateful to our OOSH service, parents, children and staff for the cooperation and support we are receiving while we put alternate arrangements in place due to the hall being unavailable. We are working with the bishop's office, the Parish and the Catholic Schools Office to develop an interim plan aimed at catering for school and Parish needs. I look forward to sharing future plans with you.

Finally, Ms Ingram is coordinating a survey to be completed by parents, staff and children. The survey 'Tell Them from Me' is run by an independent company. The data will inform our plans for the next three years and will give us important feedback about our school. I encourage you to take part when you receive the link. Please see attached PDF parent information letter with an opt-out if they do not want their Yr 4-6 child to participate.

Best wishes

Mark Bateman – Principal

CHILDREN, CARERS AND CARS:

A reminder about the importance of parents, grandparents and carers modelling safe pedestrian behaviour. Children up to the age of 10 should hold an adults hand when crossing the road. Children need to see adults using crossings and cooperating with traffic signs. Let's make the effort to keep our children pedestrian safe.

DIARY

Week 7 Term 3 Mon 3 Sept	Week 7 Term 3 Tues 4 Sept	Week 7 Term 3 Wed 5 Sept	Week 7 Term 3 Thurs 6 Sept	Week 7 Term 3 Fri 7 Sept	Week 7 Term 3 Sat/Sun 8/9
Wellbeing Week	<i>Broken Bay Athletics Carnival</i> <i>Class Mass 9:30 KG & 5NF</i>		<i>Mission Project Day – Mission Team</i>	Wellbeing Week Footy Colours Day – Gold Coin Donation	<i>School Parish Mass</i> <i>Kinder, Yr2 & Yr3</i>
Week 8 Term 3 Mon 10 Sept	Week 8 Term 3 Tues 11 Sept	Week 8 Term 3 Wed 12 Sept	Week 8 Term 3 Thurs 13 Sept	Week 8 Term 3 Fri 14 Sept	Week 8 Term 3 Sat/Sun15/16
	Public Speaking Finals 7pm <i>Class Mass 9:30 Yr 1 & Yr 6</i>		<i>Class Mass Yr 3</i>		

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sun 9th Sept

First Communion 9.15am – St Kevin’s

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*****

KC	Willow B Jensen H Violet M	2R	Skye B Scout M Aiden M	4SC	Charlie L Liam S	
KG	Fleur D Leo O	3B	Piper C Heath D	5D	Domenic B Cameron G	
1B	Hunter H Charlie H Arkie T	3O	Christopher A Joy N	5NF	Lucas D Lachlan D Aaron R	Library Blair S (KC) Marlon I (4SC)
1G	Liam F Annabella L	3R	Alekss B Sophia V	6DI	Hannah H Alesha T	
2N	Elianna A John Paul F Lachlan M	4B	Hugh C Charlotte C Jasmine L	5/6B	Leela K	Drama Olivia B (3B) Charlotte C (4B)
Rock & Water		Tamar M (5D)				

IT NEVER RAINS BUT IT POURS...

As well as our Gold Coin donations tomorrow, the parish will also be taking up a collection this weekend to support our farmers. However, the parish proceeds will be split between our drought affected farmers and, on the other side of the world, those affected by flood in Kerala, India. A few years ago, we had priests from Kerala here at St John's and Fr Joseph has contacted us to ask us to pray for his community who are currently still cut off by flood waters. Nearly 400 people have died and 800,000 have been forced from their homes amid the worst flood to hit Kerala in a century.

Let's support those in need with our prayers as well as financially.

Speaking of our farmers...well before the drought hit, our farmers have been suffering through the importation of cheap produce. Your choices can make a difference, too! We all know the importance of buying Australian made – perhaps this is another practical way we can help.

[CLICK HERE](#) TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT AUSTRALIAN MADE...



HOW CAN I BEST SUPPORT AUSSIE DAIRY FARMERS?
WHAT TO BUY

f DAIRY FARMERS NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE
 #THEDAIRYSHED #MYDAIRY #SUPPORTDAIRYFARMERS

WHAT THE DIFFERENCE?
 Australian made and owned dairy is completely Australian. You'll be supporting both local farmers and local business! Some of these businesses are much smaller and only located in specific states or regions.
 Australian made products use Australian milk, but the companies that own the brand are based overseas. This is still a great way to support farmers.

HOW DOES THIS HELP?
 Buying branded products show that you place a higher value on dairy.

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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.

FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSAL

The rehearsal for those children who are making their Communion at Dee Why on Sunday 8th September will be held at St Kevin's Church at 7pm next Wednesday 5th.

For those children making their Communion at Narraweena, the rehearsal will be held at St John's at 7pm next Thursday 6th September.



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:

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- St John's Public Speaking finals - <https://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/st-johns-public-speaking-finals/>
- Kinder Prayer Assembly - <https://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/kinder-prayer-assembly/>
- Nick C's Paper Plane challenge - <https://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/nick-knows-how-to-throw-a-plane/>
- Year 6 Public Speaking competition - <https://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/congratulations-to-our-year-6-public-speakers/>
- An update on our fete - <https://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/st-johns-fete/>

We've also created a 'St John's Fete 2018' page in the 'Our School' section of the website – bookmark it – it's a work in progress! <https://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/our-school/st-johns-fete/>

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 foyer display (love the birds!)
- More letters and images supporting our farmers

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

PEER SUPPORT

Next week in Peer Support the children will focus on positive self talk. Children need to practise talking positively to themselves. Your child will also learn to persevere, which will encourage them to keep trying in challenging situations. During the week encourage your child to use positive self talk.

FETE NEWS

ST JOHN'S FETE

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



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.





Health & Physical Education (HPE) Day is a nationwide initiative that highlights the importance of HPE in the Australian Curriculum, and its influence on the learning and development of children. It doesn't matter whether you're a parent, caregiver, teacher or principal - everyone has a role to play in helping young people take a step towards leading healthier and happier lives. Help celebrate the health and well-being of our future generations on HPE Day – it's easy!

At school we will be involved by participating in a some different games and activities and eating our healthy 'crunch'n'sip' snacks in class. How can you get involved? Some suggestions from the HPE Day website (hpeday.com.au) are:

- Encourage children to participate and get them active and involved in the community by visiting a local club or play organised sport
- Instead of heading straight home after school, go to the local playground, park, oval or beach. Fly a kite or throw a Frisbee. Play games like tag, jump rope or hopscotch in the backyard.
- If the weather isn't great, make fun the focus by having a family dance competition inside, visit an indoor swimming pool, or try a new activity such as rock-climbing or mini-golf.
- Teach children new skills to help them be physically active – like how to skip, ride a bike, skating, throwing, catching, or hitting and kicking a ball.
- Walk, ride a bike or skateboard all or part of the way to school instead of taking the car.
- Be a positive role model and show your children how you plan to incorporate physical activity into your daily routine. Take the stairs instead of the elevator. Get off the bus one or two stops early, or take the dog for a walk with the family at the end of the day.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY FRIDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER What is Footy Colours Day?



Fight Cancer Foundation's Footy Colours Day is a national fundraising campaign held during the month of September to support kids living with cancer. Schools, workplaces, groups and clubs across Australia are encouraged to wear their favourite footy team's colours and host an event to raise much-needed funds. Every dollar raised supports Fight Cancer Foundation's education programs to help kids with cancer continue with their education during treatment and recovery.

We will be celebrating this event on Friday 7th September.

Students are invited to wear the colours of their favourite sporting team (AFL, NRL, Union, Soccer, Netball, Hockey etc.) It can be the colours of a team they are part of, or a team they support.

Students are kindly asked to bring a gold coin donation on the day.



The P&F Gazette

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

Uniform Shop News – Get in early for pre-loved summer uniforms!

Linda has a fantastic range of preloved girl's summer uniforms, particularly in the smaller sizes.

They're in great condition and only \$15 each!

There's also plenty of summer shorts in stock, so why not pop by the canteen on Friday afternoon to take a look?!



Please note – the uniform shop will be closed tomorrow morning due to the Father's Day celebrations. It will be open tomorrow afternoon in the canteen from 2.30pm

Can you be a School Banking helper?

**School
Banking**

We have a wonderful dedicated team of four volunteers who help Bel B. with our School Banking programme. But it would be wonderful to expand the group – and we'd love you to join us!

It only takes an hour on Tuesday mornings, it's easy and fun and a great way to meet other people in our community.

If you would like to know more, please feel free to approach Bel B. or any of the P & F Committee directly, or email to 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#.W3zIjmdIKig

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:

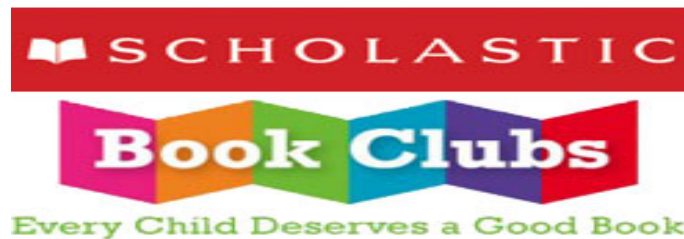
- SUPPORTING THEIR CHILD AS THEIR PEER GROUP CHANGES
- WHAT TEACHERS WILL EXPECT FROM THEIR CHILD IN YEAR 7
- HOW ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENT TASKS WORK IN HIGH SCHOOLS
- PRACTICAL TOOLS THAT WILL HELP THEIR HIGH SCHOOLER MANAGE HOMEWORK MORE EASILY
- EFFECTIVE WAYS TO CONNECT WITH THEIR CHILD'S SECONDARY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



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 6 are due no later than

Friday 14th September

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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