

ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for Term 4. The rain put a bit of dampener on the holidays but the downpour was very much needed and, no doubt, led to lots of creative indoor activities for the children. Nevertheless, I'm sure parents are happy to see Term Four begin!

A word about Term Four.

The children and teachers will continue to work hard on their learning goals this term. There is a lot of evidence of significant learning gain from our children across the grades. We know that learning is very much enhanced when parents, teachers and the children form a supportive team focused on learning.

From the beginning of the year we have emphasised the need to maintain a sense of partnership in relation to your child's learning at school. Teachers know to contact parents where there is a discussable concern or something to celebrate and parents are invited to contact teachers to talk about their child's learning needs. Each class teacher has set up communication channels to keep you informed about class learning and our newsletter regularly holds examples of the learning happening at school as does our Facebook page.



When a concern does occur, we believe that working together has the best chance of achieving the right outcome for your child and the best chance of building a strong relationship between home and school. Playground gossip can achieve the opposite. Help us build a positive, supportive school environment by working with your child's classroom teacher.

We hit the ground running with our school disco at St Kevin's, Dee Why this Friday evening. A big thank you to our sibling school for helping us out while our hall is out of action. We hope to be able to return the favour when the need arises.

As holding the disco in another school is a new experience for our children and families, our parent organisers have given careful thought to drop off and pick up. Please note there is no parking in the school grounds at St Kevin's. **Parents walk their child into the disco to be marked off – follow the green balloons for drop off. Same applies for pick up but follow the red balloons to leave.**

Next, the St John's Fete is in the detailed planning stage. We are delighted with the responses we are receiving from our families and local communities – thanks for your encouragement and for selling those raffle tickets. We do want our fete to provide a link between St John's and the local community as well as raise some funds for the purchase of contemporary furniture for our classrooms. The children are looking forward to day of fun and memory building.

Best wishes

Mark Bateman - Principal

Week 2 Term 4	Week 2 Term 4	Week 2 Term 4	Week 2 Term 4	Week 2 Term 4	Week 2 Term 4
Mon 22 Oct	Tues 23 Oct	Wed 24 Oct	Thurs 25 Oct	Fri 26 Oct	Sat/Sun 27/28
Yr 6 Prayer Assembly			Northern Beaches Debating 1		
Week 3 Term 4	Week 3 Term 4	Week 3 Term 4	Week 3 Term 4	Week 3 Term 4	Week 3 Term 4
Mon 29 Oct	Tues 30 Oct	Wed 31 Oct	Thurs 1 Nov	Fri 2 Nov	Sat/Sun 3/4
Yr 5 Prayer Assembly			All Saints Day – 9.30am Whole School Mass Northern Beaches Debating 2		SCHOOL FETE

Students return in FULL summer uniform Click here to visit the uniform page of our School Website

Tues 6th Nov

St John's Advisory Council Meeting

Fri 9th Nov

Yr 4 Excursion Narrabeen Coastal Centre

Sat 10th Nov

School Parish Mass - K2019 & Yr 4

Fri 16th Nov

Yr 3 Excursion Narrabeen Coastal Centre

Tues 27th Nov P&F AGM 7pm Fri 30th Nov

Volunteer Thank You Afternoon Tea

Sat 8th Dec

Whole School Parish Mass

Wed 12th Dec

Yr 6 Graduation Liturgy & Celebration

Fri 14th Dec

Stage 3 Surf Awareness Day

Wed 19th Dec End of Year Liturgy Last Day of Term 4

AWARDS



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

кс	William F Blaire S Lincoln T	2R	James C Sophia H Jimmy J	4SC	Oscar H Rose M	Sports Issac M (KG)
KG	Caitlin K Violet W	3B	Lucas C Emma H	5D	Gabriella B Ethan C Domenic C	Will N (4B)
1B	Joshua D Andre D Zali T	30	Charli B Chloe O	5NF	Luca A Oliver L Giselle B	Drama India G (1G) Charlie L (4SC)
1G	Emery H Oscar S	3R	Aurelia B Nicholas L	6DI	Sienna N Pratham V Emma F	Charlie L (43C)
2N	John Paul F Luella V Blake W	4B	Nelson D Madison M	5/6F	Harry P	

MISSION AT ST JOHN'S

October is World Mission Month and we begin this term by exploring sacred scripture that tells us the story of Jesus' Mission.

Missionary activity is, fundamentally, a going out of oneself in love, a reaching out to see God in everyone and to share God's love with each person we meet – especially our poor and marginalised.

Jesus' mission of creating a world where all can live a fully dignified life is still far from completion. One of the central missions of the Church is to help all Christians in their commitment to Christ's mission of love, mercy, forgiveness, peace and justice for the world.

As part of our outreach and in an attempt to help others live a fully dignified life, each class is preparing items to sell at our fete, with the proceeds going to organisations selected by the children.

Check out School News below for other ways our students are reaching out.

During the term, we will have several opportunities to carry out our mission to the poor and marginalised through our school Mission Day, the Talent Quest and our St Vincent de Paul hampers.

Perhaps even more important, is remembering that our mission is to share God's love with EVERY person we meet.



OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE

When was the last time you took some time for your own spiritual growth?

A **Parent Retreat** is being offered next Friday 2nd November. The guest speaker is Rabbi Gad Krebs. I was lucky enough to attend Rabbi Kreb's presentation at the Sweeter Than Honey Conference last term. Forget what you are thinking when you hear the word Rabbi – this Rabbi wears jeans – and has a modern twist on Ancient Wisdom.

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"Growing Good Men" - a weekend for fathers & teenage sons

A program encouraging and enabling fathers and sons to share faith, to strengthen their relationships and to explore important elements of growing into manhood. It is designed for fathers and their adolescent sons in the age range 13 to 15 years or school years 8/10.Venue: Yarramundi (southwest of Richmond NSW) 16-18th November 2018 (Fri 6.30pm to Sun afternoon)



Full details for both events are attached at the bottom of the newsletter.



Our fantastic prizes include:

Accommodation at the Reef View Hotel Hamilton Island . Original flower print by Toni Byrne Xbox . Android Tablet . Cromer Golf Club round for 4 including motorised carts . Barbecue Signed Sydney FC Player Jersey . Signed cricket bat by Mitchell Johnson NRL signed Men of League frame (John Piered) . Fine Wines & Liqueurs . Westfield Vouchers Magazine subscriptions . Gift packs from Blackmores & From Me To You Backpack from Evie, Em & Co . Craft Turntable . Lilee Kids Play Make up Other Vouchers from Dee Why Hotel . Ready Steady Go Kids . Sydney Jiu Jitsu Brookvale Joe's Basecamp . Les Soins Massage & Spa Therapy . In 2 Swim Anna's Hair & Nails a set of Steak Knives from Lonestar Ribhouse ... and MORE!

Remember to return all your raffle ticket stubs to the office ASAP, with so many fantastic prizes on offer there's a great chance of winning on the day!







We're on the homeward stretch towards the 3rd November now and excitement is building about our upcoming Fete. Thank you to everyone who has already sold and returned raffle tickets (and especially thanks to those who have also taken and sold more booklets!). Raffle ticket stubs need to be returned to the office by tomorrow.

The countdown is on! We are very excited to announce some of the wonderful prizes we will be raffling off at the fete. Imagine winning 2 nights for 2 adults and up to 2 children (under 12) at the Reef View Hotel at Hamilton Island, or the cricket bat signed by Mitchell Johnson or a round of golf for 4 including motorised carts at Cromer Golf Club, Framed Manly Sea Eagles Jersey, Xbox One, Android tablet, or a massage and spa voucher. Many more fantastic prizes are up for grabs! You can buy tickets now or on the day. Tickets are one for \$5 or three for \$10.

Virual Reality (VR) movie ride simulator — Please see link to purchase unlimited wrist band for \$20 or \$5 per ride on the day http://www.trybooking.com/YWYV visit the website at www.virtualcaptivation.com.au



Planet Entertainment - For just \$20 you can enjoy a full day of fun rides such as:

Safari Experience, Knights Jumping Castle, Tea Cups, Windjammer, Adrenaline Rush 2 & Cars Challenge

Follow the link to pre-purchase ride

https://www.trybooking.com/book/
event?eid=401089&



Love cuddling cute animals? You will have your chance at the fete petting zoo! There will be lambs, piglets, sheep, baby goats, baby chicks, bunnies and ducks for you to hold and feed. Look out for the Kindifarm at the fete!

I had an amazing trip to Cambodia. I was lucky to travel with two other Diocesan teachers – Miss Thorpe and Miss Adeline, both from Our Lady of Dolours in Chatswood. Miss Thorpe has been working with the Child Rescue Organisation in the village of Krang Lovea over the last four or five years, visiting the children at the centre every July and December holidays and even living there for a year! She works very hard in Australia to raise money for these children through her 'Gifts for Change (Gifts4Change)' Facebook page and market stalls, and also supporting the 'Free to Shine' charity.

The Khmer people I met were all so friendly and so grateful for the ongoing love and support and I was blown away by the joyous nature of the children at the centre. We had a lot of fun getting to know each other, playing games, reading, dancing and singing!

We visited the English classes in the local village which are run every night after regular school hours. It was inspiring to hear these kids talk about wanting to be doctors and lawyers and engineers.

The Teacher Conference day was a wonderful day too. The teachers have very few professional learning opportunities (ha, but no pressure!!) and I must admit, the 3 of us did a really good job. I was very proud! We covered topics from behaviour management and classroom teaching methods and styles, to phonics, to creating and teaching reading and writing programs and (as Mrs Coram would love) the vital importance of speaking and listening activities, and making learning fun!

I've posted a couple of videos on our <u>St John's Facebook page</u> which I hope you enjoy. Additionally, I'd love you to check out the video Miss Adeline made! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEd46EzkcwE&t=2s

DISCIPLESHIP IN ACTION IN YEAR 6

Three of our Year 6 students are showing discipleship in action with recent and upcoming charitable works.



Dylan was so inspired by learning about caring for God's creation in Religion last term and the Challenge-based Learning investigations done in Year 5 and 6, that he worked hard all holidays to collect recyclable containers for Return and Earn. He raised over \$300 and has generously donated every single cent earned to charity. Wow!

Ruby has also been inspired in her research into Cambodia and the 'Free to Shine' organisation who ensure girls in Cambodia are able to have access to education (and save them from becoming child brides or worse), that she wants to do everything she can to make a difference.

She has made the very bold decision to get sponsorship to shave her hair! She wants to raise as much money as she can to donate to Free to Shine – we will have more information on how you can sponsor her and get involved in next week's newsletter!





Mikayla has a history of supporting people and getting involved in charitable works. The Year 6 students have been busy making Christmas decorations to sell at our Mission stall at the fete (they look great, by the way!). Mikayla has given up her holidays to work hard creating even more goodies to sell at our Mission stall at our fete. She and her mum have made scrunchies and beautiful Christmas cards.

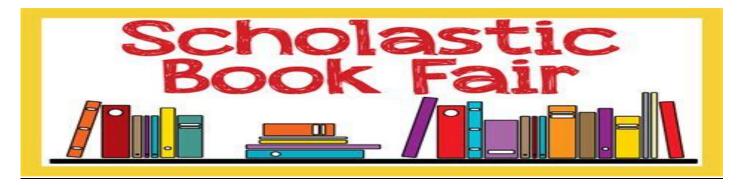
I'm so proud of these children and how they really are being of service to others and living as disciples.

DEBATING

Our Year 6 students will begin competing in the Northern Beaches Debating competition next week against other local Catholic schools at Stella Maris College in Manly. Topics will range from sport, the environment, education, animal rights and technology – with specific debate information coming through on a Thursday morning. The debating runs over 5 weeks on Thursday afternoons with the grand final to be held on Thursday 29th November. Good luck students!

ICAS - MATHEMATICS

The last of the ICAS results have arrived at St John's. These will be handed out after prayer assembly on Monday morning (22nd October) in the Church.



We are so excited to be having Scholastic Book Fair join us for our School Fete on **November 3**. As a special treat we will also open for a sneak peek just for St John's students on the **Wednesday 31**st **October** and **Thursday 1**st **November**. Purchases can be made before and after school on these days as well as all day during the Fete.

Every purchase earns rewards for our school which can be used to buy books for the classrooms and library.

We're also having a special book **raffle**. Just visit the Fair with your family and you will go in the draw to **win** FREE BOOKS! This is one far-out event that you won't want to miss!





This could be a good opportunity to organise some Christmas presents.

Author visits

During Term 4 we are lucky enough to have 2 authors visit our school.



Camila in Year 5 entered and won a writing competition and the prize is a visit to the school by **Wendy Fitzgerald**. Visit Wendy's website (<u>click here</u>) to have a look at some of the amazing work she has done.

Author **Matt Etheridge** will be visiting our school on **Monday 19**th **November**. Matt has written a Christmas pirate book (good present idea). Visit Matt's website (<u>click here</u>) to get a sneak peek at the first chapter of his book or to hear Matt read.



SCHOOL DISCO

St Kevin's School Hall 57-59 Oaks Avenue Fee Why.

Children MUST be brought to hall entry point and MUST be picked up from designated area inside the school grounds.

These areas will be indicated by green and red balloons.

Children are NOT to be dropped or picked up at the gate.

Younger siblings and children not attending St John's are NOT permitted at the Disco.

There will be no glow/ food products being sold at this year's disco.

St John's Disco Friday 19th October

First session K to 2

5.00pm - 6.30pm

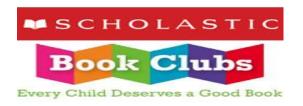
Second session 3 to 6

7.00pm to 8.30pm

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered their time to help on the night. If possible could you please arrive 10 minutes prior to session start time for information and job allocation.

Looking forward to a fun night!

Kindy Class Parents



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

~Important changes to Book Club ordering~

Scholastic has changed the rules about delivering to schools. If you haven't ordered by the closing date you will be able to place a late order online via **LOOP**, however the order will be delivered to your home address and will incur a postage and handling charge. To avoid a charge just remember to place your order on time.

Book Club orders for Issue 7 are due no later than

FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

COMMUNITY NEWS

Changes to Healthcare services on the Northern Beaches

When Northern Beaches Hospital opens on Tuesday 30 October 2018, all Manly Hospital services will transfer to the new hospital and Manly Hospital will close.

All emergency services on the Northern Beaches will be provided at the new hospital from 7am on Tuesday 30 October 2018.

At the same time, Mona Vale Hospital will open 24/7 Urgent Care Centre for the treatment of minor illness and injuries.

Acute services at Mona Vale Hospital, such as surgery and maternity, will transfer to the new Northern Beaches Hospital the next day, Wednesday 31 October 2018.

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Children planning to enter the competition are required to have an understanding of how each piece moves and the objectives of the game. Please complete the entry form (attached to newsletter). Payment of \$5.00 per student entering is to be made via Qkr – this covers award costs. A trophy will be awarded to a winner in each year with 2nd & 3rd places to receive medals. Each entrant will receive a certificate of participation.

Any parents are welcome to assist with the chess competition - for the whole day or half day (parent volunteers do not need to know how to play chess). If there are not enough helpers the competition may not be able to go ahead.

For further information please contact Rachael Crookwell on 0408 627 270

Entry form is attached to this newsletter or can be obtained from the office.

Please return the completed entry form to the school office by <u>Friday 9th November</u>. Entry forms will not be registered until Qkr payment made.

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	ST JOHN'S	ST JOHN'S ANNUAL CHESS COMPETITIO		
Student Name:		_ Class:		
Parent Name:		Parent Sig	gnature:	
I have made payment via Qkr:	Circle	Yes/No		
I am able / unable to assist at the Cl	ness competitio	n		(name).
Parent Helpers contact details				

When:

6:30pm, Fri 16 November 2018 until mid-afternoon Sun 18 November

(Please ensure you have had your evening meal before arriving on Friday and we will make sure you're home in time for your evening meal on Sunday.)

Where:

'Lutanda' Yarramundi 761 Springwood Rd, Yarramundi (15 mins South West of Richmond)

Register now.

You will not be the same again.

Cost: \$300 per father & son pair.

(Includes two nights accommodation and meals plus adventure activities.)

To register go to:

www.trybooking.com/417468

Enquiries: Encounter

This Growing Good Men weekend is held in partnership with the Archdiocese of Sydney.



What is the question that haunts every man?

Every man needs to receive a "blessing," as Gary Smalley writes, from his father. He needs to hear with his ears, see with his eyes and believe in his heart, that the person who he is, is good enough in his father's eyes. Every boy wants his father to give him a sense of male acceptance, affirmation and affection. Boys who don't receive this from their fathers can spend decades trying to prove to themselves and to others that their actions, accomplishments and characters are worthy of their father's approval.

How does a boy learn to become a man?

Every boy dreams of being a hero and making a difference in his world. But what happens to these dreams? How does he come to understand his masculinity? Who will form him, who will lead him, who will inspire him, who will release him into the world of men? His father. This is a big challenge and a very difficult job; one that cannot be done alone.

How do we raise good men?

How do we produce men that are alive, real and courageous; who know their purpose and meaning, who aren't afraid of the adventure, who long for the quest, who will fight for truth and beauty with honour and integrity.







A weekend experience for fathers and their teenage sons.

GROWING GOOD MEN is an experientially-based program which encourages and enables fathers and sons to strengthen their relationship and to explore important issues of growing into manhood. It is designed for fathers and their adolescent sons aged 13 to 15 years (school years 8 and 9).

Please note: If you are unable to attend with your father, you may choose to come with another significant male person over the age of 18. In this situation, we would need a letter of consent from a parent/guardian. Should your situation not fit the two options mentioned and you still wish to attend please call us.

The weekend experiences explores:

- The importance of the father and son bond for both generations
- The journey of adolescence
- Becoming a man
- Dealing with anger
- Friendship with girls and women
- The quest for identity
- Rite of Passage

Set over a weekend, the program involves: short keynote sessions, small group and father/son sharing, a wide range of challenging and engaging activities (which may include high ropes courses or similar adventure activities), reflection and prayer. The centrepiece of the program is a Rite of Passage on Saturday night. The weekend concludes with a Father's Blessing and commissioning.

Growing Good Men has been developed by **menALIVE**. **menALIVE** is a National Catholic Ministry to Men that has inspired and challenged men of all ages in Australia and New Zealand since its inception in 2003. **menALIVE** offers a clear vision for being a man in the contemporary world.

A Parent Retreat Day

'Ancient Wisdom, Contemporary Lives'



Friday 2nd Nov 2018. 9am-4pm St Joseph's Spirituality Centre 8 Humphrey's Rd, Kincumber South

Cost: \$20 suggested donation (pay on the day)
Bookings: Sallyanne.butel@dbb.catholic.edu.au RSVP: 20th Oct

Guest speaker: Rabbi Gad Krebs

Followed by Workshops & Walks by the Water.

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[Details overleaf]

Rest Refresh Renew



'Come away to a quiet place by yourselves and rest a while.'

Mark 6:31

2nd November is

All Souls Day

Join us in a Mass of remembrance for our loved ones at 2pm.



Program



Rabbi Gad Krebs

Rabbi Gad, from Masada Synagogue, St Ives, is married to Tamar and they have four children. He is a gifted speaker and a generous contributor to education initiatives in our Diocese and beyond.



'Dialogue and friendship with the Jewish people are part of the life of Jesus' disciples.' - Pope Francis

The overall program will be facilitated by team members of CSO Broken Bay.

More about our Retreat Day

And tips to make the most of it!

Fri 2 Nov 2018

9.00 Gather

9.15 Rabbi Gad Krebs

10.45 Morning Tea

11.15 Workshop #1

12.30 Lunch

1.00 Workshop #2

2.00 All Souls Day Mass

2.45 Workshop #3

3.30 Free time

4.00 Finish

Mark the calendar! Take time off work. Organise a babysitter. Car pool, enjoy the journey together!

The Workshops invite storytelling and journaling around the important events and people who have shaped our lives. The process is gentle, allowing each person to enter at their own pace.

Workshops also allow for optional solo or small group walks in the grounds, including use of Labyrinth and Stations of the Cross by the lake.

We will finish by 3.30, allowing you till 4pm to linger in the beautiful grounds if you wish.

If you can only make part of the day, we understand! Please RSVP for catering purposes.

Cost: Suggested donation \$20. Donation box available on the day.

We continue Walking the Way

Despite every obstacle imaginable, the Jewish people have managed to maintain their traditions over millennia, with a remarkable capacity to adapt and innovate while drawing on the ancient wisdom of their ancestral faith.

The role of family, home, and scripture is central to this dynamic.

What can we, as Catholic parents, learn from Jewish families in our own efforts to pass on to our children the deep insights of our life experience, our faith, our ancestry, our scriptures?

This retreat day allows for gentle reflection and space to get in touch with 'who' and 'what' is most dear to our hearts, to rediscover the deep wisdom of our faith tradition as we walk with our children in faith, hope and love.

A special day to draw close to those we love and miss

2 Nov is All Souls Day, a special day when Catholics remember and pray for their deceased loved ones. Our Mass will be an opportunity to do that. You may like to bring with you a small symbol that reminds you of a loved one (a flower, a photo, a momento) to have with you during the day's reflections and/or to place at the sacred space.



An initiative of the **Walking the Way** Parent Formation Program Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Broken Bay

Bookings: Sallyanne.butel@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Enquiries: Jo Spek jo.spek@dbb.catholic.edu.au

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