



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

We all have that favourite teacher we remember. Mine is Br Berg, a high school Science Teacher who had a wonderful way of making every lesson a fascination with stories and demonstrations. Perhaps his most admirable quality was the way he was able to get to know us and value us for who we were. Everyone felt like they mattered and it sparked our desire to learn. Our recent community survey showed how much our children appreciate and value their teachers.



A great teacher takes a hand, opens a mind and touches a heart.

Each day our teachers are highly focused on making a positive difference in the lives of your children. They understand that they are the future of our community, our state, our nation. Teachers therefore play an important role in working with you to shape and encourage each child to be the best he or she can be. Friday is World Teacher's Day. It was initiated in 1994 by UNESCO to recognise the importance of their role and the contribution they make to society.

Teachers in Catholic schools accept the responsibility of working with parents to lay the foundations of faith by teaching about our traditions, engaging the children in celebration and liturgy and encouraging awareness of the presence of God in the world and in their lives on a daily basis. Our classes have been working on innovative ways to engage the children with scripture and its message since our Staff Day at the beginning of term.

On behalf of our teachers, we thank our Parents and Friends and the children for showing us their appreciation at Friday morning's assembly and for providing a delicious lunch for us.

Kind regards,

Mark Bateman - Principal

CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING:

We recently received our NAPLAN results for Years 3 and 5. The results provide a snapshot of student achievement in core areas of the curriculum. At St John's overall student progress uses a range of assessments and observations over the entire year to get the most realistic picture of student learning. Reports at the end of year will reflect this.

It was pleasing to see our Year Three students average NAPLAN score was equal to the average Diocesan school scores and above the State school average score for both Grammar/Punctuation and Spelling. The average score was above that of both sectors in Numeracy and above the State in Reading.

Our Year 5 scores indicate our average NAPLAN score to be significantly above the average score for both sectors in Numeracy, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and above both in Reading. Our overall learning growth from Year 3 to Year 5 was pleasing to see.

Our K-2 classes are working hard and showing progress in the areas of Reading, Writing and Numeracy overall. Well done to the students of St John's.

Week 3 Term 4 Mon 29 Oct	Week 3 Term 4 Tues 30 Oct	Week 3 Term 4 Wed 31 Oct	Week 3 Term 4 Thurs 1 Nov	Week 3 Term 4 Fri 2 Nov	Week 3 Term 4 Sat/Sun 3/4
<i>Yr 5 Prayer Assembly</i>			<i>All Saints Day – 9.30am Whole School Mass Northern Beaches Debating 2</i>		<i>SCHOOL FETE</i>
Week 4 Term 4 Mon 5 Nov	Week 4 Term 4 Tues 6 Oct	Week 4 Term 4 Wed 7 Oct	Week 4 Term 4 Thurs 8 Nov	Week 4 Term 4 Fri 9 Nov	Week 4 Term 4 Sat/Sun 10/11
<i>Yr 4 Prayer Assembly</i>			<i>Northern Beaches Debating 3</i>		<i>School Mass Sat 5pm Kindy 2019 Welcome</i>

<p>Tues 6th Nov St John’s Advisory Council Meeting</p> <p>Fri 9th Nov Yr 4 Excursion Narrabeen Coastal Centre</p> <p>Sat 10th Nov School Parish Mass – K2019 & Yr 4</p> <p>Fri 16th Nov Yr 3 Excursion Narrabeen Coastal Centre</p> <p>Tues 27th Nov P&F AGM 7pm</p>	<p>Fri 30th Nov Volunteer Thank You Afternoon Tea</p> <p>Sat 8th Dec Whole School Parish Mass</p> <p>Wed 12th Dec Yr 6 Graduation Liturgy & Celebration</p> <p>Fri 14th Dec Stage 3 Surf Awareness Day</p> <p>Wed 19th Dec End of Year Liturgy Last Day of Term 4</p>
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AWARDS



Awards are presented on Friday: K-2 Awards in the Library at 8:45, 3-6 Awards on the Softfall at 2:40
STRENGTH & GENTLENESS will be presented on Monday morning during Prayer Assembly

Strength & Gentleness	Luke C (6DI) Connor W (6DI)
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KC	Gabriella A Willow B Lawson L	2R	Valentina B Matthew C Scout M	4SC	Matthew H Xavier S Liam S	Sports Oscar S (1G) Aurora P (4B)
KG	Hannah F Tom W	3B	William B Mia H Jacob T	5D	Ruby C Hayley M Annie S	
1B	Ilana A Ollie B Coby S	3O	Christopher A Marcus H	5NF	Lucas D Max K Alison L	Drama Matiass B (KG) Jayden B (4SC)
1G	Harrison D Lilah R Joshua R	3R	Lennox D Asha F	6DI	Mikayla H Adam V	
2N	Thomas B Lachlan M Gordon M	4B	Hugh C Charlotte C Will N	5/6F	Krish R	Library Chloe N (2R) Domenic B (5D)

ALL SAINTS DAY – NOVEMBER 1 WHOLE SCHOOL MASS 9:15

Next Thursday, we celebrate All Saints Day. It's very hard to find a definitive list of "canonised saints": some sources list hundreds, some list thousands – but one thing that is certain is that there are a lot more saints than the 365 days we have each year. All Saints Day allows us the opportunity to celebrate the lives of all those men and women who are in heaven.



That doesn't just mean the well-known capital S saints. The feast of ALL Saints is an opportunity to remember and reflect on the lives of those saints who've been known and loved by just a few and whose sphere of influence was such that they will never be recognised as Saints by the universal Church. Some of them may only be known to God. Others are people whose love, sacrifice and fidelity we have seen for ourselves and who have inspired us.

Who will you be remembering next Thursday?

HALLOWEEN

If you are planning to mark Halloween (or All Hallows Eve – or All Saints Eve) it is important to remember that it is actually the vigil of All Saints Day. Just as we celebrate Christmas Eve – because it is the night before Christmas, so it is with Halloween – it's significance should be that it is the night before All Saints Day.

DIOCESAN MISSION MASS

On Thursday the 18th, the mission team joined students from every school in our Diocese at the cathedral in Waitara. The mass was raising awareness for Catholic Mission. We met many inspirational people raising money for Cambodia, Myanmar and other countries in need of help and support. There were several schools from across our diocese attending the mass as well.



We learnt a melody that meant 'We are marching in the light of God' in South African. We also learnt that due to poverty in Cambodia, children from the country had to use their imagination and made a soccer ball out of plastic bags, old clothes, string and rubber bands. We brainstormed an idea that our school could make a soccer ball and have a soccer competition to see what it was like.

From the Mission Team (and Ryder)

A handmade soccer ball from Cambodia

PLENARY COUNCIL

This weekend at Mass the Parish will be launching the Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue sessions for our Parish. We would also like to organise sessions here at St John's. It is an opportunity for small groups to get together and consider the question "What is God asking of us in Australia at this time?". The teachers have taken part in Listening and Dialogue sessions. It was great conversation, and it is powerful to hear other people's stories. The sessions are not about "opinions" but about telling our stories and recounting our experiences. The Council wants to hear stories from as many people as possible. You can take part in the council either by joining a group – or making a personal submission through the website:

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>

The introductory video on the council is available on our [Weebly Faith Page](#).

ALTAR SERVERS

Two of our Year 3 students (Domenic and Victor) have recently begun carrying out their mission as disciples by being altar servers in our Parish.

The Parish has put out a call for children to be trained to be altar servers. Any boy or girl who has made their First Communion is able to train as an altar server. (The call includes adults to serve as Acolytes & Ministers of Holy Communion as well.) Should you be interested in any of these ministries, please contact Fr Francis on 0406 086 432.



ST JOHN'S FETE – AMAZING RAFFLE PRIZES AND MORE!

We're on the homeward stretch towards the 3rd November 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 **ASAP to the office!!**

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, tickets will be sold on the day.



Cake boxes will be going home tomorrow, we are asking each family to fill a box with baked goods. Items such as cakes, cupcakes, muffins and biscuits would be greatly appreciated. All baking brought in must also have a list of ingredients taped on the box. (please ensure they are nuts, custard and cream free) Thank you for your contributions in making this year's fete a success.



If your child is on year 5 & 6 they are asked to assist with the mission stall, a sign up link was sent home via the class parents.

If you have not had a chance to volunteer this is your opportunity. We still need people to assist with the petting zoo, and more volunteers for both the second hand book & toy stall, running the BBQ and the cupcake stall.

The signup link <http://signup.com/go/eQkwFFN>

Thank you for all your help. It is going to be an awesome day with lots of fun for all.

Virtual 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.virtualcaptiveation.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 tickets:

<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!

2018 TALENT QUEST ARRANGEMENTS

Given that our hall is out of action, we have a contingency in place for one of the children's favourite events, the 2018 St John's Talent Quest. We will hire a canopy to place over the blue soft fall so that we can comfortably conduct heats and accommodate an audience of excited children during Weeks 6, 7 and 8.

St Paul's College, Manly, has kindly offered us their hall for our Talent Quest finals which will take place December 17th. We will bus the children to St Paul's for the day, use their facilities and enjoy the amazing talents of our children while we are there. Details concerning parent attendance and timings will be shared closer to the event. In the meantime, our teachers are in the process of organising this year's event, keep your eye on the newsletter for details.

Time to start practising your dances, songs and plays! Entry forms for the Talent Quest will be available in the office from Friday morning. Orange notes are for group entries (remember only **1 form** per group) and white notes are for individual entrants. Please return them to **Miss Gorman (room 4)** ASAP or to the entry box in the office. Don't forget your gold coin donation per entrant all money raised will go towards helping Catholic Mission!

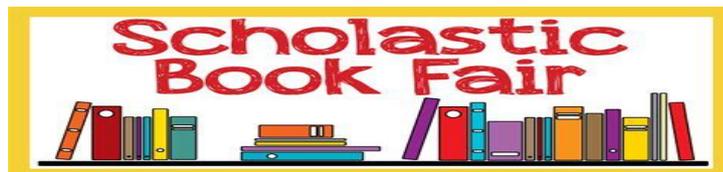


YEAR 3 PARENT MOVIE NIGHT "A STAR IS BORN" - TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2019

If interested in coming along, please email Genevieve Ferris (gen.ferris@gmail.com) for extra details.

LIBRARY NEWS

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 31st October** and **Thursday 1st 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.



Library Lessons This Term



This week in library each class has been working on Coding. Coding is explained to them as the instructions that they write for a computer to complete a task. Coding is telling the computer what to do.

This week Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 continue using Scratch Jnr to Code a retell of a well know story. Scratch Junior is downloaded onto the ipads.

Years 3 and 4 have been creating Scratch accounts for school. They will use this program to code a game or animation based on a book they have read. They can access their account from home using an internet connection. They just need to remember their user name and password. Click here for '[Scratch](#)'.

This term Years 5 and 6 will use 'jsfiddle' to program. We are in the process of setting up accounts. You can access 'jsfiddle' on using this website. [Click here](#).

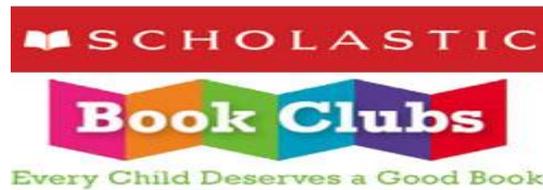
FAMILY LIAISON



The author of a new book aimed at year 6 children kindly **donated** a copy to the school recently. The title is **'Finding Your Path: A guide to starting high school with a smile'** by Amba Brown. Some of you might remember Cooper Brown who is now in year 8 who helped his big sister with this book, he commented **"A really cool book to read before going to high school."** It is full of tips and tricks and is written in a way that will appeal to young teenagers. There is a YouTube clip online showcasing the book:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7dqj_DqLSA. If you wish to borrow the school copy of the book, contact:

Jeanie.mcdonnell@dbb.catholic.edu.au. The book can also be ordered online: findingyourpathbooks.com and costs \$21.99 it could make the perfect stocking filler and provide school holiday reading for your year 6 child as they prepare for high school.



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.

School Student Transport

School student applications for 2019 open from Monday, 15 October 2018.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 **do not** need to re-apply if they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2018 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2018, the system will automatically cancel a card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during December 2018 and January 2019.

For further information visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts>



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