



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

This morning the children attended Mass with the Parish for All Saints Day. Their behaviour and singing was beautiful and I believe the celebration held special significance for them today given the excellent explanation of the day presented to the school by Year 5 at Monday morning's prayer assembly. Our senior students were able to put the focus of 'All Hallows' squarely on those saints who have shared their love and their lives with us and who now share in the kingdom of heaven. I think the opening prayer from yesterday's staff meeting puts it perfectly:

At this time each year, we focus on the great communion of saints – the wonderful company of saints we know as part of the reality of our Catholic tradition; those who have died in God's friendship – friends, colleagues, relatives, other leaders whom we have known ...worked with ...laughed with ...wept with ...walked with. As a staff we especially remembered Mrs Kauffmann (Miss Marotta), Robyn Gay (our previous teacher librarian), Margaret Fallowfield (previous school secretary), Finn Marker and Johnny Sussanna – two of our pupils we regard as saints.

Many of them are not famous. Their statues are not in churches but their pictures are in our homes and their stories alive in our community, and in us. We know of their goodness and their struggles.

We pray for them and remember them with love, celebrating in faith their journey to God, now within the great communion of saints.

There is great excitement building towards our major community event being held this Saturday – St John's Fete. Preparations are progressing very well and we are looking forward to a fantastic day for all the family. There are still some helper spots to fill on rosters for an hour or so during the day and these have been Flexibuzzed to you – please help if you are able.

In other news, I am well aware that there is interest in what is happening with our hall and playground. A meeting has been held to discuss a way forward. The Parish community, inclusive of the school, is working toward recommissioning the hall in 2019. We are awaiting a formal process to be lodged at the Diocese to confirm the recommendations made by the Parish. In relation to our playground, plans have been approved and we are working towards a start date. We will report any developments to you as we are able.

Sincerely,

Mark Bateman - Principal



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>St John's Advisory Council Meeting</i>		<i>Northern Beaches Debating 3</i>	<i>Yr 4 Excursion Narrabeen Coastal Centre</i>	<i>School Mass Sat 5pm</i> <i>Kindy 2019 Welcome</i>
Week 5 Term 4 Mon 12 Nov	Week 5 Term 4 Tues 13 Oct	Week 5 Term 4 Wed 14 Oct	Week 5 Term 4 Thurs 15 Nov	Week 5 Term 4 Fri 16 Nov	Week 5 Term 4 Sat/Sun 17/18
<i>Yr 3 Prayer Assembly</i>			<i>Northern Beaches Debating 4</i>	<i>Yr 3 Excursion Narrabeen Coastal Centre</i>	

Mon 19th Nov
Yr 2 Prayer Assembly

Tues 27th Nov
P&F AGM 7pm

Thurs 22nd
Northern Beaches Debating 5

Fri 23rd Nov
School Chess Comp – All Day

Fri 30th Nov
Yr 3 Class Mass
Volunteer Thank You Afternoon Tea

Sat 8th Dec
Whole School Parish Mass & Christmas Carols

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

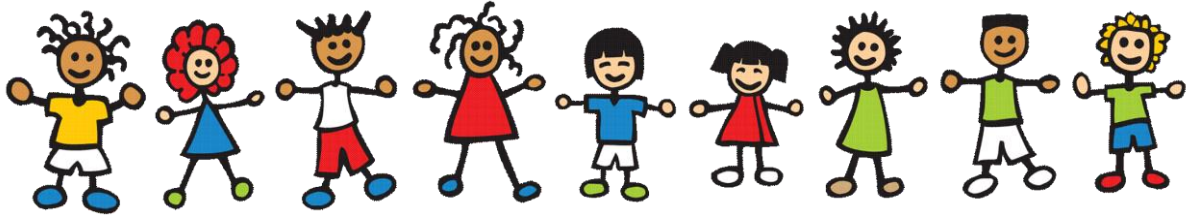
AWARDS



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			Dom C (5D)			
KC	Jake J Mitchell J Joshua M	2R	Jake F Chelsea H Jake K	4SC	Jayden B Marlon I Ava R	Sports Jasmin C (3R)
KG	Erica A Matiass B	3B	Joshua B William M Isla P	5D	Brooke G Tasman H Ines M	
1B	Brandon D Riley H Oscar K	3O	Koby B Gemma T	5NF	Carys F Piper M Anthony M	Drama Maegan D (6DI) Daisy D (6DI) Lucia R (6DI)
1G	India G Lucas J	3R	Anton C Jasmin C	6DI	Max B Hayley B Mikayla H Isabella M	
2N	Hannah J Arianna K David M	4B	Liam C Natalie G Alexandra J	5/6F	Leela K	Library Hugh C (4B) Max C (4B)

SCHOOL PARISH MASS & SAUSAGE SIZZLE – 10TH NOVEMBER – BLESSING OF KINDERGARTEN 2019



We are very excited to be holding our **Blessing of Kindergarten 2019 Mass** on Saturday 10th November at 5pm. Year 4 will be hosting the Mass (as the future buddies of the Kinder children). The Mass and sausage sizzle are wonderful opportunities to make these children and their families feel welcome and part of our St John's Community.

A google form has been emailed to all of the Year 4 families today – if you missed it, the link can be found at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/G2dsF0B9FR16JtQx2>

While Year 4 are *hosting* Mass we would love as many families as possible to join with us in making this Mass a special celebration. It would also be lovely to have the members of our school choir at Mass. We only had the Year 5 choir members at Mass this morning and it they were amazing – it would be lovely to have those angelic voices at this special mass.

If your family is attending and would like to join in the sausage sizzle after Mass (and you haven't already filled in the Year 4 form), please use this link to order your sausage sandwiches: <https://goo.gl/forms/ajh21JZZzBvJeUyx1>

MISSION CRAFT STALL AT THE FETE

We are extremely proud of the effort that all of the children have put into making our Mission Stall a huge success. There are some incredible items for sale and absolute bargains to be had. It can be a challenging idea to put all the effort into making something and then let it go...just to help someone else. We have all been learning about the children at St John's School in Myanmar and the work that Catholic Mission are doing to ensure the children receive a good education. At the moment, the school only has Kindergarten and Year 1! We've tried to imagine leaving school at the end of Year 1. What would your life be like if that was your only education?

Our hope is that the money we raise through our Mission Craft Stall will help Catholic Mission to continue their work at St John's, Myanmar so that the children will be able to enjoy the same education that we take for granted.



If you'd like a sneak peak at our products, click on the link to the [front page of the Weebly](#).

SAVE THE DATE

Our final School Parish Mass for 2018 will be held on Saturday 8th December @ 5pm.

Due to the Fete being our major community event this year, we will not be having a Christmas Concert – but we will be having a “mini” carols before the Mass as well as special songs during Mass.

Keep an eye out for details.



★★★ ONLY TWO MORE SLEEPS ★★★

We are so excited! The mission stall items look amazing, the raffle prizes are wrapped, the stalls are all ready to go and we can almost smell the yummy baking of all of our families from here!



Remember that cake boxes can be dropped at school tomorrow morning or afternoon to Room 5 or bring them straight to the cake stall on Saturday morning which will be located near Canteen.



Thank you to all of our wonderful parents (and teachers!) who are volunteering across the day. There are still just a few more jobs to fill. Our Sign Up page link is here - <http://signup.com/go/eQkwFFN> (you can click on 'hide full spots' to just see where we still need help).

If you pre-purchased an unlimited rides or virtual reality wristband via Try Booking, these will be available for collection from the Planet Entertainment stall or Virtual Reality stall on Saturday. Tickets can also be purchased individually on the day.



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!

You will find more details about the day at the bottom of the newsletter.

FREE TO SHINE – THE POWER OF EDUCATION



Hello Everyone,

My name is Ruby and I'm raising money for [Free to Shine](#). I learnt about this charity when I was researching education in developing countries during our Genius Hour time in Year 6.

Free to Shine is an organisation that keeps girls in school in developing countries like Cambodia. It costs \$45 to keep a girl safe and in school for 1 month.

How am I raising money?

I'm shaving my head!

More information will be in next week's newsletter. Stay tuned!

SPEAKING OF THE POWER OF EDUCATION

Some of our teachers attended a workshop on Saturday on spelling and phonics, lead by esteemed educator, presenter and author, [David Hornsby](#). The English language is full of examples that show clearly you can't teach phonics without meaning and context.

Look at this list of words; do you know how to pronounce them?

lead

read

tear

live

wind

bow

dove

If you had a couple of options for each word, you'd be correct. We would need to read the word in the context of a sentence to know which pronunciation was correct.

Eg "I took my dog for a walk today and the *lead* broke." OR "I was writing a great story and then the *lead* in my pencil broke."

You can read more about the workshop on our website - <https://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/spelling-phonics-in-context/>.

In year 5 we were asked to write a show don't tell for the following image

Hope

Disheartened, the lonely man sat on the bench, looking at the park that was covered in blankets of snow.

Underneath lied his favourite flowers, ready to bloom again in spring. Flickering, the lights illuminated a patch of snow. And that's when he saw it, a single rose growing up through the snow. He went over and gently plucked it out of the freezing ground. He held it in his hands as if it was gold. For a long time he watched it, just sitting in his hands, dancing, feeling the warmth of his skin. For a moment he felt hopeful. Hopeful that he would get this rose home safely, to his loved one.



By Carys Farley 5NF

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, musical instruments 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!

BASKETBALL

On the 29th October some of the Yr 5 and 6 students participated in a Basketball Gala Day at Warriewood. It was a super day with lots of shots to the basket and we learnt many skills. We had so much fun! Everyone had fun playing basketball and scored loads of points. Our school won a few games and most importantly, we had loads of fun. The other schools were competitive and had good sportsmanship.

The boys team had: Lucas D, John B, Tasman H, Ethan C, Maurice J, Cameron G and Oliver L.

The girls' team was: Sarah D, Hayley M, Hannah H, Charlotte Y, Olivia O, Carys F, Rose R, Giselle B, Alison L and Olivia B.

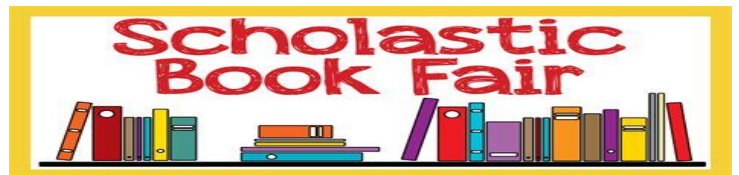
We hope next year more people participate, because it was one of the best Gala Days we've ever been to. Thanks to all the parents who helped out on the day, we couldn't have done it without them.

By Oliver L and Giselle B.



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.

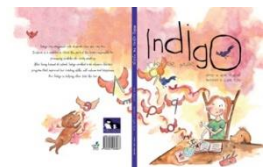


Author visits

Next week we are lucky enough to have author Wendy Fitzgerald visiting our school on Tuesday morning.



Visit Wendy's website ([click here](#)) to have a look at some of the amazing work she has done.



Among other books Wendy has written a picture book **Indigo Solves The Puzzle**. Indigo Solves the Puzzle centres on the true-life story of Indigo who struggles academically at school, not because she is unintelligent but because she is dyslexic. She is bullied and doubts her own self-worth until her mother takes her for tests which reveals the true source of Indigo's difficulties. Fortunately for Indigo her dyslexia is discovered early and she is enrolled in reading programs. This has a positive flow on effect through to all aspects of her life.

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.

FAMILY LIAISON

Free Generation Next Podcast

Anxiety Disorders in Young People – Prof. Jenny Hudson – Tuesday 20th November 2018

Free for parents, teachers and health professionals, follow the link to register:

<https://healthd.eventsair.com/gnw201118/mt/Site/Register>

The podcast will be streamed at 3 different times during the day, in NSW you can choose from:

Session 1: 10:30-11:10am

Session 2: 3:30-4:10pm

Session 3: 7:00-7:40pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

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>

Lifeline Northern Beaches Giant Book Fair: 23rd to 25th November 2018

**Venue: St Augustine's College Sydney Cnr Federal Parade West & Alfred St
Brookvale (next to Brookvale Oval)**

Dates/Times: Friday 23rd Nov 4pm -- 9pm

Saturday 24th Nov 9am -- 5pm

Sunday 25th Nov 9am -- 2pm



Please note we accept Visa & Mastercard and also have EFTPOS facility available

(Entry by gold coin donation very much appreciated)

At the Book Fair there will be thousands of good quality books, at bargain prices, in many categories, including a wide range of children's books suited to all ages.

For the enthusiast/collector we have a large number of award winning and collectible books.

In addition to all the books we also have a wide selection of puzzles, jig saws, games, CD, DVDs, vinyls, etc so there's something for everyone!

Also with Christmas just 1 month away, here's a great opportunity to stock up on a range of gifts for those loved ones.

All funds raised support the activities of Lifeline Northern Beaches which, in addition to the crisis line (13 11 14) with a focus on suicide prevention, provides a lot of other services to our community, including 24 hour counselling, bereavement support, anger management and problem gambling to name but a few.

Your support for our Book Fairs goes a long way in generating the funds required to continue providing these services to our community.



RAFFLE PRIZES

Hamilton Island	2 nights at the Reef View Hotel for up to 2 adults and 2 kids (12 or under)
Xtend Barre	2 AVAILABLE TO WIN Nable Activewear outfits (compression leggings + tank + cap)
Cromer Golf Club	Round of golf for 4 players with Motorised Carts Valid Tuesday or Thursday (PM)
Anna's Hair and Nails (Narraweena)	1 x ladies cut + blowdry, 1 x men's haircut and 2 x kid's haircuts (primary/ high school age)
Number WorksnWords Dee Why	10 x free lessons of specialist Mathematics or English Tuition
In2Swim Brookvale	3 month free swimming lessons
Devine Rug Care	Pram cleaning voucher valued
Ready Steady Go Kids	1 x Free term of classes (program for pre-schoolers aged 1.5 years to 6 years)
BUMP Pre & Post Natal Health and Fitness Dee Why	4 VOUCHERS AVAILABLE TO WIN - 2 weeks free membership, unlimited classes, unlimited creche, 2 x 45 minute personal training
MSP Photography	Neos Soultech Flek7 Quad Core Android Tablet 16GB
McNally Family	XBox One 500GB
Blackmores	Gift pack - Health and Wellness
Joe's Basecamp	1 month of unlimited strength and conditioning group classes for you and a friend
Seven Miles Coffee Roaster	2 HAMPERS AVAILABLE TO WIN - 6 specialist blend of coffee roasters
SJJA Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Brookvale	5 VOUCHERS AVAILABLE TO WIN - train Brazilian Jiu Jitsu for a whole month

Toni Byrne (local artist)	Flower canvas print
Premier Health and Fitness Brookvale	Complimentary 1 month membership, including a Premier Back Pack
CBA Dee Why	Signed framed mini cricket bat Mitchell Johnson's CBA Ashes Series 2013/2014
Lowe Family	Signed Caricature John "Bomber" Peard (born 15 January 1945) is an Australian former rugby league footballer and later coach
From Me to You	Gift pack - Health and Wellness
Sydney FC	Signed Sydney FC Jersey
Simon Keith	Manly Warringah RLFC "The 2018 Sea Eagles" framed jersey and player photographs
Dome BBQ	Dome Portable Gas BBQ Grill (lightweight BBQ with case and wheels for easy portability)
Westfield	4 \$50 VOUCHERS AVAILABLE TO WIN
Hamper/ Gift Pack	Newborn/ Baby - toys, blankets, book
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Hamper/ Gift Pack	Preschooler/ kindy - Transformers, Lightning McQueen craft kiot, YoYo, fidget spinner, Bunch O Balloons
Hamper/ Gift Pack	Preschooler/ kindy - kids craft turntable , Lilee Kids makeup, Jewellery Set, Skip and Hop Owl back pack
Hamper/ Gift Pack	Kids school age - craft kit, kids baking set/ photo album, insulated lunch bag, pencil case
Hamper/ Gift Pack	Hand creams/ lotions, Tia Maria, \$50 Dee Why Hotel food and drink voucher
Hamper/ Gift Pack	Entertainers Pack - Trempage set, 3 tier cake stand, Slice and Serve
Hamper/ Gift Pack	Bottles of wine and \$50 Dee Why Hotel food and drink voucher
Hamper/ Gift Pack	Xmas cake stand, candles, bottles of wine
Hamper/ Gift Pack	Doterra Introductory Pack, \$50 Dee Why Hotel food and drink voucher, bottles of wine
Hamper/ Gift Pack	Set of Outback Jack steak knives, \$50 Dee Why Hotel food and drink voucher, beach picnic set, coated drill bits, 15 piece driver set, bottles of wine



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