



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

This time last week we were heavily into preparations for the St John's Fete. A week further on and we can't believe it's all over. What a wonderful experience and memory for our children and our community. I've never seen children run so fast to see the principal plunged into the dunk tank - over and over! It was only fair so many of our teachers 'sat on the plank' for St John's as well - all for a good cause.

Our aim in running this event was to first and foremost create a well organised and successful event focused on fun and bringing our families and our community together. I think we can safely tick the achieved box on that goal. Next, we wanted to work in way that brought everyone in our Parish community together. It was good to see parishioners without kids at the school taking part in our fete and so willing to help us with the planning and organisation.

We also wanted to use the day to support our focus on Mission. Our children were involved in creating and running Mission stalls and activities so successfully, they raised over \$1000 to help educate the kids at St John's in Myanmar. A fantastic effort from all of our children, their dedicated teachers and their supportive parents. Social justice is alive and well at St John's.

Lastly we wanted to raise some funds to help us with the purchase of contemporary furniture for our Year 5 and 6 classes initially. The first two pieces of equipment arrived yesterday to Year 6 – with more arriving today - another tick! We are still number crunching the exact total for the fete and expect to be able to announce it shortly.

Our organising committee chaired by Mrs Blyton, coordinated by Linda Nero and supported so incredibly by Miss Blake, Wendy Jones, Joanne Woolford, Caroline Miller, Jo Denington, The Boyes Family, Darren Kelly, Gen Ferris, Bridget Marker, Jen Castorina, The Hodge family, Alisha Anthony, Jenny O'Donoghue and Gerry Haddrick (St John's Church) did a superb job in making this event happen.

The team was very well supported by our wonderful Class Parents who in turn organised their own teams of parents to serve, lift, bake, make, supervise or just come along and make the day happen. You all did a fantastic job. Our administration and support staff and our teachers and their families were willing supporters and encouragers for all aspects of the fete and very much deserve our appreciation as well.

The St John's spirit is clearly alive and well. This was a true community effort. Thank you to everyone who helped demonstrate that in such a positive and supportive way. A break down of the day will be shared at the next P&F meeting.

Finally, we have our Kindergarten 2019 Blessing Mass at 5 pm tomorrow evening, Saturday November 10th, followed by a sausage sizzle on the back playground. We'd love to see your family join us and our thanks to Year 4 who will be our hosts for the evening.

Have a great weekend

Mark Bateman - Principal



DIARY

Week 5 Term 4 Mon 12 Nov	Week 5 Term 4 Tues 13 Nov	Week 5 Term 4 Wed 14 Nov	Week 5 Term 4 Thurs 15 Nov	Week 5 Term 4 Fri 16 Nov	Week 5 Term 4 Sat/Sun 17/18
Yr 3 Prayer Assembly Remembrance Day			Northern Beaches Debating 4	Yr 3 Excursion Narrabeen Coastal Centre	
Week 6 Term 4 Mon 19 Nov	Week 6 Term 4 Tues 20 Nov	Week 6 Term 4 Wed 21 Nov	Week 6 Term 4 Thurs 22 Nov	Week 6 Term 4 Fri 23 Nov	Week 6 Term 4 Sat/Sun 24/25
Yr 2 Prayer Assembly Talent Quest heats start			Northern Beaches Debating 5	Kinder Transition Morning 9.30am	

Tues 27th Nov
P&F AGM 7pm

Fri 23rd Nov
School Chess Comp – All Day

Thurs 29th Nov
Northern Beaches Debating Grand Final

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

Sat 8th Dec
Whole School Parish Mass & Christmas Carols

Mon 10th Dec
Core Values Assembly

Wed 12th Dec
Yr 6 Graduation Liturgy & Celebration

Fri 14th Dec
Stage 3 Surf Awareness Day

Mon 17th Dec
Talent Quest Finals – St Pauls

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			Sarah D (5D)			
KC	Joshua A Evie B Emma G	2R	Skye B Melissa B Aiden M	4SC	Jonathon B Ruby N Erin W	Sports Josh S (4SC) Edie P (5D)
KG	Fluer D Josefina H	3B	Piper C Lukina L Sophie M	5D	Ella D Taylah D Edie P	
1B	Chloe C Arkie T Ellie W	3O	Jacob H Eleanor N	5NF	Elisa C Holly D Olivia O	Drama Hannah J (2N) Cameron O (4SC)
1G	Ava C Luke M	3R	Lachlan B Natalia M	6DI	Maegan D Ryder H Connor W	
2N	Elianna A Heidi K Giselle L	4B	Christian C Cherise E Khyla M	5/6F	Joshua G	Library Fletcher Mc (1B) Keeley F (30)

FETE MISSION STALL

Well done to all of our Year 5 & 6 students who gave up time last Saturday to help on the Mission Stall at the fete. There was a big group who volunteered and even a few extras who just came to help on the day. What a great way to be of service!

Selling all of the fabulous gifts that we made, we raised over \$1000 for Catholic Mission.



Thank you to all the parents who provided supplies, helped get the items ready and who came along and purchased our special items!

MASS THIS SATURDAY

You are very welcome to join us for the **Blessing of Kindergarten 2019 Mass** this Saturday 10th November at 5pm. Come along and join us for Mass and a sausage sizzle afterwards.

SCHOOL NEWS

ST JOHN'S FETE – HOW MUCH FUN!

How much fun was Saturday?!

We hope you have had a chance to check out the photos in the foyer or the photos and videos on our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.

Once again, we just want to say a big

thank you

to all of our organisers, supporters, and visitors!

Dunk Tank FUN!!!



The Office A Team



FREE TO SHINE – KEEPING GIRLS IN SCHOOL



One of our Year 6 students, Ruby, was inspired in her 'Genius hour' research into education in developing countries (as well as Ms Ingram's recent trip to Cambodia). She wanted to do something big to support 'Free to Shine' – a wonderful Australian organisation supporting girls in Cambodia to keep them in school, all the way through University!

But what can one 12 year old do? Ruby has decided that she will raise as much money as she can by shaving her head! Sponsors can donate through her website - <https://ameliabkelly.wixsite.com/rubysfundraising> or through our Qkr app (go to the 'current students' section in School Payments to find Ruby's fundraiser).

Ruby will also sell raffle tickets for \$1 to students during recess every Tuesday for the chance to cut off one of her pigtails on Thursday 13th December.

NEW FURNITURE IN OUR YEAR 6 CLASSROOM

Our Year 6 students spent time this year designing and budgeting for new flexible learning spaces for our Stage 3 classrooms. They worked hard researching and budgeting and making final decisions. Some of the furniture arrived yesterday to some very excited children. The second batch arrived today! It will be trialed in Year 6 and then more purchases for the Year 5 classrooms will happen for early next year. More photos and a video of their research project is available on our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page.



From the students:

On Wednesday 6DI got some new pieces of furniture for our class. In Term 3 we were investigating the costs and the measurements of the furniture. We are now going CRAZY for who gets to sit on the furniture and are also very grateful for all the money raised from the Colour Run to help purchase our new furniture. Also we will be getting more in the next couple of weeks. Thank you everyone!

TALENT QUEST

The playground is buzzing in preparation for the talent quest. Our St John's Talent Quest is a great way to finish the year and the heats are always well attended. This year we will be taking our show on the road and holding our finals at St Paul's, Manly on Monday 17th December.

Heats will be beginning soon, and there have already been lots of rehearsals during play time from very dedicated and talented performers.

Just a reminder that the entry forms **MUST** be returned by **TOMORROW** at the latest. Thank you.

FANTASTIC SPORT ACHIEVEMENT



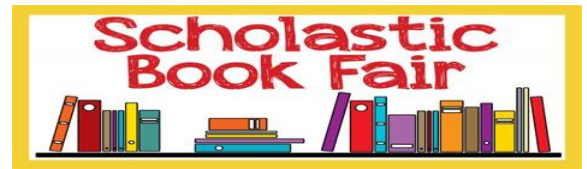
Congratulations to Ruby N in 4SC who has been chosen in the Under 10 A Grade representative Touch Football team for Manly Warringah. Ruby will play against all the other rep teams in the state at the NSW Touch Football State Titles in February in Port Macquarie.

It's an amazing effort since she is very new to the game. Her family and school are really proud of her.

Well done Ruby and best of luck in your new sport!

Thank you to all those families who visited and purchased items at the Book Fair. We have earned around \$450 in commission from the sales on the day.

I hope you enjoy the books and items purchased.



AUTHOR VISITS

Wendy Fitzgerald

Year 5 were lucky enough to participate in a writing workshop with children's author Wendy Fitzgerald.

Each student created a character and built up information which led to some amazing descriptions being written. We have done some artwork based on our characters and are continuing our stories.

Wendy presented a certificate and book prize to Camila whose writing won us the visit. We also received copies of Wendy's books for the Library.



Matt Etheridge



Matt has written a fun Christmas Pirate book "Whitebeard". We are very lucky to have him visit our school on Monday November 19 to read some of his book and talk with students about the writing process and life as an author.

If you would like to buy a copy of Matt's book you can complete the order form below or Matt will be selling copies on the day for \$15.

STREET LIBRARY

The St John's Street Library is up and running.

The idea is to bring one and take one!

Anyone is welcome to "join" this library!





The P&F Gazette

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

What a Great Fete!



It was a magnificent day - we were blessed with the community support, the incredible efforts of the organisers, and the weather – what a reason to celebrate.

THANK YOU – all the volunteers who helped in the lead up to and on the day.

THANK YOU – to the Parish, and the local businesses who supported us including Narraweena Fruit Market, The Friendly Grocer, Homestar Home Loans, Coates Hire (and the Davis family), our wonderful stall holders and so many more.

THANK YOU – Families who sponsored stalls, entertainment and donated prizes .

THANK YOU to the people who through their incredible effort and indomitable spirit made it all possible – Mrs Blyton, Ms Blake, Mr Bateman, Miss Ingram, Wendy J & Jo W – you are super heroes and your efforts will be remembered always

And THANK YOU to YOU! – our wonderful community who embraced the spirit of the day and came along to experience the fun!

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 this Term's AGM. As such, nominations are now open for the following positions:

President
Treasurer

Vice President
Secretary

If you are passionate about our school and our community, we encourage you to apply! If you have any questions, feel free to chat to any of the current the P&F committee personally, or you can send us an email at stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com
Voting and appointments will take place at our annual AGM, Tuesday 27th November, 7pm in the school library.

School Canteen – Call Out for Volunteers

We'd love some more volunteers to join our group of Canteen Helpers on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. It's so much fun serving over the counter, only takes a few hours – and your kids will love you for it! If you think you might be interested, why not text our wonderful Canteen Manager **Shirley** on **0435 613 654**, she'd love to have a chat with you!

We're running a Bunnings BBQ – Saturday December 1st

There's nothing like a Bunnings BBQ to put a smile on people's faces as they prepare for a weekend's DIY projects. And St. John's will be running the BBQ at Bunnings Narrabeen on Saturday 1st December! Starting at 7.30am and finishing sometime after 3pm, we're putting together shifts for 3 volunteers at a time and will send out information on SignUp soon. The P&F will all be there at some stage, it's guaranteed loads of fun! Stay tuned and save the date – at least to come along and buy as delicious sausage sandwich

Kind regards,

Bel, Pip, Russell, Jo & Caroline

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://healthed.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.



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