



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

You know you've reached the halfway point of the final term when the children start practising for the annual St John's Talent Quest. The children really look forward to this event. Don't forget, the emphasis is on using our gifts to help others. I ask for your help by allowing the children to take responsibility for the preparation of their performances. We also appreciate you encouraging them all the way to enjoy and contribute to the event. We are outside for our rehearsals. We are expecting delivery of a temporary marquee next week to help protect the children from the weather as they watch the rehearsals and we have arranged buses to St Paul's so that we can use the Waterford Hall for the Talent Quest finals on December 17th.

We have been involved a self-review process choosing to look at our work in teaching and learning since 2015. Our goal is to *authentically engage students in their learning*. During our school review processes, we have been able to share our work in learning and teaching with other schools. We were able to show positive gains in literacy and numeracy across our school but especially in Years K and 1. Our Year 5's showed pleasing growth from Year 3 in these areas in our recent NAPLAN results in 2018 results. The review has identified consistent practice, focus on professional learning, student learning gains and student satisfaction as strengths. As we move to the completion of our SIP in 2020, we identified feedback to teachers and children about learning; streamlined and clearer communication with parents about learning and school life as areas to work on.

We will soon begin the process of allocating children to classes for 2019. We will be able to inform you of class configurations in next week's newsletter. Sometimes there are social or academic reasons that need to be considered when student placements are being decided. The teachers will be using a range of criteria such as social, academic and learning need when making these decisions. If you wish to have any issues considered in relation to your child's placement for 2019, I ask that you write to me via sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au. Please note that the final decision on class placements rests with the school. Requests concerning specific teachers will not be considered.

Our thanks to all families who came along to our Parish Mass last Saturday evening. We had a lively but welcoming celebration. The highlight was the blessing of our new Kindergarten (who sang with actions first time – a snippet was uploaded to our [Facebook](#) page) and their families followed by a sausage sizzle organised by our Year 4 parents who generously backed up after our fete.

Finally, I wish to inform you that I will be away from school for the next week on leave. Ms Natalie Ingram will be in charge in my absence.

Kind regards

Mark Bateman - Principal

DIARY

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
<i>Yr 2 Prayer Assembly</i> <i>Talent Quest heats start</i>			<i>Northern Beaches Debating 5</i>	<i>Kinder Transition Morning 9.30am</i> <i>School Chess Comp – All Day</i>	
Week 7 Term 4 Mon 26 Nov	Week 7 Term 4 Tues 27 Nov	Week 7 Term 4 Wed 28 Nov	Week 7 Term 4 Thurs 29 Nov	Week 7 Term 4 Fri 30 Nov	Week 7 Term 4 Sat/Sun 1/2
	<i>P&F AGM – Library 7pm</i>		<i>Northern Beaches Debating Grand Final</i>	<i>Yr 3 Class Mass</i> <i>Mission Day</i> <i>Volunteer Thank You Afternoon Tea</i>	

Sat 8th Dec

Whole School Parish Mass (with Christmas carols before Mass)

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		Darcy Mc (3B)				
KC	Tahlia M Violet Mc Alexia N	2R	Coddie D Crystal L Chloe N	4SC	Ava H Joshua S	Sports Vanessa H (6DI) Pascal K (3B)
KG	Jack H Moana-Lisa P	3B	Susannah C Fin H	5D	Tahlia B Alessia M Charles S	
1B	Gibson G Alessia G Arwen T	3O	Abbie D Indianna V	5NF	Max K Andie M Aaron R	Drama Claudia G (4SC) Matthew C (2R)
1G	Benjamin L Tobias P Mia S	3R	Bailey G Brooke H	6DI	Andre B Hayley B Justine L	
2N	Jeremy B Tyler J Katia K	4B	Nicholas C Jasmine L Cameron O	5/6F	Toby	Library Max B (6DI) James C (2R)

MISSION DAY – 30TH NOVEMBER

Every year we put our Core Values of Compassion, Justice and Service into practice and reach out to others just like Jesus did. We will reach out to raise money for special causes and organisations that each class decides upon as a part of our Religious Education Mission modules.

Each class designs a fun activity and makes a roster for running it. Then for one hour before lunch, we will be free to enjoy all the activities around the school. Each activity will cost 50c. Classes are busy organising their activities for our upcoming Mission Day. We also get to wear mufti for a gold coin donation. Further details will be in next week's newsletter.

PARISH FAMILY MASS

Thank you to the families who came along to our 2019 Kinder Blessing Mass.

The Year 4 children who attended performed their ministries so capably – we can see how ready you are to step up and be wonderful Buddies for the Kindergarten children next year.

Thank you to all of the choir children who came along – your singing was beautiful (especially the *a cappella* for the final song!). Thank you to Aaron Reefman for sharing his talent and leading our music.



A huge thank you to those Year 4 parents who did such a great job of offering hospitality after Mass.

What a great community!

SCHOOL NEWS

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Year 3 led a beautiful liturgy celebrating Remembrance Day on Monday 12th November. This year represents the 100th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War. We were honoured to have mementoes of some of our own families including a slouch hat, medals and photos. Poppies and rosemary were also used to signify and symbolise the loss, the memory, and the new life that came out of World War I. Lest we forget.

For more photos and videos, check out our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.



Poem written by Annie C in 3B about Remembrance day.

*Ducking, running, hiding is all that we do.
There is mud on my face and mud in my shoe.
My nose is bleeding and I am needing someone to care for me,
but then I spot a person from the other team hiding in a tree.
Their gun is aiming down at me!
Could this be my final breath? Is this my death?*

YEAR 4 WARRIEWOOD WETLANDS EXCURSION

Year 4 had a wonderful day visiting Warriewood Wetlands on Friday 9th November.

Educators Tim and Hilary were very impressed with our budding scientists/ geographers. We tested water quality, searched the wildlife and learnt about threats to the area and our role in looking after the health of our very important wetlands.

Special thanks to our wonderful parent helpers who joined us.

Year 3 are heading off to do the same thing this Friday, we will update with photos on our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) pages after their trip!



TENNIS GALA DAY

On the 13th of November, 7 children from our school represented St John's at the Northern Beaches Tennis Gala Day. The children who competed at the Gala Day were Vanesa (Yr 6), Luca, Liam, Olivia S (Yr 5), Charlotte C, Cameron and Jacob (Yr 4).

We had a fantastic day and everyone had fun and received many awards and successes. Some of these successes were Vanesa and Olivia coming first in doubles as well as Luca and Liam. Everyone showed great sportsmanship on the day- Luca won an award for being a great sport! Charlotte came second in singles and so did Luca. Jacob and Vanesa came first in their singles and Cameron came third. We all congratulate those who participated especially those who came a place and those who tried their hardest during the day. By Liam & Luca



For more photos, check out [Facebook](#) page.



Can you support Ruby in Yr 6 to raise money for 'Free to Shine' – a wonderful Australian organisation supporting girls in Cambodia to keep them in school?

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Year 4 will be having an end of year celebration on Thursday 6th December. More details to come next week.

LIBRARY NEWS

Matt Etheridge



Matt has written a fun Christmas Pirate book "Whitebeard". We are very lucky to have him visit our school on Monday November 19th 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.

Did you know ... once upon a time ... SANTA was a pirate?!

WHITEBEARD

Book Order Form

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my story at your school.

To show my appreciation, I would like to offer you a signed copy of my book at the discounted price of \$15.

If you would like to purchase my book, please fill out the details below, hand the form back to your school librarian and I will send you a secure link to make your payment to Flash Knight Productions via SQUARE.

Many thanks,
M.C.D. Etheridge



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The P&F Gazette

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

P & F meeting AGM Tuesday 27th November – All Welcome!

Our final P & F meeting for the year will be on Tuesday 27th November at 7pm in the school library. All welcome!

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 Vice President Treasurer 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 the annual AGM.

Canteen News

Don't forget it's a **Special Sausage Roll** day this Friday! Remember to place your order on Qkr! By 8.30am on the day

Can you donate just 2 hours a term?!

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!

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!

Help needed - We need volunteers to help set up, pack up, sizzle the sausages, assemble the sandwiches (onions underneath of course!) and serve customers on the day. It's loads of fun – especially when you're with friends - and we've divided the day into easy shifts. If you can help, please visit <http://signup.com/go/dYETfQP> to select your time slot ☺

****Save the Date **** Volunteer Thank you Afternoon Tea – Friday 30th November in the school library

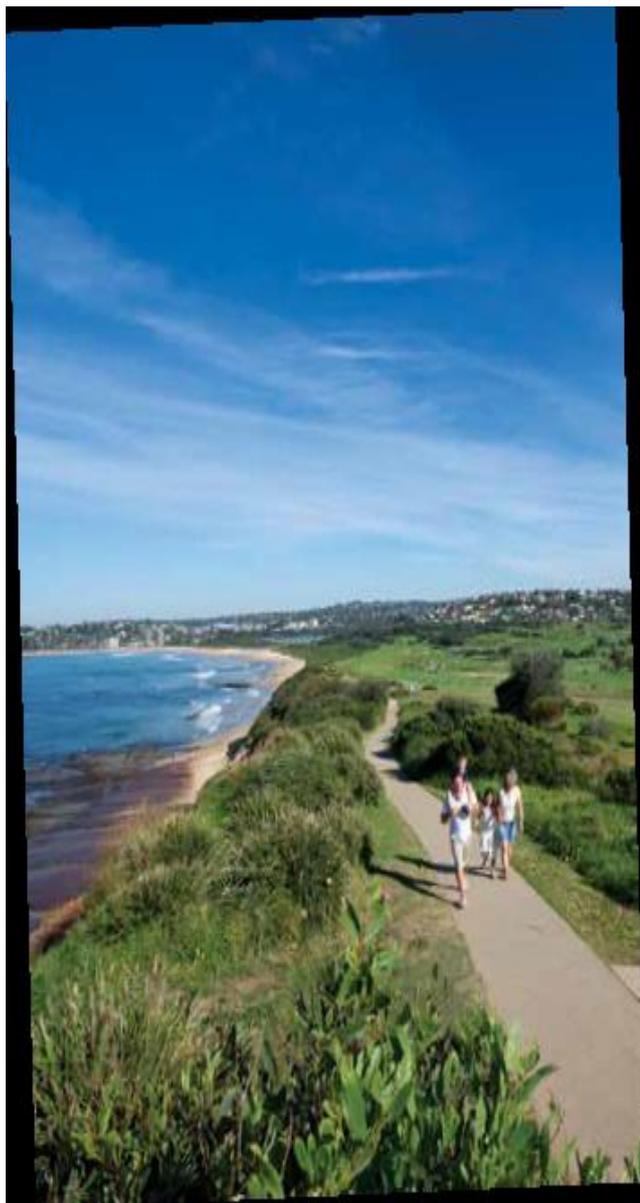
Best wishes,

Bel, Pip, Russell, Jo & Caroline

St. John the Apostle

Term 4 Wellbeing Week 7

Long Reef Walk for Parents, Pre-schoolers, friends and dogs - all welcome!



Parent Wellbeing is important, so take a moment out of your busy lives to enjoy a nature walk, to stop and breathe, to enjoy the scenic views and to get some exercise.

Join our Family Liaison Officer Jeanie Mc Donnell for a walk **around** Long Reef Golf Course:

Thursday 29th November

Leaving from the **bottom** car park, near the boat ramp and walking up to the headland, **at 9:30a.m.**

(Enter via Anzac Avenue and drive past the golf club pro-shop. Turn right towards Long Reef and park after the golf club.)

The walk takes approximately 40 mins (about 3KM's).

The path is mostly sealed and is dog and pram friendly.

(Dogs must be kept on a leash).

Bring, hat, sunscreen, water, weather appropriate clothing. **We will walk rain or shine.**

There are several Cafés close-by if anyone wishes to get a coffee afterwards.



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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.

Summer Holiday Camps



7th January 2019 – 25th January 2019

Join our Holiday Camps and play soccer indoors on grass

CLINICS FILL FAST, SO BOOK NOW!

Here at the Football Factory we acknowledge the necessity to focus on the development of an individual's skills. It is important that Children have fun whilst they learn new skills, and that's why we've tailor made our school holiday camps to be both fun and engaging!

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- Play football, no matter what the weather, in your boots!
- Finish the day with Laser football

Half Days 9.00am-12:00pm | Full Days 9.00am-3.00pm | Extended days 8.30am-5.30pm

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