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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Each year we rely on the assistance of many parent volunteers. Our volunteers make a significant contribution to building and sustaining our community through their activities. I think the following scripture verse succinctly acknowledges that what we contribute freely and without expectation produces good we may not realise.

'Cast your bread upon the water, for you will find it after many days' - Ecclesiastes 11:1



We would like to take the opportunity of saying 'thank you' by hosting an afternoon tea. This will be held in our Library on Friday afternoon, **November 30th beginning at 1:45 p.m.** If you have been part of our Advisory Council or P&F, a Class Parent, helped in classrooms or the canteen; contributed to excursions or sports days; assisted at our fete, or have been involved in volunteering in any way this year, we invite you to attend this event. Please complete the RSVP link so that we can make arrangements for catering <u>https://goo.gl/forms/BblHPUjtPT9q8Xom2</u>.

Our children continue their focus on social justice during this special time of Mission at our school. Our Talent Quest heats have begun and our Mission Day is taking place next week. A marquee has been set up on the front playground especially for our Talent Quest rehearsals. The marquee will remain in place until the heats are completed and we are ready to run the Talent Quest finals at St Paul's College, Manly on December 17th.

At this time of year we are involved in planning classes for 2019. The matter was discussed with the School Advisory Council last week. Teaching placements will be advised at the end of the year. Classes for 2019 will be as follows:

One Kindergarten class; two Year 1 classes; two Year 2 classes; one Year 3 class, and a composite Year 3 and 4 class; two Year 4 classes; two Year 5 classes and two Year 6 classes. A total of 13 classes plus the satellite class from St Lucy's.

A communication to our 2019 Year 3 & 4 parents has been sent by email concerning the arrangements for that stage.

Finally, the Parents and Friends are holding their Annual General Meeting next Tuesday evening, November 27th. Information concerning the AGM is included in this week's newsletter and we are looking for parents interested in being part of this parent leadership team at our school. If this interests you we can put you in touch with a member of our current P&F executive. Parents are also involved in our School Advisory Council which meets between 4 and 6 times per year to discuss relevant issues and/or policies affecting our school. If you are interested in this group, I am happy to discuss the work of the council with you.

Kind regards,

Mark Bateman - Principal

DIARY

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
Wellbeing Week Year 1 Prayer	P&F AGM — Library 7pm		Long Reef Headland Walk for Parents 9:30am	Yr 3 Class Mass Mission Day Volunteer Thank	
Assembly 8:45 in the Church			Northern Beaches Debating Grand Final	You Afternoon Tea 1.45pm	
Week 7 Term 4 Mon 3 Dec	Week 7 Term 4 Tues 4 Dec	Week 7 Term 4 Wed 5 Dec	Week 7 Term 4 Thurs 6 Dec	Week 7 Term 4 Fri 7 Dec	Week 7 Term 4 Sat/Sun 8/9
Kinder Prayer Assembly 8:45 in the Church					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 Paul's

Wed 19th Dec End of Year Liturgy 11am 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		Hugh C (4B)				
кс	Antonella B Jensen H Jamie M	2R	Matilda B Evan C Ellison T	4SC	Elissa G Lachlan H Phillipa P	Sports Lennox D (3R)
КG	Matthew R Imogen S Holly S	3B	Madeline K Pascal K	5D	Camila G Monica G Antonio K	Lucas P (30)

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1B	Livia D Hunter H Owen N	30	Elysia L Neve S	' 5NE	Rose R Ella T Charlotte Y	Drama Fleur D (KG) Ayrton D (2R)
1G	Noah M Emmiline R	3R	Angus B Sophia V	6DI	Luke C Jonathon F Lucia R	
2N	Tayla C Luella V Blake W	4B	Zac A Amelia H	5/6F	Shamro M	Library Joshua S (KG) Florence K (1G)

WHOLE SCHOOL ADVENT PARISH MASS – 8TH DECEMBER 2018

Our final School Parish Mass is coming up on 8th December @ 5pm. This is our Advent Mass and our Christmas Carols. EVERYONE is hosting this Mass, rather than particular grades. As you can appreciate, this means we need time to allocate ministries to the children, so it would be helpful if you could complete the google form <u>https://goo.gl/forms/oiU3GlYicwPbTAFA3</u> ASAP to let us know if your family will be attending. If you have already said "yes" on the choir note – please fill in the google form as well to order your sausage sandwiches!

MISSION DAY 2013

When?	Friday 30 th November (Week 7)					
Why?	To put our Core Values of Compassion, Just into practice and reach out to others just lik year we are focusing on projects that have to us.	ke Jesus did. This しょしょしょ				
Who?	Every class at St John's					
What happens?	We get to wear mufti! (Gold coin donation Each class sets up their activity and makes a Then for one hour before lunch, we will be around the school. Each activity will cost 50	a roster for running it. free to enjoy all the activities				
Year 6	Photo Booth	for Free to Shine				
Year 5	Ping Pong & Soccer/Netball Shootouts	for Children's Tumour Foundation				
Year 4	Obstacle Course	for Catholic Mission				
Year 3	Colouring In	for The Orangutan Project				
Year 2	Lucky Dip	for Bear Cottage				
Year 1	Disco	for Bear Cottage				
Kinder	Teacher Baby Photo Competition	for Catholic Mission				
What to do?	Wear sensible, sun-safe mufti (closed shoes and no singlet tops please). Bring a gold coin for mufti.					
	Think about the activities you would like to do and bring enough money. For example: If you would like to play Ping Pong, get a Photo, have a go at the Lucky Dip and go through the Obstacle Course then you need to bring \$2.00.					
	On Thursday morning, your teacher will collect the money and issue you with tokens to use at the activities. (<i>There is a maximum limit of \$5</i> .)					

We are disciples of Jesus and our mission is making a difference and reaching out to others - just like Jesus showed us!

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SCHOOL NEWS

EXCURSIONS GALORE!

Year 3 and 4 have both recently enjoyed excursions to the Warriewood Wetlands as part of their Geography unit (see photos on <u>website</u> and <u>Facebook</u>) and yesterday, our Year 1 and 2 students headed off to Manly to explore the local terrain and get a better understanding of our Indigenous history. They were lucky enough to have Dave Ella, the Aboriginal Education Officer for the Catholic Schools Office lead them around Manly and Little Manly, sharing lots of interesting information over the day.

The children learnt about how the cabbage tree palms gave materials for ropes and spears for the local Aboriginal people. The children also learnt that Norfolk Pine trees were originally planted to be used to make the masts of sailing ships. Did you know that paperbark trees were used for nappies and toilet paper? I wonder what the ply was!?!

Here's a few photos – more have been added to our website and Facebook pages.



AUTHOR VISIT A HUGE SUCCESS!



Monday's author visit by Matt Etheridge, promoting his book '<u>Whitebeard</u>' was a runaway success! Matt had the children enthralled as he read excerpts from his book and had both the children and adults in the room roaring with laughter.

I've never seen more excited children lining up before school on Tuesday morning to snag their very own copy of the book – we sold out in minutes! It's great to see children so excited about reading ⁽²⁾ Matt has kindly dropped a few more books in this week if your child is still interested.

Check out photos from the day on our <u>Facebook</u> page and keep an eye on the Manly Daily – we should be in there too!

Matt Etheridge came to give us an author visit. He read four chapters of his book and the rhyming prologue. Each chapter had a great cliffhanger at the end. Whitebeard is a great idea to have as a book, it's about Santa as a pirate and all of his reindeer are now pirates. Charlie (5D)

Matt told us that it has taken about seven years to write Whitebeard! His book is about Santa Claus as a pirate and his reindeers are human. He planned his book using the four "C"s – characters, complication, conflict and comedy. His idea for the title came from the character "Blackbeard". Annie (5D)

The senior students are getting very excited about the upcoming Surf Awareness day on Friday 14th December at Freshwater Beach.

Stage 3 parents are asked to complete the permission form ASAP – the link can be found here

https://goo.gl/forms/MQeONbr5NyuQAs4c2 and is also on the 5/6 page of the St John's Weebly, and has been sent as a Flexibuzz. Thank you for your support.

An additional letter will be sent to the Year 5 families regarding picnic lunch for the day.

MRS NELSON-SMITH HAS HAD HER BABY!

Congratulations to the Nelson-Smith family who welcomed a little girl into the world on Friday 16th November. Paige Nelson-Smith is just gorgeous, is already loved by big brother, Harry and her doting parents. Paige and Margaret are both doing well.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE – CAN YOU HELP?

Tuesdays at St John's are 'Plastic Free Tuesday' – we are trying to promote caring for our environment by eliminating single-use plastics. We need your help in educating the children and promoting this same message. What can you do?

- Buy in bulk! Instead of buying individual packets of chips and biscuits, buy a large packet and use a reusable container for the children to bring a small amount each day it's a better economical choice too!
- Pack food that already has its own wrapping fruit is a super-easy and super-healthy option (especially compared to the MANY packets of chips and biscuits and high sugar items we see in the children's lunchboxes)
- Invest in environmentally friendly products like beeswax wraps to use the kids love them!









"With school holidays nearly upon us, long trips away for families can certainly be much more fun with some fun videos or games to play to counter the boredom in transit. ...

You might be able judge a game as being suitable for your child somewhat, through the age recommendations, reviews, how popular it is, and whether it has "In App" Purchases. But what should a parent take note of when looking at all these things?"

Interested in finding out more? Check out her full blog here - <u>https://thecybersafetylady.com.au/2018/11/finding-safe-mobile-video-games-for-children-these-holidays/</u>

SHAVING HER HEAD FOR A VERY GOOD CAUSE



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 - <u>https://ameliabkelly.wixsite.com/rubysfundraising</u> 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.

Well here we are heading towards the end of our kids' kindy year!

We would love to help celebrate this momentous occasion by organising some upcoming social events.

1. Sunday 9th December 2018 - 3pm to 5pm - Curl Curl Netball Courts BYO food/ refreshments/ bikes/ scooters/ footballs/ soccer balls etc etc etc. A chance to get together for a catch up while the kids play (all members of family welcome)

2. Friday 14th December – 7:30pm onwards - time for the mums and dads (or just mums or just dads) to get together for a drink and dinner. Venue TBA

Attached is a link to a Doodle Calendar where you can indicate which event (or both) you can attend.

https://doodle.com/poll/x2awe7ec2dfghqrm

WHITEBEARD'S ADVENT READING CHALLENGE by M.C.D. Etheridge || Whitebeard

Ahoy there young scallywags!

The countdown to Christmas is almost upon us and school children all over the world are beginning to get more and more excited in the lead up to the big day.

At this time of year Advent calendars are very popular, but here on

the Northern Beaches in Sydney, school children I have visited are preparing to take up the Advent Reading Challenge.

Can you read a chapter a day in December to make your Christmas even more special? Whilst Whitebeard doesn't contain any chocolate, it does contain 24 fun-filled, bite-sized chapters and is absolutely jam-packed with festive adventure. So it's just like an Advent calendar, but better! Way better!



Why not join in the fun too? If you complete the Whitebeard Advent Reading Challenge, you will receive a special message from Captain Whitebeard himself on Christmas Day.

If you missed out on a copy of the book we have a limited amount of extra copies available at school. The first in with their payment of \$15 will be given copies. You can also find your copy of Whitebeard on bookshelves at Humpfrey's newsagency in Manly, Berkelouw Bookstores, Harry Hartog's Bookshops and the Children's Bookshop in Beecroft.



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. Everyone in our community is welcome, with yummy refreshments provided.

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! The President and Vice President roles could be combined into a co-operative and shared function. If you might be interested, please know you will have the full ongoing support of this year's P & F along with the amazing leadership and teaching staff we are blessed with at St John's.

Can we say from the heart, it's rewarding, enlightening and inspiring to be involved in a school's Parents and Friends association. 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 <a href="stipshifte:stipshifte:stipshifte:stipshifte:stipshifte:stipshifte:stipshifte:stipshifte:stipshifte:stipshifte:stipshift:stipshifte:stipshift:stipsh

Voting and appointments will take place at the annual AGM.

Our Fabulous Fate

So many supporters, so many volunteers, so many snow cones, so much fun. And we are proud to announce that after all costs, our fabulous fete was able to raise nearly **\$14,000** !

We've said it before, but we'll say it again. None of it would have been possible without the support of ALL of you. And to Mrs Blyton and the organising team – you are an inspiration!

Our goal was to bring our wider community and Parish together. And we did! The fundraising total is an absolute bonus. Thank you for making it possible, and most of all **for having fun!**

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 still need some more 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. And **thank you** for your support \bigcirc

** Save the Date **

Volunteer Thank you Afternoon Tea – 2 pm, 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 9:30am.**

(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.

A message from your School Banking Co-ordinator

Please note that with the end of the school year fast approaching, any reward orders will need to be ordered by Tuesday 27th November. Orders received after this date will not be processed until next year. Redemption slips are available from the school office. Our final School Banking day for 2018 will be Tuesday 11th December 2018. Any Dollarmites tokens that are not redeemed this year can be used in 2019.



School Banking has raised \$753.50 for the school for terms 1-3.

Happy Banking!



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 8 are due no later than Friday 30th November



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

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

LIFELINE NORTHERN BEACHES GIANT BOOK FAIR: 23RD - 25TH NOVEMBER 2018

Venue: St Augustine's College Sydney Cnr Federal Parade West & Alfred St

Brookvale (next to Brookvale Oval) <u>Dates/Times</u>: 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)

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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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