



# ST JOHN'S NEWS

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## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

As I walked to school this morning from my car, I noticed an unmistakable sign that Christmas is around the corner. The Christmas trees sale at Murace's Narraweena Fruit Market next door to St John's!

It's time to prepare for a very special birth.

This Sunday is the first Sunday of the Advent Season. We have a fairly confronting Gospel to listen to but it carries such a relevant message - **Lk 21:25-28, 34-36**. In leading our ordinary lives, our attention is constantly grabbed by so many 'things' - our phones; the hundreds of options on the TV; shopping for shopping's sake; business; demands of our workplaces - our heads can become too full! It is not hard to put Jesus to one side and to let a flood of other distractions take over. Advent calls us to make a place for Jesus - the source of goodness and hope in our lives.

Have a look at the following link as an opportunity for further thought and reflection on this Sunday's readings:  
<http://www.prayasyoucan.com.au/>

The P&F Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday evening. It presented us with an opportunity to celebrate the good work that has been done at St John's throughout 2018. The executive team has encouraged a sense of community at St John's and has been extremely supportive of our goals along the way. I am incredibly grateful for their contribution to our school.

### ***Congratulations and thank you to the 2018 executive team:***

President: Belinda Haroutonian

Vice President: Caroline Miller

Secretary: Philippa Toohey

Class Parent Coordinator: Joanne Woolford

Treasurer: Russell Scott

Cluster Parent Representative: Rony Rahme



Our Class Parents have also done a fantastic job helping to build parent connections within classes and grades. They have been instrumental in supporting our social and fundraising efforts. All of our volunteers are very much appreciated and will have an opportunity to celebrate their contribution at the 'Thank You Afternoon Tea' tomorrow in the library.

### ***Congratulations and welcome to our new executive team for 2019:***

President: Saartje Destoop-Timmony and Belinda Haroutonian

Vice President: Matthew Milligan

Secretary: Genevieve Ferris

Class Parent Coordinator: Joanne Woolford

Treasurer: Russell Scott

Cluster Parent Representative: Caroline Miller

I look forward to working with the new team during 2019.

Sincerely,

*Mark Bateman* - Principal

# DIARY

Week 8 Term 4 Mon 3 Dec	Week 8 Term 4 Tues 4 Dec	Week 8 Term 4 Wed 5 Dec	Week 8 Term 4 Thurs 6 Dec	Week 8 Term 4 Fri 7 Dec	Week 8 Term 4 Sat/Sun 8/9
<i>Kinder Prayer Assembly 8:45 in the Church</i>	<i>St John's Playgroup 9-11</i>				<i>Whole School Parish Mass (with Christmas Carols before Mass)</i>
Week 9 Term 4 Mon 10 Dec	Week 9 Term 4 Tues 11 Dec	Week 9 Term 4 Wed 12 Dec	Week 9 Term 4 Thurs 13 Dec	Week 9 Term 4 Fri 14 Dec	Week 9 Term 4 Sat/Sun 15/16
<i>Core Values Assembly</i>		<i>Yr 6 Graduation Liturgy &amp; Celebration</i>	<i>Ruby (Yr 6) shaving her head – 2pm!</i>	<i>Stage 3 Surf Awareness Day</i>	

## Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

Talent Quest Finals @ St Paul's

## Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

End of Year Liturgy 11am

Last Day of Term 4

## Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Jan

St John's Assessment day

## Thurs 31st Jan

School Commences

# 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			Chloe F (5NF)			
KC	Mitchell J James S Tasman V	2R	Matthew C Scout M	4SC	Biba D Charlie L	Sports  Scout M (2R) Ethan Crookwell (5D)
KG	Barney J Benjamin T Hayley W	3B	Darcy M Carys P	5D	Domenic B Sarah D Alessia L	
1B	Sophia M Fletcher M Charlie P	3O	Jake D Matthew K Lucas P	5NF	John B Liam C Chloe F	Drama  Fin H (3B) Darcy Mc (3B)
1G	Liam F Florence K Michalis S	3R	Victor K Neeve S	6DI	Lachlan B Luke C Daisy D	
2N	Thomas B John Paul F Gordon M	4B	Chloe C Sophie R Alex T	5/6F	Brendan	Library  Tayla C (2N) Nicholas L (3R)

## WHOLE SCHOOL ADVENT PARISH MASS & CHRISTMAS CAROLS – 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018

Our final School Parish Mass for 2018 is coming up on 8<sup>th</sup> December @ 5pm – with Christmas Carols commencing at 4.40pm. If your family is coming along and you haven't yet RSVP'd or put in your Sausage Sizzle order just go to: <https://goo.gl/forms/oiU3GIYcwPbTAF3>

# MISSION DAY 2018



**When?** TOMORROW - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November

**Why?** To put our Core Values of Compassion, Justice and Service into practice and reach out to others just like Jesus did. We are focusing on projects that have special meaning to us.

**What happens?** We get to wear **mufti!** (Gold coin donation)  
Each class sets up their 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.

**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. (Find more details about the activities on our Weebly Home Page: <https://stjohnsnarraweena.weebly.com/> )  
On Thursday morning, your teacher will collect the money and issue you with tokens to use at the activities. (There is a maximum limit of \$5.)

## MISSION IN ACTION

We are always being inspired by people around us who try to make a difference and there are some children who have been preparing for Mission Day for a while. Liam F (1G) has been doing jobs at home to earn money to help those in need. By doing jobs like cleaning his room and the bathroom, and doing the dishwasher he has earned over \$20 which will be added to our total. We can only imagine what a difference you will make to the world in the future, Liam!



## A MISSION DAY MESSAGE FROM YEAR 5

On Mission Day, Year 5 are raising money for CTF (Children Tumor Foundation). This is an organization for children and adults with NF1 and NF2, you are probably wondering what is NF1 and NF2. Neurofibromatosis (NF), is a genetic disorder which is passed down by family DNA.

CTF's goal is to conquer NF, and won't stop till they fulfill their goal! Unfortunately NF can cause death, but CTF are trying to prevent this from happening.

Only 1/2500 babies are diagnosed with NF1 or NF2. NF2 is a rare tumor that forms in your body before birth. Only 250 people in Australia have this rare tumor and Carys Farley in Yr 5 is one of them.

If you want to learn more go to [ctf.org.au](http://ctf.org.au)

By Hayley, Edie and Charlie :)



## PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 – YOU'RE INVITED!

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The Plenary Council has been set up by the Bishops of Australia to look into the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. The Council is hoping to hear **everyone's** response to the question: **What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?**

The teachers took part in a "Listening and Dialogue Session" at the beginning of the term and the Advisory Council took part in a session at a recent meeting. The reason the Plenary Council have elected to gather information through these sessions is recognising the power of people's stories and the importance of listening to each other.



Next **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 8:45am** we are inviting parents to come and find out a bit more about the Plenary Council (around 15 minutes) and then, if you have time, to stay and take part in a Listening & Dialogue session (approx. 40 min). This session will be a chance to consider the question we are being asked and to share your stories of your faith and your experience of the Catholic Church. Importantly, it is an opportunity to contribute ideas to the future direction of the Church in Australia.

We envisage running similar sessions at different times in coming weeks and then again in Term 1, 2019 (the Council will continue to gather input up until Ash Wednesday next year). If getting to school for a session doesn't work for you, we can also help you to run your own session with friends or family at a time and place that is convenient to you.

There are other ways of contributing to the Council that don't involve taking part in a Listening and Dialogue session. You can go to the Plenary Website directly <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/> and make an individual submission or there will be paper forms at the back of each church if you don't want to submit online.

You can choose whether or not your submissions are anonymous. They *are* asking for a postcode so that data can be fed back to each diocese – but you don't even have to provide that.

As the President of Plenary Council 2020, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, has said: *"We are facing many challenges in the Church in Australia at this time. The calling of the Plenary Council is a sign of hope for us all and also I think a call to action."*

Consider yourselves called! Let's take action!

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

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Next week, we will begin our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers.

Everyone will be invited to contribute to a class food hamper for a family who are struggling this Christmas.

We will have tags for presents on the board in the foyer on Monday if you are able to help buy a simple present for someone in these families. More information will come home tomorrow.



## YEAR 5 AND 6 SURF AWARENESS DAY – FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER

The senior students are getting very excited about the upcoming Surf Awareness day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at Freshwater Beach. We are still awaiting some permission forms – 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 has been sent to the Year 5 families regarding picnic lunch for the day.

## 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 - <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 13<sup>th</sup> December.

## STEM IN ACTION

Biba (4SC) was a competitor at the inaugural Northern Beaches Science Competition at Balgowlah RSL with over 45 entries and close to 100 students participating. She created an amazing "Blobs in a Bottle" working experiment for which she received lots of compliments from the committee and public.

Biba is very proud of her achievement and is looking forward for the second edition of Science Competition while gathering new ideas for Science projects.

We can't wait to see what you come up with next, Biba!



## LIBRARY NEWS

## 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, the students at St John's 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.





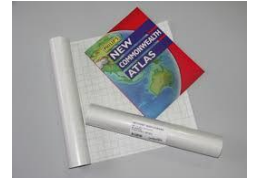


If you missed out on a copy of the book we have a limited amount of extra copies available at school. The first in with their payment of \$15 will be given copies.

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.

### Book Covering

Any parents who are able to help out with covering library books it would be greatly appreciated as the faster they are contacted the sooner they can be available for borrowing. You can cover here at school or take home a bag of books to cover. Contact is supplied. Please drop into the library or ask at the office if no one is in the library.



### SAVE THE DATES

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***Year 4 dinner:  
Dee Loft Thai, 3-6 the Strand Dee Why Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 7pm.  
Please RSVP to Jo Woolford***

### **Kindy Social**

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>



## *The P&F Gazette*

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

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### Congratulations to our new P & F Exective Committee for 2019

Tuesday's AGM was a fantastic evening. Mr Bateman and Ms Ingram were able to share some very positive news about the school and student learning outcomes, and updates on our new playground which will be commenced very soon. The hall, let's all hope for early next year!

#### **... and we are thrilled to announce the new team**

Co-Presidents – Bel H & Saartje D-T    Vice President – Matt M  
Treasurer – Russell S    Secretary – Gen F    Class Parent Co-ordinator – Jo W

What a wonderful group to lead our school forward in 2019. And we know that, along with the outgoing P & F committee member, you will support them in all the work they do to support our school and increase the sense of community we value so much.

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### Bunnings BBQ – this Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup>

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 this weekend.



**Help needed** – We still need a few more volunteers to run the BBQ 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 <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2575045/false#/invitation> and select your time slot 😊

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### Volunteer Thank You Afternoon Tea 1.45pm in the library tomorrow!

So many wonderful people have supported our St John's this year.

If you have volunteered or helped out in any capacity, please come along, our community wants to thank you 😊

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### And from the outgoing P & F members .....

It's been a joy and a privilege for every single second. Thank you for the opportunity.

Best wishes,

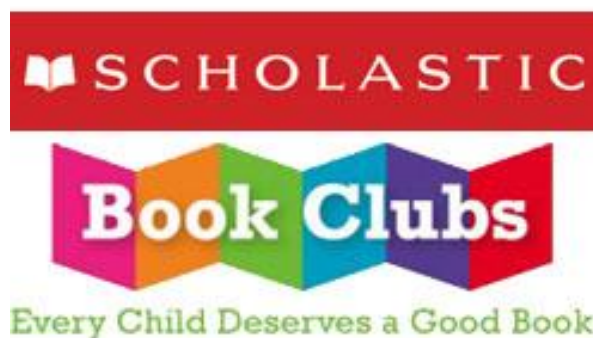
Bel, Pip, Russell, Jo & Caroline

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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**

**TOMORROW**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**





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## 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 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>



# School Holiday Dance Program

**January 22nd and 23rd 2019**

1 or 2 day options are available - 1 Day = \$100 2 Days = \$180  
9am - 5pm each day  
Suitable for all ages and abilities!

**Special Guest Teacher**  
Lucinda Dunn O.A.M.



**For more information please contact us**  
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# EVOLVE TENNIS ACADEMY

## Multi-Sport Holiday Camps

### ✓ CAMP DATES

Week 1: 17th - 21st December 2018  
Week 2: 7th - 11th January 2019  
Week 3: 14th - 18th January 2019  
Week 4: 21st - 25th January 2019

### ✓ CAMP PRICING

#### Full Week - 5 Day Camp

Full Week Full Days \$185 (EQUALS \$37 DAILY)  
Full Week Half Days \$145 (EQUALS \$29 DAILY)

#### Single Day Pricing

Full Day \$60 (9-3pm)  
Half Day \$45 (9-12pm)



### ✓ HOW TO BOOK

By email : [evolvetenis@evolvetenisacademy.com](mailto:evolvetenis@evolvetenisacademy.com)

By Phone: **9971-0644**

ONLINE : [www.evolvetenisacademy.com](http://www.evolvetenisacademy.com)

### ✓ WHAT TO BRING

- A racket, if they have one (if not, we have plenty spare)
- A hat & sunscreen + water bottle
- Morning Tea & Lunch (if staying full day)
- YES, we have Pro-Shops at each venue which sells treats, drinks etc...

### ✓ DETAILS & MORE INFO

- FREE Before & After Care (7.30 - 5pm)
- Ages 4 to 16yrs welcome
- Experienced, Qualified Coaches
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- Camps run rain, hail or shine

- ✓ CAREEL BAY TENNIS CLUB - Hitchcock Park, AVALON
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# Summer Holiday Camps



7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – 25<sup>th</sup> 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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- Learn new tricks, skills and techniques to improve your overall ball mastery and game play. We will teach you how to execute a 'Pogba Push', 'The Socrates', 'Rabona', 'Maradona Spin', 'Cryuff Cut', 'Ronaldo Chop', 'Jorginho', or learn how to do an 'Oxford'!
- 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

For 5-14 year olds

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