



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

You will be receiving your child's Semester 2 report this week by email.

I'd like to draw your attention to the sections of the report concerning **Effort** and **Values / Learning Behaviours**. These sections of the report are there to create a broader picture of your child as a learner. These areas do impact on academic achievement and are often worthy of discussion when talking with teachers about reports. A child can for example, be achieving at a 'Basic' level in a particular Key Learning Area (KLA) and be putting in commendable effort with their learning. Their effort comes from their attitude and values toward learning and school. The reverse could also be the case.

When teachers are considering rankings for 'Effort', they will always begin with the standard expectation which is 'Working Well'. Movement to other categories will be done from this perspective. When teachers are considering 'Values / Learning Behaviours' ranking, teachers will begin with the standard expectation which is 'Usually'. They will move to other categories based on their experience and knowledge about the child. 'Consistently' in relation to 'Learning Behaviours / Values' is regarded as a more challenging level to achieve on our report.

You are welcome to contact your child's classroom teacher to make an appointment to discuss any aspect of your child's report via our sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au email address or by telephone on 9971 9297.

Allocation of children to 2019 classes is in progress at the moment. Teachers will be trialling various combinations of children and we will inform you of class placements towards the end of term when we will send home stationery lists.

Term 4 is an extremely busy time in schools across the diocese - St John's is no exception. Our teachers have spent considerable time and effort preparing reports and assisting with the organisation of 2019 classes. Parent support for school decisions helps children to accept inevitable change and, perhaps, to get used to a situation they may not expect in relation to next year's class.

A reminder that our final day for students for 2018 will be **Wednesday, December 19th**. We will be holding our end of year liturgy that day beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Church. The liturgy will be a time for thanksgiving and celebration of our year at St John's. We will present awards and appoint our school captains and colour house captains for 2019 as well as present 2018 end of year awards. All parents are welcome to attend. Parents choosing to take their children home after the liturgy will need to inform their child's class teacher. Supervision will be provided until the end of the day at 3:05 p.m. for any children remaining at school that day.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Mark Bateman – Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE: FEES, MEDICAL and PERMISSIONS

Thank you to all parents who have returned Fee Registration Forms and Permission Notes forms for 2019. This information is required in order for us to go ahead and apply sibling discounts to fees for 2019 where applicable. This is not possible without the return of the information. If you have not already done so, please return completed forms to the school office ASAP.

DIARY

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
Core Values Assembly		Yr 6 Graduation Liturgy & Celebration 6.30pm	Ruby (Yr 6) shaving her head – 2pm!	Stage 3 Surf Awareness Day	
Week 10 Term 4 Mon 17 Dec	Week 10 Term 4 Tues 18 Dec	Week 10 Term 4 Wed 19 Dec	Week 10 Term 4 Thurs 20 Dec	Week 10 Term 4 Fri 21 Dec	Week 10 Term 4 Sat/Sun 22/23
Talent Quest Finals @ St Paul's		End of Year Liturgy 11am Last Day of Term 4			

Wed 30th 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

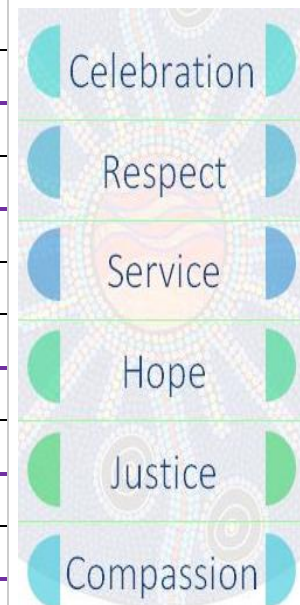
Strength & Gentleness			Max B, Mikayla H, Lucia R (6DI)			
KC	William F Mitchell J Tasman V	2R	Matilda B Chealsea H James C	4SC	Claudia G Sienna G Kai K	Sports Matiass B (KG) Chloe O (30)
KG	Leo O Joshua S Nathan W	3B	Heath D Gianni D Benjamin F	5D	Maurie J Banjo L Tamar M	
1B	Lara C Senuk R Zali T	3O	Matthew F Joy N Isabella S	5NF	Olivia B Lachlan D Emma S	Drama Darcy M (3B) Fin H (3B)
1G	Taj H Annabella L	3R	Alekss B Annika H	6DI	Joshua B Jade C Joel I	
2N	Hannah J Lachlan M David M	4B	Ethan D Alexander M			Library Arkie T (1B) Piper M (5NF)

TERM 4 CORE VALUES AWARDS

As a Catholic School in the Diocese of Broken Bay we are committed to building positive relationships between all members of our community. We strive to embed the values of our Catholic community in all areas of school life. Our core values are based on Gospel values.

Congratulations to the following children who have been nominated by their peers and teachers to receive the Core Values Award in Term 4. Their awards will be presented at our Prayer Assembly on Monday 10th December in the Church.

Kindergarten	Blaire S	Celebration, Respect & Compassion
	Leo O	All Core Values
Year 1	Harrison D	Respect, Hope & Justice
	Fletcher M	Respect, Hope & Justice
Year 2	Coddie D	Celebration, Respect & Hope
	Thomas B	Celebration & Hope
Year 3	Lukina L	Celebration, Respect, Hope & Compassion
	Angus B	Celebration & Respect
	Marcus H	Celebration & Service
Year 4	Matthew H	Celebration & Hope
	Alexander M	All Core Values
Year 5	Rose R	Respect, Hope, Compassion, Celebration & Service
	Camila GV	Respect, Compassion & Hope
Year 6	Nikita M	Celebration, Service & Compassion
	Lucia R	Celebration & Hope
	Shamro	Compassion



WHOLE SCHOOL ADVENT PARISH MASS & CHRISTMAS CAROLS – 8TH DECEMBER 2018

This weekend we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent and we are holding our final School Parish Mass for 2018 (Saturday @ 5pm) – with Christmas Carols commencing at 4.40pm.

If your family is coming along and you haven't yet put in your Sausage Sizzle order just go to:

<https://goo.gl/forms/oiU3GIYicwPbTAF3>



PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 – YOU'RE INVITED!

Although we had no takers this morning for a Plenary Council Information session ...I won't be giving up. This is our chance to have our voices heard.

If you are **completely satisfied** with everything about the Catholic Church in Australia – **please make a submission!**

If you have **questions** about the Catholic Church – **please make a submission!**

If you think **we need to make changes** to the Catholic Church – **please make a submission!**

PLEASE DO NOT WASTE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE OUR VOICES HEARD. A Plenary Council has Legislative Powers – it can create change.



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?**

While attending a Listening and Dialogue session* is incredibly powerful – it is fabulous to listen to other people's stories - there are other ways of contributing to the Council that don't involve meeting with others. 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 and in the school foyer if you don't want to submit online. * *This could be two or three people having a coffee and discussing the question – it doesn't have to be formal – but you need to submit your ideas to the Council.*

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their hamper items and those who have taken gift tags from our 'Giving Tree' in the foyer for presents to go with the hampers.



We still have some tags left, so please take a tag if you are able to help buy a simple present for someone in these families. If you are not able to make it into school but would still like to help, please email sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au and one will be sent home for you.



We ask that all gifts and hamper items are delivered to school by Monday 10th December.

MISSION DAY AT ST JOHN'S

The children had such a lovely time on Friday at our Mission Day. We also have some stand our organisers who put a lot of effort into making sure their class event ran smoothly on the day. We raised a whopping \$1453.55 for our five chosen charities – Catholic Mission, Bear Cottage, Free to Shine, Children's Tumour Foundation and The Orangutan Project.

There was a great variety of events and activities to choose from – ping pong, obstacle courses, baby photo competition, colouring competitions and a fun disco! The photo booth was also a big hit, with lots of dress-ups as well as cool frames.

All of the Photo Booth photos have been uploaded to a password protected webpage - <http://stjohnsmissonday.weebly.com> (password – mission). You can download your child's photos from the site and it will stay up until the end of the year.



We are VERY excited about the upcoming **Talent Quest Final** at St Paul's on Monday 17th December. The talent quest will begin at 11.30am and conclude approximately 1pm. Recess and lunch will be at St Paul's and children will be catching buses to and from the event. Children are to wear their sports uniform.

We request all families complete the **permission note** – <https://goo.gl/forms/d3lzAMBgV0jpRlrw2> as soon as possible. Parents may take children home after the Talent Quest (please indicate this on the permission note and see your child's teacher before leaving on Monday).

SCHOOL NEWS

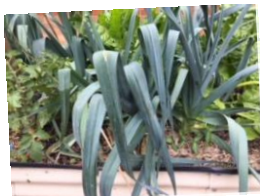
CANTEEN – WEEK 10

As we will be heading to St Paul's for our Talent Quest finals on Monday 17th December (Week 10) there will be NO CANTEEN and NO LUNCH ORDERS on this day. Please ensure your child has recess and lunch on Monday 17th.

Our wonderful canteen supervisor, Mrs Mauro will have canteen opened on Tuesday 18th December instead – thanks! This will be the last day for canteen for 2018. There's a rumour going around it may be a special food day, keep your ears open!

ECO GARDEN HARVEST

We will be selling some of the produce from our Eco Garden on Friday morning before school and Friday afternoon after school. If there is any left...we'll sell them again on Monday. Look out for luscious leeks, zippy zucchinis and a range of hunger-inducing herbs!



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

We are still chasing some of the permission notes for the Year 5 and 6 students attending the upcoming Surf Awareness day on Friday 14th December at Freshwater Beach. The link can be found here <https://goo.gl/forms/MQeONbr5NyuQAs4c2> and is also on the home page AND 5/6 page of the St John's Weebly, and has been sent as a Flexibuzz. Thank you for your support, it is always a really fun day!

FREE TO SHINE AND A BIG CUT!



The big cut will take place on Thursday 13th December at 2pm!

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).

Congratulations to everyone who took part in our Annual Chess Competition. There were some incredible matches and the tournament ended up going over into a second day! We also had a number of students who tied! The trophy presentation will take place on Monday 17th December.



Overall winner: Aaron R (Yr 5)		
Best in Kindergarten/Year 1	Runner Up in Kindergarten	
Oscar K	Mattiass B	
	Runner Up in Year 1	
	India G	
Best in Year 3	Runners Up in Year 3	3 rd Place in Year 3
Alekss B	Will M	Victor K
	Benjamin F	Dominic Y
Best in Year 4	Runner Up in Year 4	3 rd Place in Year 4
Philippa P	Nicholas C	Lachlan H
Best in Year 5	Runners Up in Year 5	3 rd Place in Year 5
Aaron R	Alison L	Michael A
	Ethan C	

Christmas (and Advent) have arrived at St John's

It was a lovely scene in the foyer this morning as the St John's Student Representative Council and the School Captains helped Mr Bateman decorate our Christmas tree.

Please click on the link below to check out the before and after photos and a time lapse video!

<https://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/christmas-and-advent-have-arrived-at-st-johns/>

HEATH'S SPONSORED SILENCE FOR YEMEN

On December 14th I will be silent for the whole day to raise awareness and to raise money for the kids in need in Yemen.

My goal is to raise \$1500 for Save The Children and the Children in Yemen who are dying everyday of starvation and caught up in a war that isn't theirs. Already over 85,000 children have died which has made me super sad.

I'd love if you could help me towards my goal. You can simply donate on my link here and make a difference. I'll also have a tub near the office where you can donate.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/heath-denington>

Thank you for reading about something that is special to me.

Heath





Holiday Borrowing

We are hoping to give students from Year One up to Year Five the chance to borrow books over the Christmas holidays as many children have more time to enjoy their books when they are on holidays.

OVERDUE BOOKS

Over the next few weeks notices will be coming home for any books which are overdue. Please help your child to search at home for these books. If you think they have already been returned then please pop into the library and we can have a search or it. Lost books can be paid for either at the library or the office.

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

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>

End of Year 5 Celebration!



When: Thursday 20th December

Time: 2:30 - 4:30pm

Cost: \$20 per slider

All siblings welcome to come along.

We look forward to seeing you all there

Book via link

<https://tickets.myguestlist.com.au/v25beb4f7000bae/st-johns-narraweena/evs5beb4f7015d82/>



The P&F Gazette

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

Our Great Fete!



The goal of your Parents & Friends Association has always been to build and strengthen our sense of community. And we cannot thank enough those who supported these goals by assisting in some way with our fabulous School Fete! After all expenses were accounted for, the final net amount raised was **\$12,660**.

What a fantastic achievement – and how exciting that the funds will immediately be used to purchase new school furniture for our kids to use in 2019! We previously estimated around \$14,000, however there were still some extra costs that came through.

How else did we strengthen and promote our community? By bringing whole families in to the school and giving us all the chance to socialise. By providing a fun and inexpensive day out. By inviting people in to the school who haven't visited previously. By collaborating with the Parish and showcasing the talents of community members. By donating left over food to Long Reef Nippers who were extremely grateful and sent us a lovely thank you email. We also took left over bric a brac to Vinnies, they loved it! The feedback from the stallholders – they would all come back in a heartbeat as the fete was so well organised and the community so friendly. Our fete was a success in so many ways. For volunteering and/or participating, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



Speaking of volunteers – thank you to the school and our beautiful children for the **Thank you afternoon tea and blessing** last Friday. It was a lovely celebration, and very much appreciated 😊

And it was so much fun at **Bunnings** last Saturday where St John's ran the sausage sizzle from 7.30am to 3pm. The mood was upbeat all day, with every second customer joking that if we put the onions under they would turn their sausage sandwich upside down! To the families who



came along and gave their time and to Bunnings who gave us the opportunity – thank you! We raised **\$785** after all expenses!

Uniform Shop – last day of 2018 tomorrow!

Need some last minute pre-loved uniform items? Our School uniform shop is open 9.30am – 9am, 2.30pm – 3pm in the School Canteen Tomorrow (Friday 7th) will be the last day of opening this year.

And we say a huge thank you to **Linda S** who has run the shop so beautifully this year. You are an absolute star, and we so appreciate all you do for our children and our community.

Wishing everyone a safe, relaxing and joy filled Christmas – and see you in 2019!

Best wishes,

The St John's P & F Team

Best wishes,

Bel, Pip, Russell, Jo & Caroline

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
 1/4-6 Aquatic Drive Frenchs Forest 2086 Studio **9452 4008**
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BABY BALLERINAS (3-5YRS)

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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 : evolvtennis@evolvtennisacademy.com

By Phone: **9971-0644**

ONLINE : www.evolvtennisacademy.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
- Hotshots Tennis & MULTISPORT Format
- Prizes, Fun & FREE Pizza Each Friday
- Camps run rain, hail or shine

- ✓ CAREEL BAY TENNIS CLUB - Hitchcock Park, AVALON
- ✓ COLLAROY TENNIS CLUB - Griffith Park, COLLAROY
- ✓ WYATT PARK TENNIS CENTRE - Wyatt Ave, BELROSE

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SUN 2ND
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Summer Holiday Camps



7th January 2019 – 25th January 2019

Join our Holiday Camps and play soccer indoors on grass

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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!

- Professionally qualified & engaging FFA & AFC coaches
- 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

Book from 2 days to 10 days

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