



# ST JOHN'S NEWS

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## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

This will be the final newsletter for 2018. School will finish Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Our last event is the School **End of Year Liturgy** which begins at **11:00 am** in the Church December 19<sup>th</sup>. All parents are welcome to attend. The purpose of the liturgy is to celebrate our year together, make some acknowledgements, appoint our school captains and colour house captains and present our annual awards. All parents are welcome to attend. Following the liturgy, children may be taken home by parents (teachers need to be informed) or remain at school until normal time. Supervision will be provided.

Last night we experienced a beautiful Graduation celebration with our Year 6 students, their teachers, families and friends. The theme for the liturgy came directly from the readings 'Let Your Light Shine' which was a clear call to recognise our God given gifts and talents and to put them generously to use in service of each other. In doing so we actually manifest Christ's love to others. I wish to congratulate our teachers, Ms Ingram and Mrs Douglas on their preparation of the children for last night's celebration and to also congratulate our Year 6 children from St John's and St Lucy's for being fantastic leaders and learners during the time they have been with us. Our sincere best wishes to all our graduands for the future:

Joshua B	Jade Cl	<b>Ryder H</b>
Max B	Jade C	Vanesa H-R
<b>Andre B</b>	<b>Maegan D</b>	Hannah H
Lucinda B	<b>Daisy D</b>	Mikayla H
<b>Hayley B</b>	Emma F	<b>Joel I</b>
<b>Luke C</b>	<b>Jonathon F</b>	Bonnie J
<b>Connor W</b>	<b>Dylan O</b>	<b>Levi C</b>
<b>Ruby K</b>	<b>Lucia R</b>	<b>Annamieke B</b>
<b>Justine L</b>	<b>Matthew S</b>	<b>Luke B</b>
<b>Isabella M</b>	Alesha T	<b>Shamro M</b>
<b>Nikita M</b>	<b>Pratham V</b>	<b>Harry P</b>
<b>Sienna N</b>	<b>Adam V</b>	<b>Krish R</b>
<b>Ashley H</b>		

The children in bold above are the last representative of their families attending St John's. As you can see there are many combined years of love and service to our school represented in the names above. Our thanks and sincere best wishes to all of our graduating families but especially to those who are at the end of an era. We are all the better for your presence. A big thank you to our Year One parents for supplying a delicious supper for our guests on Graduation evening.

Finally, you will receive emailed information about classes for next year on Friday afternoon including teachers and class groupings. The teachers have given the lists a great deal of thought, running trials and conducting meetings. Children will spend time with their 2019 teachers on Monday morning next week before heading off to the Talent Quest. Sometimes a placement may not be all that everyone wanted. If this is the case, I ask you to see it as an opportunity to build some resilience with your child and to support the school in its choices.

Please note the Christmas Mass times below along with the special Children's Christmas Eve celebration – Gospel gear welcome!

On behalf of our amazing staff, whose work and care for your child has been outstanding again this year, sincere best wishes to you and your family for the end of year.

May the peace and joy of the Christmas season be with you at this beautiful (but REALLY busy) time!

Sincerely

*Mark Bateman* – Principal

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES – WARRINGAH PARISH

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### St John's Church Narraweena (See further details below)

Christmas Eve December 24<sup>th</sup>      5:00 p.m. (outdoor mass weather permitting)

Children can wear their Gospel outfits to mass

Christmas Day      8:00 a.m. and 10 a.m.

### At St Kevin's Church Dee Why

Christmas Eve      7:00 p.m. and midnight (Carols at 11:30 p.m.)

Christmas Day      8 am, 9:15 am and 10:30 am (Italian)

## PLAYGROUND WORKS

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Work on the first stage of playground improvements is scheduled to begin next Monday morning, December 17<sup>th</sup>. The playground will be fenced off so that work can be carried out over the Christmas break. We ask that you pay careful attention to any directional signs related to the area and that children keep clear of the safety fencing. Work is expected to be completed in about 12 weeks' time.

## CHANGE OF STAFFING 2019:

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Ms Samantha Cahill has accepted a 12 month teaching position at Sacred Heart Catholic School, Mona Vale. Sam's ability to connect so beautifully with the children and their parents, her amazing kindness and care, her deep faith, professionalism and teaching knowledge have been hallmarks of her work here at St John's. After 16 years with us, Ms Cahill has decided to try a new environment and a different professional experience. We will definitely miss Sam's presence as a great teacher and a very dear friend and colleague. We wish her every success at her new school for 2019.

I am pleased to welcome Miss Natasha Roache to St John's in 2019. Miss Roache taught Year 3 this year and has a background teaching in both Catholic and government schools. She is well versed in the area of open learning and with catering for varying student needs. Natasha brings a new perspective to our school and we look forward to continuing our work with her next year.

## RELOCATION OF OUR BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE FACILITY:

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Northern Beaches OOSH will be relocating to Room 1 from Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Room 1 is the current KC classroom. The change is due to our classroom placements for 2019. The location brings the facility closer to our canteen, the playground and allows outside covered play space in the case of inclement weather. The room will be used during school hours by our 2019 Kindergarten class as a break out room.

This arrangement will be in place until the hall is recommissioned in 2019.

## 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.

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
<i>Meet the Teacher 2019 Talent Quest Finals @ St Paul's</i>	<i>Canteen is open</i>	<i>End of Year Liturgy 11am Last Day of Term 4</i>			
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!!!</b>					

## 2019 IMPORTANT DATES

Week 1 Term 1 Mon 28 Jan	Week 1 Term 1 Tues 29 Jan	Week 1 Term 1 Wed 30 Jan	Week 1 Term 1 Thurs 31 Jan	Week 1 Term 1 Fri 1 Feb	Week 1 Term 1 Sat/Sun 2/33
		<b>K-6 St John's Assessment Day</b>	<b>School Commences Years 1 – 6  Kindergarten Assessments continue</b>	<b>First Half-Day for Kindergarten 8:40 – 12:00pm</b>	<b>Mass 10am</b> followed by a <b>2019 Kinder Picnic</b> in the playground 11:00 – 12:00pm

## 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			Ruby K (6DI)			
KC	Gabriella A Blaire S Lincoln S	2R	Skye B Ayrton D Jimmy J	4SC	Scarlett M Jacob O	Sports  Mia H (30) Matthew F (30)  Hayley M (5D)
KG	Alessandro C Ethan C Teya H Issac M	3B	Olivia B Emma H William M	5D	AJ D Cameron G Olivia S	
1B	Ollie B Hunter H Oscar K	3O	Zachary C Keeley F Lewis F Anika K	5NF	Michael A Emma B Charlotte B	Drama  Darcy Mc (3B) Fin H (3B)
1G	Lucy E Aiden P	3R	Aurelia B Neeve S Dominic Y	6DI	Ashley H Bonnie J Adam V	
2N	Tayla C Heidi K Arianna K	4B	Max C Chiara M Aurora P			Library  Hannah J (2N) Domenic C (5D)



## Open Air Family Mass

Monday December 24th at 5.00 pm

(carols start at 4:30)



St John's Church, Narraweena  
All Welcome



Children please dress up in Christmas gear.

Come as angels, shepherds, kings or just put some tinsel in your hair to be part of the Entrance Procession and sit around the Holy Family in front of the altar. If you love singing...come and join the choir.



Bring a rug to sit at the front or a chair to sit at the back.

It'll be great to see you there!

Christmas Bush available. Proceeds to St V.de Paul

Other Christmas Mass times at St John's:  
Christmas Day – 8 & 10 am



If anyone is available to help set up for the Mass, please contact the Parish office on 9982 6536  
or speak to Gerard Haddrick

## CHRISTMAS BUSH CALLOUT

Anyone with excess Christmas Bush we'd love to sell it at the Narraweena outdoor Christmas Mass in aid of St Vincent de Paul. Buckets will be outside in the Breeze way from the 22nd, 23rd and 24th December 2018 to accept your donations. Thanks for your generosity. Jenny Donoghue. 0410570398.

## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Wow! This year's hampers are the best yet! Thank you to everyone for your generosity. Thank you to the families who really thought about what *they* would like to get in a hamper – there were really delicious (and practical!) ideas. Thank you to the children who didn't just buy a gift for the hamper but who offered to have one of their own gifts be given to a child in need instead of receiving it themselves! A special thank you to Harry T and Jordan Y, who have been here helping out this week, for their mammoth effort in moving all of the boxes – your generosity ensured they really got a work out!

## FINAL THANK YOU FOR 2018

Every week, I seem to be asking for something! And every week, I am so grateful to be able to say thank you! So for all of the parents who have been so active in the faith life of our school...bringing your children to Masses, providing hospitality at Mass barbecues, running sacramental groups, helping with mission projects, coming along to support our prayer liturgies.... **Thank you for your support in 2018.**



## SCHOOL NEWS

### RUBY K – THE HAIRCUT!!

We have all been so impressed with Ruby K and her fundraising efforts for 'Free to Shine' over this last term. Today was the big day and Ruby has shaved her head! Big shout out to Gisella (Isabella's mum in Year 6) for taking on official hairdressing duties and congratulations to Mrs Douglas, John B-R (5NF), Ms Rath, Lucinda (6DI), Jeff (OOSH) and Josie K (Ruby's sister) who all won the opportunity to cut off one of Ruby's ponytails!





## YEAR 6 GRADUATION

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As mentioned by Mr Bateman, last night's Year 6 Graduation Liturgy was a beautiful celebration of a gorgeous group of children who have been excellent leaders this year. We congratulate them and wish them well as they leave St John's and head off into the big, new world of high school! Come back and visit us!



## YEAR 5/6 SURF AWARENESS

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One of our last celebrations together is the Year 5 and 6 Surf Awareness day which will be held at Freshwater Beach tomorrow.

A reminder that students are to wear their swimming costume under their sports uniforms.

They need to wear sunscreen and a hat. They need to bring recess and a water bottle, a towel and underwear to change into after the surf program.

They will enjoy a pizza lunch before heading back to school before the end of the day.



## TALENT QUEST – MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER @ ST PAUL'S

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We are all very much looking forward to our Talent Quest finals next Monday. All are welcome to come along and enjoy the many talents of our St John's students. The Talent Quest will begin at 11.30 and the running order is on the home page of our Weebly - <https://stjohnsnarraweena.weebly.com/index.html>

As you know, we will be holding our finals at St Paul's, Manly. Children can wear their sports uniform and will need to bring: recess, lunch, water bottle, hat. There will be NO lunch orders and NO canteen on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**Please complete the online permission form for your children to travel by bus to the Talent Quest Finals at St Paul's on Monday 17th December - [goo.gl/forms/SgUsw6wrH4qu3wvG2](https://goo.gl/forms/SgUsw6wrH4qu3wvG2)**

Thank you to the Northern Beaches Police for visiting our Year 3-6 students for some great advice on keeping cybersafe. Each grade had some time with a police officer with targeted and age-appropriate messages about how to be safe but also respectful and responsible cyber-citizens.

Some good advice for all of us is to remember to have some screen-free time these holidays!



## AS WE WRAP UP THE YEAR - A FEW FINAL REMINDERS

### [2019 class lists, stationery lists and MAI bookings information](#)

All of the above will be emailed home to parents on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. MAI bookings will be open on Friday afternoon for our MAI assessment day of Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.

### [Meet the teacher 2019](#)

Students will have the opportunity to meet their 2019 class teacher on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December before we head off to our Talent Quest. It is always a nice opportunity for the children and teacher to begin getting to know each other.

### [Medication](#)

All medication held by the school needs to be collected by an adult (we cannot send medication home with the children). Please see your class teacher before the end of the year to collect.

### [Library Books/Readers](#)

A last shout out for these few missing books – we have had a great response. This also applies to any school readers that you find.

### [Lost Property](#)

Last chance to check for missing hats, jumpers, lunch boxes.

## LIBRARY NEWS



## 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.

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.

# I Dug a Hole to China

by Diane Harding



Luke decides to dig a hole to tunnel from his house in Australia through to China. Little does he know that someone else at the other end is thinking the same thing. A host of dangerous adventures follow with his new friend, usually involving being chased through a variety of Chinese landscapes and settings. Losing his route back to Australia due to a volcano, Luke learns a lot about China while escaping from angry warriors, thieves and dragons, hiding inside priceless antiques and becoming everything from a monkey to a kite. Eventually they realise they are in a race against time to put back something important in its rightful place, before certain disaster. Will they manage this without being caught, after all their mishaps? Although Luke has made a friend for life, they will need courage and initiative to get home in one piece.

[Click here to buy a copy online.](#)

## BOOK COVERING

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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 DATE

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### End of Year 5 Celebration!



When: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.myquestlist.com.au/v25beb4f7000bae/st-johns-narraweena/evs5beb4f7015d82/>



## 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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[www.valeriesmithstageschool.com.au](http://www.valeriesmithstageschool.com.au)

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BABY BALLERINAS (3-5YRS)

# 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 : [evolvtennis@evolvtennisacademy.com](mailto:evolvtennis@evolvtennisacademy.com)

By Phone: **9971-0644**

ONLINE : [www.evolvtennisacademy.com](http://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

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- ✓ COLLAROY TENNIS CLUB - Griffith Park, COLLAROY
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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!

- 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

**Check it Out!**





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## SUMMER CAMP

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