



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Parent Information Evenings are now complete. We were encouraged by the attendance at each of the meetings this year. If you were unable to attend the meetings, you will find helpful information in your grade or stage Curriculum Note and on the Class Pages located at the following link: <https://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/learning-teaching/class-pages-weebly/>

All classes have settled in well and are in full swing. A lot has been happening already to encourage the children's interest in their learning. It is essential to ensure that there is a good foundation to learning – key knowledge and skills on which to build. The teachers have been busy establishing predictable routines and clear expectations and using lots of encouragement to help build the confidence of the children in these early stages of the year. Your positive support for class routines and expectations will make a difference to your child's learning.

As a staff we have committed to gaining a better understanding about thinking this year – looking at different dispositions, mindsets toward thinking and exploring how different thinking routines can assist us and the children to a clearer, deeper understanding about key ideas. We will begin using some of these ideas within our teaching during the year and look forward to the learning that unfolds along the way. This work is in line with our main teaching and learning focus which is to authentically engage children in their learning. I'll speak more about this at the coming Parents and Friends meeting on February 26th.

Our Semester One Student Representative Council (SRC) will receive their badges at assembly tomorrow morning. SRC members represent their class at meetings during each term bringing creative ideas, positive happenings and achievable changes to suggest. Congratulations to our new members – I look forward to working with you.

Congratulations also to our Year 6 and Year 1 classes for hosting our first Family Mass with the Parish last weekend. Father Francis led a very joyful celebration and it was great to see so many of our families taking part.

Best wishes for the week ahead,

Mark Bateman – Principal

ENROLMENTS FOR 2020 – SPREAD THE WORD

Enrolments are open for Kindergarten children for 2020. Interest in other grades is welcome. We will be holding Open Mornings and Evening this year for interested families. Dates and time are as follows:

St John's Open Mornings

Tuesday March 19th 9:15 am – 10:40 am

Tuesday May 7th 9:15 am – 10:40 am

Open Evening

Tuesday March 19th 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Enrolment forms must be in by the end of May 2019 for 2020. We encourage all siblings to have forms in as soon as possible – this will assist us in identifying available spots for next year.



School Tours can be booked on Wednesdays or attend playgroup every second Thursday of the month. Please phone 9971 9297 or email sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au for a booking or further details.

*At St John the Apostle Narraweena we are **RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, SAFE** Learners*

DIARY

Week 4 Term 1 Mon 18 Feb	Week 4 Term 1 Tues 19 Feb	Week 4 Term 1 Wed 20 Feb	Week 4 Term 1 Thurs 21 Feb	Week 4 Term 1 Fri 22 Feb	Week 4 Term1 Sat/Sun 23/24
<i>Year 4 Prayer Assembly 8:45 in the church</i>		<i>St John's Swimming Carnival</i>	<i>St John's Playgroup 9.30am Year 5 & Kinder Class Mass 10:10</i>		
Week 4 Term 1 Mon 25 Feb	Week 4 Term 1 Tues 26 Feb	Week 4 Term 1 Wed 27 Feb	Week 4 Term 1 Thurs 28 Feb	Week 4 Term 1 Fri 29 Feb	Week 4 Term1 Sat/Sun 30/31
<i>Year 3 Prayer Assembly 8:45 in the church</i>	<i>Yr 3 boys to St Paul's Catholic College P&F meeting 7pm - library</i>		<i>Northern Beaches Swimming Carnival Reconciliation Information Evening 7pm</i>		

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed 6 March

Ash Wednesday

Sat 9 March

St John's Bush Dance

Mon 19 March

Open Day morning 9.15-10.40am evening 6.30-8pm

Thurs 4 April

St John's Playgroup 9-11am

Tues 9 April

Year 3 & 4 Soccer Gala Day

Thurs 11 April

Year 5 & 6 Soccer Gala Day

Fri 12 April

St John's Cross Country

Last Day of Term 1

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		All of Year 5				
KB	All of Kindergarten	3B	Coddie D Alby R	5W	Max C Ava H Jocab O	Sports Indianna V (4B) Valentina B (3/4W)
1B	Alessandro C Josefina H Barney J	3/4W	John Paul F Katia K	6B	Gabriella B Ethan C	
1W	Gabriella A Levi E Jamie M	4B	Massimiliano S Indianna V	6W	Domenic C Alessia M	Drama Zachary A (KB) Indianna V (4B)
2B	Cristiana G Charlie P Zali T	4W	Joshua B Lukina L	5/6F	Rachel S	
2W	Lucas J Owen N Emmeline R	5B	Charlie B Alex T			Library Noah M (2B) Matthew H (5W)

PLENARY COUNCIL UPDATE

SUBMISSIONS TO THE PLENARY COUNCIL CLOSE IN THREE WEEKS!

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR SAY???

The Parish is holding **Listening and Dialogue sessions** for the Plenary Council Process this week.



The final session will be held on:

Saturday 16th February 10:00-11.30am

concurrently at St John's School Library and St Kevin's Lower Hall or Library

The Plenary Council would love to hear your story! Share your experiences of faith and church life – the good and the bad, the uplifting and the heartbreaking.

If you are unable to attend a Listening and Dialogue Session – you can go straight to the website to have your say: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>

or fill in a paper submission:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ntwW7Js0PqGlnx9P2FZRG22Y16eB9DjOuO0ROhYjKCQ/edit?usp=sharing>

ENROLMENT FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Children in Year 3 and older who have made their Confirmation are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the focus turns to God's mercy, how we forgive among our family, friends and community, and how we celebrate forgiveness.

**The Reconciliation Information Session will be held on
Thursday 28th February at 7pm in St John's Church.**

The actual Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place in Wk 10: Monday 1 April, 5pm @ St Kevin's, Dee Why, Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th April, 5pm @ St John's, Narrabeena.



FR JOSEPH IS VISITING

Those of you with a long association with St John's will remember Fr Joseph. He is currently in Australia and will be visiting Narrabeena. There will be a "lunch" (bring a plate – or just yourself!) in the Parish Meeting Room tomorrow 15th February at 12:30. He has very fond memories of St John's and would love to catch up with people.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR SCHOOL PARISH MASS

It's always tricky to organise a Mass for the end of our first (full) week at school! The children did an amazing job – with very limited preparation! Thank you to the families who came along and ensured we had a great celebration.

Special thanks, as always, goes to all the parents who provided hospitality through our sausage sizzle. It's such a powerful way of modelling service and leadership to your children!

SEMESTER 1 – STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected by their teachers and classmates for Semester 1.

The children will receive their SRC badges on Friday morning at 8:45am on the softfall (before the K-2 Merit Assembly).

KB	Sebastian R	1B	Willow B	1W	Mitchell K
2B	Arwen T	2W	Emmeline R	3B	Jeremy B
3/4W	Brooke H	4B	Olivia B	4W	Annie C
5B	Ellie G	5W	Matthew H	6B	Camila GV
6W	Aaron R	5/6F	Brendan W		

GOAL SETTING FOR OUR 2019 CLASSES

At last week's Welcome Liturgy, each class shared their hopes and dreams for 2019. These are on display in the foyer and have been posted to our Facebook page. Some of the highlights are:

- **Making new friends and building stronger relationships**
- *Enjoying the new playground*
- **Getting all arty with creative arts and the musical**
- *Being inclusive*
- *Having a growth mindset and 'not giving up when the learning is tricky'*
- *Being resilient and independent and ready to take on challenges!*

PARENTS' GUIDE TO HELPING CHILDREN WITH READING AND WRITING AT HOME

Parents make a difference to their children's reading journey. The joy and love of reading, of sharing a good book, of reading aloud or being read to, set the foundation for your children becoming successful life-long readers. A parent's role as an advocate for your child and their sense of success as a reader cannot be overestimated. It also has an ongoing direct impact on their confidence with all other elements of literacy and across the curriculum. We hope all of our parents give reading the priority it deserves and model good reading habits with their children too.

A great article on what you can do to help your children with reading and writing at home can be found here with some of their tips in the box below -

http://www.petaa.edu.au/imis_prod/w/Teaching_Resources/For_parents/Parents_Guide/w/Teaching_Resources/Parents_guide.aspx?hkey=94ee9655-3f94-4534-9f77-e23d9c40a640

SOME TIPS FOR HOME READING

- Establish a home reading routine. Read aloud with your children everyday. Ten minutes for each child around a book of his/her choice. If English is your second language, read in your home language. If you lack confidence in reading aloud, the fact that you are reading with your child is what matters. Talk about the illustrations and contribute where you can. Share your excitement for reading and this will be the model your child will adopt.

- The reader holds the book! There is a lot of power and control in the world of reading. The reader needs to have the power.
- If reading time is stressful, move the reading to a new location. Instead of sitting at the kitchen bench, move to the lounge room floor, or go outside and sit under a tree or take the books to the local coffee shop.
- Find a reading time that works for your family. Limit the time and set the timer if reading in the past has always been difficult. It is better to have an enjoyable 10 minutes than a laborious 30 minutes where everyone is left feeling frustrated.
- At the end of the 10 minutes, ask questions that encourage discussion, for example: What was your favourite part? Tell me about the characters. What do you think will happen next? What did you think about that setting? What do like/ dislike about this book? There is no need to interrogate the reader. Make it a conversation as you would in a book club.
- Encourage your child to read independently. A bedside light is one of the best enticements for your child to read before going to sleep. After the 10 minutes of reading with you, the child can elect to continue reading independently.
- The less you interrupt the 10 minutes of reading, the more you are supporting the readers independence, resilience and confidence. Zip your lips, monitor the miscues, and listen as your child reads.
- Visit the local library — make it a family ritual on a set day every week. Let your children select their books while you select books you are interested in reading. Not every book has to be read cover to cover. Your child might select books based on illustrations or factual information about a topic of interest.
- Independent readers pick and choose what they read. They are entitled to read some and reject others. They are entitled to not complete books because they are boring. Readers make choices.
- Model what it means to be an enthusiastic reader. Create a home of readers where everyone reads – It is just what we do in this house! Talk about what you have read. Read aloud what makes you laugh and share it with your child .

CYBERSAFETY LINKS



Following on from last week's 'Safer Internet Day', I thought I'd share a couple of links with you that I always find worth a viewing.

Leonie Smith is 'The CyberSafety Lady' and we have had the opportunity to have her present at our school before (a few years ago via the Northern Beaches Police). She regularly updates her blog and Facebook page with hints and tips for parents. I recommend you bookmark her page - <https://thecybersafetylady.com.au/>



Office of the
eSafety Commissioner

Additionally, the Office of the eSafety Commissioner - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/> also has a plethora of resources for parents AND for children on keeping safe online. We have links to this and to their 'iParent' portal on our school weebly (under the Wellbeing tab) - <https://stjohnsnarraweena.weebly.com/keeping-safe.html>.

\$100 CREATIVE KIDS AND ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS GO LIVE

Families can now access Creative Kids vouchers, providing them with \$100 for every school-age child to help cover the cost of enrolment for creative and cultural learning activities. Parents can use one voucher for every school age child per year to help meet the cost of structured creative and cultural activities, such as music lessons, languages, coding, drama and theatre, photography and graphic design.

Further information is available at: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/creative-kids-faqs-parents-guardians-and-carers>

Additionally, \$100 vouchers are also available for Active Kids. The voucher may be used with an approved activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities.

Further information is available at: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/active-kids-faqs-parents-guardians-and-carers>

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO ADMINISTERING MEDICATION

Parents please note that if your child needs to have medication administered at school a form is required by law to be filled out by your doctor with the correct paperwork attached to the medicine (by the pharmacy). The form (and medication) is to be brought into the school before our Admin staff are able to administer medication. This does not only apply to prescription medication but includes Panadol, Nurofen or any other over the counter medications.

This is a Diocesan directive and the **MEDICATION POLICY FOR DIOCESAN SCHOOLS SYSTEM** can be found on our website under [News & Events – Notes](#).

Asthma and Anaphylaxis forms were sent home in week 2 to all children who have noted they are asthmatic or have anaphylaxis. These forms should be sent back to school **no later than Friday 22 March**. All children are required to have an epipen and Ventolin at school. Please contact office if your child is no longer asthmatic or anaphylactic.

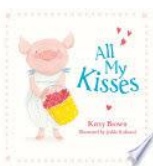
HEAD LICE

We have had several cases of head lice across all year groups this term. It would be appreciated if you could check your children's hair regularly and treat accordingly.

TIP- Nit Spritz: 500ml water, 20 drops water soluble eucalyptus oil, 10 drops lavender oil ... in a squirty bottle. Shake well.

LIBRARY NEWS

This week library lessons have had a **St Valentine's** focus.



Kindergarten read 'All My Kisses' by Kerry Brown. This picture book is about giving and receiving love and the importance and joy which can be gained by sharing.

Students in Years 1 and 2 have read 'Under the Love Umbrella' by Davina Bell. This colourful picture book reminds children that comfort and LOVE is ever-present, even when you are not near your family.



Student in Years 5 and 6 enjoyed themselves while participating in 'Speed Dating with a Book'. The students selected a book and read it uninterrupted for 5 minutes if at the end of the time (date) they were interested in the book then they could check it out (of the library) and take it home to get to know it better.





The P&F Gazette

News and information from the St. Johns Narraweena Parents & Friends Association

What is the role of the St John's P & F Association?

If you're new to our School, you might wonder what it is that the Parents & Friends Association does.

Put simply, we support our School and actively work with the School to help build the sense of community that surrounds it. This is all done on a voluntary basis.

We hold annual social occasions that include the Bush Dance (see below!), the Disco, Mother's and Father's Day events and more. We help to coordinate the Canteen, School Uniform Shop, School Banking and any areas where the school calls upon the help of the community. We raise money to assist the school's resources. We are also a part of the Broken Bay Catholic School Parent group that works to further improvements on a larger scale.

We do it for the School, our community, and of course - our kids!

If you want to stay in the loop please **fill in your details before the 22nd February to be on the P&F Contact List**. Remember to fill in a new form for each child.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfOyAQasHpOxjxMlbnd3RuCTAZxs0O6BNrI55mN0cDx0MCQQ/viewform?usp=pp_url

Class Parents and P & F meetings, Tuesday 26th February - Save the date!

Our first Class Parent meeting for the year is on Tuesday 26th February from 6pm in the school library. Following on at 7pm will be the P&F meeting. All are welcome! If you have any questions or items to add to the agenda, please email stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com

Our class parents are an important role for our school and our children, they organise their year group's event, help with communication between the teacher and parents with support from the P&F to help them with the events. Having a strong school community and support network assists our children to thrive at St Johns.

If you would like get to know people, contribute to the school and your child's development we still need volunteers for 2019 for the following classes:

Class	Parents Required
3B	2
4B	2
5B	1
5W	1
6B	1
5/6F	1

If you are interested, please contact Joanne Woolford: joanne.woolford@bigpond.com.au or come along to the Class Parent evening on the 26th February.

Canteen News

Please note the School Canteen will be **closed** on Wednesday 20th February due to the Swimming Carnival.

Good news – We're having our first **Sausage Roll Day** on Friday 22nd February.

Please remember to place your lunch orders before 8.30am each day.

And it's always a good idea to hit **submit** and **view your receipt** at the end of the Qkr! transaction. That way you'll know the order has definitely been received.

Uniform Shop

Just a reminder the times for the Uniform Shop are Fridays 8.30-9.00am and 2.30-3pm. If you would like any other information regarding our uniforms please email Linda at

sjanschooluniform@gmail.com

Hats (\$12) and school bags (\$45) are available from the School Office Monday to Friday.



FREE PLAYGROUP

Come along and enjoy educational and play-based activities with your preschool aged child and their siblings.

Bring a piece of fruit, your smile and imagination as we explore a different theme each playgroup.

PLAY LEARN CONNECT

Free Playgroup

Just a reminder that the next playgroup will be held at 9:30AM on Thursday 21st February in room 1.

Parents/carers are an important part of playgroup and are required to remain on-site with their children during playgroup. For queries and questions please contact the office via phone (02 9971 9287), email sjan@db.catholic.edu.au or check out our Facebook page "St Johns Narraweena Playgroup".

WHEN? Thursdays on even term weeks (weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 of every school term) 9-11 AM

WHERE? St John The Apostle Primary School Narraweena (entrance via 166 Alfred Street)

WHO? All members of the community

Bush Dance – Saturday 9th March

Dust off your boots and dig up your overalls, you're invited to St John's Bush Dance! Keep an eye out for the Flexibuzz informing you of when you can order your tucker via QKR!.

Best wishes,

Bel, Saartje, Matt, Russell, Jo & Gen



COMMUNITY NEWS

OPEN DAYS

Stella Maris College Manly – Wednesday 13 March 4pm-7pm 52 Eurobin Avenue, Manly 9977 5144

Visit our website for more details – <http://stellamaris.nsw.edu.au/>

Mater Maria Catholic College – Thursday 7th March 4pm-7pm 5 Forest Road Warriewood

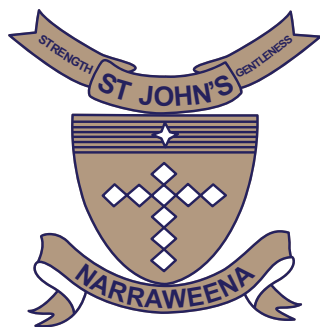
Visit our website for more details - www.matermaria.nsw.edu.au

St Paul's Catholic College – Thursday 7th March 4pm-7pm Darley Road, Manly

Visit our website for more details – www.stpaulsmanly.nsw.edu.au

St Augustine's College Friday 1st March from 3.45pm to 7pm Federal Parade Brookvale

Visit our website to register your interest and for more details - <https://www.saintaug.nsw.edu.au/2019-open-day>



ST JOHN THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2019 OPEN DAYS

St John's, Narraweena, a place of 'Strength and Gentleness'.

**ENROL NOW
FOR 2020**

Tuesday 19 March 2019

Open morning 9.15am – 10.40am, Open Evening 6.30pm – 8pm

Tuesday 7th May 2019

Open morning 9.15am – 10.40am

Providing quality Catholic education to the local community since 1961.
Meet the principal; student leader activities for the children; see our school in action. Enrolling now for Kindergarten and other grades.

Come and see what a Catholic education can offer your child.
School tours are available on Wednesdays or can be arranged by appointment.

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Evergreen School Music Program

Our passion is to encourage all students to ‘...be musicians for life’.

HOW DOES IT ALL WORK?

Structured music sessions take place on 1 set day (Wednesday).

Students are required to bring their own instrument to sessions (with the exception of keyboard and drums).

GENERAL INFORMATION

	MIXED ENSEMBLE
Day / Time	Wednesday 7:30am – 8:30am
Duration of each Session	60 minutes
Cost Per Session	\$20 per student
Invoicing	Term Blocks prior to commencement
Minimum Enrolment	2 full school terms (6 months)
Additional Tuition Required?	YES Students must be receiving private tuition to complement learning

- All enrolments for the School Music Program are done online via the following link:
[**2019 MUSIC PROGRAM ONLINE BOOKING**](#)
- Rehearsal times are set at the start of each term and run weekly during school terms.
- Rehearsals are not held on Public Holidays or Pupil Free days.
- Students are automatically enrolled from one term to the next (including one academic year to the next) unless appropriate notice period provided.
- Evergreen Music manage all administration, collection of fees and liaising with parents, alleviating any additional workload for the school.
- For Full Terms and Conditions - <https://www.evergreenmusic.com.au/schoolprogramterms>

	Emphasis / Objectives	Output
MIXED ENSEMBLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Children/School to choose ‘Band Name’- Fun and contemporary repertoire- ‘Pop Band’ line-up rather than conventional ‘Concert Band’- Strong encouragement of wind and brass instruments- Children MUST be having private tuition on their instrument	1 x Performance (and or) Video Recording per term