

## ST JOHN'S NEWS

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#### **PRINCIPAL NEWS**

Dear Parents,

The season of Lent is now underway. Our Year 3-6 children attended the morning Parish Mass yesterday while Years K-2 participated in a special Lenten liturgy after morning tea. Lent is a time of self-renewal and preparation as we move toward the joy of Easter. During Lent, we are asked to pray, fast and give – all practical actions that lead us closer to Jesus.







Family Lenten prayer resources can found on our Class Pages under the Faith tab (see links in Spiritual News). Project Compassion giving is now open and each family received a donation box yesterday. Extra donation boxes can be collected from the Church. We are collecting for Project Compassion at school during the Lenten season. Fasting or doing penance is often the area we associate most strongly with Lent. The association is often about giving something up; lollies or ice cream etc. so that in our 'suffering' we think of the sacrifice of Jesus. Not sure how well this works! Another way is to work the way we relate to those we love – to improve our patience with someone; to be a better listener; to be more generous with my time or care of others and so on. These are lovely things to talk about with the children in terms of making the most of the season. Lent is about creating a new heart, a change for the better – exactly what Jesus did.

Enrolment time for Kindergarten 2020 is now open. Sibling enrolments will be accepted first and it really helps us with our planning when we receive sibling applications early. **To encourage sibling enrolments, we will waive our enrolment fee for all applications completed and submitted by the end of April.** Please note our Open Mornings March 19<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:15-10:45 am. We are also running a play group for pre-schoolers with details in the newsletter.

Finally, bookings are open for end of Term 1 goal setting interviews involving teachers, parents and children. A link to the booking site is provided later in the newsletter. The interviews are being conducted at a time when teachers have had some time to get to know the abilities of the children and routines are settled. Mid-year interviews will provide an opportunity to look back on goals and achievements in the first half of the year.

Looking forward to seeing you at Saturday night's Bush Dance with 'The Ducks'!

**Mark Bateman** – Principal

Week 7 Term 1 Mon 11 March	Week 7 Term 1 Tues 12 March	Week 7 Term 1 Wed 13 March	Week 7 Term 1 Thurs 14 March	Week 7 Term 1 Fri 15 March	Week 7 Term1 Sat/Sun 16/17
Year 1 Prayer Assembly 8:45 in the church				National Day of Action Against Bullying	School Parish Mass – Yr 3 & 4 @ 5pm
Week 8 Term 1 Mon 18 March	Week 8 Term 1 Tues 19 March	Week 8 Term 1 Wed 20 March	Week 8 Term 1 Thurs 21 March	Week 8 Term 1 Fri 22 March	Week 8 Term1 Sat/Sun 23/24
Year 6 Prayer Assembly 8:45 in the church	Open Day morning 9.15-10.40am Evening 6.30-8pm		Class Mass 10:05 Years 1, 2 & 6		

#### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

**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

#### **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**

КВ	Zac A Eliza B Marcus L Toby O	3B	Elianna A Evan C	5W	Liam C Alexandra M	Sports  Malia S (KB)  Aurora P (5B)
1B	Erica A Lawson L	3/4W	Will M Chloe O	6B	Liam C Brooke G	
1W	Ethan C Caitlin K	4B	Lachlan B Keeley F	6W	Tahlia B AJ D	
2B	Oscar K Sophia M	4W	Aurelia B Fin H	5/6F	Campbell D	
2W	Liam F Alissia G	5B	Chloe C Cameron O			<b>Library</b> Lara C (2N) Hugh C (5B)

#### SCHOOL PARISH MASS - SATURDAY 16TH MARCH @ 5PM

Years 3 & 4 will be hosting our next Parish Mass and sausage sizzle. A link to the google form was Flexibuzzed to Yr 3 & 4 parents today – or you can use this link: <a href="https://goo.gl/forms/subvaEVr929go7tx1">https://goo.gl/forms/subvaEVr929go7tx1</a>

If you don't have a child in Year 3 or 4 please use this link to order your sausage sandwiches: <a href="https://goo.gl/forms/Bm2jpL1gO3nvlzPl2">https://goo.gl/forms/Bm2jpL1gO3nvlzPl2</a>

Everyone is welcome to join us – why not make this part of your family's Lenten preparation?

#### **LENT**



The "Walking the Way" webpage is linked on our Weebly Faith page. It has regular updates relating to the church calendar – a way to share faith in your family during the year.

Why not check it out for simple ways to walk with your children during Lent



#### LENTEN PRAYER OPPORTUNITY - TAP SOMEONE ON THE SHOULDER!

How is Lent different from the rest of the year for you? Is it a time that develops your faith and your relationship with God? How do you make an effort to prepare for Easter over the 40 days of Lent?

We had one parent this week, and a couple who are trying to come next week. Not sure if it's for you? Why not tap a friend on the shoulder and ask them to come with you?

We are meeting once a week, during Lent, for 20 minutes max. on Thursday mornings straight after morning assembly in Room 5 (Music Room). It's very guided – and you can say as much or as little as you like. You don't have to commit to every session, it's OK to come to the sessions that you can make. Toddlers are welcome.

Our next session will be Thursday 14th March

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#### PLENARY COUNCIL

The Dialogue and Listening phase of the Plenary Council closed yesterday. Thank you to everyone who has made a submission or taken part in a group.

My favourite session by far – was the session held with our Year 6 students last week. In a slightly modified version of the process, we asked them "If you had 10 minutes to talk to Pope Francis about something you feel passionate about what would it be and why?" The following hour of dialogue and listening (we used the same process as the rest of our plenary groups) was astounding and inspiring. Eventually we managed to group the ideas into the following areas that they feel most passionate about:

Social Justice, Human Rights, Environment, creating God's Kingdom here on earth, Church, and The Future.

The discussion WAS passionate, the justification and examples given were well thought out and the connections made between concepts was impressive. Of all the groups I have led, our students were the ones who focussed on "big picture" issues.

Submitting their responses to the Council has been the highlight of this process for me.

#### 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** 9:15am - 10:40am

Tuesday May 7th 9:15 am - 10:40 am

#### Open Evening -

**Tuesday March 19**<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Thursday of the month. Please phone 9971 9297 or email sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au for a booking or further

#### School Tours can be booked on Wednesdays and we encourage families to attend playgroup every second details.

#### YEAR 3 VISIT TO MATER MARIA

Year 3 received an insight into High School on Tuesday at Mater Maria Catholic College in Warriewood. The students had so much fun and participated in art, drama, sport and music. They loved hanging out with the high school students and even recognised some old St John's students. Year 3 can't believe how big Mater Maria is and can't wait to go to High School themselves!





We are building stronger connections with our local pre-schools this year, with the pre-school children coming to visit us at 'big school' as well as our Year 4, 5 and 6 children visiting the pre-schools for special activities.

This week we had a group from Explore and Develop join our Year 4 class in preparation for the Bush Dance. They had a great time 'heel and toe'-ing together with Mr Frazer. Check out some of the snaps below, as well as a little video on our Facebook page!



#### NORTHERN BEACHES SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all of the children who represented us so well at the Northern Beaches Swimming Carnival last week at the Warringah Aquatic Centre.

We are particularly proud of the following competitors who will be representing St John's at the Broken Bay Swimming Competition in Tumbi Umbi tonight. Good luck!

Aidan P	12yo 50m freestyle	Andie M
Andie M	12yo 50m backstroke	Andie M
Етта В	12yo 50m butterfly	Andie M
Hayley M		
Tahlia B		
	Andie M Emma B Hayley M	Andie M 12yo 50m backstroke  Emma B 12yo 50m butterfly  Hayley M

#### SPELLING WORKSHOP

Our teachers identify themselves as lifelong learners who are constantly striving to deliver quality learning experiences for your children based on research-based best practice.

As part of our ongoing professional learning, many of our teachers attended a spelling workshop on Saturday led by <a href="David Hornsby">David Hornsby</a>, a wonderful literacy educator with more than 50 years experience! David focused on the placement of phonics within literacy. Phonics are taught within our literacy block through the use of quality literature but are taught within the context of the MEANING of words (not just the sounds in a word).

We use literature to help us to love reading, to develop comprehension and inferential comprehension skills and strategies, to develop our speaking and listening skills, and to support us in our writing and composition of texts. Spelling is an integral part of this and is embedded into both the reading and the writing elements of our literacy block.

Our teachers will continue their professional learning with spelling and literacy in another twilight session on Spelling Inquiry and Practice later this term.



International Women's Day is held annually on the 8<sup>th</sup> March and celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. It is a day that reminds us that, however far we have come, we haven't quite achieved a gender-balanced world.

International Women's Day is a wonderful opportunity for us as parents and educators to teach all children about how gender equality benefits everyone. It's a vital part of promoting respect, ensuring equal opportunities for all and inspiring the next generation of women.

Did you know??? Internationally, purple is a colour for symbolising women. This originated in 1908 with the Women's Social and Political Union in the United Kingdom, who used the combination of purple, green and white to symbolise women's equality, with purple signifying justice and dignity. The colours were chosen by British women's rights activist and suffragette Emmeline Pethick-Lawrence because "purple...stands for the royal blood that flows in the veins of every suffragette."

Remember - equal rights are HUMAN rights - we are better together than apart!

#### **LIBRARY NEWS**

This week we had lots of fun making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. We read the books 'Pancake Pancake' by Eric Carle and "Mama Panya's Pancakes' by Mary Chamberlain.

The students learn why we have pancakes on the Tuesday before Lent and helped to make and eat pancakes. The older classes wrote detailed recipes while the younger classes role played making their own pancakes. Check out the video of Kindergarten's Shrove Tuesday fun on our Facebook page.





SAVE THE DATE!

#### Social night for year 2 parents.

#### **29/03/2019** from **7PM** at **The Collaroy**.

The venue requires a **\$20 per person** deposit and we will put this money towards shared platters and pizzas on the night.

Classparents (Amy, Jess, Nicole, Sonia and Saartje) will collect money and RSVPs next week.

Please see any of us if you have any questions or special dietary requirements.

Hope to see many of you on the night!

Amy, Jess, Nicole, Sonia and Saartje

<u>Year 6 Parent Social Event</u>
Watch this space for upcoming details



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

#### It's Here - The Bush Dance - This Saturday 9th March at 6:00 PM

Dust off your boots and dig up your overalls, the St John's Bush Dance is on this Saturday! It's free entry and there will be music performed by our favourite band, Ducks on the Pond. On the night there will be a BBQ, drinks, lolly bags, face painting, raffles, prizes & more. We've had some wonderful prizes donated for you to win

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Thank you to WHITE GLO for your very generous donation of products for our Bush Dance Raffle. <a href="http://www.whiteglo.com/">http://www.whiteglo.com/</a>	White Glo		
Choc & Moi	Thank you to CHOC & MOI for donating 1.5 hour Kid's Chocolate Workshop for our Bush Dance Raffle. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/193430841564108/">https://www.facebook.com/events/193430841564108/</a>		
Many thanks to 7 Miles Coffee Roasters for their donation of a Coffee Hamper towards our Bush Dance Raffle.	T M STATE OF THE TOTAL OF THE T		
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Bring along some GOLD coins as there will also be goodies to buy – bandanas, bubble wands, moustaches!

#### **Canteen News**

We'd like to give a big thank you to the Chandler Family for donating a chest freezer to the canteen and for Scott T for picking it up and installing it!

#### **CSP Update – Sustainable School Communities Project**

Dear Parents,

The Broken Bay Catholic School Parent Council is inviting any parent, who is interested in sustainability and how our homes and school communities can be more environmentally friendly, to the first meeting of a new initiative of Northern Beaches Catholic School Parents: 'Sustainable School Communities Project'.

Come along to learn from CSO Education Officer - Sustainability, Catherine Judd, about easy ways we can all be more environmentally friendly. St Mary's, Manly, is leading the way and their Student Environmental Team will share their initiatives with us. Come along and share what your school community is doing or simply take away some great ideas.

Please RSVP/register your interest here: <a href="https://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/northern-beaches-sustainable-school-communities-project.html">https://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/northern-beaches-sustainable-school-communities-project.html</a>

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Leisa Cannon, Project Officer, Broken Bay Catholic School Parents, at leisacan@me.com.

#### **Free Playgroup**

Just a reminder that the next playgroup will be held at 9:30AM on **Tuesday 19th March** in room 1. It has been moved this one time to coincide with the Schools Open Day.

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 <a href="mailto:sjan@db.catholic.edu.au">sjan@db.catholic.edu.au</a> or check out our Facebook page St Johns Narraweena Playgroup.

Best wishes,

Bel, Saartje, Matt, Russell, Jo & Gen

#### School Banking 2019 Polar Savers Rewards

We're excited to announce the new Polar Savers reward items for 2019:

Term 1: Scented Stackable Highlighter, Snowy Origami Set

Term 2: Yeti Fluffy Notebook, Icicle Slapband Ruler

Term 3: Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring, Scratch Art Cards

Term 4: Water Skimming Bounce Ball, Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers

Students can redeem 10 silver Dollarmites tokens for a Polar Savers reward by completing a redemption slip and returning the whole slip with the students name and banker ID on their School Banking day.

Remember: School Banking day is TUESDAY!

#### **OPEN DAYS**

Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am-1.30pm 128 Miller Street, North Sydney *Visit our website for more details* – <a href="http://www.monte.nsw.edu.au/">http://www.monte.nsw.edu.au/</a>

Stella Maris College Manly – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 4pm-7pm 52 Eurobin Avenua, Manly 9977 5144 Visit our website for more details – http://stellamaris.nsw.edu.au/

Mater Maria Catholic College – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 4pm-7pm 5 Forest Road Warriewood **Today** *Visit our website for more details - www.matermaria.nsw.edu.au* 

St Paul's Catholic College – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 4pm-7pm Darley Road, Manly **Today** *Visit our website for more details* – <u>www.stpaulsmanly.nsw.edu.au</u>





Northern Beaches Waterpolo Academy

**Flippaball** – Skills & Drills – Manly Swim Centre, Friday evenings 7pm to 8pm. Ideally suited for boys and girls age 7/8/9 years of age. Learn basic skills for Water Polo in a fun environment.

We also run this program at Warringah Aquatic Centre on Sunday evenings 6pm to 7pm.

**Junior Development Competition** — We have places available in our teams, Division 1 Competition for Boys and Girls Born 05/06 and experienced Born 07/08's. This competition is run on Friday evenings at Manly Swim Centre and games are scheduled between 7pm and 9pm.

Beginner/Development Competition – We have places available in our Division 2 Beginner/Development teams. This competition is run on Sunday evenings at Warringah Aquatic Centre from 5pm to 7pm. It is open to Boys and Girls born 07/08 and 09's who have completed Skills sessions. All players are required to be independent and confident swimmers. If you wish to give Water Polo a try, this is the ideal competition to join. Players will learn the basics as they go during the 8 weeks of the competition. We are hopeful they will then wish to continue and join the specific Skills and Drills training sessions in Term 2.

Visit the Northern Beaches Water Polo Academy website <a href="https://www.revolutionise.com.au/nbwpa/">https://www.revolutionise.com.au/nbwpa/</a> and click on the EVENTS tab to view all programs on offer or contact Paula Woolley – 0409905501 - Email <a href="mailto:nbwaterpoloa@gmail.com">nbwaterpoloa@gmail.com</a>



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### Easter Holiday Camps



15th April- 29th April 2019

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#### **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 'Zidane Turn', 'The Socrates', 'Rabona', 'Maradona Spin', 'Cryuff Cut', 'Ronaldo Chop', or learn how to do an 'Oxford'!
- Play football, no matter what the weather, in your boots!
- Finish the day with Laser football

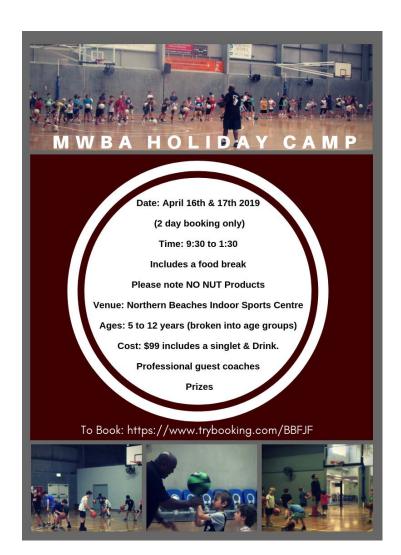
Half Days 9.00am-12:00pm | Full Days 9.00am-3.00pm | Extended days 8.30am-5.30pm For 5-14 year olds Book from 2 days to 10 days

#### Check it Out!

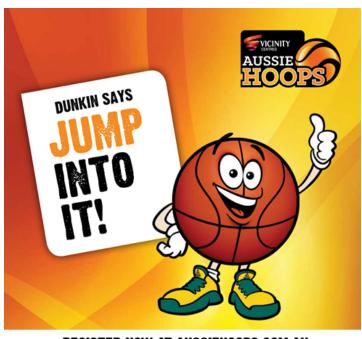












#### REGISTER NOW AT AUSSIEHOOPS.COM.AU

Learn to Play Basketball for all kids 5-12 Term 2 Sundays May 5th - June 23rd ( 8 weeks) Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre Jacksons road, Warriewood, NSW 2102 9.30am to 10.30am

Aussie Hoops Coach is JEROME LEE all participants receive a Basketball Australia pack which includes an Indoor outdoor basketball, Reversible playing singlet and a gym sack. The cost is \$110 for (Eight weeks) all inclusive. Book on the Aussie Hoops site http://www.aussiehoops.com.au









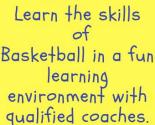












school term. No need to book, just come along and join in the fun.

Ages: 5-7yrs., 1:30-2:30 7urs and up, 2:30-3:30 Venue: Norhern Beaches **Indoors Sports Centre** Cost: \$10 per child.



Saturday Learn To Play

TERM 1: 9/2/19-13/4/19 TERM 2: 4/5/19-29/6/19

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