



# ST JOHN'S NEWS

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## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our Year 3 and Year 5 students and students throughout our diocese sat for the online NAPLAN assessments. Year 3 students completed a handwritten assessment for the writing test. You would have heard that there were technical issues nationally with the delivery of the online assessments and we were affected by these. The Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) issued an apology on Wednesday with instructions on how to deal with any further issues. Our children took the issues in their stride and our teachers ensured that the children were supported and given adequate time to allow for any interruption. Our final assessments are completed today with any make up assessments scheduled for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

NAPLAN is used in relation to other data collected from a variety of assessments at St John's. As we see it, ongoing assessment is an important part of learning. Ongoing, varied assessment (not just NAPLAN) helps us understand what children understand and are able to do or where they need further support. There are many types of assessment we use on a continual basis to help us understand our children and their learning. NAPLAN forms part of the picture. Many educators and parents are concerned with an over reliance on NAPLAN as the means by which schools are compared or as an enrolment indicator or, worse, as a driver of what and how the children are taught. At St John's we work with the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) syllabuses and especially with the identified strengths and needs of our students to progress learning. We also work hard to provide you, as parents and carers, with information about your child's learning.

Donations from our recent Colour Run have been flowing in. The proceeds will be used to assist in paying for an audio visual systems in our hall when it is repaired. This will provide us with a very useful resource for larger gatherings including assemblies, for use with visiting groups or for professional learning including parent education. We are hoping to have all donations finalised by Friday. Many thanks to all families who have contributed.

Our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea last Friday was a wonderful celebration which was very well attended. Miss Dunk, the teachers and children organised a beautiful liturgy which poignantly highlighted the love our mums give so generously, so unconditionally and in a way that is passed on to their children who then share it with their own families. Special thanks to our Year 1 mums for their organisation of a delicious afternoon tea, the raffles and hospitality and to the teachers and children for the sense of welcome extended to visitors and guests.



Finally, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred at St John's, June 29<sup>th</sup> and St Kevin's, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Children who have received Baptism and are at or beyond Year 2 may receive the sacrament. A commitment celebration will be held this evening at St Kevin's Church, Dee Why at 7 pm for all children and families intending to take part in this year's preparation program before receiving the sacrament. Your prayers for our children taking part in the sacrament are most welcome.

Sincerely,

*Mark Bateman* – Principal

# DIARY

<b>Week 4 Term 3</b> Mon 20 May	<b>Week 4 Term 3</b> Tues 21 May	<b>Week 4 Term 3</b> Wed 22 May	<b>Week 4 Term 3</b> Thurs 23 May	<b>Week 4 Term 3</b> Fri 24 May	<b>Week 4 Term 3</b> Sat/Sun 25/26
<i>Prayer Assembly 3B &amp; 3/4W</i>			<i>Class Mass Yr 6 &amp; Yr 1 10:05am</i>		
<b>Week 5 Term 3</b> Mon 27 May	<b>Week 5 Term 3</b> Tues 28 May	<b>Week 5 Term 3</b> Wed 29 May	<b>Week 5 Term 3</b> Thurs 30 May	<b>Week 5 Term 3</b> Fri 31 May	<b>Week 5 Term 3</b> Sat/Sun 1/2
<i>Prayer Assembly Year 2</i>	<i>Broken Bay Cross Country</i>	<i>Stage 3 Camp</i>  <i>Author Visit – Yves Stening</i>	<i>Stage 3 Camp</i>	<i>Stage 3 Camp</i>  <i>Kindy Excursion to Woolworths</i>	<i>School Parish Mass Yr 2, 3 &amp; 4 hosting</i>

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Wed 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May

Stage 3 Camp – Collaroy

### Sat 1<sup>st</sup> June

Yr 2, 3 & 4 School Parish Mass 5pm

### Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Prayer Assembly Kindergarten

### Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> June

Class Mass Yr 5, Yr 2 & K 10:05am

### Mon 10<sup>th</sup> June

Queen's B'day – **NO School**

### Fri 14<sup>th</sup> June

Polding Cross Country

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

Prayer Assembly Year 5

### Fri 21<sup>st</sup> June

Stage 2 Quarantine Station Excursion

### Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Confirmation – Dee Why 11am

### Mon 24<sup>th</sup> June

Prayer Assembly Year 6

### Sat 29<sup>th</sup> June

Confirmation – St Johns 11am

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Core Values Awards 8:45 in the church

## AWARDS



**Awards are presented on Friday:**

**K-2 Awards in the Library at 8:45, 3-6 Awards on the Softfall at 2:40**

<b>Strength &amp; Gentleness</b>	Heath D (4W)
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<b>KB</b>	Lucas B Alfons M Harper T	<b>3B</b>	Skye B Chelsea H Arianna K	<b>5W</b>	Christian C Ruby N P	<b>Sports</b>  Keeley F (4B) Alison L (6W)
<b>1B</b>	Cerys G Jake J	<b>3/4W</b>	Ruby G Luella V	<b>6B</b>	Chloe F Monica G	
<b>1W</b>	Antonella B Ethan C	<b>4B</b>	Christopher A Nicholas L Joy N	<b>6W</b>	Domenic C Lachlan D Anthony M	<b>Drama</b>  Sethum R (2B) Olivia B (4B)
<b>2B</b>	Chloe C Joshua D	<b>4W</b>	Gianni D Matthew K Madeline K	<b>5/6</b>	Joshua G	
<b>2W</b>	Lucy E Owen N	<b>5B</b>	Chiara M Scarlett M	<b>Rock &amp; Water</b>	Chloe F (6B) Banjo L (6B)	<b>Library</b>  Emma G (1B) Christopher A (4B)

## SPIRITUAL NEWS

### PARISH FAMILY MASS

Thank you so much to all of the families who came along and to all the parents who helped with the Sausage Sizzle. It was a very joyful celebration!

### SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT PARISH FAMILY MASS

Years 2, 3 & 4 will be hosting our next Family Parish Mass on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June. This date is a special one for the priests in our parish – our Mass will be a special celebration. Stay tuned for more information.



### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Children in Year 2 and over are eligible to receive this sacrament if they have been baptised. The Information/Commitment Evening will take place TONIGHT (St Kevin's Church) 7pm.



### LOVE ONE ANOTHER; AS I HAVE LOVED YOU (JN 15:17)

How often do we feel discouraged by our imperfect lives! Yet, in the biblical stories, God's love is always at work in less than ideal situations: dysfunctional families, imperfect disciples, amidst persecution, conflict, hunger, loneliness, shipwreck. Likewise our own loving relationships are hammered out, day by day, surrounded by difficulties, vulnerable to rejection, touched by failure, and even death. While we can always work at being more 'loving', perhaps we can also take heart that God is with us in our messy, chaotic, imperfect, painful lives.



Love one another.

We will hear these beautiful words – a new commandment - from Jesus in the Gospel this weekend: "love one another; as I have loved you". What will that look like in our lives?

## TEACHING & LEARNING NEWS

### WINTER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER – NEXT MONDAY

The children will change to [winter uniform](#) by **Monday, May 20 (Week 4)**. A reminder that the uniform requirement is for predominantly white sport shoes for our sports uniform.

### WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY – TOMORROW!

# National Walk Safely to School Day

Now in its 20th year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

All information can found at: [walk.com.au](http://walk.com.au)

The event will be held throughout Australia on **Friday 17 May 2019**

Happy Walking St John's



Yesterday, as part of our ongoing professional learning into developing a Culture of Thinking in our school, our teachers engaged in some very hard maths thinking! It helped us to know that ANY new learning can lead to us going through a 'zone of confusion' or falling into '[the learning pit](#)' but having a growth mindset, being persistent, and engaging in mathematical conversations helped us to climb out of the pit with a deeper understanding about maths concepts!

Up for a challenge? Here's what we worked on yesterday:

# Add to 100. Multiply to 1000.

- . I am thinking of two numbers.
- . The sum of my numbers is 100.
- . The product of my numbers is 1000.
- . What might be my numbers?

## LIBRARY NEWS

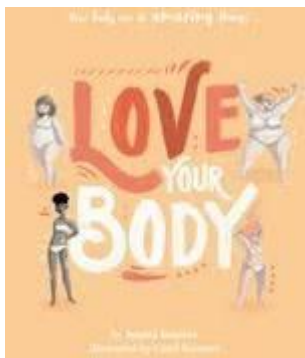


Once again our school will be participating in the fantastic National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS).

After morning tea every class will read the book with their teacher just like thousands of schools around Australia and New Zealand.

If you would like to join myself and local preschoolers in the library at 10.00 you are more than welcome. Otherwise via Flexibuzz I will be sending out the link for the book when it becomes available on Monday.

For more information on this event follow the [link](#).



**New Book** available for parent to borrow it is great for positive self talk.

My Body is strong.

My Body can do amazing things.

My body is my own.

Freedom is loving your body with all its 'imperfections' and being the perfectly imperfect you! Love your body encourages young girls to admire and celebrate their bodies for all the amazing things they can do, and to help girls see that they are so much more than their bodies.

**Book Covering.** We have lots of lovely new books which need covering if you have time we can supply all the materials needed. The faster they get covered the sooner they can get into your children's hands.



## The P&F Gazette

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

### Save the Date - P & F meeting Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 7pm

This term's P&F meeting will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the school library. Everyone in our community is welcome, with yummy refreshments provided. If you have any items that you would like to place on the agenda, please feel free to chat to any of the current the P&F committee personally, or you can send us an email at [stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com)

### Mother's Day Afternoon Tea – Thank You!

A **BIG** thank you to the Year 1 Class Parents & Miss Dunk for organising and hosting this years Mother's Day Afternoon Tea and Liturgy. It was a great afternoon thoroughly enjoyed by the Mums and the children.

### Cross Country Sponsorship Update

Just a reminder to return the Cross-Country envelopes as soon as possible. You can return the cash in the envelope or pay through Qkr! Envelopes need to be returned even if you pay using Qkr!

Thanks for supporting our school!

### School Uniform Shop News

With the school to change over to the Winter uniform next week, now is a great time to check out the School Uniform shop for Winter stock. The shop is open on Fridays in the morning between 8:30 and 9:00am and in the afternoon between 2:30 and 3:00pm in the canteen.

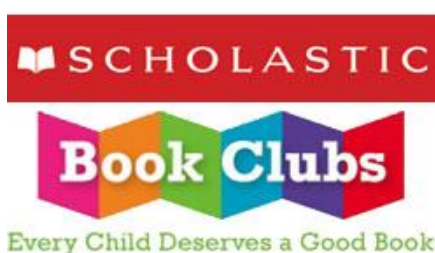
### Free Playgroup

Just a reminder that the next playgroup will be held at 9:30AM on **Thursday 23rd May** 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 9297), email [sjan@db.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sjan@db.catholic.edu.au) or check out our Facebook page St Johns Narraweena Playgroup.

Warm regards,

Bel, Saartje, Matt, Russell, Jo & Gen



Did you know that spending just 10 minutes a day reading together is a key factor in the link between home literacy and your child's lifelong love of reading?

In Issue 3 you will find over **50 items for \$5 or less!**

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  
Book Club orders for Issue 3 are due no later than**

**Monday 20th May**



# Year 6 Parent Social Night

Thursday 27th June 7pm

Harbord Diggers - Meet at Main Bar

88 Evans Street Freshwater

Looking forward to catching up with you all then!

Class Parents - Giuseppina, Raffaella, Vanessa & Carol

# The simplest way

... to ensure your child is eating from  
the five food groups

Try our nutritious [Chicken Burrito Bowl](#) which ticks off  
three of the five food groups.

**Grain (Cereal)  
Foods**

**Meat &  
Alternatives**

**Vegetables**



Together with a piece of fruit and some dairy, such as a  
tub of reduced-fat yoghurt, lunch is sorted!

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)