



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am attending the bi-annual Association of Catholic School Principal's (ACSP) Conference in the city this week. The conference brings together 500 principals from across NSW to explore the theme of **'What Matters Most - Faith, Learning and Wellbeing'**. Ninety percent of our Broken Bay principals are in attendance and there is very strong attendance from each of the 11 NSW dioceses. International speakers Ben Waldren, Simon Breakspear, Rob Edwards and Pasi Sahlberg (Finland educational policy expert) are combining to inspire us with keynote addresses and workshops on leadership in changing times. The structure of the conference is to focus on key ideas, then look at the practicalities of implementing them. It has been a great learning experience for us all so far.



Being surrounded by colleagues and leaders in Catholic education this morning as we celebrated mass led by Archbishop Anthony Fisher in St Mary's Cathedral was an extremely uplifting experience. It reinforced the great privilege we have in working with you to educate our children within a faith community. Times are challenging in that aspect, no doubt, but I believe the experiences our children are being offered to make connections with our beliefs and traditions within our school and Parish, are significant in their young lives. I noticed our Facebook page shared a post from the Year 1 Prayer assembly on Monday about their work with the Old Testament which explores God's relationship with his people. I am also mindful of all children and families preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation in June and of the many little ways in which I see the compassion of our children consistently coming through.

I look forward to working with the ideas I have engaged with at the conference on my return to St John's next week.

Best wishes,

Mark Bateman – Principal

Return and Earn

St John's SRC is asking for your support of the Return and Earn project. It is aimed at reducing the amount of plastic, especially, in the environment by offering an incentive for recycling plastic and cans. While glass is included, we have chosen to focus only on plastic at this stage.

The idea is to encourage students to collect plastic bottles with a 10c return label on them and bring them to our return container at school. Don't take the labels off; leave the lids at home and do not crush the bottles. For every 10c collected, 5c will go to Bear Cottage and the other 5c to play equipment purchase to be nominated by the SRC.



So start donating now - 3 bottles per child takes over 900 bottles out of the environment and earns us \$90. It all adds up pretty quickly on both counts, so, start bringing those bottles in!

DIARY

Week 5 Term 2 Mon 27 May	Week 5 Term 2 Tues 28 May	Week 5 Term 2 Wed 29 May	Week 5 Term 2 Thurs 30 May	Week 5 Term 2 Fri 31 May	Week 5 Term 2 Sat/Sun 1/2
Prayer Assembly Year 2	Broken Bay Cross Country	Stage 3 Camp Author Visit – Yves Stening	Stage 3 Camp	Stage 3 Camp Kindy Excursion to Woolworths	School Parish Mass Yr 2, 3 & 4 hosting
Week 6 Term 2 Mon 3 June	Week 6 Term 2 Tues 4 June	Week 6 Term 2 Wed 5 June	Week 6 Term 2 Thurs 6 June	Week 6 Term 2 Fri 7 June	Week 6 Term 2 Sat/Sun 8/9
Prayer Assembly Kindergarten			Class Mass Yr 5, Yr 2 & K 10:05am		

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 10th June

Queen's B'day – **NO School**

Fri 14th June

Polding Cross Country

Mon 17th June

Prayer Assembly Year 5

Fri 21st June

Stage 2 Quarantine Station Excursion

Sat 22nd June

Confirmation – Dee Why 11am

Mon 24th June

Prayer Assembly Year 6

Sat 29th June

Confirmation – St Johns 11am

Monday 1st July

Core Values Awards 8:45am in the church

Tues 2nd July

Rugby League Gala Day

Thurs 4th July

Rugby League Gala Day

Friday 5th July

Last Day of Term 2

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 will be presented on MONDAY mornings during Prayer Assembly

Strength & Gentleness	Tommy B (3B) Ariana K (3B)
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KB	Dana C Deyron D Luca G	3B	Thomas B Crystal L Alby R	5W	Philippa P (Wk 3) Cherise E Sophie R	Sports Asha F (4W) Will M (3/4W)
1B	Violet Mc Imogen S	3/4W	Aryton D Hannah J	6B	Taylah P Rose R Olivia S	
1W	Evie B Nathan W	4B	Elysia L Natalia M	6W	Holly D Antonio K Ella T	
2B	Cristiana G Sophia M	4W	Lewis F Annika H Carys P	5/6	Sophia L	
2W	Livia D Tobias P	5B	Charlie B Oscar H	Rock & Water	Aurora P (5B) AJ D (6W)	Library Issac C (KB) Maddie K (4W)

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

SPIRITUAL NEWS

PARISH FAMILY MASS – SATURDAY 1ST JUNE

Years 2, 3 & 4 will be hosting our next Family Parish Mass on Saturday 1st June @5pm. This date is a special one for the priests in our parish – our Mass will be a special celebration and we will be having coffee and cake after Mass (instead of our sausage sizzle).



If you are in Year 2, 3 or 4 and you haven't yet completed the google form (even if you can't make it this time) please go to: <https://forms.gle/KeoLG9NhNH45xhFv6>

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Last week, families completed a Try Booking form to nominate which date (22nd June or 29th June) your child would receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I have been advised that there was an error with the Try Booking form initially and you were unable to nominate the session time (4pm Saturday or 9 am Sunday at St John's or 5pm Saturday at St Kevin's) for your **preparation sessions**.

This was rectified, and the parish are contacting those people affected

If you haven't had an email and you completed your Try Booking form early and **DID NOT nominate preparations sessions** as part of that form, please contact the Parish Office on 9982 6536 so they can make sure you are included in a group for this weekend.



GODLY PLAY

One of the ways we are exploring scripture – from K-6 – is through Godly Play.

Scripture is story. Long before anyone wrote a single line of scripture, the stories were told over and over and passed on from generation to generation. In Godly Play, we “tell” the story of scripture, often with figures, sometimes with images, but always with story “telling” – not story “reading”.

This week, Kindergarten have been learning the story of Noah's Ark using Godly Play.



TEACHING & LEARNING NEWS

TELL THEM FROM ME

In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St John the Apostle.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

www.tellthemfromme.com/sjan2019

Last week we issued a maths challenge to all of our mums and dads out there:

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?

How did you go? Did you find yourself falling into the Learning Pit? Did you climb out of it? One possible answer is 88.73 and 11.27. Test it out. What do you notice? Did you get any closer? Email your answers in! sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Speaking of Maths Challenge...



We have 12 of our Year 5 and 6 students participating in the "Challenge Stage" of the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians (MCYA). The Challenge is supported by the Northern Beaches Learning Community of Catholic Schools and is part of our endeavours to address the learning needs of every child at our school. MCYA is a problem-solving activity organised by the Australian Mathematics Trust.

The children receive a problem book containing 4 problems. They are required to present written solutions to as many of these problems as they can. The problems are challenging and require time and persistence, but are not beyond the capabilities of the children! They will have the opportunity to work with each other, as well as participate in workshops with other primary school students and even connect with our high school mathematicians as well. Happy mathematical thinking, kids!

National Walk Safely to School Day

Thank you to those of you who participated in the event. It was great to see families walking in groups and holding hands as they crossed the road.

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



Keep up the safe walking St John's!



Eco Garden - This week on Wednesday, 2B, St Lucy's, and the Yr 6 environment team had a fantastic experience working in the eco garden with Mrs Pardoen. We planted some new plants and seeds for our vegetable and flower gardens. We had a lot of fun learning about plants and how to care for them. Everyone had the chance to plant, add mulch and water the garden. We also filled up the new pond and place frog spawn in it. We will be excitedly watching for tadpoles during the next weeks. The best part of our experience was to harvest eggplants and to prepare a delicious dip that we shared with 2W. Thank you Mrs Pardoen for teaching us about plants!



LIBRARY



On Wednesday the whole school joined in reading "Alpacas with Maracas" by Matt Cosgrove for National Simultaneous Storytime. Children all over Australia and New Zealand participated in this event which is a fun way promote reading and good Australian Literature.



This week Rainbow Kindy and some other pre-school aged children from our community joined us for National Simultaneous Storytime with the book "Alpacas with Maracas". We read the book, danced to a Maraca song and completed craft and music activities to complement the book. We all had a great time.





The P&F Gazette

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

Save the Date - P & F meeting Tuesday 28th May – All Welcome!

This term's P&F meeting will be on Tuesday 28th 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

Free Playgroup

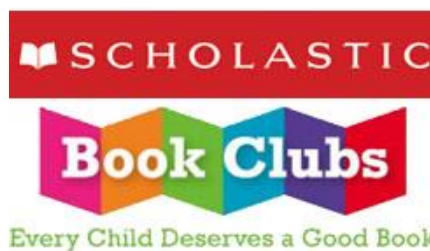
Just a reminder that the next playgroup will be held at 9:30AM on **Thursday 6th June** in room 1.

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 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

New Banking Rewards now available!

Available in Term 2, we have two new reward items from our 2019 Polar Savers range for students to redeem: Yeti Fluffy Notebook and Icicle Slapband Ruler. We also have in stock a number of reward items from previous years that are still available for students to redeem including a Handball, Sparkle Glitter Pens, Zoom Flying Disc, Heat Reactor Pencils and Glow Light.



School Banking is a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2019 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Remember: School Banking Day is Tuesday!



Let's tackle **BRAIN CANCER**

Warm up this winter while raising awareness and funds for brain cancer.

**COMING
SOON!**



\$25
EACH

Mark Hughes Foundation -
Beanies for Brain Cancer
On sale June 1ST. Whilst stocks last.



AVAILABLE INSTORE & ONLINE JUNE 1ST

WWW.LOWES.COM.AU

A decorative banner at the top of the image features a string of white line-art lanterns and triangles against a background of soft, out-of-focus bokeh lights in shades of purple, orange, and yellow.

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 make beetroot hummus.

Ingredients (serves 8)

2 medium sized beetroots, skin on
400g can chickpeas, rinsed and drained
1/3 cup tahini
1/2 large lemon, juiced
1/4 cup olive oil
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1/4 tsp cumin
3-4 tbsp water
Pinch of salt



Method

Pre-heat oven to 200°C. Wrap each beetroot in foil and roast for 1-2 hours (depending on size) until soft. Remove from the oven and cool. Peel and chop into chunks.

Place all ingredients in a food processor with only one tablespoon of water. Process until smooth. Add more water, one tablespoon at a time until the desired thickness is reached.

Visit healthylunchbox.com.au for more recipes and ideas.

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