



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to share what I said to the children at Monday's prayer assembly regarding **National Reconciliation Week**. Year 2, helped us think about the importance, not just of this week, but of being a community which values justice and forgiveness through reconciliation – something central to our faith.



During this week, across Australia, we are asked to think about our friendship with all people but especially with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. There are times in the past when these people, our fellow Australians, were not treated as respectfully as they could have been. Their land was taken, many of their children were removed from their families and they were not given the same rights as everyone else. These things caused great pain and hurt. It wasn't until about 50 years ago that these things began to change in our country and not until 1998 (21 years ago) that real change of heart began.

Reconciliation is about, saying sorry for the things done that are not right, then building stronger friendships. It's about agreeing that things have happened that are not right and we are sorry for them. Our politicians agreed in 1998 to express regret about the past but it wasn't until 2008, that our then Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, made an apology (said sorry) to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people throughout Australia for what happened in the past. This was seen as an important moment for all Australians but especially for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

These days we want all Australians to feel respected, included, to share the same rights and to share living in this beautiful country.

So in your classrooms this week, you will learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, National Reconciliation Week and why this is an important time for all of us. It is our hope and prayer that you will grow up with a sense of respect for all people and especially Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. The best way to do this is to learn about their history and culture as well as our own and to strive to understand and accept each other.

'Grounded in truth, walk together in courage' is the theme of National Reconciliation Week. We pray especially that Reconciliation Week contributes to bringing peace and understanding to us all.

We have a special family mass this weekend. All families from St John's are invited to attend with Years 2, 3 and 4 hosting. Mass will be followed by drinks and cake on the back playground.

Sincerely

Mark Bateman – Principal



Blessed Giovanni Battista Scalabrini:

This weekend our priests celebrate the founding father of their order. The order was established in Italy in 1887 to bring spiritual, economic and moral nourishment to emigrants. In the early days it was established to provide for Italian emigrants to the Americas but its religious membership grew and enabled the order to extend its mission to all emigrants. We now see the Scalabrini Order in countries such as the Philippines and Australia. Your prayers for vocations and the work of the order and our own priests, Father Reinaldo and Father Francis are welcome.

Year 5 and 6 Camp:

Our senior students in Years 5 and 6 have been enjoying clear skies this week as they take part in their leadership camp at the Collaroy Centre. The centre is an impressive and well-resourced educational conference facility run by the Salvation Army. The teachers have been very pleased with the behaviour and cooperation of our children at camp and the staff at the centre have also commented on how much they are enjoying having St John’s there. The experience will challenge our children to try activities a little out of their comfort zone and, as a result, give them a sense of achievement and positivity about their capabilities. Reports are being posted on our Facebook page and photos attached in today’s newsletter.

Return and Earn:



The St John’s SRC cashed in 107 bottles on Tuesday this week. That’s 107 plastic bottles out of the environment and \$10.70 to go to our Bear Cottage and St John’s Playground kitty. Keep the plastic bottles with the 10c label coming into school to help us clean up the environment, help a great community organisation and add to our play facilities.

DIARY

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
<i>Prayer Assembly Kindergarten</i>			<i>Class Mass Yr 5, Yr 2 & K 10:05am</i>		
Week 7 Term 2 Mon 10 June	Week 7 Term 2 Tues 11 June	Week 7 Term 2 Wed 12 June	Week 7 Term 2 Thurs 13 June	Week 7 Term 2 Fri 14 June	Week 7 Term 2 Sat/Sun 15/16
<i>Queen’s B’day – NO School</i>			<i>Playgroup 9:30am</i>	<i>Polding Cross Country</i>	

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

<p>Mon 17th June Prayer Assembly Year 5 Cassarole Club – Cook up</p> <p>Fri 21st June Stage 2 Quarantine Station Excursion</p> <p>Sat 22nd June Confirmation – Dee Why 11am</p> <p>Mon 24th June Prayer Assembly Year 6</p>	<p>Sat 29th June Confirmation – St Johns 11am</p> <p>Monday 1st July Core Values Awards 8:45am in the church</p> <p>Tues 2nd July Rugby League Gala Day</p> <p>Thurs 4th July Rugby League Gala Day</p> <p>Friday 5th July Last Day of Term 2</p>
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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						
KB	Zachary A Luca G Hugo L	2W	Alessia G Lucas J	4W	Aurelia B Heath D Isla P	Sports Charlie P (2B) Gemma T (3/4W)
1B	Mitchell J Benjamin T	3B	Coddie D Jake F Ellison T			
1W	Teya H Jamie M	3/4W	Jack Gordon M			Library Fluer D (1B) Victor K (4B)
2B	Emery H Lilah R	4B	Lennox D Sophia V Dominic Y	Rock & Water	Erin W (5B) Lachlan D (6W)	

SPIRITUAL NEWS

PARISH FAMILY MASS – SATURDAY 1ST JUNE

Years 2, 3 & 4 will be hosting our Family Parish Mass this 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>

In response to learning about Kevin Rudd's apology speech:

Do you think the former Prime Minister's apology was an important event?

I think it was a very important event. He was very brave to stand up and make an apology to every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in Australia. He made an apology for everything we did, forcibly taking their children from their families (Stolen Generation) and for stealing their land.



Ruby N - 5W

I think the Prime Minister's apology was very important because it was an acknowledgement to say we have done so many bad things to you in life, and as Australians, we say sorry. I don't think anyone could imagine how hard it would be to be stolen from your family.

Ava H - 5W

I think it was important because I think saying sorry is really hard to say sometimes. He was brave enough to say it and it was in front of many, many people. Even one little word can change someone's life.

Sophie R - 5W

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

STAGE 3 CAMP

As you would probably be aware from our Facebook posts, the Year 5 and 6 students are having a fabulous time at the Collaroy Centre for camp. Some of the activities the children have participated in so far are abseiling, laser tag, flying fox, orienteering and challenge ropes. Last night we all enjoyed a hike out to Long Reef. The weather has been cold but the children are having a great time!

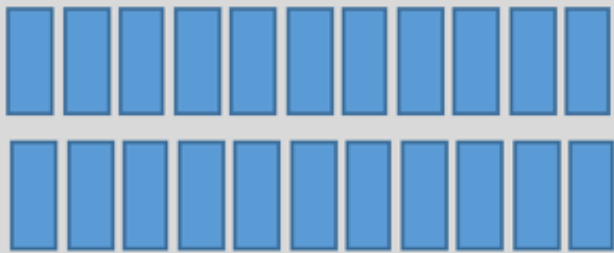


MATHS CHALLENGE

The first group of children headed to St Kevin's in Dee Why on Monday to participate in the larger group activity for the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians (MCYA). The children are so committed they are even working on the challenges before school and sometimes during lunch! Wow!

To challenge our parents, here's a recent maths problem our Year 6 students have been working on:

If this represents $3\frac{2}{3}$, draw what represents $1\frac{1}{2}$



We challenge our learners to show two different ways of solving the problem to help them to see things in different ways. How would you solve it?

CROSS COUNTRY

What an impressive effort from our 14 St John's runners representing us at the Broken Bay Cross Country at Fagan Park in Galston on Tuesday. All demonstrated great sports-personship and encouraged each other whilst aiming for their own personal bests!

Their school spirit and athletic ability did St John's proud. Congratulations to all students who participated especially Max K and Ella D who will be representing us at Polding at Eastern Creek. Well done!



Our first Excursion!



Fresh Food Kids Discovery Tours

We are looking forward to our very first excursion... especially the bus ride!

Woolworths are on a mission to show Australian kids just how delicious, healthy, and even fun, eating fruit and vegies can be. That's why they have worked with industry professionals and educators to build a new and engaging program that bring this mission to life through their Discovery Tours.

Thank you to our amazing office staff Alisha and Andy for all your time and effort in organising this experience for us.

A big thanks to Woolworths at Dee Why for offering this great workshop for our Kindergarten class!

You may like to see for yourself:

<https://www.woolworths.com.au/shop/discover/fresh-food-kids/discoverytours>

LIBRARY – AUTHOR VISIT

Dinner Detectives

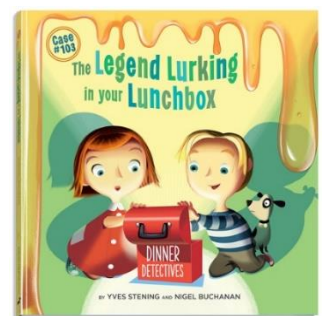
The Legend Lurking In Your Lunchbox

By Yves Stening & Nigel Buchanan



We were very excited to have author **Yves Stening** visit our school again! Yves read his latest book in his Dinner Detectives series (ask your child why it is called a sandwich) to the very enthusiastic student in Years 1 to 4. He also gave us tips on the life of an author and the writing process.

To order your own copy of the book follow the link below.



Go to: www.dinnerdetectives.com.au/buy-books/

- Click on 'Add To Cart' button
- Use Promo Code: **STJOHNS** for 10% discount
- Include your child's **name** and **class** in the "shipping" details



The P&F Gazette

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

That's Entertainment!

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St Johns Catholic Primary School and get a
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From now until midnight 1st of June, when you buy an Entertainment Membership you will also receive a bonus \$10 Priceline eGift Card!

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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

Casserole Club Cook Up – Volunteers needed. All welcome.

Where: Parish Room

When: Monday 17th June, 9-12am

Registration for 1 hour slots via Signup:

<https://signup.com/login/entry/6770262230052440108>



2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on Signup.com)

3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - Signup.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: Signup.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Jeanie.mcdonnell@dbb.catholic.edu.au and she can sign you up manually.

Bring you apron, a willingness to pitch in and help to peel & chop veggies, roll meatballs, cook, stir and fill containers with meals for the freezer. We will be cooking for a couple of hours, so pop in when you can to help out.

Year 5 Social
Sunday 23 June 2019 from 4pm
Save the date. More details to come next week

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!

ST JOHN'S UNIFORM LIST



*****Please label **ALL** your child's possessions clearly*****

ALL STUDENTS

ALL YEAR

School Hat	Available from school
St John's Navy Polar Fleece JACKET	Available from Lowes
St John's Navy Polar Fleece VEST	Available from Lowes
Black lace up, buckle or velcro "Clarke" type shoes	Boots or sports shoes are NOT permitted
St John's School Bag	Available from school

SPORTS

St John's sports shirt	Available from Lowes
Navy soft shorts - <i>Summer</i>	Available from Lowes
Navy soft pants / Tracksuit pants - <i>Winter</i>	Available from Lowes, Big W, Best & Less, Target
White crew socks	NOT Tennis style socks that are below ankle
White (or as white as possible) sports shoes	No coloured shoes or ankle height boots

BOYS

SUMMER UNIFORM

Navy blue shorts	Available from Lowes
White short sleeve "Jack Shirt"	Available from Lowes
White crew socks	NOT tennis style socks that are below ankle

WINTER UNIFORM

Long navy pants	Available from Lowes
White long sleeved shirt	Available from Lowes – MUST BE TUCKED IN
St John's School Tie	Available from Lowes
Navy crew socks	NOT tennis style socks that are below ankle

HAIR

Must be shorter than collar length and out of eyes.

GIRLS

SUMMER UNIFORM

Blue tunic	Available from Lowes
White crew socks	NOT Tennis style socks that are below ankle

WINTER

Blue checked tunic	Available from Lowes
White long sleeved shirt – Peter Pan collar	Available from Lowes
Navy blue tab tie	Available from Lowes
Navy tights / opaque stockings or white crew socks	Available from Lowes, Big W, Best & Less, Target

ACCESSORIES

Navy hair elastics, clips, scrunchies, ribbons	Available from Lowes, Big W, Best & Less, Target
Earrings – simple studs or sleepers only	NO necklaces, bracelets, rings etc
Makeup and Nail Polish	Are NOT permitted

HAIR

Simple blue or white ribbons or elastics	Shoulder length hair must be tied back
	NO large coloured bows (hats must be able to fit easily on heads)

Examples of correct school uniform

Winter uniform
(hat should also be worn)



Summer uniform
(hat should also be worn)



Sport uniform
(hat should also be worn)



PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Uniform
'Do'



Uniform
'Don't'



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