



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Our musical, '**A Kidsummer Night's Dream**', is fast approaching and preparations are well underway. The excitement is building and our first whole school rehearsal will be staged next Tuesday on the synthetic grass playground at St John's. Our show will be staged on September 5th and this will be the time for parents to enjoy the hard work everyone has put into this event. The children and their teachers have been practising their songs and dances and the show is shaping up nicely.

Please book your Tickets at: www.trybooking.com/BDGXP

We have had the assistance of some amazingly generous parents - sewing, gathering costumes and pitching in with organisation. Thank you! However, this is a call out to all families to ensure their child is prepared for the night. It is critical that each child has his or her costume at school ready for rehearsals. Thank you to all parents who have supported our preparation by sending costumes in on time (August 9th) but there are a few we are waiting on - **we need a costume at school for each child.** Our cast is working hard on their lead roles and tickets are selling steadily. We'd love you to invite relatives and friends to come along; after all it is once every three years! Jump onto the following link to order your family and extended family tickets at www.trybooking.com/BDGXP

Like to advertise your business pre-school on the big screen at the musical venue? Please contact the school office for details on 9971 9297 or at sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

We attended mass with the Parish on Thursday morning to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. The feast day marks Mary's assumption to heaven, body and soul. Mary was unflinching in her commitment to Jesus. Her decision to say 'yes' to be the mother of Jesus came with incredible demands and sacrifice. Mary's life of dedication and her assumption provides incredible hope for us.

In other news, I was able to share in some wonderful learning with our children this week. We had two Year 6 STEM (Science and Technology, English and Maths) teams attend a STEM Challenge Day at Mater Maria Warriewood on Wednesday. Our teams presented their projects on **Preservation of Bees** and on the use of **Solar Panels** to representatives of the 12 Northern Beaches Catholic Schools and did a fabulous job. Meanwhile, back at school their classmates were involved in their own STEM challenge, programming small robots we purchased to chart a course across a section of a virtual Moon surface in their classroom. Kinder were doing some coding with their robots (Beebots) which we purchased with our Earn and Learn tokens from 2018, thanks to your support.

Our School Captains accompanied me to NSW State Parliament today to meet with our local member, Brad Hazzard, and other student leaders from Catholic and Government schools on the Northern Beaches. Mr Hazzard encouraged those attending in their leadership roles and gave them an inside tour and explanation of the workings of Parliament House.

Prior to our P&F Meeting next Tuesday evening, our Literacy Coach, Kylie Sheehan will be offering a workshop to parents on encouraging reading with the children. The workshop will target K-4 and will be offered from 6:15-7:00 p.m. All parents are welcome.

Best wishes

Mark Bateman – Principal



FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

On Friday 30th August we celebrate our annual Father's Day breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m. Coffee, bacon and egg rolls, raffle tickets and something thoughtful for our Dads and guests await all who are able to attend. Don't forget to check the P&F section for details. *Food and raffle tickets are available for purchase through Qkr, for catering purposes please book ASAP to help our parent organisers with numbers.*

UPDATE ON THE HALL

Mr Bateman and Ms Ingram met with representatives of the Catholic Schools Office this week. We are pleased to inform you that work on repairing the hall will begin during the first week in September. The project will take approximately 7 weeks to complete which means the hall should be available for use early in Term 4.

Work will include:

- Replacing the current timber floor with a cement slab.
- Replacement of entry doors and adjustments to egresses.
- The installation of a vinyl floor covering.
- Internal painting and minor repairs.
- Repairs to the roof.

The Parish Meeting Room will not be involved in any of the repair work.

The hall will now be maintained by the school and repair work will be funded by the Catholic Schools Office. The land on which the hall stands belongs to the Parish. The hall will continue to be a shared facility between the Parish and the school. We are very grateful to have a timeline to work towards and we will be working hard to ensure interruptions to daily school life are minimised and that work is carried out with the safety of the children as a priority.

DIARY

Week 5 Term 3 Mon 19 Aug	Week 5 Term 3 Tues 20 Aug	Week 5 Term 3 Wed 21 Aug	Week 5 Term 3 Thurs 22 Aug	Week 5 Term 3 Fri 23 Aug	Week 5 Term 3 Sat/Sun 24/25
<i>Year 1 Prayer Assembly</i>	<i>Parent Ed – Reading 6.15pm</i> <i>P&F Meeting – Library 7pm</i>	<i>Book Parade 8.45am</i>	<i>Northern Beaches Athletics Carnival</i>		
Week 6 Term 3 Mon 26 Aug	Week 6 Term 3 Tues 27 Aug	Week 6 Term 3 Wed 28 Aug	Week 6 Term 3 Thurs 29 Aug	Week 6 Term 3 Fri 30 Aug	Week 6 Term 3 Sat/Sun 31/1
<i>Year 3B and 4W Prayer Assembly</i>	<i>Advisory Council Meeting 6.30pm</i>		<i>Playgroup 9.30am Room 1</i> <i>First Eucharist Rehearsal 7pm – St John's</i>	<i>Fathers' Day Breakfast 7:30am</i>	<i>First Eucharist St John's 11am</i>

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 2nd, 9th & 16th September

123 Magic & Emotional Coaching 6.30pm

Monday 2nd September

ICAS Digital Technologies 7.45am – Library

Thursday 5th September

ICAS Science & Technology 7.45am – Library
School Musical – C3 Church Oxford Falls

Saturday 7th September

First Eucharist St Kevin's 11am

Monday 9th September

ICAS Writing 7.45am – Library

Thursday 12th September

ICAS Spelling Bee 7.45am – Library
Playgroup Room 1 9.30am

Friday 13th September

St John's Cricket Gala Day Yr 3-6

Saturday 14th September

School Parish Mass Kinder, Year 1, 2 & 3 5pm

Sunday 15th September

First Eucharist 10am

Monday 16th September

ICAS English 7.45am – Library

Thursday 19th September

ICAS Maths 7.45am – Library

Friday 20th September

Cricket Gala Day

Tuesday 24th September

Cricket, Eagle Tag & Netball Gala Day Yr 3 & 4

Thursday 26th September

Cricket, Eagle Tag & Netball Gala Day Yr 5 & 6
Playgroup Room 1 9.30am

AWARDS



Awards are presented on Friday:

NB: K-6 Awards will be presented on the Softfall at 8:40

STRENGTH & GENTLENESS will be presented on MONDAY mornings during Prayer Assembly

Strength & Gentleness						
KB	Edmund C Marcus L Sienna T	3B	Skye B Thomas B Arianna K	5W	Christian C Philippa P	Sports Cody D (3B) Carys F (6W)
1B	Jake J Mia B	3/4W	Hannah J Chloe O	6B	Maurice J Banjo L Ines M	
1W	Teya H Matthew R	4B	Keeley F Jacob T Dominic Y	6W	Ruby C Oliver L Hayley M	Drama Angus B (3/4W) Emma S (6B)
2B	Ollie B Cristiana G Emery H	4W	Matthew F Jacob H Carys P	5/6	Rachel S	Library Evie V (KB) Valentina B (3/4W) Heidi K (3/4W)
2W	Andre D Benjamin L	5B	Chiara M Aurora P			

SPIRITUAL NEWS

PARISH SCHOOL MASS

Thank you to everyone who came along to take part in our Eucharistic celebration. It was a very cold and windy night and it was probably tempting to stay home rugged up.

It was especially lovely to see so many of our Year 6 leaders taking part in this Parish celebration. I had several parishioners commend the children on the ministries they undertook.

Special thanks to Jack K & John Paul F who were altar servers at Mass.



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT PARISH SCHOOL MASS – SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Kinder, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 will help us host that Mass. It will be our first Parish School Mass after the Year 3 children have received their First Communion and we hope they will take a leadership role in this Mass.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

We attended Mass today with all of the Mater Maria students who belong to the Parish of Warringah. It is always lovely to see our ex-students so grown up.

DO YOU FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK?



Have you liked our St John's Facebook page yet? We post snippets of the learning, playing and big ideas that happen in our school almost every day! It's a great way for you to share what is going on at our school with friends and family.

Check it out - <https://www.facebook.com/sjannaraweena/>

Kindy Zoo Excursion

We went to the zoo, zoo, zoo...

It was a windy Friday but that didn't stop us from seeing as many animals as we could. We patted a ringtail possum, saw a newborn lamb and we were lucky to watch a seal being fed up close. The giraffes were as beautiful as ever and the seals made the perfect lunch date.

A big thank you to our amazing parents who made the day extra special. We couldn't have done it without you all! We love Taronga Zoo!!



CROSS COUNTRY

The St John's representatives competed at the Polding Cross Country at Eastern Creek at the end of last term. Part of the competition involved the runners in each age group running in a Diocesan team made up of kids from all over Broken Bay. Your team had to get the first 6 runners over the line before any other team. Max and I both represented our age groups in the Broken Bay team and were awarded medals for being part of the winning team. We both were very proud to represent St John's and Broken Bay. *Ella D*



Calling all paper plane experts!

We will be running a paper plane throwing contest again for 2019.

When: Lunch time, Monday 19th August (weather permitting).

Where: Back playground

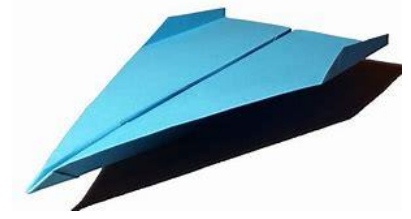
Rules:

- Make your paper plane independently just before flying
- Your plane may be judged on distance and/or speed
- If your paper plane qualifies, you will be asked to attend the state championships at The University of Sydney August 31st, 2019.

Start practising!

See the link for more details: <http://www.paperplanes.youngscientist.com.au/>

Miss Roache & Mrs Gillett :)



VISITING PARLIAMENT HOUSE

State Parliament House Reflection

A journey taken by the Citizenship Team

On Thursday 15th of August, the Citizenship Team went to State Parliament House with Mr Bateman. We had the opportunity to meet leaders from other schools around the Northern Beaches as well as Brad Hazzard, the NSW Health Minister.

Once we arrived, we were served delicious morning tea and got to socialise with students from different schools. Brad Hazzard took us on a tour of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly. Finally, we left Parliament House and travelled back to school.

Brad was such a nice, optimistic and inspirational leader, he helped us to realise how important we all are. Parliament House is a great historic building and everyone should have the opportunity to visit it one day.

By Chloe, Charlie, Edie and Liam

Our Eco garden is in need of woodchips for the compost. If anyone has some woodchips to donate please let the office know.



PARISH NEWS

St John the Apostle Piety Shop/Parish Library

First Holy Communion Items for sale

Rosary beads, prayer books, holy medals and more in stock.

Please browse the Parish Library

There is a large range of donated books available to borrow: Bibles, prayer books, Bible study books, Saints and RCIA books plus lots more including: Bible story books and prayer books for children.



OPEN AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASSES

This year's book week theme is '**Reading is My Secret Power**'. For adults and children alike, reading can be a powerful secret in improving the quality of your life. Each week this term I will publish one of ten reasons a group of librarians thought reading is a secret power. Feel free to visit the library or send me an email with your own reasons.

4. Reading is free.

How powerful is the word 'free'? Books can be accessed online and in print for free from libraries. Reading can be as entertaining as a night out at the movies and some states even have free community reading events.

2019 Ipswich District Teacher-Librarian Network

BOOK WEEK PARADE

Wednesday August 21st, 8.45am

Each year at St John's the students participate in a Book Week Parade during Book Week. It is always a fun day where the students can dress up as a book character of their choice. This website has a few costume ideas for anyone looking for inspiration. <https://laughingkidslearn.com/simple-book-week-costume-ideas/>

Please send your child to school dressed in their costume ready for the parade. Awkward parts of costumes can be removed after the parade. If they need a change of clothes, please send them into school.

Why is Book Week so important?

Book Week is a special time when schools and libraries across Australia join in the celebration of children's literature. During this time, children are often encouraged to dress as their favourite book characters to take part in book parades and assemblies. However, Book Week is so much more than just another school dress-up day; it is an annual celebration that encourages children to connect with books and reading on a fun, personal level.

Numerous studies have shown that reading books to and with children deepens your bond with them, while also fostering a love of learning and reading books for pleasure. If a child sees a loved one enjoying books, they're more likely to associate books with enjoyment. We believe that Book Week is truly a special time. The week-long celebration of literature sends a powerful message to children—and adults—across Australia; reading is vitally important and books are worthy of being cherished. Having the opportunity to personally connect with books as a child creates a sense of fun and nostalgia around reading as they grow into adulthood. Anything we can do to help light the reading spark within every child should be celebrated.

BOOK FAIR



READING IS MY SECRET POWER

Book Week 2019

Book Fair

Tuesday 20 August
3.00pm – 4.00pm

Wednesday & Thursday
21 – 22 August
8.20am – 8.40pm
3.00pm – 4.00pm

Friday 23 August
3.00pm – 4.00pm

Book Fair is a fun reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.



The P&F Gazette

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

Save the Date - 20th August 6:15pm Reading Session & P&F Meeting – 7pm

This term's P&F meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th August at 7pm in the school library and will include an information session from Ms. Sheehan on Reading commencing at 6:15pm.

Everyone in our community is welcome, it is our opportunity to see what great things are happening at the school and ask any questions, *plus there are 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

Canteen Volunteers Wanted!

Enjoy a free yummy lunch and help out at the school! We're looking for volunteers to help out in the School Canteen on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 12:45 to 1:45. If you can help Shirley out please text her on 0435 613 654 to lock in a date that suits you.

Father's Day Breakfast – 30th August at 7:30am

We're celebrating our Dads this year with a special breakfast at the school on Friday 30th August at 7:30am. There will be lots of fun and goodies for everyone with activities such as a raffle, a photobooth and a paper plane competition plus a hearty breakfast of donuts or bacon & egg rolls and tea and coffee.

Food and raffle tickets are available for purchase through Qkr, for catering purposes please book **ASAP** to help our parent organisers with numbers.

Free Playgroup

The next playgroup for this term will be held at 9:30AM on **Thursday 29th August** 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,


Saartje, Matt, Russell, Jo, Gen & Caroline

Live Life Well @ School

MEAL TIME CONVERSATION

Meal time conversations can be a time to develop healthy eating behaviours and encourage food exploration.


Child centred nutrition phrases and repeated exposure to foods can develop kids willingness to try healthy foods.



Try some of these:

- Eating your greens will make you run faster
- Whole grains help you jump high
- Broccoli trees make you strong

More healthy eating tips at healthykids.nsw.gov.au



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1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching



FREE Course for Parents!

An easy 3 step program for Calm, Effective and Happy Parenting

It's easy to learn and it works!

The logical and practical 1-2-3 Magic method can be learnt in 3 sessions. It is easy to remember and implement, especially when parents are tired or stressed.

1-2-3 Magic allows you to take charge of your home and enjoy your kids by setting limits and breaking down the complex task of parenting into three simple steps. You'll learn tools to use in virtually every parenting situation. The course helps parents to improve the relationship with their children by having children practice managing their emotions, resulting in improved behaviour. Children will ultimately become more resilient and make better choices.

Where: St. John the Apostle Catholic Primary School
166 Alfred Street, Narrabeena. School library

When: Consecutive Mondays – 2, 9 & 16 September

Time: 9am – 11.15am or 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Cost: \$12 for a workbook covering the 3 sessions

Queries: School office 9971 9297



BOOK TODAY!

This is a free event, but bookings are essential as places are limited.

Visit www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the code **ducrg**



The workshop will be led by **Jeanie McDonnell, Family Liaison Officer** for St John the Apostle. Jeanie is also a member of the Diocesan Parent Education Team, delivering parenting workshops such as *The Resilient Child*, *Social and Emotional Learning* and *1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching* across Northern Beaches schools.



Gonuts for Dad

Father's Day breakfast

Friday 30th of August from 7.30AM

Let's celebrate our Dads with a special morning full of laughter, fun and goodies. There will be a photobooth, a paper plane competition, a donut stand, bacon and egg rolls and other activities.

Tea and coffee will be served on the day but you will also be able to purchase your favourite brews from an onsite coffee van.

Food and raffle tickets will be available for purchase on Qkr.
Stay tuned!





St John the Apostle, Narraweena presents...

A KIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM



5th September 2019

***A MUSICAL FANTASY THAT EXPLODES IN A JOYOUS
CELEBRATION OF SHAKESPEARE'S CLASSIC COMEDY.***

PERFORMANCE DETAILS

Thursday 5th September 2019
Show commences at 6.30pm

VENUE C3 Church Oxford Falls
Corner Wakehurst Parkway and
Dreadnought Rd, Oxford Falls 2100

TICKETS

\$25 per person

BOOK NOW

through TryBooking
www.trybooking.com/BDGXP

Music & lyrics by David Billings, Rob Fairbairn, Mark Leehy & Kevin O'Mara.
Book by Lynne Bartlett, Mark Leehy and Kevin O'Mara. ©1995
Based on the play *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare



2019 STANSW YOUNG SCIENTIST PAPER PLANE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

AUGUST 31 – SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



THE UNIVERSITY OF
SYDNEY



2019 PAPER PLANE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Entry Details

Open to any K-12 Australian student who loves to fold and throw their own hand-crafted paper plane.

Age Levels and Qualifying Details

Year Level	Distance	Airtime
K-2	12m	5s
3	15m	5s
4	15m	5s
5	18m	6s
6	18m	6s
7-12	20m	6s

BIGGER and BETTER than ever with medals and \$100 money prizes for Distance winners



State Championships held at the **Sydney University** Sports and Aquatic Centre, Bryden's Showcourts:
a University of Sydney Open Day Event

2019 REGIONAL HIGH FLYERS

Students from NSW, other Australian States & Territories and other countries who can't make it to Sydney, we have a separate competition just for you.

Regional High Flyers Details

You have until midnight Friday 30th August to upload a video of your qualifying distance and/or airtime throw.

Once the judging panel have approved that the throw was not wind assisted, they will award gold, silver and bronze medals for the top three distance and airtime throws in each age group – a total of 36 medals for the Regional High Flyers Challenge.



Organised by the STANSW Young Scientist Committee, who also run the STANSW Young Scientist Awards - NSW's premier curriculum-based STEM competition

web: www.youngscientist.com.au

For more details: www.paperplanes.youngscientist.com.au



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REGISTRATION DAY 2019/2020 Season

Saturday 31st August 1pm - 4pm

Sunday 15th September 9am - 12pm

@ Collaroy Surf Lifesaving Club

**Do you want your children to be confident in the surf?
Learn surf skills and rescue, board paddling and
first aid all while having fun at the beach!
Join us @ Collaroy Surf Life Saving Club.**

Orientation Day – Sunday 22nd September, 9am -10.30am



Find us on
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Collaroy SLSC Nippers or go to www.collarroysurfclub.com.au/nippers

Beacon Hill Cricket

(incorporating Allambie)



Register NOW Online

beaconhillcricket.com



You are invited to play cricket with Beacon Hill Cricket Club.

There are shorter games with less players per team, meaning faster games but more cricket (batting, bowling and fielding) for all players.

Ages 4 and up. Friday and Saturday. Girls and boys, plus Senior (Men's) Cricket.

To find out more about your local club go to <http://beaconhillcricket.com/> or email Peter Horton on peter.horton.au@gmail.com or phone 0407 012 538.



Did you know that you can use an Active Kids Voucher to help fund your cricket registration costs, up to \$100? Did you also know that if you have already used a voucher in 2019, you can apply for a second voucher? Go to <http://beaconhillcricket.com/> to find out more.