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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you of staffing arrangements for 2020. While we are in the process of deciding which teachers will be teaching particular grades, we have been given a teaching allocation for 13 classes for 2020. This information was shared with the St John's Advisory Council on Tuesday night at our Term 4 meeting.

Our class configuration for 2020 is as follows:

Kindergarten - 2 classes; Year One - 1 class; Year Two - 2 classes; Year Three - 2 classes; Year Four - 2 classes; Year Five - 2 classes; Year Six - 2 classes.



Arrangements for PE, Music/Drama and Library remain at 2019 allocations and we are currently advertising for someone to fill the role of Learning Support Teacher which will take on a new name in 2020 - Teacher of Diverse Learning Needs.

I am very grateful to the Catholic Schools Office for this allocation for next year. These allocations will be discussed further at next week's Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting.

School Hall

Parents, staff and children are interested in what is happening with our school hall renovation. As you are aware, the Catholic Schools Office is providing funding for the refurbishment of the hall which includes a new concrete floor, paint and some electrical upgrading including fans and lighting. The school, with the help of our P&F will provide new audio visual and sound equipment along with portable seating and tables. The old timber flooring as been removed. We are awaiting instructions concerning the safe removal of subsoil prior to piers and form work being constructed to carry a full concrete slab. We expect work to begin within the fortnight on these aspects of the build and will keep you informed about the process involved once we know.

Mission Day

Tuesday saw great excitement at St John's as the children took part in our annual Mission Day. Our children supported a range of worthy local causes by organising a variety of activities for their school friends to enjoy at a small cost. The morning was great fun for the children and I believe they can feel very satisfied with the support and compassion they showed towards others.

Advisory Council Positions Available

Finally, we have three parent positions available on the St John's Advisory Council. This group advises me on policy and community issues and is particularly interested in providing stewardship for the mission and vision of our school. We meet at least once per term with an option to meet more often according to need. We use discernment processes in our decision making. Any parent interested in coming onto the Advisory Council from 2020 is invited to contact me by phone or email to express interest by Friday, November 22nd. Once this is done I will arrange contact to discuss the purpose and process of the council.

Have a great weekend,

Principal - Mark Bateman

Thurs 28th Nov

Class Mass 4B & 4W 9:30am Advisory Council Dinner 6pm

Fri 29th Nov

Volunteer Afternoon Tea 2pm

Thurs 5th Dec

Playgroup - 9:30am - Room 1

Sat 7th Dec

Whole School Parish Mass

Wed 11th Dec

Year 6 Graduation Liturgy & Celebration

6:30pm

Thurs 12th DecSeasons Liturgy

Fri 13th Dec

Year 5/6 Surf Awareness

Wed 18th Dec

Last Day of Term 4

DIARY

Week 5 Term 4 Mon 11 Nov	Week 5 Term 4 Tues 12 Nov	Week 5 Term 4 Wed 13 Nov	Week 5 Term 4 Thurs 14 Nov	Week 5 Term 4 Fri 15 Nov	Week 5 Term 4 Sat/Sun16/17
Remembrance Day	Hockey Clinic 4B &		Kindy Transition	Kindy Transition	Parish Family
Liturgy 8:45am	4W		Session 4	Session 4	Mass - Yr 4 &
Hockey Clinic 3B,			9:30am-	9:30am-	Blessing of Kinder
3/4W, 6B, 6W	P&F AGM - Library		10:40am	10:40am	2020
				Hockey Clinic 2B,	Sat 5pm
				2W, 5B & 5W	
Week 6 Term 4 Mon 18 Nov	Week 6 Term 4 Tues 19 Nov	Week 6 Term 4 Wed 20 Nov	Week 6 Term 4 Thurs 21 Nov	Week 6 Term 4 Fri 22 Nov	Week 6 Term 4 Sat/Sun23/24
Hockey Clinic 3B, 3/4W, 6B, 6W	Hockey Clinic 4B & 4W		Playgroup – 9:30am - Room 1	Hockey Clinic 2B, 2W, 5B & 5W	

AWARDS



Awards are presented on Friday:

K-6 awards will be presented on the softfall at 8:40

(or in classrooms in case of wet weather)

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

Strength & Gentleness Levi (1W)

КВ	Deyron D Luca G Marcus L	3B	Matthew C Tyler J Scout M	5W	Ava H Philippa P	Sports Tom W (1B)
1B	Fleur D Mitchell J Tom W	3/4W	Bailey G Hannah J	6B	Taylah P Rose R Olivia S	Fin H (4W)
1W	Moana-Lisa P Nathan W	4B	Olivia B Zachary C Piper C	6W	Ruby C Domenic C Anthony M	Creative Arts Jeremy B (3B) Matthew C (3B) Jimmy J (3B) David M (3B)
2B	Senuk R Zali T	4W	William B Heath D Gianni D	5/6F	Rachael	Library Angus M (KB)
2W	Lucas J Owen N Tobias P	5B	Jasmine L Cameron O	Rock & Water	Ella T (6W)	Gemma T (3/4W)

PARISH INTERCULTURAL DAY – SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER @ ST JOHN'S

The parish are very excited about Sunday's Intercultural Day. Bishop Anthony is coming to celebrate Mass at St John's at 10:00am. This will be his first Parish Mass as Bishop of Broken Bay!

We are really looking forward to our Choir and Band performance on Sunday. Mr Frazer and Ben will meet everyone in the back playground from about 11:15. (Parking may be difficult on the day – there is no parking in the school grounds – so allow time.)

<u>If you are attending the Mass</u>, would you let me know <u>christine.dunk@dbb.catholic.edu.au</u> as the Parish would like to have the children help with the offertory procession.

MISSION DAY

Congratulations to everyone who contributed to making our Mission Day so successful! The rain stayed away when we needed it to and we were able to go ahead with all of the planned activities – sometimes being creative in solving location issues!

Once again, we have been blown away by the generosity of our children – doing extra chores to earn their money, putting in \$10 and not wanting change, taking on extra shifts running stalls, sharing a token with a friend who has run out....











PARISH FAMILY MASS - BLESSING OF OUR 2020 KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN

Year 4 will be hosting this special Parish Family Mass next Saturday 16th at 5pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to make our new Kindergarten children and their families feel a part of the St John's community. We hope that lots of families will join us to make this a special occasion.



If you have a child in Year 4 and have not yet RSVP'd, please use this link ASAP as we are allocating ministries to the children: https://forms.gle/Rvxir88gpWzufJhb9

For catering purposes, if you don't have a child in Year 4 but you will be joining us for the sausage sizzle – please use this link to let us know how many sausage sandwiches your family needs: https://forms.gle/v3d1sgo2T9b8m6PC7

CATHOLIC WORLDVIEW PHOTO COMPETITION

Congratulations to our talented St John's students who won their categories in the Catholic Worldview Photo Competition this year.

Hannah (3/4W) took first place in the *Nature* category and Hugh (5B) took first place in the *Places* category. They will attend a special presentation for all the winners next Friday.



TEACHING AND LEARNING

WASTE AUDIT

This Monday Year 2 and the Environment Team conducted a Waste Audit to see what waste goes into our bins and how we can manage it. We came prepared with gloves and sorted the rubbish into various bins. The whole school also looked at their lunchboxes and recorded how much waste is generated from wrappers, including soft plastics, paper and foil.

We were surprised how much waste is generated at recess, with soft plastics outnumbering most of the waste. Unfortunately, our Waste Services for the School does not recycle soft plastic, however we know Coles and Woolworths provide this service. Mrs Navarro happily took a compressed bag to the shops to do her bit for the environment. I wonder what we all could do to make our world a better place??

We are hoping to repeat this exercise in 6 months to see if there is a change in the amount of rubbish.

We also took the initiative this week to reduce waste by using a large soy sauce bottle instead of the small fish plastic sauces. We have noticed a reduction in fishy plastic waste which is a big tick for the environment.

Check out the video on our Facebook page, you can also see some of the amazing iMovies made by Year 2 to persuade us to live a greener, plastic free life.



YEAR 6 DEBATING

Our Year 6 students have been enjoying some in-class and inter-class debates over the last few weeks in preparation for their debate against our sister school St Kevin's. We have so many talented researchers, writers and speakers, it was very hard to choose a team! Tomorrow's topic is "Social networking platforms cause more harm than good." St John's will be arguing in the affirmative – so agreeing with the topic. Have a chat with your children/ partners/ family at home tonight – what are your thoughts on the topic? Can you think of arguments for and against? We'll let you know how the team go!



We have received the ICAS certificates for Digital Technology, Science and Spelling Bee. These will be presented to children at Monday's prayer assembly in the Church. Congratulations to all participants!

HOCKEY GALA DAY

On Wednesday, Year 5 and 6 went to the Hockey Gala Day. We were so lucky to have great weather. We all had so much fun and tried our best. We had great sportsmanship and teamwork. We would like to say a very big thank you to all the parent helpers who came and cheered us on during the day. Special thanks to Mr Dunstan who umpired many games. At the end of the day, we all had smiles on our faces!

By Rose and Charlotte Y









Stage 2 Maths Fun

Today in stage 2 we had lots of fun practising our measurement skills. We all made a paper plane, then we measured the length of the plane from tip to tail in cm and mm as well as the wings. We looked for any angles to measure. We found acute, obtuse, right and straight angles. Next, we all went outside to fly our planes. We used metre rulers and trundle wheels to see how far our planes went. We had a great time trying to beat our partners and use the equipment to measure our distances.









Join The St John's Musical Ensemble!

Ever wanted to learn a new instrument but didn't know where to start?

Are you interested in learning trumpet/clarinet/saxophone/flute/euphonium?

Did you know that St John's has a number of these instruments here at school just waiting for people to use them!

Now we have a special offer to any budding musicians who may be willing to join the school band through learning one of these instruments!

If you agree to take lessons at Evergreen Music – www.evergreenmusic.com.au – you get to use one of the school instruments as your take home instrument free of charge! Even though the instrument will remain the property of St John's, it will be yours to take home for as long as you are a member of the school band and continue to take lessons with Evergreen. That's right, no hire charges!

Contact Mr Frazer at school – <u>anthony.frazer@dbb.catholicedu.au</u> or Evergreen Music - info@evergreenmusic.com.au for more details.



The Advisory Council invite the parent community to join our children in Mission Month and do something extraordinary for mission. Our children have all selected a charity to contribute to for mission. Parents on the Advisory Council have selected "Share the Dignity", a women's charity that makes a real difference to homeless women and victims of domestic violence. Share the Dignity will be donating bags full of essential items for women and girls they assist. You can put a complete bag together or donate items that we will put the bags together. Suggested items to donate include:

- Handbag you no longer use and/or
- Items for the girls and women, such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, tissues, hair brush, hair ties, sunscreen, moisturiser, perfume (please only donate new items).

We welcome parent involvement in the spirit of Mission Month and hope the parent community will participate to make a difference, especially for the women and girls assisted by this charity. Donations can be dropped off at room 13. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please drop off all items by Friday 15th November (next Friday). Thank you.







ST JOHN'S ANNUAL CHESS COMPETITION

The St John's Annual Chess Competition will be held this year on *FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER*. This will be an all-day competition held in the school Library.

Children planning to enter the competition are required to have an understanding of how each piece moves and the objectives of the game. Please complete the entry form (attached to newsletter). Payment of \$5.00 per student entering is to be made via **Qkr** – this covers award costs. A trophy will be awarded to a winner in each year with 2nd & 3rd places to receive medals.

Any parents are welcome to assist with the chess competition - for the whole day or half day (parent volunteers do not need to know how to play chess). If there are not enough helpers the competition may not be able to go ahead.

For further information please contact Rachael Crookwell on 0408 627 270.

Entry form is attached to this newsletter or can be obtained from the office.

Please return the completed entry form to the school office by <u>Friday 22nd November</u>. Entry forms will not be registered until Qkr payment made.





News and information from the St John's Narraweena Parents & Friends Association

P&F AGM – Tuesday 12th November at 7:00pm Call for nominations – St John's P & F Executive Committee 2020

In line with the P & F Constitution, all Parents & Friends Executive Committee roles will be declared open at this Term's AGM. As such, nominations are now open for the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary.



If you are passionate about our school and our community, we encourage you to apply! If you have any questions, 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

Voting and appointments will take place at our annual AGM, Tuesday 12th November, 7pm in the school library.

A big thank you - Bunnings BBQ



From all of us at the P&F, we'd like to send out a **BIG** thank you to all the volunteers that set up and manned the Bunnings BBQ on the weekend, and all those that came by to say hello and buy a sausage sandwich! It was a great day; we raised a lot of money for the school and even managed to sell a few of the school cook books!

Thank You!

Saartje, Matt, Russell, Jo, Shirley, Linda, Gen & Caroline

Northern Beaches Council's Christmas Choral Concert

This concert is being held at Manly Oval on Thursday 5th December.

This free event features choristers from local schools, choral societies and drama and singing schools; plus over 120 local residents led by Ms Margi Coen of the Sydney Vocal Arts Centre.

The official Christmas Choral Volunteer callout – is attached at the bottom of the newsletter.