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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

I have been asked about student leadership at St John's.

I believe our children have plenty of opportunity to be involved in leadership aspects of daily school life. Actions which seek to build up our community and which influence for the common good could be attributed to socially mindful leadership – things evidenced in the Gospel all the time, and qualities for our children to aspire to. At the heart of leadership is service to others and the building of positive, life giving relationships. These thoughts turn us away from the importance of power or status and more towards a communal focus.



So how do our formal student leadership structures reflect these positive ideas? Our Student Representative Council (SRC), with class representatives K-6 discusses ideas from their respective classes about what is working in our school, what needs improving along with new ideas to consider. Our waste management work has come from this as have many of our social actions. Our senior buddies bring our youngest students gently into the life of St John's as they care for and nurture them.

This morning, our Year 4's did such a beautiful job at helping our new Kinder students be introduced to liturgy and prayer at the Kinder transition session. When our new Kinders begin school, these Year 4's will become Year 5 buddies and will continue the circle of St John's life in that role.

Each student in our Year 6 class nominated this year to be involved in one of the following teams - Citizenship, Playground, Creative Arts, Environment, Library, Mission, Technology, Wellbeing. In this way, they have an opportunity to make a contribution to the greater good of their community – an important Catholic social justice principle.

Each week a different grade leads our prayer assembly, always with an important theme and a Gospel message for each of us - a wonderful act of leadership in faith, thoughtfulness and purpose.

Our captains and vice Captains lead our assemblies, represent our school at special occasions, welcome and thank special guests and chair our SRC meetings. Our Colour House captains inspire their school mates to take part in school activities, they encourage participation and they lead the cheering at our sports days. While these are more formal roles, they too, are based in community action and relationship building. It is therefore, important, that student leaders coming into these roles are aware of the expectations and the qualities that are important to us as a community.

For this reason, we do not vote for students to fill these roles. Instead, a process of discernment with the Year 5 children is used. As a result of discussion and understanding about what is expected in the role, we are able to identify those who have consistently demonstrated the qualities identified. Once a group of students is identified, nominations are taken to the staff for their consideration and following their feedback a final decision is made about who may be the most appropriate fit for the role.

There are many daily examples of student leadership that we see in so many ways on the playground and in our classrooms and there are often challenges that need to be made as well. As we approach the end of the year, we give thanks for our leaders and the contribution made to our community and we pray for a nurturing heart to be evident in our new student leaders as they prepare for their new leadership roles.

Best wishes for a great weekend

Principal – *Mark Bateman*

Thurs 5th Dec

Playgroup – 9:30am - Room 1
Reconciliation 4B & 4W

Sat 7th Dec

Whole School Parish Mass

Wed 11th Dec

Year 6 Graduation Liturgy & Celebration
6:30pm

Thurs 12th Dec

Seasons Liturgy

Fri 13th Dec

Year 5/6 Surf Awareness

Mon 16th Dec

Talent Quest - Final

Wed 18th Dec

Last Day of Term 4

DIARY

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
<i>Year 1 Prayer Assembly 8:45 in the church Hockey Clinics 3B, 3/4W, 6B, 6W</i>	<i>Hockey Clinics 4B & 4W</i>		<i>Playgroup – 9:30am - Room 1</i>	<i>Hockey Clinics 2B, 2W, 5B & 5W</i>	
Week 7 Term 4 Mon 25 Nov WELLBEING WEEK	Week 7 Term 4 Tues 26 Nov WELLBEING WEEK	Week 7 Term 4 Wed 27 Nov WELLBEING WEEK	Week 7 Term 4 Thurs 28 Nov WELLBEING WEEK	Week 7 Term 4 Fri 29 Nov WELLBEING WEEK	Week 7 Term 4 Sat/Sun30/1
<i>3B & 4B Prayer Assembly 8:45 in the Church</i>			<i>Class Mass 4B & 4W 9:30am Advisory Council Dinner 6pm</i>	<i>Volunteer Afternoon Tea 2pm</i>	<i>ADVENT BEGINS</i>

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	<i>Madeline K (4W)</i>
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KB	Zachary A Toby O Evelyn V	3B	Giselle L Chloe N Blake W	5W	Max C Ruby N	Sports
1B	Cerys G Leo O	3/4W	Brooke H Smith O	6B	Max K Banjo L	Creative Arts
1W	Ethan C Lincoln T	4B	Christopher A Natalia M Sophia V	6W	Alessia M Piper M Edie P	Library
2B	Ollie B Charlie P	4W	Emma H Isla P Carys P	5/6F	Oscar	
						Library
2W	Livia D Andre D Luke M	5B	Scarlett M Khyla M	Rock & Water	Amelia H (5W)	

SPIRITUAL NEWS

PARISH FAMILY MASS – BLESSING OF OUR 2020 KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN

Year 4 will be hosting this special [Parish Family Mass this 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.



KINDER 2020 LITURGIES

Our Year 4 students are welcoming our Kinder 2020 children as part of transition this week.

Today, we began with a liturgy in the library, did a special activity together, and then went to the church to practice for Saturday night's Mass.

4B get to do it all again tomorrow with our second Kinder 2020 group.



PARISH INTERCULTURAL DAY

A huge thank you to all the families who came along to support the day. It was very special and our children's performances in the choir and the band were definitely highlights. (Big thanks to Mr Frazer and Ben for helping us out!) Life is busy, and we really appreciate you taking time out to support this event.



TALENT QUEST UPDATE

The program for the Talent Quest is available on the [Weebly](#) as well as in the Library windows. Please note: There have been changes for next week.

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. That's right, no hire charges!

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



Save the date

Year 6 Parents Social Night

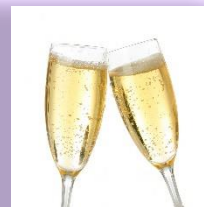
Wednesday 27th November from 7pm.

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Stay for a drink or stay for a meal. We would love to see you there!

RSVP to your class parents

Vanessa, Carol, Giuseppina and Raff



Live Life Well @ School

LUNCHBOX IDEAS



Receive fortnightly e-newsletters by
sending your name, email address and
postcode to lookatlunches@gmail.com

Let's Look at Lunches is a Northern NSW Local Health District resource



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Local Health District



Lifeline Saving
Lives

Crisis Support. Suicide Prevention.

GIANT BOOK FAIR

Brookvale

St Augustine's College – Sydney
Federal Parade

November 22-24

Friday 4-9

Saturday 9-5

Sunday 9-2