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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Our Year 1's presented a beautiful assembly on Monday morning which highlighted the trust and commitment Mary had towards Jesus and the path that God had chosen for her. As we approach the season of Advent; a time for us to prepare for the birth of Jesus, we share in Mary's anticipation and thinking about how to be best prepared for the birth of her son. Advent begins December 1st.

Right now is a great time for us as parents and teachers to think about how we can develop a sense of preparation in our homes as the beginning of the season approaches. Advent calendars are a great way to build a sense of anticipation in the children. Reading the story of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem at bedtime is another way to help them enter into this special time or reading some of the Advent stories during the season could be of interest. Gradually decorating the house as we move toward Christmas time can also build a sense of anticipation.

We will share more ideas with you as this beautiful time draws near.



A quick update on where we are with the hall.

All contaminated materials have been safely removed from the subfloor of the hall. The builders are currently installing the piers that will hold the suspended concrete floor. This process should take about three weeks. We are pleased with the progress that has been made this week and will give you a further update once the suspended slab has been installed.

Further on in today's newsletter, Ms Ingram provides some helpful information to you about a change in our student reports. The Achievement section of the report has been revised by the Catholic Schools Office and a new achievement code is explained. Please read this section carefully.

Finally, all families were sent an invitation via Compass to our Volunteer Afternoon Tea next Friday, November 29th in the library. This is for any parent who has volunteered during the year and an opportunity for us to say 'thank you' for the assistance we receive.

Have a great weekend,

Principal – *Mark Bateman*

Wed 11th Dec

Year 6 Graduation Liturgy & Celebration

6:30pm

Thurs 12th Dec

Seasons Liturgy

Fri 13th Dec

Year 5/6 Surf Awareness

Tues 17th Dec

Talent Quest – Final - @ St Paul's, Manly

Wed 18th Dec

Last Day of Term 4

DIARY

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
3B & 4B Prayer Assembly 8:45 in the Church			Class Mass 4B & 4W 9:30am Advisory Council Dinner 6pm	Volunteer Afternoon Tea 2pm	ADVENT BEGINS
Week 8 Term 4 Mon 2 Dec	Week 8 Term 4 Tues 3 Dec	Week 8 Term 4 Wed 4 Dec	Week 8 Term 4 Thurs 5 Dec	Week 8 Term 4 Fri 6 Dec	Week 8 Term 4 Sat/Sun7/8
Kinder Prayer Assembly 8:45 in the Church			Playgroup 9:30am Room 1 Reconciliation 4B & 4W		Whole School Parish Advent Mass 5pm Saturday

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	Lennox D (4B), Ella D (6W), Abbie D (4B)
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KB	Alessia G Alfons M Sethum R	3B	Jimmy J David M Ellison T	5W	Matthew H Jacob O	Sports
1B	Joshua A Alessandro C	3/4W	Angus B Jasmine L	6B	Gabriella B Sarah D Ines M	
1W	Matthew R James S Violet W	4B	Lachlan B Sophie M Massi S	6W	Olivia B Holly D Carys F	Creative Arts
2B	Oscar K Arwen T	4W	Charli B Lukina L Lucas P	5/6F	Joshua	Library
2W	Lucy E Benjamin L Arkie T	5B	Rose Mc Erin W	Rock & Water	Luca A (6B)	

TALENT QUEST – DISCIPLESHIP IN ACTION

Talent Quest is underway for another year. It's such a special event at our school; the teamwork, co-operation and problem solving skills are on display, along with the opportunity to share our gifts and talents with our peers.

It's always important to remember that the Talent Quest is one of the ways that we show our discipleship by carrying out Jesus' mission. Jesus calls us to reach out to those who need our help. So, whether we are performing, working as stage crew or being part of the audience, we are all showing through our actions that we support those who are marginalised.

All money raised through the Talent Quest will go to Catholic Mission.



THANK YOU

Congratulations to the Year 4 children who did such a brilliant job at our Kinder Welcome Mass on Saturday night. I'm sure all of the 2020 Kinder families were impressed by the excellent way they carried out their ministries at Mass.

Thank you to the parents who put their hands up to run the sausage sizzle! We can't offer this type of hospitality without you!

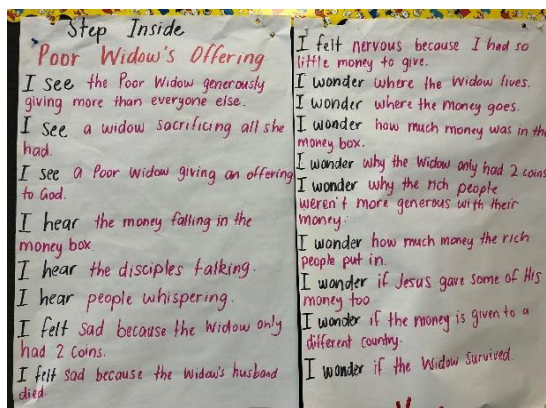
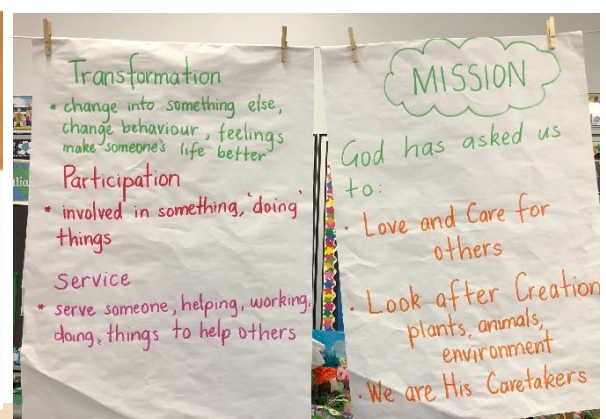
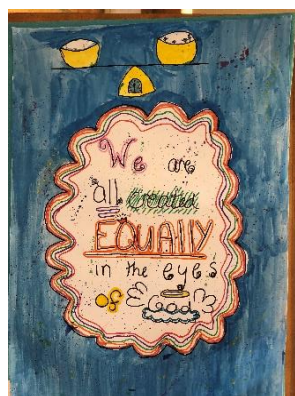
Our **Volunteer Afternoon Tea** is a chance for us to say "thank you" to everyone who has helped us out with sausage sizzles this year – please come along!



SAVE THE DATE – WHOLE SCHOOL ADVENT PARISH MASS

Our final Parish Mass for 2019 will be held on **Saturday 7th December**. We will have **Christmas carols** before this Mass as usual. Everyone is invited to take part.

CHANGING FOCUS – TO ADVENT



As Advent draws near, our focus in RE will shift to preparing for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

We will still continue to use all the wonderful knowledge we have gained to carry out our work as Jesus' disciples.

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

There will be some changes with this year's Semester 2 reports as we have moved to Compass.

The reports will be available via Compass from the end of Week 8. Parents can access the reports via their phone on the Compass app, or via the Compass website on their computers. Please note, if you are leaving the school at the end of the year, you will need to download the pdf to your own computer **before January 2020**.

There has also been a change to some of the wording used in the reports, aligning more closely to the NSW Common Grade Scale from the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

ACHIEVEMENT

Key to Achievement Code (NSW Common Grade Scale)	
Elementary	The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.
Basic	The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.
Sound	The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.
Thorough	The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.
Extensive	The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.

At St John's, we have traditionally used the following language for achievement:

Limited – the student has achieved at a limited level and needs a lot of support in the classroom to engage with the content in this subject area. This is now known as **ELEMENTARY**.

Basic – the student is able to achieve at a basic level and needs support in the classroom to engage with the content in this area. This label has stayed the same.

Sound - the student is able to achieve at a sound/ competent level with the content in this area for their grade. This label has stayed the same.

High – the student is able to achieve at a deeper level and is able to apply their knowledge across the subject or across Key Learning Areas. This is now known as **THOROUGH**.

Outstanding – the student is able to engage with content beyond their grade or stage of learning and show a depth of understanding and ability to apply their knowledge across the subject or across Key Learning Areas. This is now known as **EXTENSIVE**.

EFFORT

At St John's, we have traditionally used the following language for effort:

Commendable – the student displays an extremely consistent effort in the subject. This is now known as **OUTSTANDING**.

Working Well – the student puts significant effort into achieving a personal best and engaging with the content or subject area. This is now known as **COMMENDABLE**.

Works with Encouragement – the student puts in some effort into achieving a personal best and engaging with the content or subject area but can need reminders and prompts from the teacher. This is now known as **SATISFACTORY**.

Needs Attention – the student is challenged to put effort into achieving a personal best and engaging with the content or subject area and needs significant input, support or reminders and prompts from the teacher. This is now known as **NEEDS IMPROVEMENT**.

DEMONSTRATION OF VALUES/ LEARNING BEHAVIOURS

There has been no change to the language used in this part of the reports. The continuum ranges from **consistently** to **rarely**. The starting point for expectations is '**usually**'. Teachers will move students across the continuum based on their experience and knowledge about the child. 'Consistently' in relation to 'Value/ Learning Behaviours' is regarded as a more challenging level to achieve on our report.

ICAS PRESENTATION

We have received the ICAS certificates for Writing, English and Maths. These will be presented to children at Monday's prayer assembly in the Church. Congratulations to all participants!

WORLDVIEW PHOTO COMPETITION

Hannah & Hugh were not the only talented photographers to enter this competition and the certificates for all of the children who entered have arrived. These will also be presented at Monday's prayer assembly in the Church. Congratulations to Taj H, Keeley F, Giselle B, Gabriella A, Elliana A & Aurelia B.

YEAR 3-6 CYBERSAFETY POLICE VISIT

Thank you to the Northern Beaches Police for visiting our Year 3-6 students for some great advice on keeping cyber-safe. Each grade had some time with a police officer with targeted and age-appropriate messages about how to be safe but also respectful and responsible cyber-citizens.

A reminder that MOST social media sites have a **minimum age of 13** before you can create an account. There can be some hidden dangers in many of the different platforms available. A worthwhile resource for parents is to check out the [fact sheets from the Carly Ryan Foundation](#) – saved on our Weebly in the '[Wellbeing – Keeping Safe](#)' section. It has information on apps such as Instagram and TikTok.

We would also recommend all parents (K-6) to bookmark and regularly visit the eSafety Commissioner website - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>



LIBRARY PACK UP – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are replacing the carpet and painting the walls of our library during the coming holidays. In order to get the library ready for its facelift we need some help with packing books into boxes. It's a 'many hands make light work' job! Please click the sign up link below and pick a time to help us out.

<https://signup.com/go/XHHydKC>

Evergreen Instrument Fun

This week, the year 3 & 4 classes had a musical treat when Ben, Ben, and Deb from Evergreen Music came in to have children play all kinds of wind and brass instruments: saxophone, clarinet, trumpet, trombone. (Year 5 will get a turn next week.) Hopefully some of these budding musicians will be inspired to join our St John's mixed ensemble (school band) in 2020. Details about the band are contained in this newsletter, please see below. Children had a *lot* of fun in these classes! Check out more on Facebook and Instagram!



Save the date

Year 6 Parents Social Night

Wednesday 27th November from 7pm

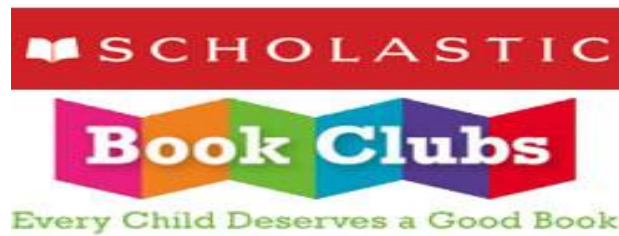
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Stay for a drink or stay for a meal. We would love to see you there!

RSVP to your class parents

Vanessa, Carol, Giuseppina and Raff





Final Book Club for the year!

Use the following link to browse through the magazine.

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/BrowseCatalogue.aspx>

For online ordering please follow the link <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/>

Remember to collect your orders from the office if you request a “gift” order

Book Club orders for Issue 8 are due no later than

Friday 29th November

Live Life Well @ School
LUNCHBOX IDEAS

The poster displays a 3x3 grid of nine different lunchbox ideas, including items like fruit, vegetables, sandwiches, and dips. Below the grid, there is a text box with the following information:

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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GIANT BOOK FAIR

Brookvale

St Augustine's College – Sydney
Federal Parade

November 22-24

Friday 4-9

Saturday 9-5

Sunday 9-2

FREE INSTRUMENT HIRE! (LIMITED TIME ONLY)

St John's have a (limited) number of wind and brass instruments that are desperate to be played by some young musicians.

3 x trumpets
3 x flutes
2 x clarinets
2 x trombones
2 x saxophones
1 x euphonium
1 x bass clarinet



Enrol your child in St John's Mixed Ensemble before December 30th to take one of these instruments home over the summer holidays to get practicing for next year. You can keep the instrument to play all through 2020 **FREE OF CHARGE!**

To bags an instrument (first in best dressed) and enrol simply contact Ben or Deb from Evergreen Music – info@evergreenmusic.com.au

**all members of the Mixed Ensemble must be having weekly tuition with a private tutor in 2020. You can source a private tutor yourself, but if you're looking... Evergreen Music is a great place to start!*



Evergreen Music @ St. John's Narraweena

"be a musician for life..."

MIXED ENSEMBLE



★ enrolments now open for 2020 ★

Vocals / Guitar / Bass Guitar / Keyboard / Trumpet / Saxophone / Flute / Clarinet / Drums & Percussion

Playing regularly in an ensemble is a fantastic way to compliment private tuition on an instrument and helping become a 'musician for life'. Unlike a conventional school 'concert band' line-up, the mixed ensemble is more of a rock/pop band set-up with a larger rhythm section and some rockin' vocalists! Mixed Ensemble rehearse Wednesday mornings, playing a wide range of repertoire from classical to jazz to funk to rock, all presented in a fun and engaging way. The group also perform several times throughout the school year at various events.

Ensemble members are required to have weekly private tuition on their chosen instrument, giving them the skills to function in the dynamic ensemble environment. If you're looking to find a private tutor, Evergreen is a great place to start!

Wednesday Mornings 7.30am in the St John's Music Room

\$20 per student per week (billed each term)

We DO accept NSW Creative Kids Vouchers

For more details and to enrol your child, contact info@evergreenmusic.com.au

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