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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

‘Meet the Teacher’ evenings have been well attended this week and have helped create a connection between home and school at the beginning of the year. Thanks to all parents who were able to attend. For parents unable to attend, we have links to the slide shows for the evenings located on our class pages at

<https://stjohnsnarraweena.weebly.com/>

We want to raise community awareness about the topic of *resilience*. At St John’s we do believe that building resilient skills is important for life and for effective learning. I intend to share some readings and ideas with you during the year via the newsletter. The staff and I will be exploring how we can build resilience into our school culture during the year and will keep you informed along the way. Our hope is that you will also take an interest in learning about how to build resilience in our children along the way. Following is a short introduction to how important your role is along with some things parents can do.

Adult reactions to our children’s everyday hiccups and mess ups are where children really learn their lessons in relation to resilience. Michael Grose makes this point in a succinct article about ‘Daily Lessons in Resilience’. He explores the appropriate use of the ‘Oh, well ...’ Reaction to a hiccup or mess up to times when parents need to provide more tangible support or help. Michael’s article can be found at

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-egSrCCwDeL2cd3qLadiBvCadyaSsAxx/view?usp=sharing>

We gathered as a community in the Church on Wednesday afternoon to celebrate this year’s ‘Welcome Liturgy’. Our new students and staff were welcomed into the ‘Circle of Love’ as part of the liturgy and our Year 5’s received their senior’s badges from Year 6. My thanks to all parents who were able to attend the celebration. Matthew’s Gospel about Jesus choosing the disciples gave us some goals for the year:

- Believe in Jesus;
- Listen to his word;
- Follow his actions;
- During 2020, use the talents and gifts God gave us during the year to love him and others.

Our annual bush dance is fast approaching. This year we move back to St John’s now the hall is usable and onto the back playground. The dance will be held on Saturday, March 7th from 6-9 pm. The event is free with food items on sale. Look at your COMPASS app for further details. The first social event of the year is a good opportunity to celebrate together.

Have a great weekend

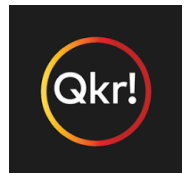
Principal – *Mark Bateman*

At St John the Apostle Narraweena we are RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, SAFE Learners

Communication 2020:

The sources of communication for parents during the year are as follows:

- **COMPASS** notifications via the COMPASS app on your phone carry push notifications and latest events and happenings at school. It is essential that you have access to the app. This is also used for notifying us of student absences, receiving student reports and will be increasingly a major source of communication as various modules are added.
- **The Newsletter** is emailed and sent as a link via COMPASS on Thursday afternoons. It is published to our [school website](#). The newsletter contains our latest calendar, award recipients and school news including photos.
- **Facebook** – our Facebook Page is for those who wish to subscribe and celebrates our student learning along with daily or upcoming events.
- **Qkr!** This app is for purchasing any items through the school e.g. lunches, pre-loved uniforms, school bags, paying for school events and tickets, paying school fees and other associated costs.
- We regularly use Google Forms to collect and send information about events mostly as a link via **COMPASS**.



Assemblies for 2020:

- We will continue to hold our prayer assemblies in the Church on Monday mornings at 8:45. We will also continue holding our merit award assemblies on Friday mornings on the blue soft fall unless the weather requires us to move to the hall. Merit Award recipients have their name placed in the weekly newsletter on Thursdays for presentation Friday. **Strength and Gentleness Award** recipients have their names also in the weekly newsletter but are presented their award at Monday morning's prayer assembly by the Principal.

Use of the hall:

- The hall is now open for use and our **Before and After School Care and Vacation Care** services are back in action. Any bookings of the hall space outside of school hours need to be made through the school office or by contacting sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au. Further work on the hall will be taking place in coming weeks and the hall will remain in use unless there is a safety issue related to work being done. We will plan an opening of the facility once work is fully completed.

Parking:

- Please do not park directly outside the Church on Waratah Parade between 8-9:30 am or from 2:30-3:30 pm. This area is used to drop off and pick up children attending school. Parents using Waratah Parade for pick up in the afternoons are required to register at the school office.
- Parents may drop off outside the school on Alfred Street between 8:15 and 8:30 am. Pick up in the afternoon is not available from this point as it is in use as bus zone. Parking outside of these hours will attract a significant fine from the Rangers. Please note, children arriving before 8:15 am should be registered at Before School Care which is accessed via Waratah Parade.
- All other parking is in local streets. We have a crossing guard and we expect parents and grandparents or carers to model the use of pedestrian safety by using the crossing.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2021 – SPREAD THE WORD

Enrolments are open for Kindergarten children for 2021. Interest in other grades is welcome. We will be holding Open Mornings and Evening this year for interested families. Dates and time are as follows:

St John's Open Mornings

Tuesday March 31st 9:15 am – 10:40 am

Tuesday May 12th 9:15 am – 10:40 am

Open Evening

Tuesday March 31st 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Enrolment forms must be in by the end of May 2019 for 2021. We encourage all siblings to have forms in as soon as possible – this will assist us in identifying available spots for next year.



School Tours can be booked on Wednesdays. Families can also attend playgroup every second Thursday of the month. Please phone 9971 9297 or email sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au for a booking or further details.

Sat 7th March

St John's Bush Dance

Sat 21st March

School Parish Family Mass 5pm

Tues 31st March

Open Day Morning 9:15am – 10:40am

Evening Session 6:30pm - Library

DIARY

| Week 4 Term 1 Mon 17 Feb | Week 4 Term 1 Tues 18 Feb | Week 4 Term 1 Wed 19 Feb | Week 4 Term 1 Thurs 20 Feb | Week 4 Term 1 Fri 21 Feb | Week 4 Term 1 Sat/Sun 22/23 |
|--|--|---|---|-----------------------------|---|
| <i>Year 2 Prayer Assembly 8:45 in the Church</i> | | <i>Kinder Parent info evening 6:30pm</i> | <i>St John's Swimming Carnival – Warringah Aquatic Centre</i> | | <i>Whole School Parish Mass Sat 5pm</i> |
| Week 5 Term 1 Mon 24 Feb | Week 5 Term 1 Tues 25 Feb | Week 5 Term 1 Wed 26 Feb | Week 5 Term 1 Thurs 27 Feb | Week 5 Term 1 Fri 28 Feb | Week 5 Term 1 Sat/Sun 29/1 |
| <i>Year 5 Prayer Assembly 8:45 in the Church</i> | <i>Shrove Tuesday P&F Meeting 7pm – Library</i> | <i>Ash Wednesday Yrs 3-6 Mass at 9:30 K-2 Liturgy at 11:15 in the church</i> | <i>Playgroup 9.30am- Hall</i> | | |

AWARDS



Awards are presented on Friday:

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

(or in the Hall or classrooms in case of wet weather)

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

| Strength & Gentleness | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--|
| KB | Sanji B Georgia F Savanna S | 3B | Noah M Lilah R | 5W | Lachlan B Angus B | Library Charlie A (2W) Erin W (6B) |
| KW | Max E Ava P Estelle S | 3W | Andre D Mia S | 6B | Amelia H Oscar H | |
| 1B | Alessia G Marcus L Sam M | 4B | Luella V Blake W | 6W | Jacob O Philippa P | Creative Arts Ellie W (3B) Gibson G (3W) Cherise E (6W) Sophie R (6W) |
| 2B | Willow B Moana-Lisa P | 4W | Jake F Chloe N | 5/6F | Alex G | |
| 2W | Evie B Josefina H | 5B | Jake D Emma H | | | |

SCHOOL PARISH MASS – SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 5PM

We are inviting **everyone** to join us for our first School Parish Mass on Saturday 22nd February at 5pm.

This will be a Whole School Mass and another opportunity to welcome new members of our school community. We will hold a sausage sizzle after Mass in the back playground. As always, we need some volunteers to help with the sausage sizzle. You don't have to be an expert – there will always be someone there to help you.

Please let us know if your family will be attending so that we can allocate ministries to the children and to let us know how many sausage sandwiches your family would like, by filling in the google form: <https://forms.gle/5hEZvdv8hkPD6BwLA>



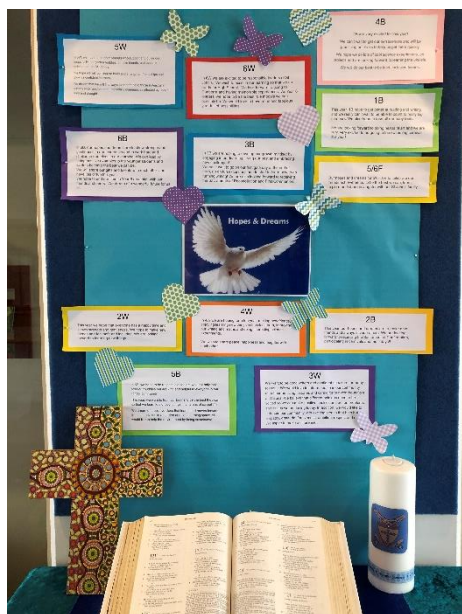
RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT AND INFORMATION EVENING

The Commitment and Information evening for Reconciliation will be held on **Thursday 27 February at 7pm** in St John's Church. All children who have been Confirmed and who are in Year 3 or above are invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Details for the Warringah Parish Sacramental program can be found on the [Weebly Faith page](#).



OUR HOPES & DREAMS FOR 2020



As part of our welcome liturgy, each class shared their hopes and dreams for 2020. We worked together to write these reflections on our combined hopes and dreams.

One of our Core Values is Hope. It's at the centre of our faith – our hope in Christ and what he gained for us through his death on the cross.

Having hope is also central to the ability to be resilient – things can always get better!

HOPE

We will be positive and encouraging in our interactions and display optimism and resilience. We will:

- encourage others
- persist in personal and communal tasks
- show resilience and optimism
- believe we can make a difference to our own lives and the lives of others
- forgive others and accept forgiveness
- accept mistakes as a part of our experience and growth
- trust that God has a future in store for us beyond our knowing

DO YOU HAVE A DRUM KIT (IN GOOD REPAIR) IN YOUR HOUSE?

St John's church would love a better drum kit. The present one is old and in need of lots of repair. If you do have one that is not in use and is languishing in the garage St John's church will make good use of it.

Please contact Jenny Donoghue 0410570398.

SCHOOL NEWS

LIBRARY AND SPORTS DAYS

LIBRARY LESSONS are held on the following days. Please ensure your child has a labelled library bag for borrowing.

| TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY |
|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 1B, 3B, 3W, 6W | KB, KW, 5B, 5W, 6B | 2B, 2W, 4B, 4W |

PE LESSONS AND ADDITIONAL CLASS SPORTS LESSONS are held on the following days. Children are to wear their sports uniforms on these days.

| MONDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| KB, KW, 1B, 2B, 2W | 2B, 2W, 4W, 5B, 5W, 6W | KB, KW, 1B, 3B, 3W, 4B, 6B | 3B, 3W, 4B, 4W, 5B, 5W, 6B, 6W |

SWIMMING CARNIVAL – THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All children in Years 1 to 6 are expected to attend our school swimming carnival next Thursday. Kindergarten will remain at school for the day as normal and year one will come home by bus from the carnival at 11:45.

In adhering to the Warringah Aquatic Centre rules and regulations, children are not permitted to wear face paint/zinc, coloured hairspray or have crepe paper in their hair or as decorations.

It is recommended that all swimmers wear a swimming cap when competing. If you have a cap at home, regardless of its colour or design, your child may wear that, otherwise coloured caps can be purchased from school for \$3 each. Our sport captains have been selling these before school – if you missed out, please see the ladies in the office. Please write your child's name clearly on the cap. This allows the judges and recorders to complete their jobs more efficiently.

Children are to wear their sport uniform and joggers to school, with their swimmers already on (please pack underwear for them to change into after the carnival). They are permitted to wear a coloured t-shirt representing their house colour. Please label **all belongings** including towels, goggles, shoes and socks! It is useful for children to have a plastic bag to put their wet things into after the carnival.

Children who are anaphylaxis please remember to bring your spare epi pen from home.

Updated Asthma forms and medication please return to the office NO later than Monday as we need to finalise all medication for the swimming carnival.

A reminder that children are not permitted to use the canteen at the pool. Parents may purchase goods for their child but each child is expected to remain in the grand stands with the teachers.

Please note, no parents are to be on pool deck unless they have a specified job.

Once again we thank all parents who have volunteered to help out on the day. Please meet Mr Bateman or Mrs Fountain at the pool at 9.15am.

We are looking forward to a fun and successful carnival.

St John's Sports Committee

WORLD SAFER INTERNET DAY

Tuesday 11th February was World Safer Internet Day. We encourage our families to have ongoing discussions regarding how technology, and particularly use of the internet is managed in their households. There are plenty of helpful resources for parents at the **esafety** website - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/safer-internet-day/families> and <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents> with other useful links on the Parent page of our school Weebly - <https://stjohnsnarraweena.weebly.com/parent.html>

LEARNING AT ST JOHN'S

All children have settled quickly into their new classrooms and grades this year and are engaging with the routines of school life well.

The easiest way for parents (and extended family!) to stay up to date with daily life at St John's is via our

- Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/sjannarraweena>),
- Instagram feed (<https://www.instagram.com/stjohnsnarraweena/>), and
- Class Weebly pages (<https://stjohnsnarraweena.weebly.com/index.html>).

Bookmark them all as favourites now!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE – PARENT EDUCATION

Information on parent education options this term are available on the [Catholic Schools Office Parent Education page](#). This page is updated each term with information on parent education sessions and parent activities plus provide useful links to resources and websites to support families.

Jeanie McDonnell, our Family Liaison Officer, will also run parent sessions this year based on requests on the 'Getting to know my child/our family' forms returned to your class teachers.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO ADMINISTERING MEDICATION

Parents please note that if your child needs to have medication administered at school, a form is required by law to be filled out by your doctor with the correct paperwork attached to the medicine (by the pharmacy). The form (and medication) is to be brought into the school before our Admin staff are able to administer medication. This does not only apply to prescription medication but includes Panadol, Nurofen or any other over the counter medications.

This is a Diocesan directive and the MEDICATION POLICY FOR DIOCESAN SCHOOLS SYSTEM can be found on our website under News & Events – Notes.

*Asthma forms were sent home at the beginning of term to all children who have noted they are asthmatic. These forms should be sent back to school no later than **MONDAY 17th February at the very latest**. All children who are anaphylactic or asthmatic are required to have an epipen or Ventolin at school. Please contact the office if your child is no longer asthmatic.*

Parent contact details for class parent

Please enter your contact details in the below Google doc so your class parents have your contact information.

If you choose **not** to enter your details you will not receive important information regarding school or social events from the class parent.

We require this information to be updated annually thank you for your assistance.

<https://forms.gle/Gj3Z8ePqLVZkTX5x7>

St John's P&F

LIBRARY NEWS

Please feel free to drop by and visit our refreshed library space.



Library will be open for students and parents to read, borrow books play board games or draw:

Tuesday 8.20 until 8.40am

Thursday 3.05 until 3.35pm

This week in library we have had a week of love. As Valentine's Day will be happening this week we decided to make it a week of library lovers.



The students in Years 5 and 6 went 'Speed Dating' with books. They spent a short amount of time getting to know a book before moving onto another table with different books. At the end of the session if any of their 'Dates' interested them they were encouraged to check them out, take them home and show them their favourite reading spots maybe even introduce them to their family or talk to their friends about them.

Years 3 and 4 were invited to select a 'Blind Date' to take home. A selection of books were selected by students in older grades and wrapped up so that the students could not see the book cover or title. The students wrote the first line of the book on the new cover. The students were given the opportunity to check out a blind date and take them home to get to know them better.



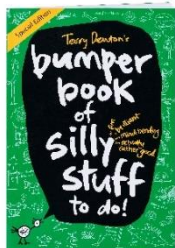
Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 were read a book about love and reminded about how to show love for books by looking after them and treating them with care.



New School Banking rewards now available!

We're excited to share that the new School Banking theme for 2020 is Treetop Savers. All rewards are reusable and packaged using sustainably sourced paper.

Exciting new Term 1 rewards are now available, while stocks last!



Terry Denton's Activity Book



Mini Soccer Ball (size 2)

For every deposit made students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items, in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are two new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our students **we have raised \$610.50 for our school in 2019** through the School Banking Contributions Program. 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

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, **School Banking day is every Tuesday.**



BEACON HILL NETBALL

Players wanted for Winter Competition 2020

NSG PLAYERS WANTED-

8s (Born 2012) - Players required

9s (Born 2011) - Players required

JUNIOR PLAYERS WANTED -

10s (Born 2010) - 2-3 Players required

11s (Born 2009) - 2-3 Players required

12s (Born 2008) - 2-3 Players required

13s (Born 2007) - Shooters required for C grade team

15s (Born 2005) - 2-3 Players required

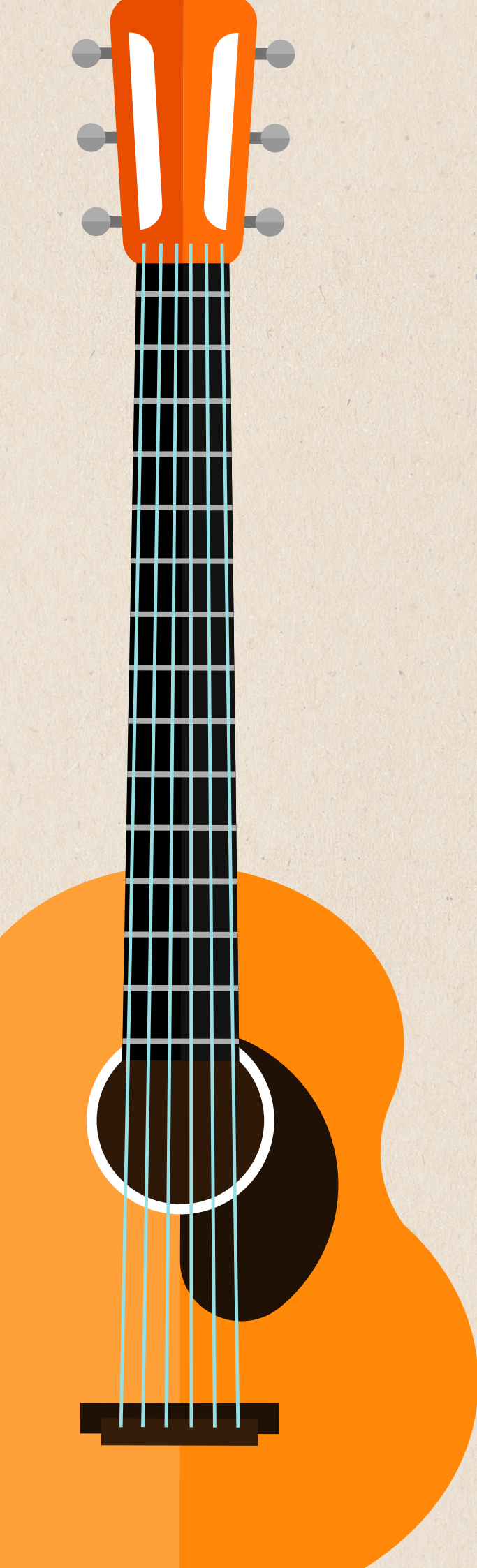
Cadets 16/17yrs (Born 2004/3) - Players required

SENIOR PLAYERS WANTED-

Over35s - shooter required

If you are not yet registered and are interested in playing please contact our Registrar, Sherrie-Ann Greaves, at bhnrego@gmail.com



A stylized illustration of a guitar, primarily orange and black, with white and light blue accents. The headstock is orange with two white vertical stripes. The neck is black with white fret lines. The body is orange with a black soundhole and a white circular border around it. The strings are light blue.

You're invited to St John
the Apostle's annual

FAMILY BUSH DANCE

Featuring:

- Music by Ducks on the Pond
- BBQ & Drinks
- Lolly Bags
- Face Painting
- FREE entry

Saturday 7th March, 2020

6:00 - 9:00pm

St John's playground

Place your food orders via the
QKR! app

ST JOHN'S PLAY GROUP

Play, learn and connect.



An invitation to all children, in our local area ages 3-5 and their parents and carers to play, learn and connect in our newly renovated OOSH room



Thursdays

From 9:30-11am

2020 Dates

Feb 27th, Mar 12th,
May 14th, Jun 11th,
Aug 6th, Sept 3rd,
Oct 29th, Nov 19th.

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**St John's Narraweena
Playgroup**

Come along and

- discover how children learn through play
- get ideas for simple, fun activities you can do at home

Parents/carers are an important part of play-group and are required to remain on-site with their children during the playgroup.

For queries and questions please contact St John's office via phone, email, in person or via Facebook.

After School Climbing Classes

Classes cover:

Climbing games; feet work; body positioning; hands; problem solving & flow

Parties

Includes:

Dedicated party room; party host; easy parking; great coffee

Book online at:

umbrellanineco.com.au

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It's a new year! Where to from here?

Full training. Work locally. Great pay. Flexible hours.



Cerebral Palsy
ALLIANCE



Join our growing team.

Would you like to be part of a team that really makes a difference? Join us at CPA as a disability support worker and enjoy access to world-class learning and development.

Work locally with great pay and flexible working hours, with full training and support provided. Whatever your background, all you need is a driver's licence, enthusiasm, passion and care for others.

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