



166 Alfred Street, Narraweena NSW 2099

9971 9297

sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au

www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au

<https://www.facebook.com/sjannarraweena>

<https://www.instagram.com/stjohnsnarraweena>

Issue No 3 – 20th Feb 2020

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Just a short note of thanks and well done today.

Our St John's annual swimming carnival was held amidst enthusiastic cheering and determined swimming today at Warringah Aquatic Centre. Our Colour House Captains did an absolutely fantastic job at inspiring and encouraging their team members today. It was great to have so many parents come along to support the children and to offer assistance to our teachers. Many thanks to our sport team – Mrs Fountain, Mrs Gillett, Mrs Gorman and Mrs Miceli for organising today's event.

Best wishes for the weekend

Mark Bateman - Principal

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.



Thurs 12th March

Playgroup 9.30am – Hall

Sat 21st March

School Parish Family Mass 5pm

Tues 31st March

Open Day Morning 9:15am – 10:40am

Evening Session 6:30pm – Library

Wed 8th April

St John's Cross Country

Thurs 9th April

Last Day of Term 1

DIARY

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>	Shrove Tuesday P&F Meeting 7pm – Library	Ash Wednesday Yrs 3-6 Mass at 9:30 K-2 Liturgy at 11:15 in the church	<i>Playgroup 9.30am- Hall Reconciliation Enrolment 7pm</i>		
Week 6 Term 1 Mon 2 March	Week 6 Term 1 Tues 3 March	Week 6 Term 1 Wed 4 March	Week 6 Term 1 Thurs 5 March	Week 6 Term 1 Fri 6 March	Week 6 Term 1 Sat/Sun 7/8
<i>Year 3 Prayer Assembly - 8:45 in the Church</i> Northern Beaches Swimming Carnival					<i>St John's Bush Dance 6pm</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	Piper D Mason H Niamh M	3B	Ava C Riley H	5W	Ben F Neve S	Library Savanna S (KB) Alessia G (3B)
KW	Molly C Samara I Adam W	3W	Chloe C Liam F	6B	Hugh C Charlotte C	
1B	Tyler A Ashton C Eva M	4B	Skye B Jack K	6W	Matthew H Ruby N	Creative Arts Antonella B (2B) Dominic Y (5B)
2B	Mia B Levi E	4W	Evan C Giselle L	5/6F	Oscar S	
2W	Violet Mc Ajay M	5B	Jasmine C Isabella S			

SCHOOL PARISH MASS – SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 5PM

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



RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT AND INFORMATION EVENING

The Commitment and Information evening for Reconciliation will be held on **Thursday 27th 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](#).

Lent begins next Wednesday – 26th February

The liturgical year is designed to express and celebrate the different aspects of our lives. There are times of great celebration and joy, times when we celebrate the ordinary things of our lives and times of preparation forgiveness and healing.

What is Lent?

Lent is a season of preparation for the great feast of Easter, a time during which we focus on how we can best be disciples of Jesus. Lent presents us with its challenge to take stock of our lives, to see more clearly what is in our hearts, and to discover what might be calling us out of our comfort zones. It is a time for personal as well as group reflection, a time for entering into 'the wilderness' and grappling with the mysteries of life, through which we prepare for Easter when we renew our baptismal vows and celebrate the greatest mysteries of our faith. Lent encourages us to find the sacred in the ordinary as we look at our everyday relationships with God, with others and with creation.



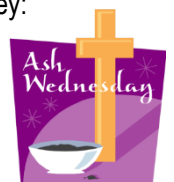
Why "Ash" Wednesday?

On Ash Wednesday Catholics all over the world come to church to receive ashes on their foreheads. The name of the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, comes from the old custom of blessing ashes and marking the foreheads of the people with ashes on this day. The practice was adopted by early Christians from their Jewish heritage where ashes had been used as an expression of sorrow and humiliation. It was introduced into the liturgy and became a formal part of the Roman practice in the eleventh and twelfth centuries.

Today, the ashes are prepared by burning palms from the preceding Palm Sunday. It has become a public sign of communal faith through which Catholics express our connection in the Cross of Jesus, our connection with creation, our connections with those who are suffering and dying, and our place in the living, dying and rising of Jesus.

We will be marking Ash Wednesday in two ways and parents are warmly invited to join us as we begin our Lenten journey:

- Years 3 – 6 will attend Mass with the Parish at 9:30.
- Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will have a special liturgy in the Church at 11:15.



PROJECT COMPASSION

During Lent we are called to participate in **prayer**, **fasting** and **almsgiving**.

We undertake Almsgiving through our support of Project Compassion. Each family will bring home a Project Compassion box next week as a way for us to reach out to our "neighbours". Many families like to work on a "fasting" idea together eg. We will give up dessert during Lent, we will give up renting movies in Lent (we don't have to "give up" food), we will give up ice creams and coffee after soccer, etc. and put the money into Project Compassion. It is often the idea that we give up a luxury so that someone else can have the basic necessities.

SPORTING PROWESS!

How good was the swimming carnival!? Congratulations to all of the children who got involved and had a go. It was great to see you trying hard and supporting your colour house. It's always such a fun day, and we really have some talented swimmers in our midst!



As well as seeing some fantastic swimming action in the pool today, we've got quite a few athletes who are standing out from the crowd in a number of sports. Here's just a snippet:

Athletics



Last weekend, a few of our St John's students competed in the NSW Regional Athletics Championships at the Narrabeen Sports Academy. This level of competition is against children from all across Sydney and the Central Coast in the North/North East Metropolitan area.

Tasman (Yr 3) came 8th in 8 years boys' for shotput and discus. Indianna (Yr 5) came 6th in the 1100m walk in the 11 years girls' final. Abbie (Yr 5) came 11th in the 1100m walk in the 10 years girls' final and also came 8th in discus. Wow! Well done everyone!



Sailing

Chloe (Yr 6) is a keen competitive sailor in Manly Junior sailing competition. Last week she competed in the NSW State Titles at Port Kembla Sailing Club. She competed against children in the same age group and came away with a 1st in the 'all girls' and 2nd place overall! That's amazing!



Soccer

Oscar (Yr 6) is heading off to Barcelona for almost 3 weeks later this year as one of only 9 boys in his age group to be an Australian representative of the Australia BLUA (Barcelona Blue) club for soccer. Oscar will spend a week in pre-tournament training with the Canadian team and then be part of an 11-day tournament against 22 teams from around the world. He is most excited (almost!) about staying in the same hotel as the professional soccer players! Good luck Oscar!



The P&F Gazette

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

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

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

Book Covering

If you are able to spare some time to cover library books it would be greatly appreciated. We can send a small bag of books home for you or you are welcome to cover them in the library. All contact is supplied.

The sooner we get them covered the sooner can get them into your children's hands.



This week in Library Lessons

Stage 3 have begun to look at how to evaluate websites by looking at currency, relevance, authority, accuracy and purpose over this term we will investigate ways checking for each of these areas.

Stage 2 in preparation for next week used search engines to find out the many different names given to Shrove Tuesday.

Year 1 and Kindergarten read books on making pancakes and where the ingredients originated from. You can share the books again at home with these links. [Pancake for Breakfast](#) by Tomie DePaola and [Pancakes, Pancakes!](#) By Eric Carle.

Open Days

St Paul's – Wednesday 26 February 2020 4pm-7pm
Darley Road, Manly

Mercy Catholic College – Sunday, 1 March 2020 11am-2pm
101 Archer Street, Chatswood, 2067

Live Life Well @ School

PARK & WALK or RIDE

Try parking a short distance from your school and let the kids either walk or ride a bike under your supervision the rest of the way.



Benefits include:

- Less traffic congestion around your school
- Extra exercise for you and your children
- Socialising with community members and other families
- Learning important road safety skills
- Children who live too far to walk or ride all of the way can still participate in active travel.

Hold the hands of
children aged up to 10
when crossing roads!



Health
Northern Sydney
Local Health District



**St John the Apostle
Catholic School**

Strength & Gentleness

19 February 2020

Dear Families,

In 2014 we launched our 'Maths and Me at Home' kits and booklet which can be found on the St John's Maths Weebly : <http://stjohnsnarraweena.weebly.com/>. **To access the Maths and Me at Home Booklet click on the Maths tab.** Please contact us at sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au or on 9971 9297 if you have forgotten the password.

Kits are provided free of charge to every family in the school due to the efforts of the P&F.

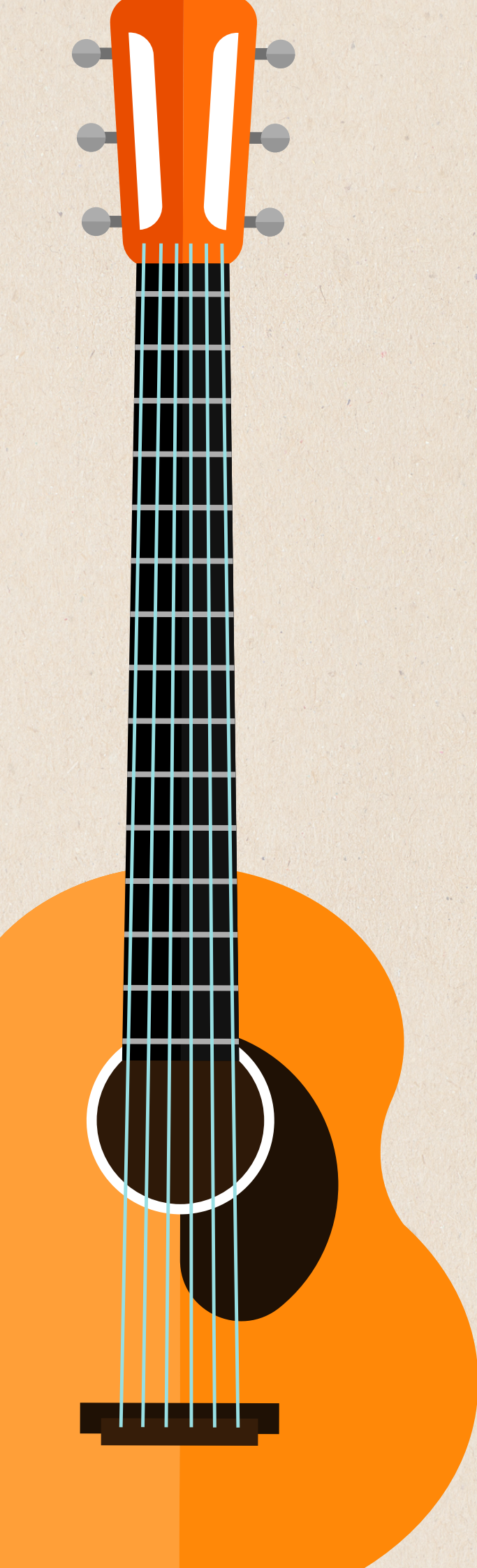
It is important that every family has a complete kit as teachers will set homework and home activities from the kits. We believe each family can share a kit between the children in their family but we appreciate that some families might like to have more than one kit for their children to use.

If you have lost your kit and you would like to order another 'Maths and Me at Home' kit please order through Qkr. Replacement kits will cost \$15.00 each.

Yours sincerely,

Kirstin Blyton

Mathematics Coordinator

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 sound hole and a white circular border. The bridge is black.

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.

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NARRAWEENA

166 Alfred Street,
Narraweena

Telephone:
9971 9297

Email:

sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Facebook:

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.



ST JOHN THE APOSTLE, NARRAWEENA P&F PRESENTS

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS



FRIDAY 1 MAY 2020

Gates open at 5.30pm, movie will begin at 6.15pm

Approximate finish time 8.00pm

Stay tuned for ticket details and the delicious food
options we will have available

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

UNCO
umbrellanineco

