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## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

This is the final day of Term 2 for the children. The staff will be spending tomorrow working with Bishop Anthony and our Interim Director, Danny Casey. Our new leaders will be sharing their vision to 2025 and will discuss key actions for Catholic Schools during that time.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your wonderful support and your patient cooperation during what has been one of the most challenging terms I've experienced. We've adapted to and managed incredibly rapid change. The St John's staff have been true superstars in the way they have cared for your children. I hope they thoroughly enjoy a well-deserved break.

Looking at Melbourne's experience this week, caution and diligence is required by each of us if we are to continue moving successfully back to normal teaching, learning and community life. Please keep up your guard and follow the hygiene and social distancing guidelines in place in our state.

Congratulations to all St John's children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. The children's preparation was interrupted by the pandemic but it was a special time for them as they celebrated with their teachers and classmates this week. Our thanks to Father Rei and Father Emman who led the children through the receipt of the sacrament. Confirmation and First Eucharist are due to be celebrated in Term 3, details of how the preparation for these Sacraments will be carried out will be communicated by the Parish and as soon as we have details we'll let you know.

Term 3 begins Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. This was originally planned as a Pupil Free Day but will now be a normal school day. All Pupil Free Days for the remainder of the year, apart from July 3<sup>rd</sup>, have been cancelled given the time taken by schools to prepare for Home Based Learning at the end of Term 1 and beginning of Term 2. St John's staff will take part in two out of hours, 4-6:30 pm sessions during Term 3, to minimise disruption to the community but to also take part in professional learning which will be worthwhile for your child.

On your return to Term 3, you are advised that drop off and pick up arrangements will continue as they are. K-2 pick-up at 2:55 pm will continue; children catching the Alfred Street buses will leave at 3:00 pm and all other children will leave at 3:05 pm. From the beginning of Term Three, Miss Dunk will not be at Waratah Parade drop off each morning which means children will need to walk into school on their own. Parents are only permitted on site for individual meetings after registering at the front desk. While we will begin with our Prayer Assemblies and Merit Assemblies next term, unfortunately parents cannot attend these events until further notice. We'll continue to use Facebook and Compass to keep you in the loop.

Finally a reminder about the **Parents and Friends Trivia Night to be held Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup>** on line. Christmas in July theme at \$10 per household. See the P&F section for details.

Best wishes for the Term 2 break,

*Mark Bateman* - Principal

Week 1 Term 3 Mon 20 July	Week 1 Term 3 Tues 21 July	Week 1 Term 3 Wed 22 July	Week 1 Term 3 Thurs 23 July	Week 1 Term 3 Fri 24 July	Week 1 Term 3 Sat/Sun 25/26
<b>First Day of Term 3</b>					<i>Sat - Online Trivia Night!</i>
Week 2 Term 3 Mon 27 July	Week 2 Term 3 Tues 28 July	Week 2 Term 3 Wed 29 July	Week 2 Term 3 Thurs 30 July	Week 2 Term 3 Fri 31 July	Week 2 Term 3 Sat/Sun 1/2 Aug
		<b>St John's Athletics Carnival</b>		Semester 1 reports available	

## RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to all of the St John's children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation yesterday (after commencing their preparation in February!) The children were beautifully prepared – thank you parents.





## CHURCH IS OPEN

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Mass is happening – weekday mornings and on the weekends. There is a limit of 50 people in place and you'll find hand sanitiser rather than Holy Water when you enter...but we are able to gather and celebrate the Eucharist. You need to "book in" to reserve your place – phone the Parish Office on 9982 6536.

## BISHOPS ART PRIZE 2020

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If you are staying home in the holidays and looking for something to do...

This year's Bishop's Art Prize is focused on the medium of "film" and on depicting a story from Matthew's Gospel.

Entries must be submitted to your class teacher by 14th August, 2020 (Friday, Wk 4).

Full details of the competition and prizes are available here: [Bishop's Art Prize 2020](#)

There are samples of last year's winners available on the [Faith Activities at Home Page](#) of the Weebly.



## ST JOHN'S ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY

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Our St John's Athletics Carnival will be run differently this year in order for us to meet all health requirements for COVID-19.

Due to the uncertainty of our current climate, the Northern Beaches Athletics Carnival (Peninsula) has been cancelled.

Our Carnival will be run across two venues St John's and Beverly Job Park for track and novelty events. The field events will be conducted during the students' regular PE lessons. Ribbons will be awarded as each event is finalised. The final results will be published when all events are completed.

Parents will not be able to assist or attend this year's Carnival.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS - MONDAY 10 AUGUST 2020

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Put the date in your calendar and make sure your children arrive at school on time and looking their best for our school photos on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August (Week 4, Term 3). Attached to this newsletter is information on ordering online via Compass.

MSP Photography will follow the most up to date COVID-19 safety measures for our school photo day. The latest information we have available is that our photos this year will be a 'composite style' with students photographed individually, and then groups created digitally as a composite.

### ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS INCLUDE:

- ❑ Students will move in and out of the portrait studio area individually.
- ❑ The area will be set up in such a way as to ensure that each individual student will maintain the recommended social distancing guidelines of 1.5m from other students and the photographer.
- ❑ MSP Photography staff will provide instructions to each class upon entry to the photography area. Hygiene and cleaning guidelines used by MSP Photography staff are in accordance with information distributed by the relevant Health Authorities.

**As per all recommendations, if a child is unwell there is no need for them to attend photo day. MSP Photography will provide a catch-up session for students who may be absent on photo day.**

We will keep you updated next term on any further information we receive.

As we finish the term (and get ready for school photos next term!), we've noticed a few variations in the uniform combinations being worn (missing ties, wrong coloured shoes or socks, etc). If you need to make any purchases to prepare for Term 3, the Clothing Pool is currently operating via Qkr.



Please ensure your child comes to school every day wearing a jumper in the morning. There are a concerning number of children without jumpers on in these winter months. Children also must wear their school hat **every day**. Hats should really 'live' in school bags (when they are not on children's heads!). And of course, please ensure your child's name is **clearly labelled** on all of their belongings. When purchasing items from the clothing pool, please remember to change the name from the previous owner. Your help with this is appreciated.

Place an order AND send an email to [sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au) with details of sizes you require. New uniforms can be purchased from Lowes.

Uniform details are on our Website: <https://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-contacts/uniform/>

## UNSW ICAS COMPETITION INFORMATION - CLOSING DATE FRIDAY 17TH JULY

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St John's provides supervision for students wishing to take the ICAS Assessments. The assessments are designed for high potential students to be extended and challenged in a competition environment. The assessments are optional and are charged at a per assessment rate.

In 2020 students have the opportunity to participate in the following subjects:

**Science** (Yr 2-6) – sitting date – Tuesday 18th August (Week 5, Term 3)

**Digital Technology** (Yr 3-6) – sitting date – Tuesday 25th August (Week 6, Term 3)

**English** (Yr 2-6) – sitting date – Thursday 27th August (Week 6, Term 3)

**Maths** (Yr 2-6) – sitting date – Tuesday 1st September (Week 7, Term 3)

**Spelling Bee** (Yr 2-6) – sitting date – Thursday 3rd September (Week 7, Term 3)

Please note – Writing is not available in 2020.

Cost per test: \$15.95 including GST

Parents can login to the Parent Portal to purchase tests for their child/ren.

The assessments will take place before school at 8.00am in the library. Children should arrive by **7.50am** to get themselves organised and logged in to begin the test at 8am. The school will provide the devices, but children should bring headphones for all tests (just in case. It is definitely needed for Spelling). We cannot guarantee that we will be able to make up test times if your child is late or absent.

If you would like your child to participate in any of the subjects listed above, please visit the new online Parent Payment System to make a direct payment to UNSW Global. The Parent Payment System is a simple and secure online payment service specifically for parents to purchase ICAS Assessments.

The web link is: <https://shop.unswglobal.com.au/pages/pps>

Our school's unique access code is: **DKI326**

Online parent payment closes **Friday, 17 July 2020** (this is the last Friday in the school holidays).

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The latest issue of Broken Bay News is issued as an online version.

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# St John the Apostle - Narraweena Photo Day is Coming Up! **Monday 10 August 2020**

## COVID-19 PROCEDURES

**Our priority is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our schools and their students, our employees and the wider community.**

Mindful of the current situation MSP Photography will be initiating a new safe process when taking school photos during COVID-19. This new process has been designed in accordance with the most recent hygiene and social distancing guidelines. Helping MSP Photographers, teachers and students to stay 1.5m apart and no physical contact with students to prepare them for their photo. The sample product on the right is the product your school has chosen.



## How to Order Online via the Compass Portal

Orders are accepted until midnight on **Monday 10 August 2020**.

Orders received after this date will incur an archive fee of \$20

**CONNECT:** Log into your Compass Portal @ [sjandbb-nsw.compass.education](https://sjandbb-nsw.compass.education) to place your order.

**ORDER:** Place your order and you will be emailed a confirmation receipt.

## IMPORTANT

1. ALL PAYMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY
2. For Family Orders – **this is available online when purchasing your individual photos, Payment needs to be made midnight prior to photo day.**
3. WE DO NOT ACCEPT CASH OR CHEQUES





# I AM - EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOP

## FOR KIDS AGED 8-14 YEARS

Through this interactive, playful and FUN 2 day workshop, children will learn, grow and discover who they truly are and how they can be the BEST VERSION of their self in ALL areas of life.

We will focus on exploring the themes of presence, connection, identity and mindset through a broad range of fun, engaging games and physical activities.

The children will leave this workshop having further developed their:

- SELF-AWARENESS
- EMOTION REGULATION
- GROWTH MINDSET
- SOCIAL SKILLS
- CONFIDENCE
- SELF LOVE
- NEW FRIENDSHIPS

FOR MORE INFO OR BOOKINGS

visit [www.theheartofliving.com.au](http://www.theheartofliving.com.au) or  
0421552212

SCHOOL  
HOLIDAY  
WORKSHOP  
14-15 JULY  
2020

14th - 15th July 2020

9am - 3pm

Cost: \$200 (2 days)

Venue: Seaforth Scout Hall,  
SEAFORTH, SYDNEY, 2092





# 1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching



**FREE Course for Parents!**

**An easy 3 step program for Calm, Effective and Happy Parenting**

*It's easy to learn and it works!*

The logical and practical 1-2-3 Magic method can be learnt in **3 sessions**. It is easy to remember and implement, especially when parents are tired or stressed.

1-2-3 Magic allows you to take charge of your home and enjoy your kids by setting limits and breaking down the complex task of parenting into three simple steps. You'll learn tools to use in virtually every parenting situation. The course helps parents to improve the relationship with their children by having children practice managing their emotions, resulting in improved behaviour. Children will ultimately become more resilient and make better choices.

**Where:** Zoom Event: Code will be sent after booking.

**When:** Consecutive Mondays – 27<sup>th</sup> July, 3 & 10<sup>th</sup> Aug.

**Time:** 6.30pm – 8.30pm

**Cost:** \$12 for a workbook covering the 3 sessions

**Queries:** School office 9971 9297



## BOOK TODAY!

**This is a free event, but bookings are essential as places are limited.**

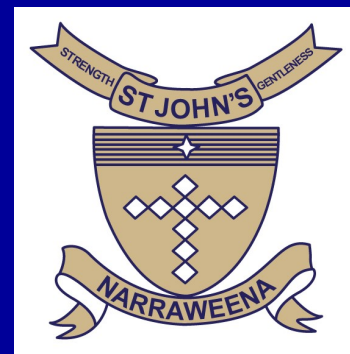
Visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BKFPH>



The workshop will be led by **Jeanie McDonnell, Family Liaison Officer** for St John the Apostle. Jeanie is also a member of the Diocesan Parent Education Team, delivering parenting workshops such as *The Resilient Child*, *Social and Emotional Learning* and *1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching* across Northern Beaches schools.

# 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

Aug 6th, Sept 3rd,  
Oct 29th, Nov 19th.

Bookings essential:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BKFPA>

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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.