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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents / Carers,

This morning we welcomed a group of 20 pre-schoolers to St John's for the first of four **'Leap into Learning'** sessions. The play based sessions are designed for children enrolled at St John's for 2021 or for those thinking about enrolment with us. They are run by our Kindergarten teachers with each session having a particular theme. Our next session, **'My Creation Station'** is being held **September 3rd** and will focus on using our big and small muscles. Due to high demand for places we will now be running two sessions (9:30 and 11:30 am), on each of the advertised dates so more spots are now available. **Registration** can be found on our **Website** <https://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/is-your-child-ready-for-kindy-in-2021/>



Our Family Liaison Officer, Mrs McDonnell is hosting a very popular series of workshops focused on emotional and behavioural coaching for parents – "1,2,3 Magic" via Zoom. The 50 participants from various schools and pre-schools (including St John's) along the Northern Beaches are enjoying learning the practical strategies involved. This free course is a great way for us to build a connection and share something really helpful with our local community.

I am very grateful to have such a talented and generous staff at St John's willing to go the extra mile.

We will be holding a **P&F Meeting next Tuesday evening, August 11th** via Zoom beginning at 7:00 pm. The code for the meeting is as follows: <https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/98892854075>

Please see the P&F section below for information concerning the topics we will be covering.



August 8th is the Feast Day of Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first saint. Mary led an inspirational life. Bringing the compassion of Jesus to the poor and marginalised through education saw her establish a religious order (the Josephites), despite great resistance, and set up schools across Australia and New Zealand, many of them in country areas as well as through our cities.

MacKillop Place in North Sydney is worth visiting, when the chance arises. The museum provides some wonderful insights into a life led by someone who was able to align her values and her actions for the glory of God. The chapel there also holds the final resting place of this great woman and is a beautiful place for prayer and reflection.

Here is a link to her story <https://www.sosj.org.au/our-foundress-mary-mackillop/marys-story/mary-story-beginnings/> Year 4 will lead us in prayer next Monday celebrating Mary MacKillop and we invite you to join in prayer via our Facebook page.

Mary MacKillop pray for us.

Enjoy the weekend,

Mark Bateman - Principal

MATHS CHALLENGE SUPERSTARS:

Each year St John's provides an opportunity for our senior students to take on the Australian Mathematics Trust's annual Maths Challenge. This is a national competition which focuses on children working within a team to demonstrate how they have gone about solving a set of fairly taxing Maths problems. The children have three weeks to solve and present their work. This year all entrants received either a credit or distinction for their effort. Congratulations to our Mathematicians:

Amelia H – Credit Jacob O – Distinction Cameron O – Distinction

Rose Mc – Distinction Philippa P – Distinction Ben F – Credit Alexander M – Distinction

Jasmine L – Credit Max C – Distinction Joy N – Distinction Annika H – Distinction

Thank you to Mrs Douglas, Mrs Jones and Miss Dunk for supervising our students during the challenge.

DIARY

Week 4 Term 4 Mon 10 Aug	Week 4 Term 4 Tues 11 Aug	Week 4 Term 4 Wed 12 Aug	Week 4 Term 4 Thurs 13 Aug	Week 4 Term 4 Fri 14 Aug	Week 4 Term 4 Sat/Sun 15/16
SCHOOL PHOTOS Year 4 Prayer Assembly Online					<i>Saturday Feast of the Assumption</i>
Week 5 Term 4 Mon 17 Aug	Week 5 Term 4 Tues 18 Aug	Week 5 Term 4 Wed 19 Aug	Week 5 Term 4 Thurs 20 Aug	Week 5 Term 4 Fri 21 Aug	Week 5 Term 4 Sat/Sun 22/23
Year 5 Prayer Assembly Online	<i>ICAS – Science 8am - Library</i>	<i>St John's Sports Day</i> Parents are unable to attend			

AWARDS



Awards are presented on Friday:

K-6 awards presentation will be available to view on our [Facebook page](#) at 8.30am Friday morning.

KB	Sanji B Felicity H	3B	Luke M Josh D	5W	Ben F Isla P	Library Jensen (2W) Lilah (3B)
KW	Isla H Darren A	3W	Cristiana G Tobias P	6B	Claudia G Jasmine L	
1B	Eliza B Eva M Alexander C	4B	Skye B Lachlan Mc	6W	Ava H Jacob O	Creative Arts Fawn (KW) Zach and Klay (1B)
2B	Mitchell K Cerys G	4W	Crystal L Coddie D	5/6F	Rachel S	Sports Taj (3W) Nelson (6B)
2W	Evie T Teddy R	5B	Jasmine C Gemma T			

MARY MACKILLOP – ST MARY OF THE CROSS

This Saturday we celebrate the Feast of Mary Mackillop, our first Australian saint. I sometimes have to remind myself that this cohort of children have only ever known her as a saint. This October will mark the 10th anniversary of her canonisation. Year 4 have prepared a beautiful prayer assembly to celebrate the Feast and it will be available to share on [Monday morning 10th August](#).

Mary has always been recognised as special by Catholics in Australia, but I can't help but wonder what she would have made of all the fuss of becoming an actual capital S saint!

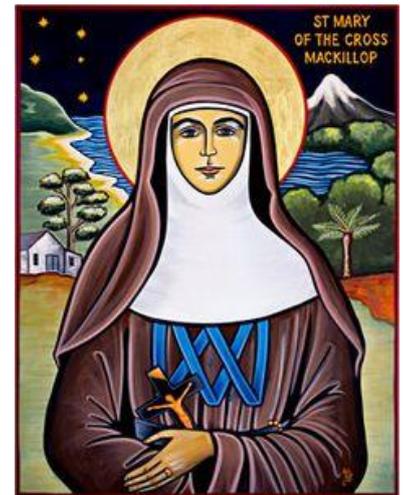
She was a woman of action, and her actions were all about God and others. Mary pursued her dream of education for the poor regardless of the barriers and difficulties she faced along the way. If saints are meant to be role models for us, Mary certainly fits the bill.

Of the many wise sayings we attribute to Mary, the one we are probably most familiar with, is Mary's motto for life: ["Never see a need without doing something about it"](#) which is at the heart of our Core Value of Service. It's a value that's not always evident in today's world where people can seem more interested in looking after themselves, than others. Mary would be glad to know that service is so highly valued at St John's.

There is another of her sayings that I find really useful when facing difficulties:

["Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God."](#)

Wise words indeed!



LOOKING FOR A WAY TO BE OF SERVICE???

Casserole Club is empty – meals needed now

Thank you to all the families that have donated home-cooked meals to our casserole club. These meals are sent home to our families at times when they are most vulnerable and often very stressed. A meal from the casserole club is not just a practical way of helping community members but it is also a way of showing that we care.



If you are able to donate a meal to us to be passed on to a family in need within our school and parish community it would be gratefully received. Containers for meals can be picked up from the school office. Meal sizes can vary from family sized meals to single or double portions. Popular meals are usually anything that children will eat such as pasta meatballs, bolognaise, schnitzel, sausage & mash, soups and casseroles. All meals are frozen and should be labelled with contents.

Thank you for your donation.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DIOCESE

Bishop Randazzo has issued a message to the community of Broken Bay for Mary's Feast Day which is available [here](#).

You will have received a paper copy of the Broken Bay News magazine. The magazine is also available online: https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_august_2020



Don't forget our St John's **School Photo Day** is coming up on MONDAY! See attached information in this week's newsletter and check Compass for organising payment straight to MSP Photography.

Children should be dressed in full winter uniform, looking spic and span and nice and neat!

Leap into Learning

We had our first Leap into Learning session at St John's today. We began with reading 'Giraffes can't Dance' by Giles Andreas. We learnt from Gerald the Giraffe that if we think we can't do something, we should just have a go. We had so much fun and we finished off dancing with Gerald the Giraffe. It was so nice to meet you all and we can't wait to see you at our next Leap into Learning session.



Singing lessons

One of our dads, Dean Bassett is an incredibly talented Opera singer. Dean is usually busy treading the boards of the Sydney Opera House.

He is offering his services for singing tuition. At present this will be via Zoom but looking forward to this eventually being face to face.

Dean is offering the first lesson completely free of charge with no obligation to continue (unless you want to!). You've got nothing to lose! Please see Dean's contact details below.

Dean Bassett

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Calling paper plane experts!

Welcome to the 'COVID safe' 2020 STANSW YOUNG SCIENTIST PAPER PLANE CHALLENGE.

VIDEO your throw from home and upload your entry by midnight FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST 2020.

All details can be found at the following website:

www.paperplanes.youngscientist.com.au

You also may be interested in the 'Young Scientist of the Year Award', with over 150 awards for Scientific Investigations, Inventions & Innovative Devices, Mathematical Investigations, Software and ICT applications and Robotic projects. Details can be found at:

<http://www.youngscientist.com.au/>

Mrs Gillett :)



The P&F Gazette

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

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Anyone attending will be required to have their video on. Microphones are required to be muted when not contributing. Mr Bateman's section of the meeting will address the following topics:

- Post-COVID St John's including planning for the remainder of the term.
 - o Parents on site
 - o Fee reduction information
 - o Update on CSO directives relating to the pandemic
- Teaching and Learning and how we are dealing with the changes.
 - o Sport update re: carnivals and events
- School plan for running upcoming events e.g. Father's Day and Grandparents Day.
- A COVID plan for Year 6 Graduation at the end of the year.
- School improvements so far in 2020.

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 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