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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm sure our grandparents and special friends felt especially blessed on Monday morning when Year 2 presented their Grandparents and Special Friends Day prayer and on viewing our Class Pages where each class created a special presentation. If you haven't had a chance to have a look at these productions as yet, here are the links to them. The children and teachers have really done a great job at producing the videos and they provide a beautiful insight to our classrooms.

[Kindergarten Weebly Page](#) (KB & KW)

[1B Weebly Page](#)

[Year 2 Weebly Page](#) (2B & 2W)

[3B Weebly Page](#)

[3W Weebly Page](#)

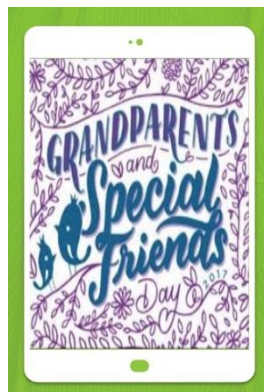
[Year 4 Weebly Page](#) (4B & 4W)

[5B Weebly Page](#)

[5W Weebly Page](#)

[6B Weebly Page](#)

[6W Weebly Page](#)



We were disappointed to not be able to welcome our guests and hold our usual celebrations this year. We hope the alternative has brought you some joy!

Next week the children will be preparing their Father's Day tributes which will take a similar form. The difference will be that the prayer assembly, run by Year 1 but for the whole community, will be shown on Friday morning with tributes to our fathers happening during the day on our Class Pages as well. Check the P&F section for details on the raffle. We have some great prizes already – delicious hampers, a signed Sea Eagles 2020 jersey and more!

I am saddened to inform you of the passing of Joy Grundy, Mrs Coram's mum. Her funeral was held yesterday at Sacred Heart Mosman and was a beautiful tribute to a wonderful lady. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are offered to the Coram and Grundy families.

Many of our parents will remember Mrs Margot Beckett. Mrs Beckett taught at St John's for many years before moving to OLGC Forestville then to a position as Education Officer (Evangelisation and Catechesis) for the Diocese of Broken Bay. Sadly, Margot's funeral was held last Friday and was a wonderful tribute to a lady who was an incredibly gifted and knowledgeable teacher of Religious Education and a most compassionate and caring wife, mother, friend, sister, aunty and grandmother. Your prayers for Margot and her family are also welcome.

In other news, Bishop Anthony has appointed Mr Danny Casey as Director of Schools. Mr Casey will be visiting St John's soon and I look forward to introducing him to our children and staff. Mr Casey and the bishop have already brought significant change to our diocese. Some examples include the introduction of COVID fee relief packages, the establishment of PR positions for our schools and extensive consultation processes which are providing opportunities to engage the hundreds of staff working in the Broken Bay system. Mr Casey is promoting a new vision and pathway for our Catholic Schools. We will keep you posted as the changes occur.

Best wishes for the weekend.

Mark Bateman - Principal

ICAS - Children are to arrive at 7.50am to login and prepare with tests starting promptly at 8am. They can meet Ms Miceli in the library. They can bring headphones and a pen/pencil – they may not be needed for all tests.

DIARY

Week 7 Term 3 Mon 31 Aug	Week 7 Term 3 Tues 1 Sept	Week 7 Term 3 Wed 2 Sept	Week 7 Term 3 Thurs 3 Sept	Week 7 Term 3 Fri 4 Sept	Week 7 Term 3 Sat/Sun 5/6
Fruit and Veg Month begins	<i>ICAS Maths – 8am Library</i>		<i>ICAS Spelling - 8am Library</i>	<i>Year 1</i> FATHERS' DAY <i>Prayer assembly online celebrations</i> <i>Sausage Sizzle at school (children only)</i>	Sunday FATHERS' DAY
Week 8 Term 3 Mon 7 Sept	Week 8 Term 3 Tues 8 Sept	Week 8 Term 3 Wed 9 Sept	Week 8 Term 3 Thurs 10 Sept	Week 8 Term 3 Fri 11 Sept	Week 8 Term 3 Sat/Sun 12/13
WELLBEING WEEK	WELLBEING WEEK	WELLBEING WEEK	WELLBEING WEEK	St John's Public Speaking Final WELLBEING WEEK	

AWARDS



Awards are presented on Friday:

K-6 awards presentation will be available to view on our [Facebook page](#) at 9am Friday morning.

Strength & Gentleness						
KB	Archy N Madeleine K	3B	Alessia G Benji L	5W	Asha F Lukina L	Library Mason H (KB) James C (4W)
KW	Grace J Sofie A	3W	Lucy E Taj H	6B	Chloe C Natalie G	
1B	Angus M Liam C Sethum R	4B	Chelsea H Blake W	6W	Scarlett M Ava R	Creative Arts Lilah R (3B) Ellie W (3B)
2B	Mia B Willow B	4W	Tyler J Chloe N	5/6F	Oscar J	Sports Harry D (3W) Joy N (5W)
2W	Jamie M Hayley W	5B	Aurelia B Madeline K			

SPIRITUAL NEWS

CHURCH AND FAMILY

A disappointing element to social distancing, is that all of our usual "liturgical" events are off.

We were so grateful when we finished Home Based Learning and could be at school together to do our Monday Prayer liturgies and record them for you.

But we miss being together as a school for liturgies, we miss having YOU here for liturgies, we miss our school masses with the St John's community, and we miss gathering for our sacramental programs.

We miss all the ways that we usually gather and share our faith.

But it started me thinking about "*ecclesia docens*" which translates as the "*domestic church*".



Children learn first about God's love by experiencing the love of their family.

I like the way that Archbishop Coleridge describes it:

"The domestic church means to talk about the church as something more than this great big impersonal institution but as a reality that is grounded in communities of human beings and supremely in the prime human community that we call the family."

I took that quote from a short [3-minute video](#) which I think reinforces just how important family is in developing faith. It's well worth a watch and will reinforce what a wonderful job you are doing as the "*ecclesia docens*".

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Despite the events of this year, we are now very keen to put our school band back together! Ben from Evergreen music has told us they would love the band to continue at St John's and for that to happen we need musicians. Whether you are an ex-band member or may be new to playing we would love to hear from you.



*We're thinking of running band rehearsals at **lunchtimes on a Tuesday or Wednesday** instead of before school. Hopefully this will entice more musicians to come along!*

We need at least 8 students to make a real go of it so if you're interested, please let me know via email: anthony.frazer@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Anthony Frazer – Creative Arts teacher

*Graduation bears and soccer balls is now up on Qkr!
Closing date for ordering is Friday 2nd October*



Fruit & Veg Month 2020

Our school will be participating in Fruit & Veg Month 2020. The theme for this year's event is 'Planet Fruit & Veg!'

This year's Fruit & Veg Month is all about looking at fruit and vegetables through the lens of sustainability.

Fruit & Veg Month 2020 runs for the last four weeks of Term 3 – from **Monday 31 August to Friday 25 September**.

Happy Healthy Eating St John's!
Mrs Gillett ☺



Calling paper plane experts! – last day tomorrow

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 :)

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

deanbassett@hotmail.com

0412979763





The P&F Gazette

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

To celebrate Father's Day this year, St John's is holding a raffle!

We need your help to make some great hampers for our Dads.
Please help by donating a small gift.

You or your child can simply pop the gift in the collection bucket at the school's front gates **before September 2**.
Children can also take gifts to the school office.

Each family will receive a free raffle ticket entry so everyone can take part and extra tickets can be purchased at reasonable prices - \$2 each, 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10 – please pay via Qkr.
Proceeds from the raffle will be used to fund a free sausage sizzle lunch for the children with anything left back to the P&F.

Buy your raffle tickets on QKR (sales close **September 2**).

Some ideas for gifts to contribute include:

- nibbles for a home movie night.
- BBQ items
- A baseball cap, key ring or handkerchief
- Scratchies from the newsagent
- Car care items
- Mexican night supplies: salsa, refried beans, taco meal kit
- Nice tea bags or coffee beans
- Gourmet sauces or snacks
- Swimming goggles, a gym towel, golf or tennis balls etc

Use your imagination!



No fresh food items please!

The raffle will be drawn on September 4.

Kind Regards,

St John's P&F

Use your Creative Kids Voucher worth \$100 this holiday at a PCYC Camp

Did you know you can apply for a **Creative Kids voucher** (1 per child) from the NSW Government if you have a school-aged child, live in NSW and are a Medicare card holder. Follow this link to get one:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher>

You can use them for various creative activities, but one idea is to use them this holidays at the Dee Why PCYC School Camps. Here is the link to the overview of activities they are offering this holiday:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher>

The early bird offer is \$60 per day if you book by 29th September. To get the most value out of your voucher, you could book your child in for 2 separate days for just \$20 total if you are quick.

Why not co-ordinate with your class friends so that your child will know other children there and have a better experience.

PCYC School Holiday Program
NORTHERN BEACHES

**8am - 4pm
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EARLY BIRD PRICE BEFORE 21/9... \$20
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TEENAGE WORKSHOPS ALSO AVAILABLE



FATHER VOGT MEMORIAL WRITING COMPETITION ENTRY FORM 2020



Name: _____

Class: _____

Each year at St John's we have a writing competition which was started in 1999 in memory of Father Vogt who was the Parish Priest at St John's when the church was being built.

*Entries for the competition will be accepted from now until Thursday 24th September. The competition winners will be announced during Book Week celebrations. The theme for Book Week this year is **"Curious Creatures, Wild Minds"**.*

Please tick the categories in which you wish your entry to be judged. Entries should be edited and published either in clear handwriting or typed. Please give your work a title. Poems can be illustrated by hand or by using a computer.

CATEGORIES

PLEASE TICK

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Kinder - Best piece of writing- narrative		Kinder - Best illustrated poem	
Yr 1 & Yr 2 - Best piece of writing- narrative		Yr 1 & 2 - Best illustrated poem	
Yr 3 & 4 - Best piece of writing- narrative		Yr 3 & 4 - Best illustrated poem	
Yr 5 & 6 - Best piece of writing- narrative		Yr 5 & 6 - Best illustrated poem	

Kinder narrative - 100 words or less

Yr 1 & 2 narrative - 350 words or less

Yr 3 & 4 narrative - 600 words or less

Yr 5 & 6 narrative - 950 words or less

- Entries should be given to Ms Sheehan, OR emailed to: kylie.cardow@dbb.catholic.edu.au
- Entries must have the entry form attached OR
if your entry has been emailed it should also have your name, class and categories you are entering
- Closing date - Monday 24th September.

Entries must be **your** original work and should be on A4 paper.

Please sign to acknowledge that it is your own work

Good Luck, everyone.



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Ages 4 and up. Friday and Saturday. Girls and boys, plus Senior (Men's) Cricket.

To find out more about your local club go to <http://beaconhillcricket.com/> or email Peter Horton on peter.horton.au@gmail.com or phone 0407 012 538.



Did you know that you can use an Active Kids Voucher to help fund your cricket registration costs, up to \$100? Did you also know that if you have already used a voucher in 2020, you can apply for a second voucher? Go to <http://beaconhillcricket.com/> to find out more.

SIXERS GIRLS CRICKET LEAGUE



JOIN THE FUN!



You are invited to play all-girls cricket with Beacon Hill Cricket Club.



Ages 8-11 is from 10:30am to 12:45pm on Saturdays, while ages 12-16 is from 1pm to 3:30pm. No playing experience is necessary.

There are also other options for girls aged 4-9, including Friday afternoon Junior Blasters and Saturday morning Master Blasters (U/9).

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