

St John's Happenings - Week 5, Term 4

Did you know the St John's What's Happening is always available on our school website for easy access and printing if you'd prefer not to have to jump back into Compass? Click the [link](#)

Staffing Changes 2023:

Mr Anthony Frazer will be finishing up his role as Creative Arts (Music/Drama) teacher at the end of the year. After completing his studies, Mr Frazer is preparing to embark on a new career working in libraries. Mr Frazer has been with us since 2011. He has inspired talent and creativity within our community in so many ways. Our best wishes to him as he stands at the threshold of a new career.

Mrs Jeanie McDonnell's role as a Family Liaison Office will come to an end in January next year. Catholic Schools Broken Bay has developed a new position which will be in place in all diocesan schools. This is explained in the attached file. We are incredibly grateful to Mrs McDonnell for her pastoral support, advocacy and championing of parent engagement at St John's and beyond. She will continue her position in our school office.

Miss Annie Herberstein has taken a teaching position at St John's Freshwater. Miss Herberstein has been an incredibly versatile and energetic member of our school this year and we will miss her very much! Congratulations to her on her teaching appointment.

Important Upcoming Dates

Strength & Gentleness Award will be published tomorrow afternoon

Spelling Parent Engagement Session (Wk 5)

We look forward to hosting our parents in classrooms again to share our learning around Spelling on **tomorrow, Friday 11th November** from 8:45-9:20am. Please meet on the blue soft-fall at 8:45am for a brief presentation about our whole school learning approach and then you will have 30 minutes in the classroom with your child/ren to play a learning game connected to their current spelling focus.

Christmas Carols:

Excitement is building as our Christmas Carol Evening approaches, Friday 25 November at Waterford Hall, St Paul's Catholic College Manly. It is essential children arrive at 6pm. The concert will begin promptly at 6:30pm.

Tickets can be purchased through TryBooking ([link](#)) for \$5.00 per adult or school age child. Toddlers can sit on a parent's lap and will be free but will require ticket to ensure we are aware of numbers.

St John's children are free and do not require a ticket.

Gingerbread House Orders:

We are super excited to be selling Gingerbread Folk house kits this Christmas for \$45. This is a great activity or great gift. Each kit contains 4 walls, roof and chimney, baseboard plus royal-icing mix, piping bag and full instructions. All you need to provide is the lollies. The gingerbread house stands at approximately 16cm high, 15cm wide and 12 cm deep when completed. There is a gluten free option available.

Orders must be made via Qkr! by Wednesday 30 November and the kits will be handed out at school during the week of the 12 December. Get your order in quickly as we have limited supply.

Upcoming Dates- Week 6 (14-18 Nov)

Monday- Year 1 Prayer Assembly, 2:30pm (Church)

Wednesday- Year 6 Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser- Order on Qkr by Monday 14 November

Friday- Merit Assembly, 2:30pm (Hall)

Link to Google Calendar on school website: [Google Calendar – St John the Apostle](#). Please view the google calendar in the 'monthly' overview setting.

Merit Award Recipients

KB- Taeyang L & Juliet S

KW- Zac M & Henry P
1B- Laila C & Marijana M
1W- Alexia A & Zara S
2B- Niamh M & Adam W
2W- Zahlia N & Caterina C
3B- Eva M & Zac A
4B- Joshua S, Antonella B & Violet M
4W- Tom W & Ajay M
5B- Joshua D & Arkie T
5W- Ellie W & Mia S
6B- Hannah J, Heidi K & Aiden M
St Lucy's- Abigail O

Library- Ava P & Barney J

Sport- Emmeline R & Jonathan O

Music & Drama- Hannah F & Nicole J