



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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DIARY

Week 3 Term 4 Mon 24 Oct	Week 3 Term 4 Tue 25 Oct	Week 3 Term 4 Wed 26 Oct	Week 3 Term 4 Thu 27 Oct	Week 3 Term 4 Fri 28 Oct	Week 3 Term 4 Sat 29/Sun 30
Year 2 Prayer Assembly	Taste of Big School			Parent Reflection Group 8.50am Taste of Big School Disco	
Week 4 Term 4 Mon 31 Oct	Week 4 Term 4 Tue 1 Nov	Week 4 Term 4 Wed 2 Nov	Week 4 Term 4 Thu 3 Nov	Week 4 Term 4 Fri 4 Nov	Week 4 Term 4 Sat 5/Sun 6
Kinder Prayer Assembly Year 4 excursion	<i>All Saints Day Whole School Mass, 9.15am</i>		Mission Day	Parent Reflection Group 8.50am Year 3 excursion Chess Competition	

SPIRITUAL NEWS

MISSION

Sunday 23 October is World Mission Day

World Mission Day is celebrated every year in every country wherever there are Catholics committed to building a better world for all of God's people, a world where everyone has all they need to live a dignified and fulfilling life. It is the day on which we reflect on the urgency to proclaim the Gospel in our times.

This term we will be undertaking several Mission activities – looking at global and local issues - poverty, health and the environment.

Week 4 - Mission Day (Thursday)

Week 5 – Candela, Peru Assembly (Monday) and handcrafts stall (Tues – Fri)

Week 6 - Talent Quest heats begin

Week 8 - Christmas Hampers for St Vincent de Paul



the
children's
hospital at Westmead



THANK YOU

We had a wonderful Mass on Saturday night, hosted by Year 2 & Year 3. The children carried out their ministries confidently and reverently, the musicians (thank you Anthony, Kim, Lisa and Richard) was fabulous and there was an amazing team of parents who prepared, cooked, served up and packed up our sausage sizzle.

It was a wonderful community event as well as a celebration of our faith



AWARDS



Please note: No Award Assembly in Week 2 due to school photos

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL PHOTOS

A reminder that students are to wear full summer uniform tomorrow for the school photos. Girls' hair is to be tied back and boys' hair to be neat. Correct socks and school shoes to be worn.

Please make sure that students arrive to school on time as we will be commencing photos at the very beginning of the day.



TALENT QUEST

It's that time of year again when we brush off the dancing shoes, warm up our vocal chords and get ready to share our talents. All information can be found on the entry form [here](#) or attached to the end of today's newsletter.

Points to check:

- 1) If you are performing in a group, please make sure everyone enters the name of the group on their form
- 2) Please check the lyric of songs. This is a talent quest for children aged between 5 and 12 and the song selection needs to be appropriate.

The school is bound by quite strict guidelines in regard to administering medication. A copy of the policy can be found at the end of the newsletter and the application form for administering medication on school grounds can be found [here](#)

DISCO

Last chance to buy your DISCO TICKETS

Come along to dance and have some fun at our

St John's School Disco with DJ Hayden

Friday 28 October 2016

Junior Disco (K - Year 2) at 5pm – 6:30pm

Senior Disco (Year 3-6) at 7pm – 8:30pm

Cost \$6 per child with prizes galore

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE ANNUAL CHESS COMPETITION

The St John's Annual Chess Competition will be held this year on **FRIDAY 4th NOVEMBER**. This will be an all-day competition held in the school Library.

Entry form can be [downloaded here](#) or obtained from the office.

Please return the completed entry form with the correct money to the school office by Thursday 27th October.

2018 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Information is available from the office for parents interested in enrolling their children in selective high schools for 2018 or please visit www.schools.nsw.edu/shsplacement or more information

Applications are open from 11 October to 14 November 2016.

At St. John's we have been using a cloud-based, levelled reading resource called 'Wushka'. Children in Kindergarten to Year 2 have been using Wushka in the classroom and at home and Years 3 to Year 6 in the classroom only.

In 2017, we will be required to pay a subscription, for a licence allowing families to use 'Wushka' at home. The subscription will be approximately \$40 per child, Kindergarten to Year 2, which will be included in the school fees; please note that Wushka will still be free to use at school in 2017. As such we would appreciate parent feedback about how you use of 'Wushka' at home. From the data collected, we will make a decision about whether to commit to 'Wushka' for home reading in 2017. If your child is in Kindergarten, Year 1 or Year 2 please complete the following survey (link provided below). The survey will be open until Tuesday 1st Nov, 2016.

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V7CQGCN>

Thank you for your time and assistance,
Wendy Prentice
English Co-ordinator

P&F NEWS

P&F AGM

The St John's Parents & Friends 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING is being held on Wednesday November 16th, at 7:00 p.m., in the school library and we invite all parents and friends to attend.

If you have any matters to be discussed at the meeting that you would like to add to the agenda, please forward the details to the email addresses below by *Monday Oct 31st*.

We are also seeking nominations for the 2017 Executive Committee:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

If you would like more info please contact:

- * Paul Bedford - P&F President: pbedford2099@gmail.com
- * Peta Sargent - P&F Secretary: petasargent@optusnet.com.au

Being involved in the P&F is a great opportunity to meet other families and get involved in your child's school! We look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM on Nov 16th.

\$598.92 raised through School Banking!



Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our students we have raised \$598.92 for our school through School Banking commissions in 2016. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you're saving a little or a lot. Keep up the great work and remember, School Banking day is every **Wednesday**.

CANTEEN

CANTEEN CO-ORDINATOR FAREWELL

After 8 years of dedicated service and care, Fiona Costa has decided to resign from her position as Canteen Coordinator at St John's at the end of the 2016 school year. Fiona has been a God send to us, training parents, organising the rosters, stocking and monitoring sales, looking after the children and staff and ensuring the canteen is left clean and well organised each day. The excellence award on the canteen door is a just reward for a job well done. Fiona has loved being of service to our community. Sincere thanks and congratulations from the staff, children and parents of St John's.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Canteen is CLOSED every THURSDAY

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<p>W5 Term 4 31 Oct</p> <p>J Slight NEED HELP</p>	<p>W5 Term 4 1 Nov</p> <p>L Morgan N Zaina</p>	<p>W5 Term 4 2 Nov</p> <p>M Myers C Glover</p>	<p>W5 Term 4 3 Nov</p> <p>CANTEEN CLOSED</p>	<p>W5 Term 4 4 Nov</p> <p>S Letts A Amoroso C Miller</p>	

Book club orders for Issue 7 are due no later than

Monday 24th October.

EXCLUSIVE OFFERS are available for parents who have previously ordered books via LOOP (online) ordering system. Don't miss out on the opportunity to get up to **FOUR BONUS BOOKS** from issue 7.

On line Ordering is very simple and easy please follow the link to place an order

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/>

Alternatively you can put your order in at the office. Please ensure it is in an envelope clearly marked **Book Club** and the order has the **name** and **class** clearly marked on the order.

Unfortunately we can no longer accept cash.

If you want to purchase Christmas gifts please indicate it on the order AND let the office know that you wish to collect the order.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CASSEROLE CLUB

In term 4 we have many families, both parents and children who are dealing with illnesses. If you have a chance to cook a meal and freeze it for our casserole club it will be greatly appreciated by our families in need. The office has a supply of plastic containers if you would like to stop by and pick one up.

We wish to thank all those families who have donated meals to the casserole club this year. Our families in need are always very grateful to receive a meal in difficult times.

RELAX KIDS

Relax Kids has started this week for Term 4. If there are any parents who would like to enrol their children, there are still available spots on Tuesday lunch and Tuesday afternoon.

Please direct any queries to Elizabeth Byrne on 0413 786 588.

ST JOHN'S TALENT QUEST 2016



Term 4 is always an exciting time at St John's as we prepare for our Talent Quest.

In Term 4 our Social Justice focus is on *Mission* and our Talent Quest is held as a fundraiser to support Catholic Mission in their work, both here in Australia and overseas.

How do we raise money? Each entrant in the talent quest pays a gold coin entry fee. The heats will be held at lunchtime starting from week 6 or 7 (depending on how many entrants we receive). We are going to charge a gold coin entry to the finals which are in week 10.

The talent quest is all about doing your best, great team work and co-operation and, even more importantly, helping those people in the world who do not have the opportunities that we do.

Who can enter? The Talent Quest is for children from Kinder to Yr 6. You can enter a solo act, a duo, or an entire ensemble cast. You can also enter more than one category! However, because we have so many talented people wanting to be in the talent quest, **you may only enter in two items** – so choose carefully. There is also a time limit of **2 minutes we will be very strict on this as we receive MANY entries.** All entries must be received by **Wednesday 2nd November Week 4 and returned to the box in the foyer.**



 Name of Entrant _____ Class _____

Name of Group and group members (if performing with others) _____

Entry Fee Paid: \$ _____ (gold coin donation for each entrant)

Infants	Mid/Sen	Category	Solo	Duet/Group
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vocal Song: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Groups Names:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Instrumental Song: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Group Names:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dance Song: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Group Names:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spoken Word/Drama Song: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Group Names

Please ensure that all performances are appropriate (e.g. check song lyrics) – it would be very disappointing to practice and then not be permitted to perform at the Talent Quest.

Return your entry form, in an envelope with your donation to the office.

If you are entering with a group, it would be helpful (but not essential) to have your entries together.



ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS IN SCHOOLS

The Broken Bay Diocesan Schools System 'Medication policy' and 'Administration of Medication in Schools: Guidelines and Procedures' have been revised.

St John's is committed to supporting students' health and wellbeing. We require parents / carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support the student at school. While this information is collected at enrolment it needs to be updated regularly, including when a new health condition develops.

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes, epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students; ***(including the administration of medication – prescription or over the counter medication and the need to perform health procedures)***: will need to be provided to the school in writing in the form of an ***'action plan'*** or ***'health care management plan'*** and signed by both the parent / carer and a medical practitioner or a prescribing health practitioner. This must then be discussed with the school.

Additionally, any student health care need, action plan or health care management plan that may impact on school activities such as sports, excursions (including camps) must be provided in writing and supported by a medical practitioner / prescribing or qualified health practitioner's advice.

All Broken Bay systemic schools require medical authorisation from a prescribing medical or health practitioner to administer any medication to students (including over the counter medications such as Paracetamol, Claratyne etc).

Please ensure you inform the school office staff of any changes to contact details including the contact details of the people nominated as emergency contacts.

We thank you for your assistance in this matter.

All information is kept confidential and only disclosed to the relevant staff who are supporting your child.

For any enquiries, please contact the school office on telephone the school on 9971 9297.



SEA EAGLES BASKETBALL

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POTTER LEAGUE 2017



Potter league is all about having **fun** while **learning** how to play basketball. It is a noncompetitive game. Individual Players are placed into teams according to which level of schooling they are in i.e. years 1 /2, years 3/4 and Year 5/6.

- Designed for new player's only (developing players).
- Competition run's on Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday afternoons.(March-July 2017)
- Teams of 7 to 8 players

Entries: <https://www.trybooking.com/NOEM> OR <https://www.trybooking.com/238068>
Booking opens 1st December 2016.

Cost: Years 1/2-\$160, Tues. Years 3/4-\$180, Girls Sat Years 3/4- \$200 & Years 5/6-\$200.This includes playing singlet, insurance, referees & playing fee.

Venue: Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre (NBISC) and Narrabeen Sports High School (NSHS).

Game Time: Tuesday Competition-Yrs.1/2, Yrs. 3/4 .Game times, 4:00-6pm.
Wednesday Boys 5/6 comp 4-6pm.
Saturday YR 3/4 girls & YR 5/6 girls comp 1-5pm.

Enquiries: www.manlybasketball.com.au PH: 9913 3622 Email:camps@manlybasketball.com.au