



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

One of the things I enjoy doing is taking prospective parents on a tour of our school so that I can show them the great learning that is happening in our classrooms. Everywhere you go children are engaged in their learning; they are working together, individually or in small group across a variety of topics and areas. Their teachers are consistently working hard to support, extend and involve them. A sense of encouragement and genuine interest in each child is tangible and there is action happening everywhere - library, PE, creative arts lessons and varied play activities. Our senior students are coping beautifully with a fairly structured timetable which requires them to move, high school style, to different rooms and teachers during the day.

We recently held our first two sessions of 'Play to Learn' with our prospective Kindergarten 2018 children and their parents. Both sessions gently introduced the children to the classrooms and ensured that parents had the opportunity to be part of the experience.

Our recent NAPLAN results were very pleasing with our Year 3's in particular showing great results in their spelling and reading scores. While NAPLAN is one test of many, it does assist us in identifying where we are at a particular point in time in relation to other children in different educational systems as well as our own.

Reading further on in the newsletter, you will notice that there are many individual student achievements taking place across our school. I think it is healthy to celebrate the many great things that are happening at St John's and convey a sense of pride in the efforts of our children and staff.

I am currently attending the annual Broken Bay Retreat for Principals of Catholic Schools and will return to school next Monday. This is an excellent opportunity to spend time with colleagues and to have some guided reflection on matters of faith and life as a group of Catholic leaders in our schools.

This morning we were given the opportunity to attend a walk with Aunty Margaret - an Aboriginal woman who took us through 'country' but within the city of Sydney. We explored not only the natural connections that Aboriginal people are able to make with the earth but the deliberate and careful way in which children are led to a deep understanding and appreciation of their environment and their responsibility for it. Aunty Margaret's passion showing us how to make connections between the earth, beliefs and family led us to a clearer understanding about how a value system can be effectively embedded into a person's life from a young age. If we bring a sense of openness to the exploration of this type of spirituality, it can provide a different perspective on life and our relationships with the world and each other.

Other experiences will include some insight into services that support the homeless on the streets of Sydney; mass at St Mary's cathedral and some reflective input which focuses on 'Caring for self and caring for others' which is the theme of this year's retreat. I look forward to returning feeling refreshed next week.

Best wishes for the week ahead

Mark Bateman – Principal

DIARY

Week 9, Term 3 Mon 11 Sept	Week 9, Term 3 Tues 12 Sept	Week 9, Term 3 Wed 13 Sept	Week 9, Term 3 Thurs 14 Sept	Week 9, Term 3 Fri 15 Sep	Week 9, Term 3 Sat/Sun 16/17
<i>K-6 Dance Play to Learn (Session 2) 9.15-10.30am</i>	<i>NAPLAN Online Readiness Test (Yrs 3 and 5)</i>		<i>NAPLAN Online Readiness Test (Yr 5)</i>	<i>Play to Learn (Session 2) 9.15-10.30am</i>	<i>First Communion</i>
Week 10, Term 3 Mon 18 Sept	Week 10, Term 3 Tues 19 Sept	Week 10, Term 3 Wed 20 Sept	Week 10, Term 3 Thurs 21 Sept	Week 10, Term 3 Fri 22 Sep	Week 10, Term 3 Sat/Sun 23/24
<i>K-6 Dance Core Value Awards Assembly</i>	<i>Gala Day Yr 3 & 4</i>		<i>Gala Day Yr 5 & 6</i>	<i>Last day of Term</i>	

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 8th – Sunday 10th September

Future Ready Conference for Parents –
Further details & Registration via the [following link](#)

Monday 11th September (W9)

K-6 Dance
Play to Learn (Session 2) 9.15-10.30am

Friday 15th September (W9)

Play to Learn (Session 2) 9.15-10.30am

First Eucharist

Sat 9th – Sun 10th and Sat 16th – Sun 17th September

Monday 11th September (W10)

K-6 Dance

Gala Days (W10)

Year 3&4 – Tuesday 19th September
Year 5&6 – Thursday 21st September

Last day of term

Friday 22nd September

Term 4 Commences

Monday 9th October



St John's attends a special service at DY



Gold Medal to Lukina
Lukina will go to State championships in October.

Public Speaking Finalist

AWARDS



Please note: Awards will be given out as follows:

FRIDAY MORNINGS – 8:45am Kindergarten – Year 2, FRIDAY AFTERNOONS – 2:40pm Year 3 – 6

STRENGTH & GENTLENESS will be presented on MONDAY mornings during Prayer Assembly

Strength & Gentleness						
KB	Lucy E Lucas J Luke M	2G	William B Annika H Sophie M	4R	Anthony M Thomas S	Sport Heath D (2N) Hayley M (4SC) Mikayla H (5/6O)
KJ	Riley H Sophia M Michalis S	2N	Heath D Natalia M	4SC	Domenic C Taylah P	
1G	Elianna A Jeremy B Ayrton D	3D	Charlie L Liam S	5/6DF	Caylan H Calist M Penelope M	Library Piper M (4R) Marcus H (2C)
1JB	Matthew C Hannah J Tyler J	3NG	Christian C Amelia H Khyla M	5/6L	Luke C Ryan L Annamaria M	
2C	Jacob H Isabella S Sophia V	4B	Monica G Tamar M Ella T	5/6O	Elizabeth S Alesha T	Music/Drama Victor K (2C) Matthew F (2C) Phoebe B (5/6L)
Rock and Water		Emma F (5/6O)		5/6B	<i>At Camp</i>	

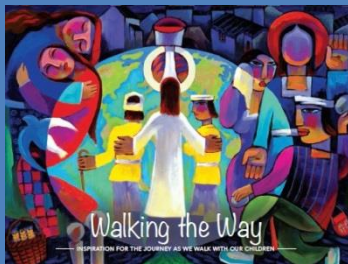
SPIRITUAL NEWS

FIRST EUCHARIST REHEARSAL

Rehearsal for those children making their First Communion at St John's, Narraweena (9th, 10th, 16th & 17th Sept) will be held **TONIGHT Thursday (7th Sept) at 7pm.**

WALKING THE WAY – SIMPLE FAITH IDEAS FOR THE HOME

If you haven't yet had a chance to check out the "[Faith](#)" page on our School Weebly, you are missing out on a great resource – *Walking the Way*. Each week the site is updated with a simple reflection and a way to celebrate our faith with your children.



Family: a sacred place

The verandah of one family's home has been a place of fond memories and lively conversations for thirty years. The family has dramatically marked this sacred site with a large celtic cross on the wall. *"Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them"* (Matthew 18:20). While it is true that we meet God in the silence of our hearts, it is also true that we meet God in relationship, in community, in family. Do I think of our family home as a sacred place where we meet God?

Celebrate

Table topic: One way I see God's presence in our family is...

Pray

Is there a particular spot in your home where your family enjoys time together? Mark the sacredness of that spot; e.g. with a cross or image on the wall or a candle on a shelf.

Remember

In one of its most authoritative documents, the Church describes the family as "the domestic church" ([Lumen Gentium, 11](#)).

School Disco!

**Don't pack away your dancing shoes!!
Please see attached flyer for more info!!**



FORGET AUSTRALIA'S GOT TALENT – ST JOHN'S HAVE GOT TALENT!

GYMNASTICS LEGEND LUKINA

Lukina (2N) recently competed in the NW Women's Gymnastics Northern Region Invitational competition in vault, bar, beam and floor. She received 2nd place for each event and actually came first overall! She will now progress to compete in the State championships in October.

Congratulations Lukina and all the best in October!



MASTERCHEF 2025 – HERE I COME!



Congratulations to Xavier (3D) who entered his cupcakes and decorated biscuits into the Woodstock Show and took out TWO First Places!

We are all looking forward to a sample, Xavier!

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to Monique and Larissa (both from 5/6O) for their excellent public speaking in the Diocesan Public Speaking final held at St Patrick's in Asquith on Tuesday night. Both girls performed very well against some very tough competition and we are very proud of them.

COMMEMORATION FOR THE BATTLE OF AUSTRALIA



All of our Year 6 children recently participated in a writing competition for the National Serviceman's Association on the commemoration for the battle of Australia. They had to write a poem or text on the theme "What the Australian Flag means to me".

Three of our students were selected as first, second and third place with their writing. Congratulations to Lucia (5/6DF), Penelope (5/6DF) and Isabella (5/6O).

These children attended a ceremony with Mr Bateman and our captains and vice captains at Dee Why on Wednesday.

Additionally, the school received a new Australian flag, which was unfurled at assembly this morning.

You can read Lucia's poem below.

What the Australian Flag Means to Me.

Poppies grow,
So wild and free.
Where gun shots of soldiers,
Used to be.

Our Australian heroes,
All were gold.
Fighting for our freedom,
Creating stories untold.

Darkness without,
Bright skies to be,
Nothing stopping them.
That's what the Australian flag means to me.

Red, blue and white,
Colours to some.
More to others,
So much more to come.

Some take them for granted,
But what they did never replaced.
Fighting for their freedom, life and country,
Our memories could never be erased.

With the rising of the flag,
And the lowering of the flag.
We will remember the soldiers that fought for our freedom.
That's what the Australian flag means to me.

HOW MANY POPSTICKS IN OUR SCHOOL?



Our students were very busy during Wellbeing Week figuring out just how many popsticks we have in our school. We use popsticks all the time in maths to help us with counting – it's great for 1:1 recognition and to visualise large numbers and place value.

We bundle individual sticks into tens, but to figure out how many popsticks in the school we had to do much more than that! We put 10 bundles of ten together to make a big bundle of 100, then we put 10 big bundles together to make a SUPER bundle of 1000!

If you want to know exactly how many popsticks we have at St John's, check out the video on the home page of our school Weebly – [here](#).

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY

Today, Thursday 7th September, we joined with schools not just in Australia but all around the world in celebrating Outdoor Classroom Day. Each of our classes spent some of their learning time outside today, and what a gorgeous Spring day it was – God really put on a beautiful blue sky for us!

Outdoor Classroom Day is a global campaign to celebrate and inspire outdoor learning and play. Check out some of the things we got up to below!





The Number Ninja Warrior Challenge



Be a Number Ninja and break the Number Code for your grade.
This week's winning Number Ninja Warriors are:

Kindergarten:	Harley K KB	Year 3:	Erin W 3NG
Year 1:	Blake W 1G	Year 4:	Tahlia B 4R
Year 2:	Victor K 2C	Year 5/6:	Miranda B 5/6L

Show your super ninja thinking skills on paper and place it in the box outside the office by **Wednesday 13th September**.

Don't forget to clearly label your thinking with your name and class.

One Number Ninja will be chosen for each grade. The winners will appear in the in the next week's newsletter.

Look in the Newsletter each week for a new challenge.

The Number Ninja Warriors will be announced at the Friday assembly in the hall and each Ninja will receive a certificate.

K-2: 8.45am in the hall.

3-6: 2.30pm in the hall.

Grade	Number Ninja Warrior Challenge
Kindergarten	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The number is between 0 and 10. It is closer to 10 than 5. I can share the number into 2 equal groups. It is an even number.
Year 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> My number is between 10 and 29. It has the same amount of tens as ones. The sum of the digits in my two- digit number is an even number. The <u>product</u> of the 2 digits in my number is the same as the <u>sum</u> of the 2 digits in my number. When skip counting by 2s, you will say my number. This number can be halved (and you will get 2 whole numbers).
Year 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The number is between 350 and 400 All digits are odd numbers The 3 digits add up to a prime number between 9 and 14 The tens digit is 3 times the hundreds number
Year 3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The secret code number is between 23 000 and 24 000. The digit in the ones place is double the digit in the tens of thousands place. The numerals, when added together, equal 24. The number in the thousands place is $\frac{1}{3}$ of the number in the hundreds place. The number in the tens place is double the number in the thousands place. The number is closer to 24 000 than 23 000. It is an even number.
Year 4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The number is between 4 600 and 4 900 The digits in the hundreds place is two times as many as the number in the thousands place The sum of all the digits is 21 The digit in the tens place is double the digit in the ones The last digit is an odd number
Year 5 and 6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> My number has five digits and is between 8 000 and 9 000 All of my digits are even numbers except for one digit The digit in the hundreds place is a factor of 24 The digit in the ones is $\frac{1}{4}$ of the digit in the thousands If I double the decimal digit, I will get a whole number The sum of my digits is one less than three tens There may be more than one solution!

Father Vogt Memorial Writing Competition 2017 Finalists

Congratulations to all the students who entered the Father Vogt Memorial Writing Competition. The judges this year had an especially tough job choosing between so many quality entries.

Stage 1

Narrative	Poem
Domenic	Annika H
Keeley F	Keeley F
Piper C and Victor K	Abbie D

Stage 2

Narrative	Poem
Charlie S	Nicholas C
Nicholas C	Giselle B
Carys F	Carys F

Stage 3

Narrative	Poem
Isaac B	Miranda B
Miranda B	Lucinda
Jade C	Alessia Z

Overall Winner Best Piece of Writing

Miranda B



CANTEEN

IMPORTANT NOTE: Canteen is CLOSED every TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

W9, Term 3 Mon 11 Sept	W9, Term 3 Tues 12 Sept	W9, Term 3 Wed 13 Sept	W9, Term 3 Thurs 14 Sept	W9, Term 3 Fri 15 Sept	<p>We require 2 volunteers each day to operate the canteen.</p> <p>If anyone would like to join our group of canteen volunteers, click here or email cendrine01@optusnet.com.au</p> <p>Canteen Coordinator: Cendrine Lambert (0435030903)</p>
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YEAR 3 PARENT NIGHT OUT

Year 3 parents would like to invite you all to come join us for dinner and drinks.

Date: Friday 15th September

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: The Collaroy

RSVP: by Monday 11th September so I can ensure we have a table for everyone. Email has been sent out so just reply back so I can count you in.

Hope to see you all there!



Year 3 class parents

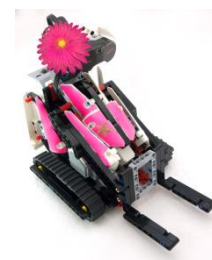
Deb, Nicole, Blaz, Amelia, Natasha

ROBOTICS CLUB AFTER SCHOOL – TERM 4

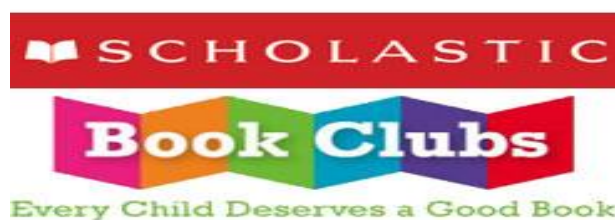


Come and join the fun at Robotics! Robokids will again be running an after-school Robotics Club at St John's on Tuesday afternoons from 3.15-4.30pm in Term 4. Anyone from Year 2 to Year 6 can come along to the sessions (\$247.50 for a 9 week term) and learn to code using Lego Mindstorms robotics motors, sensors and software.

- Create a robot dance – dress up your robot and dance to music.
- Plan and code synchronised moves – enter the robot talent show.
- Write a play for your robot – code the moves, sounds and images.
- Battle it out in the Sumo challenge – code the light sensor to stay in the arena.



Bookings are open: <https://www.trybooking.com/310967> Visit www.robokids.com.au or email jo@robokids.com.au for more information.



Book club orders for Issue 6 are due no later than

Friday 8th September

For on line ordering please follow the link <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/>

Alternatively, you can put your order in at the office and pay by cheque. 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 cannot accept cash.

Remember to collect your orders from the office if you request a “gift” order.



The P&F Gazette

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday October 13th

Get ready to get your *groove* on at our annual St John's Disco – details coming soon!



Thank you to all the dads, pops, carers and friends who came to our **Father's Day breakfast**, we hope you all had lots of fun 😊

A huge thank you to all the fabulous volunteers and helpers too, you did an amazing job.

Finally, we'd like to acknowledge the generous donations of **The Toymaker Automotive & Hamlets Pies Manly**
We really appreciate your support!

Canteen Reminders

- Please remember that we **no longer** accept paper bag lunch orders
- Cut off time for Qkr! orders is **8.30am** on the day of the order
- You can now pay canteen IOUs through Qkr!
- If you need to cancel an order to receive a credit with Qkr! , it must be done before 8.30am on the day also.
- If you're having any Qkr! quandaries remember there's always the helpline – **1800 689 562**

**The St John's
Narraweena Playgroup –
YOU'RE INVITED!**



Our last playgroup for the term will be next Tuesday – all welcome. It's free, lots of fun, and a great way to meet new people. And if you can't make it next week we'll be back next term. See you at 9am in the OOSH room!

Best wishes

Bel, Pip, Gen, Russell & Caroline

Family Fun run for Sanfilippo Syndrome - "Big feet and little feet fun run", 17th September, Sydney.

Dear Parents and Friends,

As some of you know, the children of our friends Megan and Allan Donell (Isla 8yr, Jude 6yr), have a rare genetic degenerative condition which causes fatal brain damage, Sanfilippo Syndrome.

This is so sad...and heartbreaking, to think what the parents are going through. One can hardly imagine it. It would be the worst parents' nightmare... 😞

To help them raise funds, we are doing a family run/walk on Sunday, 17th September, crossing the Harbour Bridge (more information below).

It would be great if you could join us!!

If this is not possible, you can also help by sponsoring us...through clicking the link below. Every amount, big or small, is very welcome since "every bit counts".... 😊 (over \$2 donations, are tax deductible!)

Thank you so very much.

Sonia, Michael, Victor and Oscar

<http://www.sfsuperseries.com.au/my-fundraising/419/victor-king-samartin-big-feet-and-little-feet-fun-run>



[SFSuper Series - Victor King-Samartin Big Feet and Little Feet Fun Run](http://www.sfsuperseries.com.au/my-fundraising/419/victor-king-samartin-big-feet-and-little-feet-fun-run)

www.sfsuperseries.com.au

I'm competing in the SFSuper Series to raise funds for the Sanfilippo Children's Foundation. Sanfilippo Syndrome is a rare, genetic condition that causes fatal brain damage. It's referred to as a childhood disease as most patients never reach adulthood.

FREE SCREENING – BAG IT – SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT!

One of our Year 6 parents works at Castle Cove Family Dental and has very kindly extended an invitation to a FREE FILM SCREENING of "Bag It" on Tuesday 12th September 2017. Guest speaker Anthony Hill from Plastic Pollution Solutions (<http://www.plasticpollutionsolutions.com.au/>) will be speaking before the film and holding a Q&A after.

Castle Cove Family Dental have invited patients and their families to attend, along with the local community and our St John's family. They are giving away one boomerang bag (one per family) who attend on the night as a thank you for attending. They have also asked for you to bring in any unused material that can be donated to Boomerang Bags on the night.

Along with the screening, there will also be some wonderful exhibitors attending on the evening - these include OzHarvest, Shoes for Planet Earth, Thermomix, Pure Free Water bottles, Boomerang Bags, The Source Willoughby; all wonderful contributors to helping save our planet.

Additionally, Castle Cove Family Dental have begun a recycling collection program for oral care products linked with TerraCycle. Old toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes, empty floss containers and toothbrush packaging can be dropped off in the labelled bucket in the school foyer. This will be passed onto the Dental surgery who will send it onto Terracycle for recycling.

*****We have a bucket in the school foyer ready to collect any oral care products ready for recycling!*****

I know that many of our St John's family recently watched the ABC's War on Waste documentary. Our Year 3 students have also been reforming our rubbish collection at St John's and helping us to separate our rubbish from the many things that can be recycled in our school lunches and canteen orders. Getting involved in ways to cut down on our use of plastics seems to be the next step in our journey to being more aware of our environment and reducing our impact.

Call 9417 7222 or email info@castlecovedental.com.au to secure your seats. Get in quick!

MONTE SANT' ANGELO MERCY COLLEGE

Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College is pleased to advise that bursaries for entry into Year 7, 2018 are currently available. Attached is our bursary advertisement which you may like to forward to your Year 6 parents or include in your weekly newsletter.

Full details of Monte's Bursary Program and application forms are available at: <http://www.monte.nsw.edu.au/admissions/bursaries/>

Please note the closing date for applications is: 22 September 2017.



BEACON HILL NETBALL CLUB

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AT BEACON HILL NETBALL CLUB

WHEN: MONDAY 16TH OCTOBER
FOR 6 WEEKS

TIME: 4.30 TO 5.30PM

WHERE: CURL CURL NETBALL COURTS

COST: \$90

REGISTRATION ON-LINE @ WWW.BEACONHILLNETBALL.COM.AU

FOR PLAYERS AGED 5 TO 9 YEARS AND
REGISTRATION WILL OPEN 1st SEPTEMBER

**INCLUDES A PARTICIPANT PACK CONTAINING A SIZE 4 BALL & A T-SHIRT*



GYMNASTICS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN



6 Powells Road, Brookvale

Week 1: Monday 25th, Wednesday 27th, Friday 29th September

Week 2: Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th, Friday 6th October

8:30am - 4:00pm

\$66/day inc. GST + \$7 annual Beacon Hill Youth Club Membership

Please bring morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a drink bottle

Beacon Hill Youth Club Gymnastics is a nut free zone

Bookings and enquiries contact Barbara on: 0411 803 318



Year 6 Fundraiser - Thursday 14th September

We look forward to your support of our school fundraiser by purchasing a yummy sausage on a roll, freshly cooked by the parents of year 6!

The money raised is to fund the year 6 leaving present.

The proceeds are to be split between a donation to Bear Cottage (in memory of Finn) and a perpetual gift to the school to honour the legacy of the year 6 students time at St John's and their graduation to high school.



Only \$4.00 each

Sausages will be served on a white roll with your choice of tomato or BBQ sauce at lunchtime on Thursday. (The sausages are gluten-free).

Order online via Qkr!

Be sure to get your orders in by 9.00 on Tuesday 12th September





Matt and Ben, students from St Johns had a great time last season, come and join them and have some fun, maybe one day you could be playing in the Big Bash or the Ashes!



Beacon Hill Cricket Club caters for cricketers aged 4+ and registration is now open for all ages boys and girls!
Go to <http://www.playcricket.com.au/club-finder/club-details?id=3445> to register.
For any queries please call Peter Horton (0407 012 538 or peter.horton.au@gmail.com)

