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## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear parents,

Welcome back to school for Term 4. I hope everyone returns feeling refreshed and renewed!

**DISCO** - We hit the ground running with our school disco at St Kevin's, Dee Why this Friday evening. A big thank you to our sibling school for helping us out again this year. Please note, there is no parking in the school grounds at St Kevin's. Please park in the local council carpark next to St Kevin's Church and walk your child to and from the event crossing Oaks Avenue at the lights opposite the hall and then via the interior stairs. There are further details below.

**COMPASS** – you will notice that we have closed our Flexibuzz account and are now using Compass exclusively for our communications. The majority of our parents have downloaded the app on their phones/ logged in via their browser. As you have probably noticed, the web browser has more functionality than the mobile app. However, the mobile app is a quick way for you to check the latest news events and to submit absence information for your child/ren. The full Parent Portal instructions and guide is on our website [here](#). To submit an absence for your child via your phone, see instructions below:

### **Adding an Attendance Note:**

If your child is going to be away for a **FULL** day in the future, please follow these instructions. For partial day absences/late arrivals, please use the kiosk at the front office.

If you are adding an attendance note for a day passed, please access Compass through the 'browser view' and click on the link above the newsfeed. This will automatically fill in the required date information, you will simply need to add a reason.

- a) On the home page, click 'Add Attendance Note'
- b) In the next screen, click on 'Reason' and choose the option that best describes.
- c) Look at Start Date and End Date to ensure it is correct. **DO NOT** worry about the times, leave as they are. You also do not need to worry about 'Missed' – this is simply the sessions missed by the stated absences.
- d) Click on blue bar 'Add Attendance Note'.

Remember – only submit absences for **FULL DAYS** via Compass. If you are dropping a child off late, or picking them up early, you **MUST USE THE KIOSK** in the office, **NOT** your app. Thank you.

**2020 CLASSES** We will soon begin the process of allocating children to classes for 2020. Sometimes there are social or academic reasons that need to be considered when student placements are being decided. The teachers will be using a range of criteria such as social, academic and learning need when making these decisions. If you wish to have any issues considered in relation to your child's placement for 2020, I ask that you write to Mr Bateman via [sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au). Please note that the final decision on class placements rests with the school. Requests concerning specific teachers will not be considered.

Mr Bateman arrived back on Australian soil late last night after a fabulous European adventure. He will be taking the reins back next Monday, we're looking forward to hearing all about the trip!

Sincerely

*Natalie Ingram* – Acting Principal

<p><b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> Advisory Council Meeting 6:30pm Library</p> <p><b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> Playgroup 9:30am Room 1</p> <p><b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> Warringah Parish Intercultural Festival</p>	<p><b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> Remembrance Day Liturgy 8:45am</p> <p><b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> P&amp;F AGM - Library</p> <p><b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> Year 4 &amp; Kinder 2020 Blessing Mass 5pm</p>
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Students are now in FULL summer uniform [Click here to visit the uniform page of our School Website](#)

**ALL CHILDREN TO WEAR FULL SUMMER UNIFORM FOR SCHOOL PHOTOS ON MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER.**

**DIARY**

<b>Week 2 Term 4</b> Mon 21 Oct	<b>Week 2 Term 4</b> Tues 22 Oct	<b>Week 2 Term 4</b> Wed 23 Oct	<b>Week 2 Term 4</b> Thurs 24 Oct	<b>Week 2 Term 4</b> Fri 25 Oct	<b>Week 2 Term 4</b> Sat/Sun 26/27
<b>Basketball Gala Day</b>			<i>Playgroup 9:30am Rm 1</i>		
<b>Week 3 Term 4</b> Mon 28 Oct	<b>Week 3 Term 4</b> Tues 29 Oct	<b>Week 3 Term 4</b> Wed 30 Oct	<b>Week 3 Term 4</b> Thurs 31 Oct	<b>Week 3 Term 4</b> Fri 1 Nov	<b>Week 3 Term 4</b> Sat/Sun 2/3
<b>School Photos</b>			<i>Transition Session 3 Kindy 2020</i>	<i>Transition Session 3 Kindy 2020 All Saints Day – Whole School Mass 9:30am</i>	

**AWARDS**



Awards are presented on Friday:  
**K-6 awards will be presented on the softfall at 8:40**  
 (or in classrooms in case of wet weather)

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

<b>Strength &amp; Gentleness</b>	<i>Gemma T (3/4W)</i>
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<b>KB</b>	Isaac C Sebastian R Malia S	<b>3B</b>	Coddie D Jake F Arianna K	<b>5W</b>	Charlotte C Alexander M	<b>Sports</b>  Barney J (1B) Domenic B (6W)
<b>1B</b>	Jake J Mia B Ajay M	<b>3/4W</b>	Gordon M Neve S	<b>6B</b>	Cameron G Rose R	
<b>1W</b>	Caitlin K Hayley W	<b>4B</b>	Elysia L Indianna V	<b>6W</b>	Giselle B Charlotte B Ella D	<b>Creative Arts</b>  Biba D (5W) Amelia H (5W) Ava H (5W)
<b>2B</b>	Chloe C Senuk R	<b>4W</b>	Fin H Madeline K Pascal K	<b>5/6F</b>	Amie E	<b>Library</b>  Evie B (1W) Lennox D (4B)
<b>2W</b>	Alessia G Emmeline R	<b>5B</b>	Chiara M Ava R	<b>Rock &amp; Water</b>	Dom C (6W)	

## WARATAH 'WALKERS' PICK UP

A reminder as we begin a new term for parents and carers to keep **ALL** of our children safe by following the rules at Waratah Parade drop off and pick up. *The convenience for you should not come at the cost of safety for others.*

It is imperative for the safety of all children that all parents and carers use the correct procedures. If you have others (eg. grandparents) using this entrance it is your responsibility to train them to use this area safely.

- The zone runs between the two driveways of the church in Waratah Parade. It is a small area and holds only 6 cars at a time.
- Do not PARK in this zone – morning or afternoon. It is a 5 minute zone for loading and unloading passengers. If you wish to walk into the school please **DO NOT** park here!

**In the morning** - pull into the zone, let your children out and drive off. You should not need to get out of your car. **DO NOT** drive into the church driveway or park in the church grounds.

**In the afternoon** – children are escorted to “walkers” by 3:10pm.

- **If the zone is full – you need to drive around the block or park somewhere else. DO NOT line up over the church driveway, on the pedestrian crossing or behind it!** This is illegal and you may be fined.
- When the children arrive at Waratah Parade, they will sit down while teachers organise them to be loaded into the waiting cars.
- Children will only be allowed to get into the **first three cars** in the line-up. Once these cars are loaded and leave the pick-up area, the line of cars will move forward and the next three will be loaded. The three cars being loaded must move away in that order.
- **Under no circumstances should you block Waratah Parade.**

### Key points:

- **STAY IN THE CAR.** Children should be ready, say goodbye in the car, get out of the car with their bag and walk straight into school. In the afternoon, the children should get straight into the car with their bags.
- **PARK OUTSIDE THE DROP OFF AREA IF** there is **ANY NEED TO GET OUT** of the car.
- Let the **CAR IN FRONT LEAVE FIRST.**
- Even though it is a short amount of time involved dropping off and picking up care is needed. Think *'cooperation and good of all' rather than 'my need before others'*.

Please communicate these points to friends, grandparents or relatives doing occasional Waratah pick-ups. Thank you.

## SCHOOL DISCO

St Kevin's School Hall 57-59 Oaks Avenue Dee Why.

Children **MUST** be brought to hall entry point and **MUST** be picked up from designated area inside the school grounds.

Children are **NOT** to be dropped off or picked up at the gate.

Younger siblings and children not attending St John's are **NOT** permitted at the Disco.

There will be no glow/ food products being sold at this year's disco.

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered their time to help on the night. If possible could you please arrive 10 minutes prior to session start time for information and job allocation.

Looking forward to a fun night!

**St John's Disco Friday  
18th October**

**First session K to 2**

**5.00pm - 6.30pm**

**Second session 3 to 6**

**7.00pm to 8.30pm**

### NEW BISHOP

In June last year, our Bishop – Peter Comensoli, was given the position of Archbishop of Melbourne. Since that time, our Diocese has been looked after by Fr David Ranson, the Diocesan Administrator while we waited to hear who our new Bishop would be.

In the holidays, we received the news that Pope Francis has appointed a new Bishop to the Diocese of Broken Bay - Bishop Anthony Randazzo - who comes to us from the Sydney Diocese. His responsibilities here in Broken Bay include 44 schools (primary and secondary) and 41 churches in 26 Parishes.

His installation will take place on Monday evening, 4<sup>th</sup> November. He has asked that we pray for him: *“I pray that I will be a shepherd after the Heart of Christ”* and we have done so in class this week.



### PARISH INTERCULTURAL DAY – SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Earlier this year, we celebrated the Feast of Blessed Scalabrini, as our priests are Scalabrinian priests who have a very important mission: to promote a society where the migrant is not seen as a foreigner or an illegal, but where the migrant (including temporary migrant workers, seafarers and refugees) can feel they are citizens with full rights, because we are all sons and daughters of the same Father and members of the same human family.

In recognition of the vibrant mix of backgrounds we have here in the Parish of Warringah, a celebration day is being held. The day will begin with a special intercultural Mass at 10:00. During the day, as well as delicious traditional foods and ethnic dancing, there will be games, a poster making competition and performances from children of St John’s and St Kevin’s.

Mr Frazer has been organising the “choir” (this includes everyone at St John’s). Every class has been practicing the songs and it is sounding wonderful. We hope that as many of you as possible will come along.



A note was sent home to the children who expressed an interest at yesterday’s lunchtime practice, but everyone is invited to join in. **The choir will be performing at 11:30 (2 songs)**. To help Mr Frazer with numbers – if your child hasn’t bought home a paper note but will be there on the day, please complete the google form:

<https://forms.gle/2bjAyRqkY38uTNLS9>

### YEAR 4 & KINDER 2020 WELCOME MASS – DATE CHANGE TO 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Our next School Parish Mass will be our special blessing of our Kindergarten children who will join us in 2020. **Please note that the date has changed to Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm.** We apologise for any inconvenience.

We hope that not just Year 4 (next year’s buddies) but everyone will come along to make our new kinder children and their families feel welcome.



### CATHOLIC WORLDVIEW PHOTO COMPETITION CLOSING NEXT FRIDAY

Don’t forget about the 2019 Catholic Worldview Photo Competition for Northern Beaches Catholic Primary Schools. These holidays, take some time to see where you see God in the world around you. In PLACES that you visit, in ANIMALS – pets as well as in the wild, in PEOPLE around you or in some aspect of NATURE. These are the four categories for photographs. The competition closes on 25<sup>th</sup> October which is next Friday.

Email your images to: [images@theschoolphotographer.com.au](mailto:images@theschoolphotographer.com.au)

Make sure you include your name, your school, category and title of your photo.



### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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We have such talented children at our school! From sporting achievements to creative triumphs, the St John's kids share their gifts and talents far and wide!

These are some of the recent achievements for our students:

- Max and Banjo (Yr 6) representing Dee Why Football Club as undefeated champs in their U12 competition. They compete against the best in the state in the finals this weekend in the Champion of Champions league – Good luck!
- Aidan (Yr 2), Max, Lucas and Ella D (Yr 6) representing St John's in the Polding Athletics Carnival this Friday at Homebush. They will be competing against the best athletes from the NSW Catholic School system – Good luck!
- Violet M (Yr 1) coming away as quite the winner at the "Get The Beat National Dance Titles" on the Gold Coast over the holidays. Among other prizes, Violet was awarded 'Top 5 at Champion of Champions' (so top 5 for her age in Australia!) and will also be part of 'Team Australia' competing in the USA in 2020!
- Lukina (Yr 4) competing in the National Clubs Gymnastics competition in the Gold Coast last term for the Manly Warringah Gymnastics Club. Her team came first in NSW and third in Australia in their level! Well done!
- Mia (Yr 2) participating in the Northern Beaches Young Writers Competition held in September. Mia was a finalist for her writing about "My Wild Home" – congratulations!
- Andie (Yr 6) representing NSW Catholic Schools in the Polding team as they competed in the PSSA Girls 7's Rugby last term. Her team came 3rd out of 12 teams in the state – wow!
- Charlotte (Yr 5) representing NSW Catholic Schools in the Polding Baseball team as a fabulous pitcher as they competed in the NSW PSSA carnival. Her team came equal fifth – well done!
- Philippa (Yr 5), Ella D and Tahlia (Yr 6) representing St John's in the Broken Bay Hockey representative team competing against other NSW Diocesan teams. From this, Tahlia and Ella also competed in the Polding team for the NSW PSSA Hockey carnival, with their team finishing 7<sup>th</sup> overall. What a feat!

### WASTE FREE TUESDAY

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Our SRC are encouraging all students to get back in the habit of 'Waste Free Tuesday' as part of our agenda on caring for God's creation and creating a more sustainable world. Year 2 will conduct a waste audit to see just how much rubbish we accumulate here at St John's and what we can do to minimise it. Every little bit counts!

From Week 2 for the remainder of term, we won't be putting the green rubbish or red recycling bins out on Tuesday – just the compost bins! Ideally, children are coming to school with waste-free lunches! If not, they will take their rubbish home with them.

It is a great opportunity for your family to discuss the decisions made in the supermarket about how things are purchased – bulk buying rather than purchasing items in single serves is an easy adjustment to make (and cheaper too!). The majority of our waste at St John's is single serve packaging ☹️

***Congratulations to Dee Why U12's Winter soccer team which Max K (6B) and Banjo L (6B) play for are through to the Champions of Champions finals this Sunday at Valentine Sports ground.  
Good luck boys!!***



At the end of last term, after asking the children to check on several occasions, we found multiple items of school clothing which had no name on them (including a brand new hat). These have been sent to the clothing pool.

In addition, there were many items which still had the names of people who have graduated from St John's. If you are buying items from the clothing pool, please remove old name tags and make sure your family name is clearly visible (you may need to buy some iron on tags – available at Woolies and Coles – if the existing tag is no longer useable).

LIBRARY NEWS



In library lessons this term the students will be using coding to create and retell stories. Kindergarten to Year 2 will be using the app [Scratch Jr](#). Years 3 and 4 will be using the [Scratch website](#) and have created their own account which can be accessed from home by using the user name and password which they created in class this week.

### Rock and Water

Years 5 and 6 will spend the first half of this term continuing with the Rock and Water program. The week we reviewed their ability to 'Stand Strong', we named the characteristics of standing strong and related them to attributes which we looked for in a friend who we would like in a time of need.

The students then completed a challenge designed to test their 'Rock' stance.

**ROCK & WATER SALUTE**

I CAN STAND UP FOR MYSELF      FRIENDSHIP  
I CAN MAKE MY OWN CHOICES      COMMUNICATION  
I CAN DEFEND MYSELF      SOLIDARITY  
I KNOW WHICH WAY I HAVE TO GO      P E A C E

The water-hand covers the rock-fist showing that our first intention is water.

When you are grounded, centred and focused you can make wise choices about what to do.

When you are grounded and centred you will always feel at home, close to yourself, connected to the people around you.

**My Rock and Water salute**

**Rock**  
*I am strong.  
I know what's right and wrong.  
I know where I am going.  
I can make my own choices.*

**Water**  
*My first intention is friendship,  
communication and connection.*

Rock and Water



Making A Difference Narraveena on Oceana Street is looking for a part time cook.

Necessary criteria include Working With Children Check, Food Handler Certificate and Food Safety Supervisor Certificate.

If you or someone you know is interested, or would like more information, please contact the centre director Natalie Callaghan at [Nataie.Callaghan@madchildcare.com.au](mailto:Nataie.Callaghan@madchildcare.com.au)

**WARRINGAH CATHOLIC PARISH**  
ST. KEVIN & ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE CHURCH

# SCALABRINI INTERCULTURAL DAY

Theme: "We are all migrants, our homeland is in heaven."  
- Bl. Scalabrini

**Holy Mass - Traditional Food Sharing -  
Games - Poster Design Contest -  
Ethnic Dance - School Presentation**

Sunday, 10th November 2019  
10:00am - Intercultural Mass at St. John Church  
11:30am- 3:30pm - Feast Day Celebration at  
St. John the Apostle Primary School Ground  
57 Waratah Pde. Narraveena

Blessed J.B. Scalabrini