

ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear parents,

I am officially back on deck after taking some long service leave. My wife and I have had time to reconnect with friends and family in far away places. My sincere thanks to our wonderful staff but especially to Ms Ingram, Miss Dunk and Ms Rath for stepping into different roles and for doing a great job during my time away from St John's. I return feeling refreshed and ready to take on Term 4.



This Friday, October 25th, we celebrate World Teacher's Day. We are truly blessed to have such dedicated, caring, professional teachers at St John's. The day provides an opportunity for the broader community to show its appreciation to these wonderful people who have a sincere interest in creating a bright future for our children, our Church and our country. A big thank you to the P&F for their thoughtful acknowledgement of our teachers.

On Monday morning, our Year 6 children led a beautiful prayer assembly which focused on the idea of mission. We are each called to be the eyes, voice and hands of Jesus. Year 6 introduced us to the work of Catholic Mission Australia (CMA), an organisation who answers this call through their work with those experiencing poverty. This year, CMA's focus is on the people of Ghana and we learned about the way in which Sister Stan answers her missionary call in that country – see more at this link <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/our-work/ghana>. St John's will be actively supporting Catholic Mission Australia especially through our Week 4 Mission Day.

We are moving closer to all of our families signing up to our new communications app, **Compass**, on their phones. At last count we have just 15 families who still need to sign up in order to receive the latest news; to inform us of student absence or attendance matters and to receive student academic reports. Compass now replaces Flexibuzz. There is no "new message waiting" signal on the Compass app, so please check regularly for information and updates.

Finally, a reminder that we will be planning for 2020 classes in coming weeks. Any social or academic matters you would like us to consider in relation to your child can be communicated to Mr Bateman in writing via sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au. Requests or information concerning teachers will not be considered. Any requests should be communicated by Friday, November 1st.

Enjoy the weekend,

Principal – *Mark Bateman*

SCHOOL PHOTOS

A reminder that next Monday (28th October) is school photo day. All children should look nice and neat in their full **SUMMER UNIFORM** (NO sport uniforms). Encourage them to give their shoes a good shine on Sunday night!

Family photos will begin from 8am. If you have booked a family photo session and your children can get to school for 8am, there will be supervision available.

Wed 6th Nov

Hockey Gala Day Yr 5&6

Mon 11th Nov

Remembrance Day Liturgy 8:45am

Tues 12th Nov

P&F AGM - Library

Thurs 14th Nov

Kindy Transition Session 4 9:30am-10:40am

Fri 15th Nov

Kindy Transition Session 4 9:30am-10:40am

Saturday 16th Nov

Year 4 & Kinder 2020 Blessing Mass 5pm

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 28TH OCTOBER.

DIARY

Week 3 Term 4 Mon 28 Oct	Week 3 Term 4 Tues 29 Oct	Week 3 Term 4 Wed 30 Oct	Week 3 Term 4 Thurs 31 Oct	Week 3 Term 4 Fri 1 Nov	Week 3 Term 4 Sat/Sun 2/3
School Photos			Transition Session 3 Kindy 2020	Transition Session 3 Kindy 2020 All Saints Day – Whole School Mass 9:30am	
Week 4 Term 4 Mon 4 Nov	Week 4 Term 4 Tues 5 Nov	Week 4 Term 4 Wed 6 Nov	Week 4 Term 4 Thurs 7 Nov	Week 4 Term 4 Fri 8 Nov	Week 4 Term 4 Sat/Sun 9/10
	MISSION DAY Advisory Council Meeting 6:30pm Library	Hockey Gala Day Yr 5 & 6	Playgroup 9:30am Room 1		Sunday Warringah Parish Intercultural Festival

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)

KB	Lucas B Edmund C Eva M	3B	Matilda B Tayla C Crystal L	5W	Liam C John M	Sports India G (2W) Isabella S (4B)
1B	Jensen H Violet Mc	3/4W	Ayrton D Katia K	6B	Maurice J Annie S	
1W	Evie B Jamie M	4B	Lennox D Keeley F Natalia M	6W	Lachlan D Alison L Alessia M	Creative Arts Domenic C (6W) Lachlan D (6W) Aaron R (6W)
2B	Harrison D Lilah R	4W	Anton C Susannah C Mia H	5/6F	Campbell D	Library Luca G (KB) Olivia B (4B)
2W	India G Mia S	5B	Nelson D Elissa G	Rock & Water	Ruby N (5W)	

PARISH INTERCULTURAL DAY – SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER @ ST JOHN'S

In recognition of the vibrant mix of backgrounds we have here in the Parish of Warringah, a celebration day is being held on Sunday 10th November. The day will begin with a special intercultural Mass at 10:00.

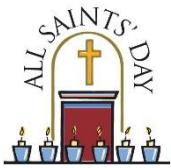
As well as **free food and cultural entertainment**, there are lots of ways for families to be involved:



- Children are encouraged to dress in **traditional dress** representing their cultural heritage or maybe the colours of their country's flag.
- **The choir* will be performing at 11:30am.** * the choir consists of any child from St John's or St Kevins' who is coming along – they have all learned the songs!
- Invitations have gone out to our **Ensemble Band** today, Ben is very keen to have the children perform to this wider audience. This will be part of the school presentation **at 11:30am.**
- A **poster making competition** with a first prize of **\$150 + a \$50 RASHAYS voucher** for 9-15 year olds (see details and the entry form attached to the newsletter).
- A **colouring competition** for younger children, with Smiggles prizes.
- **Games for all ages** – eg: bocce, petanque, egg & spoon, etc.

It would help Mr Frazer to know numbers, so if you know your child will be attending on the day, please let us know using the google form: <https://forms.gle/2bjAyRqkY38uTNLS9>

ALL SAINTS DAY – NOVEMBER 1 - WHOLE SCHOOL MASS 9:30



Next Friday, we celebrate All Saints Day. We will be attending Mass with the Parish and you are welcome to join us. We are not just celebrating the well-known 'capital S' saints. The feast of ALL Saints is an opportunity to remember and reflect on the lives of those saints who've been known and loved by just a few and whose sphere of influence was such that they will never be recognised as Saints by the universal Church. Some of them may only be known to God. Others are people whose love, sacrifice and fidelity we have seen for ourselves and who have inspired us.

Who will you be remembering next Friday?

DIOCESAN MISSION MASS

Today the Yr 6 Mission Team joined students from every school (primary and secondary) in our Diocese at the cathedral in Waitara. The mass was raising awareness for Catholic Mission.

We were really lucky to have Bishop Anthony Randazzo celebrate the Mass for us (it was quite hot, so he let us sit down instead of kneeling during Mass). He is looking forward to his installation as our Bishop, but wanted to take this opportunity to come and meet everyone. After Mass, he was happy to have photos taken. We got together with St Kevin's so we could have a Parish photo.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

This term, Fr Emman will be running altar server training for any children who have made their First Communion. I will attend the sessions with the children and they will be run during school time over coming weeks.

If you are interested, please see Miss Dunk for an application form. Once trained, the children will be able to serve at our Class Weekday Masses and hopefully at weekend Parish Masses.



WASTE FREE TUESDAY

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!

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 😞

AN OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT



CONGRATULATIONS

to

Luella V (3/4W)

*who was a winner in the auspicious
2019 NAIDOC Week School Initiative Competition.*

*Luella has received the 'NAIDOC Medal of Excellence'
for her incredible and very moving poem on
Reconciliation.*

There are only 20 medals awarded across the state.



WALK FOR BRAIN CANCER



On Sunday, we did the 'Walk for Brain Cancer' walk from Shelley Beach to South Curl Curl Beach. We did it in remembrance of our friend Finn. It was a 5km walk and there were lots of people participating in memory of their friends or family members that have passed away from brain cancer. We had a good time and were proud to do it for our friend Finn.

By Matthew H and Christian C, Yr 5



On Monday, Year 5 & 6 competed in a basketball gala day. Everyone tried their best and had an amazing day. Both girls' teams won 2 out of 3 games and one of the boys' team won 2 out of 4 games. Even though we didn't get to the finals, everyone supported each other and we all had great sportsmanship. Overall, we all had a blast!

By Olivia O, Rose R & Charlotte Y



DISCO

Thank you to our Kindy parents for organising such a fun event for the children. Congratulations to all of the children for your amazing dance moves and for being so well-behaved all evening. A video of the highlights will be available on Facebook from 8.30am tomorrow!



October is Mission Month and at St John's we are learning about Mission in our Religion classes and celebrate our learning by holding a Mission Day.

On Mission Day, we all get to wear mufti (for a gold coin donation) and we bring money to spend on all of the activities that have been planned by each year (max. \$5 – most activities only cost \$50 or \$1). Details of the day will be in next week's newsletter.



The purpose of Mission Day is to put our learning into action. We are focussing on issues that require us to create awareness and projects that we can support financially. As well as supporting Catholic Mission, we are raising funds for issues that are meaningful to us and, importantly, realising that we have a voice, and we can make a difference!

The children have all been asked to try and “earn” the money that they bring for Mission Day – rather than just asking for money. We would like to encourage them to having a sense of achievement around “raising” the money and then being able to use it to help others. So if there are any odd jobs around the house that are worth a dollar or two ... we would appreciate your support.

PARENTS – YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN

The Advisory Council invite the parent community to join our children in Mission Month and do something extraordinary for mission.

Our children have all selected a charity to contribute to for mission.

Parents on the Advisory Council have selected “Share the Dignity”, a women's charity that makes a real difference to homeless women and victims of domestic violence. Share the Dignity will be donating bags full of essential items for women and girls they assist. Suggested items to donate include:

#itsintheBag

- Handbag you no longer use and/or
- Items for the girls and women, such as – shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, tissues, hair brush, hair ties, sunscreen, moisturiser, perfume (please only donate new items).

We welcome parent involvement and engagement in the spirit of Mission Month and hope the parent community will participate to make a difference, especially for these women and girls. Donations can be dropped off at Room 13. (Two fabulous bags have already been dropped off this morning!)

CHESS CLUB

ST JOHN'S ANNUAL CHESS COMPETITION

The St John's Annual Chess Competition will be held this year on **FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER**. This will be an all-day competition held in the school Library.

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Any parents are welcome to assist with the chess competition - for the whole day or half day (parent volunteers do not need to know how to play chess). If there are not enough helpers the competition may not be able to go ahead.

For further information please contact Rachael Crookwell on 0408 627 270.

Entry form is attached to this newsletter or can be obtained from the office.

Please return the completed entry form to the school office by Friday 22nd November. Entry forms will not be registered until Qkr payment made.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

We are very lucky to have Gary Eck the author and comedian come to St John's School to chat about his fantastic new children's book 'Wake Up, Sleepyhead'. Students in K-4 will have the opportunity to listen to Gary talk about his debut children's book and hear all about the creative process involved in writing and publishing a children's picture book.



Gary will be at our school on Tuesday 29th October and there is an opportunity for the students to purchase a signed copy of his new book on the day. Payments of cash or direct payment (see details below) will be accepted. I will also have copies of 'Wake Up, Sleepyhead' for sale in the library before school on the day. Please fill in the slip below with money or proof of purchase (transaction number) and return to school.

Student's name _____ Class _____

I would like to purchase a signed copy of 'Wake Up, Sleepyhead' for \$20. Please tick your choice below:

Cash ___ or Direct Payment Transaction Number _____

BANK: Westpac

ACC NAME: Gary Eck

BSB: 032 082

ACC: 414085

Signed _____ Date _____



The P&F Gazette

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

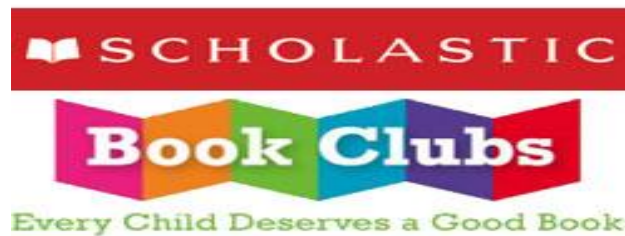
We're running a Bunnings BBQ – Sunday 3rd November

There's nothing like a Bunnings BBQ to put a smile on people's faces as they prepare for a weekend's DIY projects.

St John's will be running the BBQ at Bunnings Narrabeen on Sunday 3rd November! Starting at 7.30am and finishing sometime after 3pm, we're putting together shifts for 3 volunteers at a time and will send out information soon. The P&F will all be there at some stage, it's guaranteed loads of fun! Stay tuned and save the date – at least to come along and buy as delicious sausage sandwich.

Warm regards,

Saartje, Matt, Russell, Jo, Shirley, Linda, Gen & Caroline



Unfortunately, we have not received the issue 7 Book Club catalogue. Use the following link to browse through the magazine.

https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5324/719_final.pdf

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

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

Book Club orders for Issue 7 are due no later than

Friday 1st November

COMMUNITY NEWS



Making A Difference Narraweena 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 Natalie.Callaghan@madchildcare.com.au

Northern Beaches Council's Christmas Choral Concert

This concert is being held at Manly Oval on Thursday 5th December.

This free event features choristers from local schools, choral societies and drama and singing schools; plus over 120 local residents led by Ms Margi Coen of the Sydney Vocal Arts Centre.

The official Christmas Choral Volunteer callout – is attached at the bottom of the newsletter.



WARRINGAH CATHOLIC PARISH

ST. KEVIN CHURCH-DEEWY & ST. JOHN CHURCH NARRAWEENA

SCALABRINI INTERCULTURAL DAY

INVITES YOU

POSTER DESIGN CONTEST



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

When:

Sunday, 10th November 2019

11:30am - 3:30pm

Where:

St. John the Apostle

Primary School Ground

57 Waratah Pde. Narraweena

Tel. 9982-6536.

office@warringahcatholicparish.org.au

Sponsors:



Contest Details:

Fill out the registration from the school office and submit it to the school office or email it to the Church office not later than **October 30, 2019.**

1. The contest is open to all school children from ages 9-15. Each participant should submit ONE entry only.
2. The poster must illustrate, interpret and emphasise the theme of the Intercultural Day:
"We are all migrants, our homeland is in heaven".
3. The following materials will be used in the contest:
 - a. 635x510 white paper in portrait format (provided by the organiser)
 - b. Pencils, textas, water colours and crayons will be available. If you wish to use other media please bring them along.
4. Entries must be made within the venue between 11:30 am to 3:30pm. The artist will be held accountable to any issues that may arise with regards to the originality and authenticity of the design.
5. The posters will be judged according to the following criteria: creativity and presentation (40%), originality (30%) and relevance to the theme (30%).
6. Ten finalists will be chosen to receive Certificates of Participation, 3 finalists - \$30 Smiggle gift cards, 3 finalists - \$30 Rebel gift cards, 4 finalists - \$30 Hoyts Movie gift cards.
7. **One winning poster will be chosen to receive a cash prize of \$150, a \$50 RASHAYS Gift Voucher and a plaque for the school represented.**
8. Winners will be announced the following Sunday. Entries of the 10 finalists will be exhibited at St Kevin's Church after the contest until Christmas.
9. The winning posters will automatically become official property of Warringah Parish.



WARRINGAH PARISH
Scalabrini Intercultural Day 2019 - Poster Design Contest
November 10, 2019 – Sunday 11:30am -3:30pm

Registration Form

Name:		Age:
School:		
Home Address:		
Contact #:		Email:
Parents' Approval: We, the parents agree to the conditions of the poster design contest and allow our child to join the friendly competition to display his/her talents with our guidance and presence on the day of the activity.		
Guardian:		Signature:



When: Sunday, 10th November 2019, 11:30am -3:30pm

**Where: St. John the Apostle Primary School Grounds 57 Waratah Pde. Narraweena,
Tel. 9982-6536. office@warringahcatholicparish.org.au**

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Student Name: _____ Class: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

I have made payment via Qkr: _____ Circle Yes/No

I am able / unable to assist at the Chess competition _____ (name).

Parent Helpers contact details _____

YEAR 4 PARTY



FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

4PM - 6PM

Year 4 and their families are invited to celebrate the end of the school year at Manly Surf N Slide.

Contact Amelia on
0431 138 977 for ticket details

LETS END 2019 WITH A SPLASH

Christmas Choral Concert

Call out to all Northern Beaches
primary and high school singers



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beaches
council

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We are seeking volunteer singers for the Northern Beaches Council's Christmas Choral Concert held at Manly Oval on Thursday 5 December.

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This annual event includes a stage production with the Christmas Choral Community Choir, The Northern Beaches Orchestra and solo performers with a visit from Santa, food stalls and fireworks.

Choir members will perform traditional Christmas carols, with some feature roles available.

Event Details

Thu 5 Dec, 6.30 - 8.30pm
Manly Oval

Rehearsals

Students will be required to attend a minimum two of four weekly rehearsals from 6.15 - 7.15pm for those aged 6 - 12 and 7.30 - 8.45pm for age 13+ at the Manly Senior Centre, Main Hall, 275 Pittwater Road on these dates:

- Thu 7 Nov
- Thu 14 Nov
- Thu 21 Nov
- Thu 28 Nov

Students will also be required to attend a mandatory rehearsal with the Northern Beaches Orchestra on:

- Sun 1 Dec, 10am - 1pm

Location

To be confirmed

To apply click **here**

Enquiries: events@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

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