



The Evangelist

The St John's Primary School Newsletter
Wednesday 7th June 2017 Term 2 Week 7

Dear Parents / Carers

On Saturday I was privileged to witness students from St John's Parish receive the **Sacrament of Penance**; First Reconciliation. Over the last four weeks our students and families have been preparing for this special day. They have been learning how some choices we make in life put distance between God and ourselves. Sometimes we fail to show love for God by our words, our actions or our thoughts. The Sacrament of Penance is our opportunity to come back to God.

I would like to share with you the following prayer taken from the reconciliation liturgy.

Dear Jesus, thank you for being so good to me.

I will try hard to be good, kind and loving.

*Teach me to live as you did, always caring about others
and helping those who needed your help.*

Mother Mary, show me how to be kind as Jesus was.

Watch over me and protect me. Amen.



Congratulations to our students: *Mirko Filipovic, Marcella Galati, Christian Hanna, Stephanie Bugeja, Alisha Xerri, Liam Mercieca and Jessica Spryn* who received the healing grace of God in the Sacrament of Penance. Our appreciation and thanks to Mrs Helena Greedy, parish sacramental team leader and teachers from St John's Miss Sharleen Espiritu (liturgy coordinator), Mrs Christine Stafford and Mrs Kristy McCarter who prepared the children for the reception of the Sacrament. The beautiful ceremony and reverence of the children was a credit to you.

The **Athletics Carnival** on Monday was a great success. We thank Mrs Tolhurst and Mrs Heslop for their organisation and all the staff and parent helpers for ensuring the day ran smoothly. Well done to all our children from Kindergarten to Year 6 who did their best and showed great sportsmanship. Thank you to all our staff for supporting the event and ensuring it ran to plan and to the many parents for attending the carnival and showing your support to our athletes. A special thank you to Ben Wood and Ian Ball for their assistance in transporting the equipment and helping to set up and pack up the equipment, to John and Patricia Gray for cooking the barbecue and Mrs Chiddo for doing the shopping and organising the lunch bags; Belinda Murray for organising the 'snack shack' and the many mums who served the children their snacks and lunches. A GREAT job, one and all!

I have scheduled a parent / carer '**Cuppa and Chat**' for Friday 23rd June. This meeting will be a gathering to support our major fundraising activity for 2017. During this meeting you will have the opportunity to purchase a range of 'Scentsy Products' - beautifully scented warmers and diffusers. We will commence the meeting at 1.00 pm prior to our weekly assembly.



Semester One Reports

Student **learning reports** will be sent home on Friday 16th June. The Semester One Interviews have been scheduled to commence Monday Week 9 and following into Week 10 of the term. Tuesday the 20th June has been designated as the late evening for interviews. Mrs Cremona will advise you when the online booking for parents / carers is opened. Please follow the instructions to book an interview time online that is suitable to you.

Additional Parent/Teacher Meetings

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents / carers that you are able to meet with teachers throughout the year to discuss your child's progress or any concerns or issues you would like to raise. As teachers have a 'duty of care' for their students you are asked to ring the office to organise those additional meetings that are 'outside the official reporting period.' Thank you!

St John's Community Group

At our recent **School Community Group** meeting held on 30th May it was decided that the following fund raising /social activities would be organised for our community: Football Mufti Day for a gold coin donation (Wednesday 21st June); Pyjama Day for a gold coin donation (Wednesday 26th July); Movie Night (Friday 11th August); and Father's Day Stall (25th August). Please mark these dates in your diary. Additional information about these events will be sent home in due course.

God Bless, Patricia.

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP

NEW TRADING HOURS FOR OUR
SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP ARE:

TUESDAY'S 8-9am and
THURSDAY'S 2.30-3.30pm

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL RULES

Be a good learner

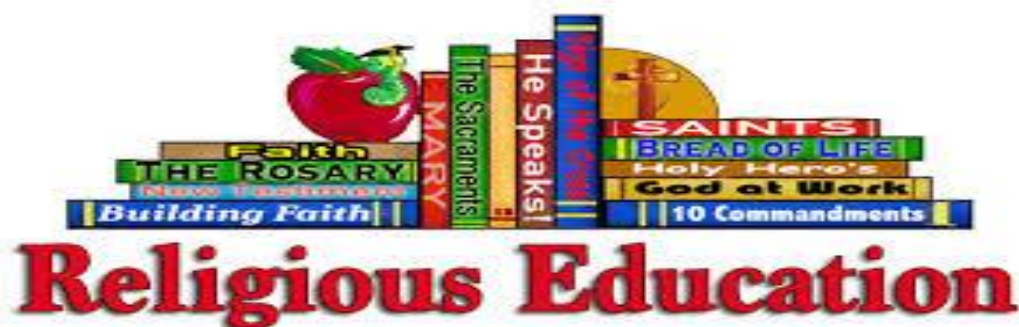
Be respectful

**Be
safe**



Our School Prayer

*Heavenly Father,
At St John's we pray that you watch
over us in all we say and do.
Guide us with love and peace.
Be with us as we learn.
Let us make choices that create a friend-
ly and respectful community.
Help us to be the best we can.
Amen.*



Congratulations to all of the students who made their First Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday 3rd June.

It was wonderful to be part of this Sacrament.

Thank you to Mrs McCarter and Mrs Stafford for their hard work and dedication of being part of the Sacramental team.



On Friday 23rd June, 2017

we will be celebrating the

Feast of the Sacred Heart

We will be having a Mass at 10.00am in the Church, followed by a ceremony of donations from our school community.

All children are asked to bring to school a can of food that will be able to be given to those less fortunate than themselves. It may be a can of soup, beans, spaghetti, fruit ... You may like to donate more than one can if you are able. After Mass, we will ceremoniously make a "HEART OF CANS" as we offer our donations and thus show love and compassion towards those in need. Please send the cans to school with your child and they can be kept in their classroom ready for Friday's ceremony. I am sure that your child will feel they have made a positive contribution of reaching out to others.



Addition and Subtraction Terminology

Here are some terms you may have heard and would like explained:

Doubles

$$8 + 8 = 16$$

$$7 + 7 = 14$$

$$6 + 6 = 12$$

Near Doubles

Knowing that one way of answering $8 + 9 = 17$ is that since I know that $8 + 8 = 16$, and that 9 is simply 8 + 1, I can add one more to get the answer 17.

Building to the next 10

Knowing that adding 2 numbers can be partitioned to add to the next 10 and then add the remaining numbers in order to make things easier.

e.g. $25 + 98 = 98 + 2 + 23 = 123$

Estimating

Taking a handful of objects and making an educated assessment of how many there are.

Knowing that the answer to $136 + 687$ or $1234 - 432$ will be less than 1000.

Using their knowledge of Place Value to estimate logical estimates to a variety of mathematical questions such as these.

Friends of Ten

2 and 8 are Friends of 10

3 and 7 are Friends of 10

4 and 6 are Friends of 10

Friends of Twenty

Similar to the above

18 and 2 are Friends 20

12 and 8 make 20

3 and 17 make 20

Friends of One Hundred

Similar to the Friends of Ten

20 and 80 are friends of 100

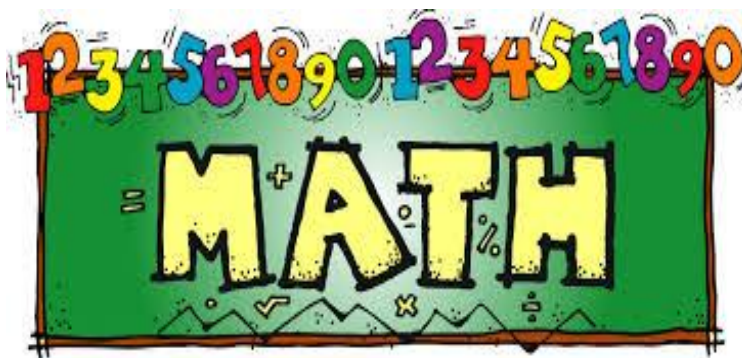
30 and 70 are friends of 100

40 and 60 are friends of 100

When children have an excellent grasp of doubles, near doubles friends of ten/twenty they are able to use their fluency in these concepts to help them with making calculations with large numbers. The skills do not change even though the numbers change.

Jason Fisher

Assistant Principal



Safety Alert

A concerned parent has notified the school office that a small child is being left in the church car park at afternoon pick-up unattended while the parent collects their child from school.

LEAVING A CHILD IN A CAR UNATTENDED CAN BE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CHILDREN IN THE CAR FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION

KISS AND DROP

PARENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN SIGHTED STOPPING AT THE STAFF CARPARK GATES AND ALLOWING THEIR CHILDREN TO WALK THROUGH THE STAFF CARPARK IN THE MORNINGS INSTEAD OF WAITING IN THE KISS AND DROP QUEUE

THE STAFF CARPARK IS OUT OF BOUNDS AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE WALKING THROUGH THERE AT ANYTIME.

THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENT IS PARAMOUNT AND WE APPRECIATE EVERYONES COOPERATION

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

THE NEXT STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY WILL BE HELD ON

MONDAY 17TH JULY 2017

'NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL ON THIS DAY'

TERM THREE WILL COMMENCE

TUESDAY 18TH JULY 2017

every learner
every day 

School Name  School Attendance Level %
St Johns Primary Riverstone  89.5%

Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %
K	 100.0%
01	 83.9%
02	 84.6%
03	 90.0%
04	 83.9%
05	 93.8%
06	 86.7%

WHAT'S COMING UP

21st June	Footy Colours Day (Gold coin donation)
22nd June	Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day
23rd June	Feast of the Sacred Heart 10am
23rd June	Principals Cuppa & Chat 1.45pm
25th June	Woolworths BBQ Fundraiser
29th June	Stage 2 Boys/Girls Soccer Gala Day
30th June	LAST DAY TERM 2
17th July	SDD/NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL TODAY
18th July	FIRST DAY TERM 3

TERM 2 SCHOOL FEES **REMINDER**

Term 2 school fees have been issued and were due on Monday, 29th May.

Please contact Deanne Hearnden in the school office if you would like to discuss fees further or you would like to set up a payment arrangement.

Discussing of fees will be dealt with confidentially and each person is guaranteed that they will be treated with respect and dignity.

Fees can be paid either by cash, cheque, bpay, postbillpay or by using our EFTPOS facilities.

We Need Your Help!



**St John's
Fundraiser Team**

Woolworths BBQ

Sunday 25th June 2017, the St John's Fundraiser Team will be having a BBQ at Woolworths in Schofields (Railway Terrace) to raise money for the Spring Fete. Please look for the volunteer note that was sent home with your child yesterday and return to school asap if you can help



GALATI & ASSOCIATES
ACCOUNTANTS & TAX AGENTS

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Tax Accountant F.N.T.A.A

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Accreditations

- Australian Credit Licence number 38542
- Member of Mortgage & Finance Association Of Australia (MFAA)
- Member of Credit Ombudsman Service Limited (COSL)
- Diploma of Financial Services (Finance/Mortgage Broking)
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- Director of Alert Finance Pty Ltd ABN: 95 124 106 734



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Director on 0405 293 459



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2017





MAJOR FUNDRAISER

ST JOHN'S FETE

SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2017



St John's School Fundraising Group are working hard organising the St John's Fete which will be held on the 16th September 2017.

In order for our fete to be a success we will need the support of the whole school community. This term we are asking families to donate items to our collection days for a 'Tombola Stall.' The basic idea of a Tombola stall is very simple. Supporters of our fete donate items / products in advance. These items then have a number assigned to them and are put on display. During our Fete people buy tickets, which if they match the number on an item, win that prize.

"Can you supply a small item for our Tombola?"

Term 2, Week 2: ESI	Toiletries (eg. shampoo, conditioner, body wash, hand wash)
Term 2, Week 3: Year One	Paper products (eg. serviettes, paper towels, tissues)
Term 2, Week 5: Year Three	Tinned soups, UDH milk products.
Term 2, Week 7: Year Four	Sauces / salad dressings (eg. BBQ sauce, tomato sauce, Caesar dressing)
Term 3, Week 1: Year Five	Tin products (eg. vegetables, fruits, baked beans etc)
Term 3, Week 4: Year Six	Bottle products (eg. wine, soft drinks)
Term 3, Week 6: Year Two	Snacks (eg. chips, twisties, muesli bars)

Please note that with perishable products the use by date should be checked to ensure it has not expired.
Keep in mind the date of the fete is the 16th of September.

KEEP YOUR DONATIONS COMING, IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT

AWARDS

Week 5 Values Award

HONESTY & TRUSTWORTHINESS

Lachlan Watson ES1, Ryan Bentley Stage 1,
Jacob Camilleri Stage 2, Jack Adamcewicz
Stage 3

Merit Award Week 5

Jacinta Bird ES1, Hugo Adamcewicz & Ryan
Camilleri Stage 1, Kristian Albanis & Christian
Hanna Stage 2, Seth Rogers & Page Williams
Stage 3

Principal Award Week 5

Baylie Savage ES1, Amelia Makin Stage 1, Ella
Hodges Stage 2, Isabelle McIntyre Stage 3

Week 6 Values Award

INTEGRITY

Jamie Hartz ES1, Shayla Baldock Stage 1,
Imogen Talbot-Woodford Stage 2, Sophia Mae
Aguado Stage 3

Merit Award Week 6

Jonathon Sinclair ES1, Chelsea Peter & Sofia
Maggio Stage 1, Marcella Galati & Gurleen
Kaur Stage 2, Shudarshan Krishnan & Vito
Galati Stage 3

Principal Award Week 6

Breanna Xerri ES1, Alexander Hills Stage 1,
Jacob Camilleri Stage 2, Candice Mercieca
Stage 3

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



Jonathon Sinclair 27th May,
Giovanni Galati 30th May,
Jacob Sinka 31st May,

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

ST JOHN'S EAGLES

INDOOR SOCCER ROUND ROBIN

at INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE, Corner Hamilton
St and Garfield Rd

Organized by St John's Church, 164 Garfield
Rd, Riverstone

Wednesday 5th July 2017

9.30am -2.30pm Opened to boys and girls aged 5-16

*Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by a
parent/carer or responsible person over the age of 15.

**No child under the age of 8 can be left unattended at
any time.**

SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH

We remind you to wear the proper non marking
shoes, long socks and shin pads.

Tell your friends and bring them along

**COST: \$12 per player, sausage sizzle
included LUCKY DOOR PRIZES**

Pick up a flyer from the back of the church
or school student foyer

All enquiries to the parish office

9627 1176

every learner
every day 

At school we are interested in your child's

Well being and happiness

Engagement with learning in the classroom

Social and emotional development

The single most important thing you can do to support all of these areas is ensure they attend Every Day

FOOTY COLOURS MUFTI DAY

WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE 2017

IN THE SPIRIT OF 'STATE OF ORIGIN', ST JOHN'S PRIMARY WILL HAVE A MUFTI DAY ON WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE 2017. FOR A GOLD COIN DONATION, CHILDREN CAN COME DRESSED IN ANY JESEY WHETHER IT BE LEAGUE, UNION, AFL, SOCCER OR ANY OTHER SPORT.

MONEY RAISED FROM THE MUFTI DAY WIL GO TOWARDS OUR SPRING FETE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT



REMINDER THAT PARENTS/CARERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PARK IN THE STAFF CAR PARK WHEN THEY DROP OFF OR PICK UP THEIR CHILD/ CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL.

THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS IS PARIMOUNT AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR CO OPERATION REGARDING THIS MATTER

COMPLAINTS AND GREIVENCES

If , at any time, you find that you have a concern with the school, you are encouraged to come to the school and speak with the teacher/s, assistant principal and/or principal, to find a resolution for your concern.

It is our aim to work with all members of our school community to ensure that we do the very best we can to provide a productive, safe and enjoyable learning experience for our students and professionally fulfilling experience for our staff.

If you would like to raise a concern formally, the Catholic Education Office has procedures for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. Information about how to lodge a complaint and a complaint form are available from the school office or in the Complaint Handling Policy and Procedures. These documents can be accessed on the CEDP website www.parra.catholic.edu.au



Building Child Safe Communities

Important Information for Volunteers

Thank you for your interest in volunteering. The opportunities provided to students are greatly enhanced by the contribution of volunteers. All volunteers will need to complete the **Undertaking for Volunteers' Form and Training Module** online before they can volunteer at St John's, please use the link below.

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/home>

Step 1: Complete 'Building Child Safe Communities - Undertaking for Volunteers' Form

You will need to complete a Volunteers Form for **each location** that you volunteer. A notification of your successful completion of the form will be sent via e-mail to the volunteering location and also to your email address.

Step 2: Complete the online training module

It is a system requirement that the online training module be completed by all volunteers commencing at any of our locations and the training needs to be completed every second year.

- Open the module by clicking the **Start** link below.
- Read through the presentation.

Complete and submit quiz questions (this will take approximately 10 minutes).

NOTE: IF YOU HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED THE TRAINING MODULE YOU WILL ONLY NEED TO COMPLETE THE 'UNDERTAKING FOR VOLUNTEERS' FORM.

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

LETTERS ARE SENT HOME TO
PARENTS/CARERS ON A WEEKLY BASIS
REGARDING UNEXPLAINED
ABSENCES

THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION IS
REQUIRED URGENTLY AND NEEDS TO
BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE
If your child is absent from school it is
the Parent/Carers responsibility to
send to school with the child (on their
return) a written explanation of the
reason for absence and it also needs to
be signed by the Parent/Carer. Notifi-
cation via telephone will be accepted
providing the caller can be verified.

This is a legal requirement.



MORNING SUPERVISION

Before school supervision of
students commences at 8.20am.
Parents are asked not to drop off their
children at school prior to this time.

*This is for the safety of all our
students*

UNIFORM EXPECTATION

Thank you very much to our parents
for ensuring that your children
come to school in the correct full
school uniform and neatly
groomed.

- ♦ BLACK LEATHER SCHOOL SHOES
- ♦ JEWELLERY - STANDARD WATCHES (Boys & Girls)
- ♦ JEWELLERY - PLAIN STUD OR SLEEPERS EARRINGS (Girls only)
- ♦ LONG HAIR MUST BE TIED BACK WITH REGU-
LATION (SCHOOL COLOURS) RIBBON, BAND
OR SCHOOL SCRUNCHIE AND **EXTREME HAIR
STYLES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. THIS IN-
CLUDES STREAKS, HAIR COLOURING , LINES,
SHAVED CUTS, UNDER CUTS, RATS TAILS,
MULLET ETC.**
- ♦ SPORTS SHOES MUST BE PREDOMINANTLY WHITE
WITH WHITE LACES **NOT COLOURED.**
- ♦ SPORTS SOCK ARE WHITE COVERING THE ANKLE
- ♦ GIRLS SOCKS ARE LIGHT BLUE and BOYS ARE GREY
WITH MAROON STRIPE (available at Lowes)
- ♦ NAIL POLISH is NOT PERMITTED
- ♦ SCHOOL HAT IS TO BE WORN OUTDOORS AT ALL
TIMES (St John's Primary School has a NO HAT NO
PLAY Policy)
- ♦ GIRLS AND BOYS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR
TIES WITH THE WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM
- ♦ GIRLS TAB TIES ARE AVAILABE FROM THE
SCHOOL OFFICE FOR \$5
- ♦ BOYS TIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE
SCHOOL OFFICE FOR \$17
- ♦ GIRLS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR GREY TIGHTS
WITH THE WINTER UNIFORM

Thank You for your co-operation

Parent Pick-up

Parents/Carers are asked to please wait in the parent pick up area in the under-croft and

NOT TO CONGREGATE NEAR YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM OR IN THE AREA BETWEEN EARLY STAGE ONE AND STAGE ONE CLASSROOMS

This is for the safety of all of our children. We appreciate your co-operation regarding this matter

ASSEMBLY

Whole School Assembly is held
FRIDAY'S AT 2.30PM

All Parent's/Carers/Family and Friends are most welcome to join our school community

SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIMES

School commences at 8:50 am and concludes at 2:50 pm

All children that arrive after the morning bell need to be accompanied by a Parent/Carer to the office to complete a late arrival form that needs to be signed by the Parent/Carer. This is a legal requirement and the child will be processed as an unexplained partial absence if the Parent/Carer does not attend the office with the child. Please have your child at school before 8:50am.



ST JOHN'S PLAYGROUP

Tuesday and Thursday
9:15—11:15 am

If you have children under 5 years old, why not bring them along each Tuesday or Thursday to Playgroup in the Church Hall. Mums, dads, grandparents and carers are all welcome. For further inquiries please contact Tina on 9627 7625 or the Parish Office on 9627 1176

School

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Principal: Patricia Charlton

Office Hours 8.30 am—3.30pm

Call in for a School tour anytime

Parish

Cnr Garfield Rd & McCulloch St
Riverstone 2765.

Tel: 9627 1176 Email: stjohns10@bigpond

Parish Priest: Father Zakaria Gayed

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday 6pm, Sunday 7am & 9am