



The Evangelist

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Term 2 Week 3

Wednesday 16th May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week our Year 3 and 5 students are participating in the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their literacy and numeracy skills.

The results of the test will provide important information about what each child can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. It must be kept in mind that a range of assessment tests / tools are used by schools throughout the school year to assess student learning outcomes; NAPLAN is one such test.

The NAPLAN tests that will be conducted throughout this week:

<p>Tuesday 15 May</p> <p>Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)</p> <p>Writing Test</p>	<p>Wednesday 16 May</p> <p>Reading Test</p>	<p>Thursday 17 May</p> <p>Numeracy Test</p>
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We ask you join us in praying for our students as they participate in these National tests and wish them every success.

Mother's Day Liturgy

I would like to congratulate Mrs Roffmann for planning and organising a beautiful Mother's Day liturgy. The children's participation was as usual very reverent and the singing beautiful. The liturgical movement by Stage 3 is one we will remember. A number of Mums and Grandmas found it quite emotional and a few tears were shed. The sentiments expressed in the song 'You Raise Me Up' touched our hearts as did the singing by our younger children of the chorus from 'A Song for Mum' which demonstrates their feelings for Mums / female caregivers

A SONG FOR MUM

Chorus

Mum I want to tell you

Just how much you mean to me

Your loving touch

Your gentle ways

They're never far from me

You are my greatest friend

On whom I can depend

*You know I'll always really love you
mum*





Last Week's Events at St John's

Last week a number of events were organised by our very hardworking School Community Group. On behalf of the staff and students of St John's I would like to acknowledge and thank Pauline Boljtes and Kelly Mason for treating our mothers to a delicious breakfast to celebrate Mother's Day. A fantastic effort ladies!

Belinda Murray and Jessica Stone did a wonderful job with organising the Mother's Day stall. I'm sure many of our mothers/grandmas received a very special gift chosen by their children from the stall. The selling of the gifts ran very smoothly due to the many volunteers who were on hand to assist the children with their purchases. (Thank you).

Unfortunately, it was wet and cold on Saturday for the **Riverstone Festival**. Our children, parents and staff showed that they are made of 'stern stuff' as they walked in the parade in the rain. I thank all who braved the weather to come out and support our students.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Mrs Noden for preparing the children for their performance at the Festival. The audience appreciated their enthusiasm for singing. It was a stirring performance. Belinda Murray and Marianne Finadri organised the St John's Cake Stall at the festival. Thank you for your efforts and generosity. Naturally, a number of people were needed on Saturday to erect and decorate the gazebo; set out the food items and serve; as well as a number of volunteers to bake and package the 'goodies'. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to last week's events. Your support contributed to the success of all the events.

APPEAL

As you can imagine it takes many volunteers to plan, organize and run the many events that are integral to the community of St John's. Unfortunately, the number of volunteers are decreasing each year.

It would appear that support for the organisation of some community events / fundraising activities are left to the same few. I ask that all our parents / guardians give serious consideration to volunteer for upcoming events. Your support benefits every child at St John's.



WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM

All students should now be wearing their full winter uniform, which includes ties for both boys and girls. Girls must also wear grey tights (not leggings) with the winter uniform.

The sports jacket is only to be worn on Friday's for sport, it is not part of the regulation winter school uniform. Thank you for your cooperation.





Request for Prayers

There are some members of the St John's community that are unwell at this time.

We ask you to please keep them in your prayers.

prayer for the sick

May you be wrapped up in God's love,
Found deep in His everlasting wings,
Carried and kept, safe and cherished.
May the healing power of Christ
Breathe across your being now.



God Bless Patricia

WHAT'S COMING UP

- 15th - 17th May Naplan Year 3 & Year 5**
- 18th May International Family Day 'Crazy Sock Day'**
Gold coin donation, Catholic Care Outreach
- 25th May 2nd Captivate Choir Rehearsal**
- 29th May Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day**
- 5th June Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day**
- 7th June Athletics Carnival (whole school attending)**





NAPLAN

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

As you would be aware, this week our Year 3 and Year 5 students are taking part in the nation-wide NAPLAN exams. This exam provides us with a snapshot of the learning your of your child. As educators, we use the results of these tests to shape our teaching and learning activities and is just one way we ensure we are catering to the needs of all students. I would like to congratulate the Year 3 and Year 5 students on the way they have approached these exams and conducted themselves during the testing process.



ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

In Week 1 of this term, 26 students traveled out to Sydney Motorsport Park at Eastern Creek to represent St John's at the Zone Cross Country Carnival. Our students competed with a great sense of pride and sportsmanship. It was a challenging race with higher than expected temperatures, a tough 2 or 3km course, and up to 150 other competitors in each division. We had some great results and everyone tried their best. A big congratulations to Charlize (Stage 3) who will move onto the next level of competition after placing 1st in her race - what an achievement! I would like to thank all the parents who attended on the day to support their children and Miss Jeffery who attended the day as Team Manager.

Jackie Willard Assistant Principal



RE^{IG}IOUS EDUCA^{TION}

INTERNATIONAL DAY



International Family Day

The 15th May 2018 has been designated by the United Nations as International Family Day.

This important day is being commemorated throughout the diocese either on this day or in the same week. Bishop Vincent has asked each school to hold a fundraising event. The money raised from this will go to Catholic Care - an organisation in our diocese that offers many services in support of families e.g. individual and family counselling; specialist financial counselling; problem gambling; services for disabled people under the NDIS, accommodation and assistance for young pregnant women at risk of homelessness.

As Naplan is on the 15th, 16th and 17th of May, St John's will be celebrating this day on Friday 18 May. On this day the children can wear crazy socks.



When they wear these crazy socks they need to bring in a gold coin donation. Parents/Carers are invited to join us in a short prayer service at 11.30am in the hall to celebrate as part of one family.

Sacramental Program

Children from Stage 2 have begun their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We ask that you keep these children in your prayers as they continue on their journey in faith and live it out through participating in the Sacraments.

Kim Roffmann REC





SPORTS



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL NOTES WERE SENT HOME YESTERDAY

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL THURSDAY 7TH JUNE 2018

CHARLIE BALI RESERVE, KNOX ROAD DOONSIDE

Please return completed permission/emergency form, code of conduct and payment to the school office asap.

In order for the day to run smoothly we require the help of many parents/carers!!!!

Please consider volunteering even a small amount of your time.

All volunteers must have a work with children check, visit the website below to complete the 'Online Training Module' and 'Undertaking for Volunteers' form.

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

Don't forget to return your sausage sizzle lunch orders to support Year 6 with their fundraiser.



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE 2018

All parents/carers should have received the information sent home about the
2018 Premiers Reading Challenge.

Please see Mrs Abbott in the library on Friday mornings if you have forgotten your password.

Karen Abbott





Week 1 Values Award

Stewardship

Rony Park ES1, Xygelle Aguila & Sofia Maggio & Ryan Camilleri Stage 1, Marcella Galati & Shaun Tolmie Stage 2, Emily Mason & Dylan Albanis Stage 3

Merit Award Week 1

Mithun Kumar ES1, Nevaeh-Lee Ah Kiau & Lucas Mitropoulos Stage 1, Aliyah Kimes & Alisha Xerri Stage 2, Isabella Penfold & Page Williams Stage 3

Principals Award Student of the Week

Riley Stone ES1, Austyn Murray Stage 1, Cooper Stone Stage 2 & Tallara Spence Stage 3

Week 2 Values Award

Compassion

Sienna Kimes ES1, Giovanni Galati & Ryan Bentley Stage 1, Alexander Hills & Stephanie Bugeja Stage 2, Aleida Boltjes & Gurleen Kaur Stage 3

Merit Award Week 2

Makenna Murray ES1, Sienna Maggio & Charles Blanks Stage 1, Jacob Sinka & Hayden Jones Stage 2, Nico Hofma & Charlize Tran Stage 3

Principals Award Student of the Week

Reyden Fernandez ES1, Mersadiez Syme Stage 1, Mirko Filipovic Stage 2, Aaron Sciberras Stage 3

Congratulations





every learner every day

St Johns Primary Riverstone

 80.4%

Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %
K	 94.8%
01	 75.0%
02	 72.7%
03	 81.9%
04	 75.0%
05	 73.2%
06	 80.0%



Charlotfe Santos 7th May, Phoenix Baldock
11th May, Sienna Luppino 11th May and
Zyler Mason 13th May



School Community Group Announcements

Mother's Day Breakfast

What a lovely turn out there was last Friday morning. Thank you to all the parent & carers that were able to join us for breakfast.

Thank you to Pauline Boltjes & Kelly Mason for organising the delicious food and your time for making sure it was set up, cooked & ready to go.

Mothers Day Stall

Thank you to Belinda Murray for organising the Mothers Day Stall. You did a wonderful job & the children were all so excited to have such beautiful gifts to choose from.

I would also like to thank all the parents/carers that gave up their time to volunteer at the stall. Without your help we wouldn't have been able to give the children the opportunity to buy the gifts.

Riverstone Festival

What a success this was, despite the poor weather we still sold out by 2pm!

Thank you to Belinda Murray & Marianne Finadri for organising the day.

Thanks to all the bakers out there that were able to bake cakes, slices & all sorts of goodies for the day. From our sales we made \$622.50 which is 100% profit for the school.

Thank you to all the parents/carers that gave up their time on Saturday, whether it was only an hour or the whole day, you helped our cake stall be the success it was.

St John's Spring Fete - SAVE THE DATE

As you may have heard, once again this year we are holding a Spring Fete, which is going to be held on **Sunday 28th October 2018**. Lots of organising is already underway.

SCHOFIELDS
Chinese Take Away

Shop 1A, 105 Railway Terrace,
Schofields NSW 2762



 **02 9627 9880**

If you know any business who would like to Sponsor, Donate or have a stall at our Fete, please let Pauline Boltjes, Jessica Stone or Belinda Murray know.

We would like to thank our first sponsor 'Schofields Chinese' for sponsoring us again this year.

Please join us at our
next meeting on
Friday 1st June 2018

at 3:15pm

In the school hall

Everyone is welcome!



UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

**LETTERS ARE SENT HOME TO
PARENTS/CARERS ON A REGULAR
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.**

This is a legal requirement.

every learner
every day 

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

PARISH NEWS

The Next Youth Group

Friday - 25 May 2018 - 6pm

All children and their parents are invited to attend the next get-together of the **Youth Group**. Activities for the children will be a highlight of the evening. There will also be activities for the parents. If you are interested, please come along and you are most welcome to bring a friend.



STAY IN THE LOOP

SUBSCRIBE TO THE NEWSLETTER AND CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Website - www.stjohnsriverstone.catholic.edu.au

Facebook - St John's Primary, Riverstone

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP NEW TRADING HOURS

MONDAY'S - CLOSED

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

OPENED from 2.30PM-2.50PM

Please see Belinda Murray in the under-croft.

Thank you Belinda for generosity in coordinating the uniform shop!!!



Lunch orders are available on Monday's and Friday's from Sam's Café

Please write your child's name, class and order on a brown paper bag and enclose the correct money.

Children can then place their orders in the blue lunch order boxes located in the under-croft, near the student foyer.

Orders need to be in the boxes by 8.45am

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL PARENTS/CARERS TO ADVISE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IN WRITING OF ANY CHANGES/UPDATES TO PARENT/CARERS AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS

TELEPHONE/MOBILE NUMBERS

It is imperative that the school is able to get in contact with each and every child's emergency contacts at anytime.

PLEASE FORWARD ANY CHANGES/UPDATES IN WRITING TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE SO YOUR CHILD RECORDS CAN BE AMENDED. YOU CAN ALSO PICK-UP A FORM FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Thank you for your support



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.



SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS

MORNING DROP OFF

MORNING SUPERVISION COMMENCES AT 8.20 AM.

PARENTS AND CARERS ARE ASKED TO REMAIN WITH THEIR CHILD/CHILDREN UNTIL THIS TIME AND NOT TO LEAVE THEM UNATTENDED WAITING AT THE SCHOOL GATES.

WE ALSO ASK THAT PARENTS DO NOT PARK OR WALK THROUGH THE STAFF CAR PARK.

AFTERNOON PICK UP

PARENTS ARE ASKED TO WAIT IN THE UNDER CROFT BETWEEN THE CANTEEN AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICE TO COLLECT THEIR CHILD/CHILDREN FOR AFTERNOON PICK UP.

STUDENTS ARE DISMISSED FROM THE BLUE AREA IN FRONT OF THE HALL AT 2.50PM.

IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WILL BE LATE FOR PICK UP.

IF WORK COMMITMENTS PREVENT YOU FROM PICKING YOUR CHILD UP ON TIME, PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE.

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

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Parish Priest: Father Zakaria Gayed
Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6pm, Sunday 7am & 9am