

The Evangelist

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Term 3 Week 1

Thursday 26th July 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways.

The Lord be with all of you.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

I celebrate today the peace that's from you and that's with me through all my days and never lets me down. God, your peace is my cornerstone, upon which I build the foundation of my life. In your peace, I spread peace to my family and friends, and to my community, for this indeed is a world that needs more peace. Blessed am I to have found that peace in you, God.

Great are the blessings of those who have peace in Christ.

May we all feel the love and peace of Christ throughout Term 3.



It was wonderful to see our children return to school this week after their holiday break. The children were excited to reconnect with their friends and teachers and eager to continue their learning. The staff of St John's look forward to working in partnership with our community again this term towards achieving our goals and our prayer for this term ... to create peace in our families, classrooms and community.

Our next Staff Development Day will be on Monday 27th August 2018.

Please mark your calendar as no students attend school on this day.



Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent / teacher interviews were held in the last week of Term 2. During the interview parents / carers had the opportunity to discuss the mid-year report and the progress and achievements of their child with teachers. I encourage our parents / carers to support their child in their learning by working with their child in the second semester on the recommendations discussed and goals set during the interview. If for some reason you were unable to meet with your child's teacher I encourage you to arrange a meeting early in Term 3.

Congratulations Kindergarten – 100 Days of Kindergarten

On the last day of Term 2 our Kindergarten children celebrated their first 100 days of learning at St John's.

The children participated in engaging learning experiences and activities that focused on the concept of '100.' The children were very excited to share their learning with parents / carers who were able to join them throughout the day. They also enjoyed showing-off their capes, crowns and glasses (they created) to the community at the 100 days of learning parade. Miss Saliba prepared a wonderful slide presentation showing highlights of ES1 learning experiences which was shared at our Friday afternoon assembly. We were all very proud of our youngest students as they showcased their learning.

Minor Capital Works Grant

I have some exciting news to share with our community. At the beginning of Term One I applied to the CEDP for a minor capital works grant and submitted a business plan outlining our need to further improve our school site. I recently received confirmation that our application has been approved. Mrs Hearnden and I have recently met with the Infrastructure & Development Team from the CEDP to discuss some possibilities for site improvements of St John's. Work to be carried out will include site access / school carpark upgrade, improving facilities, office facelift, general site presentation and enhancing street appeal. I have also had discussions with the CEDP in regards to the long term vision and plans for St John's which will require major capital work in the future. The development of Riverstone will impact on our school population; our enrolments will grow in the coming years and we will need to meet the challenge to ensure that we provide the best possible learning and teaching environments for students and staff as we move forward. I will keep our community up to date with the progress of this project.

Principal's Cuppa and Chat

On Friday 3rd August I invite you to attend a Principal's Cuppa and Chat in the library. These meetings give us further opportunities for an informal chat. Please come along and share your thoughts and ideas. Looking forward to meeting with you.



Children's Work Books Coming Home

Over the coming weeks the children will be bringing home their work books to share with you.

We will start next week with the Religion books. We will then send home the Maths books, English books and so on... Please take the time to look through, discuss and enjoy the learning your child has undertaken. Please remember that that not all learning undertaken in Key Learning Areas is recorded in work books.

We encourage you to write a comment to your child in their book after their last piece of work.

Children treasure your comments and it allows us to see that the book did indeed leave the school bag and that you have taken the time to walk through it with your child. We ask that the books be returned promptly the next day so that your child can continue their written work in the appropriate book.

Tell Them From Me Survey

Again, I thank parents / carers who completed the 'Tell Them From Me' survey providing your thoughts and feedback that is vital to St John's decision making processes in regards to school improvements.

School 'communication' has once again been identified by a few parents as an area in need of further attention. As communication is an area that we continually work on improving I invite suggestions / ideas from our parent community. Our current communication systems include the following:

Parent newsletter, website, Facebook, Skoolbag, notes, curriculum overview each term, parent teacher interviews and term planner. A survey note will come home this week giving all parents / carers the opportunity to share their thoughts / ideas on further improving communication at St John's.

Friday Assembly

In order to maximize learning time the teaching staff have decided to trial fortnightly Friday afternoon assemblies. Preparation for assembly, particularly for our Stage 3 students can be quite time consuming. We are also proposing to make some changes to the format; adding a segment to showcase learning. Assembly will commence a little earlier - 2.20pm. The assemblies this term will be held in weeks: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9.

God Bless Patricia



Please pray for those in our community who are ill or have family members who are suffering from illness at this time.

We ask for God's healing love to surround them.

SECONDHAND UNIFORM ITEMS

We are in urgent need of winter uniform items for our secondhand uniform shop, please consider donating your unwanted uniform items that are in good condition. Please drop off at the school office and thank you for your support.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Calendar of Events

What's Coming Up

31st July

13th August

17th August

23rd-24th August

27th August

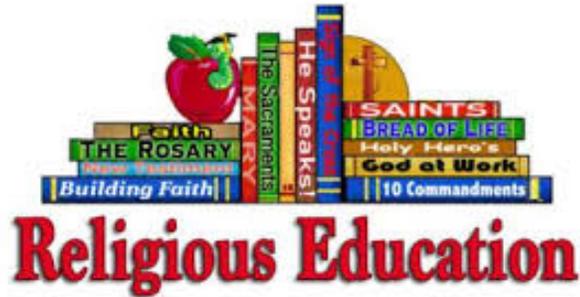
Captivate Rehearsal 11am - 2pm

Book Week Commencing

Whole School Disco

Stage 3 Overnight Excursion to Canberra

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL ON THIS DAY



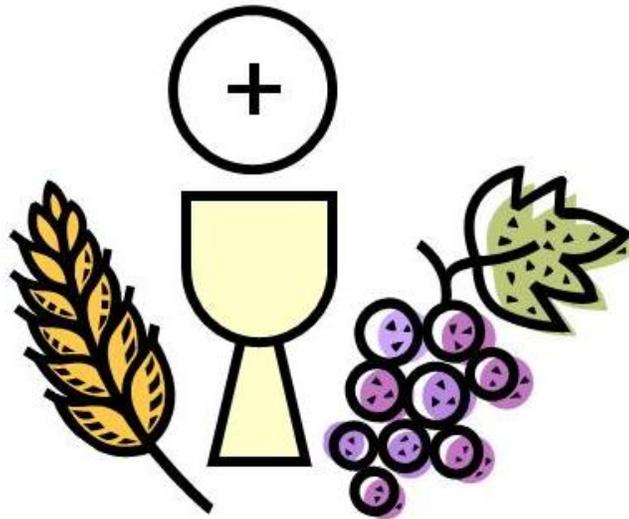
Religious Education

World Youth Day Raffle tickets

Just a reminder that World Youth Day Raffle tickets need to be back to school by Friday 27 July 2018. Thank you for your generous support in this Diocesan initiative.

Sacrament of the Eucharist

Some of the students in Stage 2 will begin the Sacrament of the Eucharist next week. A reminder that the enrolment Masses are this weekend. We pray for these children as they begin their Sacrament. May they feel God's presence with them along this Sacramental journey



Kim Roffmann REC





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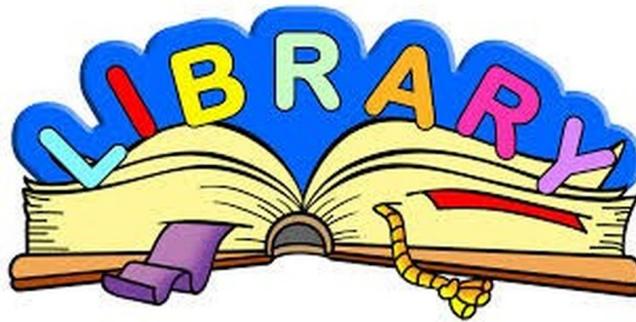
FRIDAY 3RD AUGUST

The annual August Census will take place on Friday 3rd, please ensure all students attend school on this day.

If you know in advance that your child will be absent on this day you are required to provide to the office a written signed letter of explanation before Friday 3/8/18.

If your child is absent due to illness on this day you are required to provide to the office a written signed letter of explanation on the first day they return back to school.

Thank you for your cooperation regarding this important matter.



Reminder

One month to go in the Premiers Reading Challenge!

*Book Fair coming up in week 4,
More details in the next newsletter, watch this space.*

Karen Abbott



AWARDS

Week 7 Values Award

Service

Makenna Murray ES1, Xygelle Aguila & Jelena Filipovic Stage 1, Shayla Baldock & alisha Xerri Stage 2, Tyra Gray & Aaron Camilleri Stage 3

Merit Award Week 7

Reyden Fernandez ES1, Ryan Camilleri & Jonathon Sinclair Stage 1, Alex Lopez & Mirko Filipovic Stage 2, Jasmin Finadri & Jacob Camilleri Stage 3

Principals Award Student of the Week

Sienna Kimes ES1, Sienna Maggio Stage 1, Amelia Makin Stage 2 & Claudine Eckersley Stage 3

Week 8 Values Award

Stewardship

Mithun Kumar ES1, Jacinta Bird & Sienna Luppino Stage 1, Angelia Bird & Stephanie Bugeja Stage 2, Imogen Talbot-Woodford & Benjamin Arrowsmith Stage 3

Merit Award Week 8

Rubie Searle ES1, Sofia Maggio & Giovanni Galati Stage 1, Alexander Hills & Hope Gibson Stage 2, Charlize Tran & Tallara Spence Stage 3

Principals Award Student of the Week

Harnidh Murba ES1, Nevaeh-Lee Ah-Kiau Stage 1, Liam Mercieca Stage 2, Ryan Park Stage 3

Congratulations





AWARDS

Week 9 Values Award

Compassion

Antonio Maggio ES1, Manny DeGuzman & Madeleine Taylor Stage 1, Shayla Baldock & Hope Gibson Stage 2, Nico Hofma & Charlotte Santos Stage 3

Merit Award Week 9

Harmony Worrell ES1, Breanna Xerri & Jamie Hartz Stage 1, Aliyah Kimes & Marcella Galati Stage 2, Page Williams & Rishi Krishnan Stage 3

Principals Award Student of the Week

Rony Park ES1, Pippa Wood Stage 1, Alexander Hills Stage 2 & Charlize Tran Stage 3

Week 10 Values Award

Dedication

Reyden Fernandez ES1, Elizabeth O'Neill & Charles Blanks Stage 1, Amelia Makin & Marcella Galati Stage 2, Chanelle Xerri & Bella-Marie Hanna Stage 3

Merit Award Week 10

Sienna Kimes ES1, Jacob Beazley & Chelsea Wilson Stage 1, Angelia Bird & Alisha Xerri Stage 2, Benjamin Arrowsmith & Tallara Spence Stage 3

Principals Award Student of the Week

Ava Mitropoulos ES1, Lucas Beazley Stage 1, Stephanie Bugeja Stage 2, Tyra Gray Stage 3



every learner
every day 

St Johns Primary Riverstone

 85.7%

Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %
K	 94.9%
01	 87.5%
02	 82.1%
03	 88.3%
04	 75.0%
05	 82.6%
06	 80.0%

STAFF

DEVELOPMENT DAY

**THE NEXT STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
WILL BE ON**

MONDAY 27TH AUGUST

(WEEK 6 TERM 3)

**PLEASE MARK THIS DATE IN YOUR
CALENDAR AS NO STUDENTS WILL
BE AT SCHOOL ON THIS DAY**



Kristian Albanis 22nd June, Emily
Mason 23rd June, Ashton Goodwin 5th
July, Sienna Kimes 6th July,
Shayla-Rose Baldock 7th July, Tyra
Gray 11th July, Danica Vaz 11th July,
Tallara Spence 12th July, Dylan Albanis
19th July, Vito Galati 23rd July



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.

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every day** 



**REMINDER
NEW TELEPHONE
NUMBER FOR
ST JOHN'S
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

**PLEASE UPDATE
YOUR RECORDS
WITH OUR NEW
TELEPHONE
NUMBER**

02 9854 3200



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

MONDAYS - CLOSED

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

OPENED from 2.30PM-2.50PM

Please see Belinda Murray in the under-croft.

We are in urgent need of winter uniform items for our secondhand uniform shop, please consider donating your unwanted uniform items that are in good condition. Please drop off at the school office and thank you for your support.



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