

Dear Parents / Carers

We celebrate **Father's Day** this Sunday, 3rd September, 2017. On this day we think of the strength of a father, his guiding hand, his wisdom, his help and his unconditional love for his children.

God the Father gave up his only Son, Jesus Christ, so that we might be saved through him and have eternal life. He provides an example of the very vocation of 'fatherhood.' Fathers make many sacrifices for their families.



They do this by:

- *Being a spiritual leader and guardian of their children*
- *Praying for and with their families*
- *Being a courageous witness to living the Gospel*
- *Providing care and support for their families*
- *Serving as an example of goodness and truth*
- *Leading with courage and accountability*

Today, in a special way, let us be grateful for:

- *Our fathers, by birth or adoption, who love us and support us through life*
- *Our Church leaders, who take on the paternal role of guiding us through life*
- *And God our Father, who will always teach justly and grant us boundless mercy and love.*

On behalf of the students and staff of St John's I would like to wish all our fathers and father figures a relaxing Father's Day. On Sunday your children are looking forward to giving you a lovely gift that they purchased from the St John's Father's Day Stall. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Mrs Stone and Mrs Boljtes for organising the stall and to the many mothers who assisted them. Your efforts and care of our children is greatly appreciated.

To celebrate **Father's Day** we invite all Dads to come to a special Father's Day liturgy on Friday 1st September, commencing at 1.45. The liturgy will be followed by an afternoon tea. We hope all Dads (or significant males) are able to join us. *All are most welcome!*

This Friday *Jenella Mendoza and Kaitlyn Bentley* are representing St John's at our cluster Voice of Youth Competition. Bronte Peter is our back-up competitor in case Jenella or Kaitlyn withdraw due to unforeseen circumstances. Please join with me in wishing our girls the best of luck. I know they will try their best and do us proud.

Last week our school community celebrated Book Week. Students, teachers and parents took part in a number of activities; a book parade, a presentation of the text 'Gary' performed by Meerkat Productions, rug reading, with parents/carers and teachers, open classrooms and a picnic lunch. Thank you to our parents / carers for taking the opportunity to visit your school and supporting your children in their learning.

Our Spring Fete is only a few weeks away. It is going to be a fabulous day thanks largely to the commitment and very hard work of some very generous parents of the School Community Group. The Spring Fete will commence at 10.00am. Our choir will be performing at 11.00am. We would like the children to assemble in the hall at 10.45. We would very much appreciate your support in getting the children here at that time. The SCG have a number of vacancies on some of the stalls so if you can spare an hour or so to assist please ring the office and we will place your name on the roster or alternatively you might like to ring Pauline Boltjes on 0414 423 914 or Jessica Stone on 0416 072 425.

I am really looking forward to the day and I thank you in anticipation of your support.

In the last few weeks there has been a number of disagreements between some children over the use of, and ownership of 'Pokemon' cards. As this situation is causing disharmony and in some cases distress to some children the teachers have made a decision to ban Pokemon cards from school.

We ask for your support in this matter.

*God Bless,
Patricia.*

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

NEW CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER

FOR ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

St John's Primary School has been migrated to a new telephone system by the CEDP and therefore we have a new telephone number.

Please update your records.

02 9854 3200



Father's Day Liturgy

On Father's day we celebrate the gift of Fathers and other significant males in our lives. We take this time to acknowledge and thank them for their love, guidance, patience and understanding.

Our Father's day Liturgy will be held this Friday 1st September 2017 at 1.45 p.m. in the hall, followed by an afternoon tea. It would be great to share this liturgy with many fathers and grandfathers.

What makes a Dad?

God took the strength of a mountain,
the majesty of a tree,
the warmth of a summer sun,
the calm of the quiet sea,

The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
the depth of family need,
Then God combined these qualities.

The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagles flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,

When there was nothing more to add,
He knew his masterpiece was complete,
And so, He Called it.....DAD

Author: Unknown

St. John's Values Awards:

Last week saw the introduction of our new St. John's Value Awards. Stewardship was the first award. Stewardship is when we display grateful and responsible use of resources and looking after God's creation. The Values Award for week 7 will be Compassion - which is displaying an understanding of the needs of others and giving unselfishly. In week 8 the Values Award is Dedication - doing the absolute best we can for God.

Happy Hands:

Our happy hands behaviour program has also been implemented. You may like to ask your child if they have received a happy hand. Take the time to also talk to them about how they can receive a happy hand by displaying appropriate behaviour on the playground.

Social Justice - Peace

'Peace, however, is not merely a gift to be received: it is also a task to be undertaken. In order to be true peacemakers, we must educate ourselves in compassion, solidarity, working together, fraternity ...'

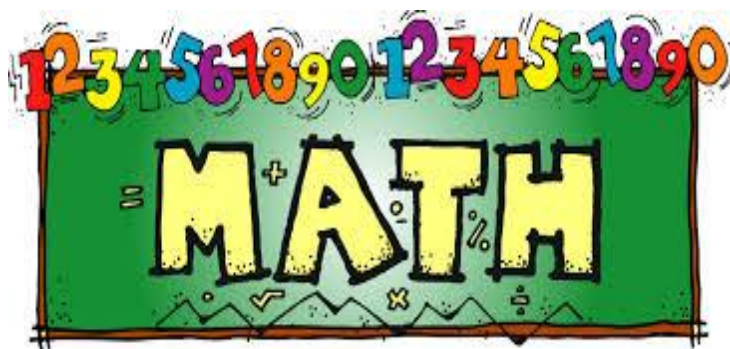
Pope Benedict XVI, Message for the World Day of Peace, 2012 (# 5)

Our world today is faced with many issues. Innocent people are getting hurt by the actions of others. We need to pray for and work for peace in our world. Let us model to our children how we can be peacemakers in our own lives and talk to them about why being a peacemaker is so important.

*Mrs Kim Roffmann
Religious Education Coordinator.*

Growth Mindset at St John's

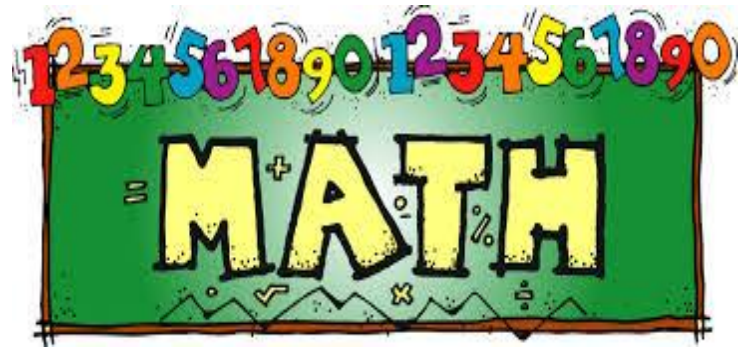
25 Ways to Develop a Growth Mindset



By Saga Briggs 2015

1. Acknowledge and embrace imperfections. Hiding from your weaknesses means you'll never overcome them.
2. View challenges as opportunities. Having a growth mindset means relishing opportunities for self-improvement.
3. Try different learning tactics. There's no one-size-fits-all model for learning. What works for one person may not work for you.
4. Follow the research on brain plasticity. The brain isn't fixed; the mind shouldn't be either.
5. Replace the word "failing" with the word "learning." When you make a mistake or fall short of a goal, you haven't failed; you've learned.
6. Stop seeking approval. When you prioritise approval over learning, you sacrifice your own potential for growth.
7. Value the process over the end result. Intelligent people enjoy the learning process and don't mind when it continues beyond an expected time frame.
8. Cultivate a sense of purpose. Dweck's research also showed that students with a growth mindset had a greater sense of purpose. Keep the big picture in mind.
9. Celebrate growth with others. If you truly appreciate growth, you'll want to share your progress with others.
10. Emphasise growth over speed. Learning fast isn't the same as learning well and learning well sometimes requires allowing time for mistakes.
11. Reward actions, not traits. Tell students when they're doing something smart, not just being smart.
12. Redefine "genius." The myth's been busted: genius requires hard work, not talent alone.
13. Portray criticism as positive. You don't have to use that hackneyed term, "constructive criticism," but you do have to believe in the concept.
14. Disassociate improvement from failure. Stop assuming that "room for improvement" translates into failure.

Growth Mindset at St John's



15. Provide regular opportunities for reflection. Let students reflect on their learning at least once a day.

16. Place effort before talent. Hard work should always be rewarded before inherent skill.

17. Highlight the relationship between learning and “brain training.” The brain is like a muscle that needs to be worked out, just like the body.

18. Cultivate grit. Students with that extra bit of determination will be more likely to seek approval from themselves rather than others.

19. Abandon the image. “Naturally smart” sounds just about as believable as “spontaneous generation.” You won’t achieve the image if you’re not ready for the work.

20. Use the word “yet.” Dweck says “not yet” has become one of her favourite phrases. Whenever you see students struggling with a task, just tell them they haven’t mastered it yet.

21. Learn from other people’s mistakes. It’s not always wise to compare yourself to others, but it is important to realise that humans share the same weaknesses.

22. Make a new goal for every goal accomplished. You’ll never be done learning. Growth-minded people know how to constantly create new goals to keep themselves stimulated.

23. Take risks in the company of others. It will make it easier to take risks in the future.

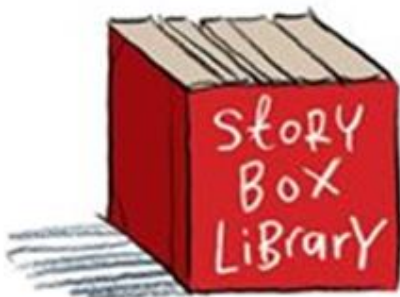
24. Think realistically about time and effort. It takes time to learn. Don’t expect to master every topic under the sun in one sitting.

25. Take ownership over your attitude.

Jason Fisher

Assistant Principal





Great stories and more!

Have You heard about Story Box Library? Encouraging a love of books and a love of reading is important in helping your child reach their learning potential.

"Story Box Library is a great way to build on the love of books."



[Story Box Library](#) offers a selection of Australian children's stories read out loud and captured on film. Designed to create a love of stories and storytelling in children young and old. Think of it as 'Storytime' on demand, a place where children are linked with literature and film. Story Box Library delivers a vibrant, interactive experience through a diverse range of everyday and extraordinary Australian storytellers. Listen to Andy Griffith read you his *The 39-Storey Treehouse* or Nick Cave lend his voice to spooky narration of *The Ghost of Annabel Spoon*. Updated regularly the website is compatible with mobile devices - perfect for families 'on the go'.

Family Subscription Prices

Annual Pricing

\$39.99 PER YEAR

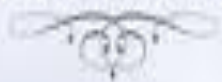
Monthly Pricing

\$4.99 PER MONTH /\$59.88 Total payments over 12 months.



Pauline Berry
Leader of Literacy

WITH
DEEPEST SYMPATHY



*Condolences to Isabelle and
Charlotte and the McIntyre
family after the loss of their
Grandfather
Our prayers are with you all*

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 friendly
and respectful community.
Help us to be the best we can.*

Amen

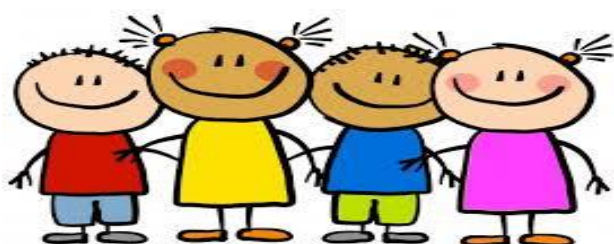


ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL RULES

Be a good learner

Be respectful

Be safe



LIBRARY NEWS

Well done to all the students who have completed the

Premiers Reading Challenge,
we have 39 students in total
CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Certificates will be handed out in Term 4
St John's Reading Challenge

Keep an eye out for the St John's Reading
Challenge coming home today.

All students are invited to take part.

All students who have completed the
Premiers Reading Challenge and haven't
collected or returned your canvas you can
pop down to the library Friday mornings

between 8.20 and 8.50am and see


Mrs Abbott.








Happy Reading!

WHAT'S COMING UP

31st August	VOY STAGE 3
1st September	Father's Day Liturgy & Afternoon Tea 1.45pm
4th September	ES1 Excursion
8th September	Hawkesbury Eisteddfod Choir attending
11th September	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
14th & 15th September	STAGE 3 OVERNIGHT CAMP
16th September	ST JOHN'S SPRING FETE
21st September	Musica Viva Performance
22nd September	LAST DAY TERM 3 'HAPPY HOLIDAYS'
9th October	FIRST DAY TERM 4 WELCOME BACK
23rd October to 3rd November	Swimming Program WHOLE SCHOOL
8th - 10th November	LIFE EDUCATION Happy Harold

every learner
every day 

School Name	School Attendance Level %
St Johns Primary Riverstone	 83.5%

Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %
01	 84.5%
02	 84.0%
03	 80.0%
04	 60.4%
05	 93.3%
06	 86.7%
K	 89.5%

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

PLEASE MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

THE NEXT STAFF

DEVELOPMENT DAY WILL BE HELD ON

**MONDAY 11TH
SEPTEMBER 2017**
**'NO STUDENTS AT
SCHOOL ON THIS DAY'**

TERM 3 SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

Term 3 School Fees have been sent out by CEDP and are now **OVERDUE**

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.

STAY IN THE LOOP SUBSCRIBE TO THE NEWSLETTER

Take a look at our website and you can subscribe to receive our fortnightly newsletter, event reminders and news

www.stjohnsriverstone.catholic.edu.au

Please call into the school office and speak to our friendly office staff if you prefer to receive a printed hard copy and this can be arranged for you.

LATE ARRIVALS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS/CARERS

THE GATE NEAR THE KISS AND DROP AREA WILL BE CLOSED BY THE TEACHER ON DUTY AT THE CONCLUSION OF KISS AND DROP DAILY

IF YOU ARRIVE AFTER THE BELL AT 8.50am YOU WILL NEED TO USE THE INTERCOM TO GAIN ENTRY AND MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR CHILD TO THE OFFICE TO COMPLETE A LATE ARRIVAL/PARTIAL ABSENCE FORM, YOUR CHILD WILL BE GIVEN A LATE ARRIVAL PASS TO HAND TO THEIR CLASS TEACHER TO CONFIRM THAT A PARTIAL ABSENCE HAS BEEN PROCESSED BY THE OFFICE STAFF

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT REGARDING THIS MATTER

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 **16th September 2017**.

In order for our fete to be a success we will need the support of the whole school community. 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?"

DONATIONS URGENTLY NEEDED

Toiletries (eg. shampoo, conditioner, body wash, hand wash)

Paper products (eg. serviettes, paper towels, tissues)

Tinned soups, UDH milk products.

Sauces / salad dressings (eg. BBQ sauce, tomato sauce, Caesar dressing)

Tin products (eg. vegetables, fruits, baked beans etc)

Bottle products (eg. wine, soft drinks)

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

Jacinta Bird ES1, Talara Sciberras
Stage 1, Christian Hanna Stage 2,
Krishan Kirpal Stage 3

Merit Award Week 5

Breanna Xerri ES1, Pippa Wood & Lucas
Beazley Stage 1, Liam Mercieca &
Chanelle Xerri Stage 2, Claudine Eckersley &
Anthony Chiddo Stage 3

Principal Award Week 5

Giovanni Galati ES1, Aliyah Kimes
Stage 1, Tyra Gray 2,
Charlotte Santos Stage 3

Week 6 Values Award

STEWARDSHIP

Baylie Savage ES1, Billi Watson & Charles
Blanks Stage 1, Stephanie Bugeja &
Chanelle Xerri Stage 2,
Aleida Boltjes & Kaitlyn Bentley Stage 3

Merit Award Week 6

Sienna Maggio ES1, Ryan Bentley, Alexander
Hills & Pippa Wood Stage 1, Christian Hanna
& Jacob Camilleri 2, Charlize Tran &
Aaron Camilleri Stage 3

Principal Award Week 6

Phoenix Baldock ES1, Chelsea Peter Stage 1,
Marcella Galati Stage 2,
John Jiang Stage 3

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



'Happy Birthday'

Angelia Bird 22nd August &
Noah Filipovic 26th August

2018

ENROLMENTS

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU
KNOW HAS A CHILD
READY TO START SCHOOL NEXT
YEAR, IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO
PICK-UP AN ENROLMENT
PACKAGE FROM THE SCHOOL
OFFICE

ALSO TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR YEARS 1 TO 6

*ST JOHN'S THE HEART OF THE
COMMUNITY*

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



Lunch orders are available on Monday's and Friday's from Wildcats 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



**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 STAFF CAR PARK IS OUT OF BOUNDS TO ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS
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 \$7
- ♦ 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

5 McCulloch St Riverstone/PO Box 20, Riverstone, 2765
Tel: 9627 2588 Email: riverstone@parra.catholic.edu.au

www.stjohnsriverstone.catholic.edu.au

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