



# The Evangelist

The St John's Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 13th September, 2017 Term 3 Week 9

*Dear Parents / Carers*

On Friday I was privileged to attend the **Hawkesbury Eisteddfod** with our choir and Mrs Noden. I was quite moved by our girl's performance and their presence on the stage. They were a credit to our school and to their families. I congratulate all the students for their exemplary behaviour and their mature composure on stage.



*Amelia Makin, Chelsea Peter, Aliyah Kimes, Angelia Bird, Billi Watson,  
Lyla Dickson, Marcella Galati, Stephanie Bugeja, Gurleen Kaur,  
Alisha Xerri, Chanelle Xerri, Tallara Spence, Nico Hofma, Charlotte McIntyre,  
Jasmin Finadri, Aleida Boltjes, Emily Mason, Jazmin Taylor,  
Charlotte Santos, Sarah Mansweto, Bronte Peter and Claudine Eckersley*

Mrs Noden did a fantastic job in preparing the girls for their songs in the Eisteddfod. I would like to congratulate her and thank her for the extra practices she provided.

For **Father's day** we honoured our dads (and significant male figures) with a liturgical celebration and afternoon tea. The prayers, songs, Scripture reading and student reflections about their dads highlighted the special bond between a father and their child. I would like to express my thanks to the dads / carers who were able to join us in our celebration and to the teachers and Ms Talbot for organising / providing the afternoon tea.

The holidays are fast approaching and Term 4 is just around the corner. When the students return to school on the 9<sup>th</sup> October they are required to be in full summer uniform. For those parents / carers who are unsure of the summer uniform I refer you to the St John's uniform policy which can be located on the St John's website. I remind parents / carers that the wearing of the correct school uniform is compulsory. A uniform connects a student with their school and gives them a sense of belonging and pride.

Today St John's attended the Norwest Christian College production of the 'Lion King.' This is an annual event for St John's and I thank Norwest Christian College for the opportunity for our students to experience a musical production. The students enjoyed the production; seeing the talented Norwest Christian School students in their roles.

What a wonderful day was had by **Kindergarten at Golden Ridge Farm**, Dural last week. The 'hands-on experiences' were a favourite of the children – holding ducklings, fluffy baby chicks, cute little baby bunnies, feeding the animals in the enclosure and milking the cow. Ms Saliba, Mrs Xerri, Mrs Maggio and I enjoyed watching the reactions of the children as they interacted with the variety of animals and the children enjoyed each other's company.

Two days to our much anticipated '**School Fete.**' Our School Community Group have done a tremendous and superhuman job in organising and preparing for the day. I ask that all in our school community make an effort to support the fete and help us raise money for the school. All money raised will buy resources for the students.

Next term, on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October we will be celebrating **Grandparent's Day**. We will have a liturgy and an assembly, followed by a morning tea. This is one of our favourite days, so please mark this date in your diary. Details will be published nearer the date.

To estimate **enrolments for 2018**, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified in writing of any children who may be leaving St John's at the end of the year from grades other than Year 6. Congratulations to Jenella Mendoza and Kaitlyn Bentley who represented St John's admirably at the **Voice of Youth Cluster Final** on August 31<sup>st</sup>. The content of the speeches and delivery were outstanding. Their peers, parents and teachers who were in the audience were beaming with pride. Well done girls on a tremendous effort!

Term 3 has been an extremely busy term. I would like to remind our community that the learning continues right up to the last day of term so I ask parents / carers to be mindful of the impact of absenteeism on learning and student progress. I look forward to Term 4 and the many exciting teaching learning experiences and extra curricular activities that have been planned. I encourage you to read the newsletters coming home in Term 4 and check our website and parent planner; as we will be having a number of events happening. As this is the last newsletter for the term I wish all our families a safe and relaxing holiday.

Holidays commence on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.

*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**

# CURRICULUM

On Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of September ES1, Miss Saliba, Mrs Charlton, Mrs Maggio and Mrs Xerri caught the bus at 9am to travel to Golden Ridge Farm.

On arrival, we had recess and meet a few farm animals.

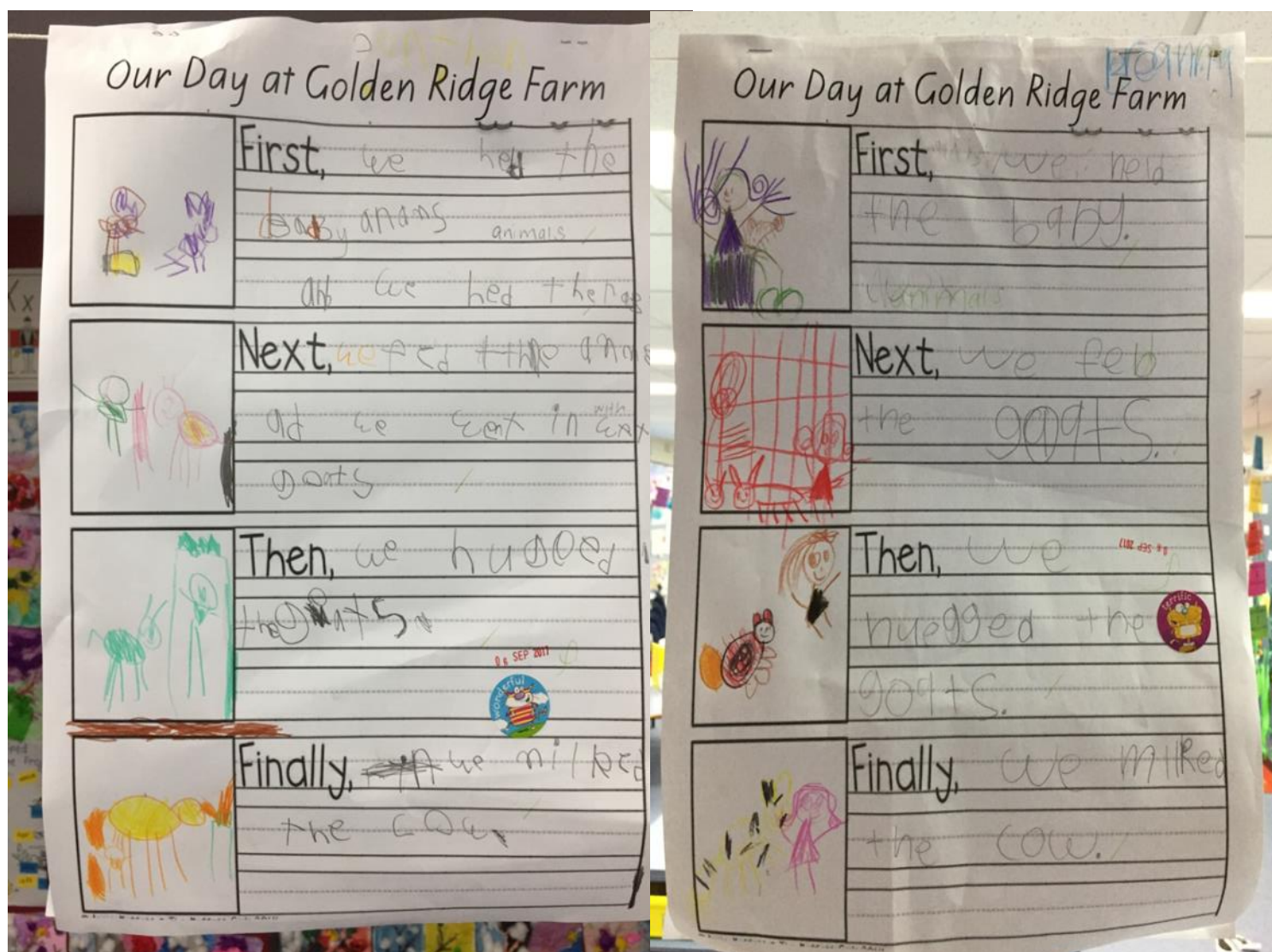
The Turkey's and deer were a favourite.

Our first activity was holding the baby animals including ducklings, chicks and kittens (baby rabbits).

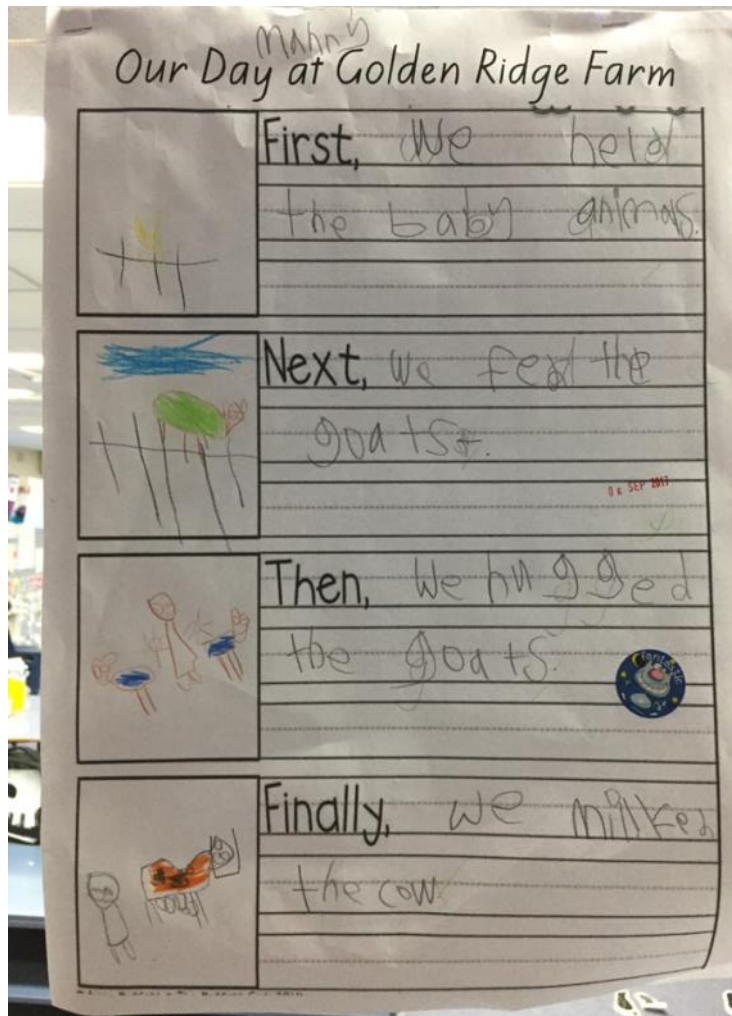
Next, we fed the lambs bread. The lambs were very, very hungry. We also got to pat the lambs in a field. The lambs loved the cuddles and so did we.

After lunch, we finally got to milk the cow. She was huge! We returned to school very happy and tired.

We had a fantastic day filled with learning, fun and excitement. We followed up our learning from the farm with a recount. Here are some of our responses.







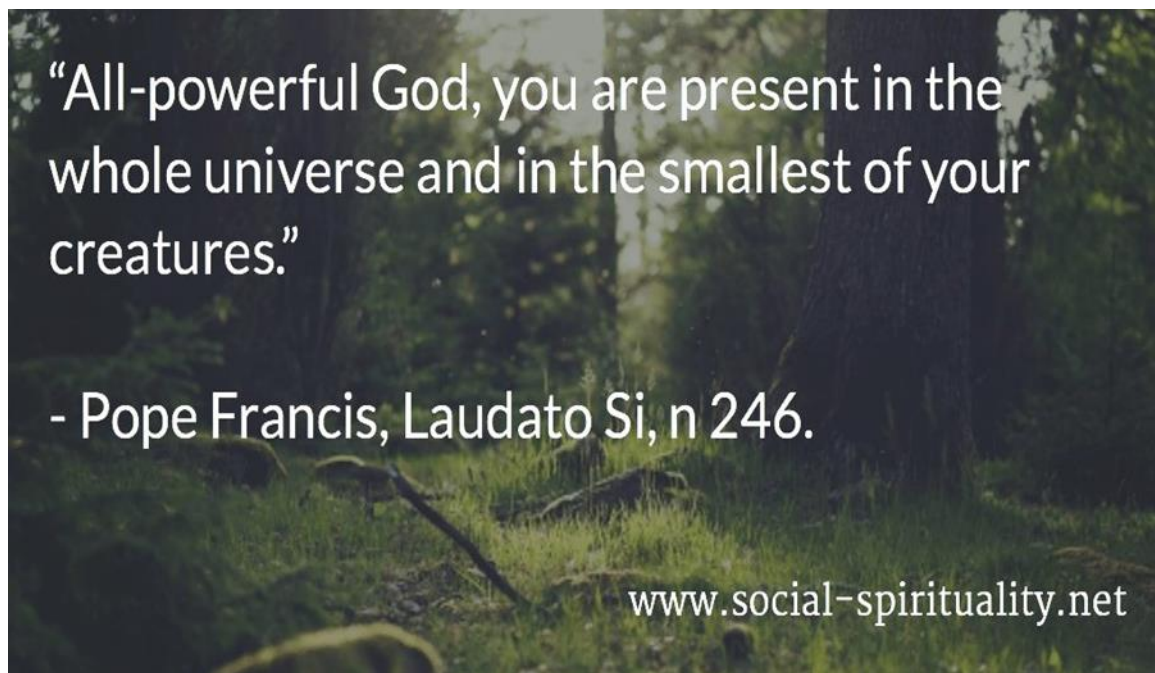


**Stage 3 Camp**

Stage 3 left for camp this morning, they will be away today and return tomorrow afternoon. We ask that you keep them in your prayers over these days and we pray that God will be with them as they work on developing and enhancing their leadership skills

**St. John's Value Awards**

The St. John's Value Award for week 9 is Dignity- respecting and recognising the value of each person. For week 10 the values award is hospitality - being welcoming and respectful using our words and actions.

**Social Justice - Protecting our Environment**

*All-powerful God,  
you are present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.  
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.  
Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.  
Fill us with peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.*

Let us continue to be stewards of this earth showing respect to our environment both locally and globally. If we work to protect our environment it will be around for all generations.

I wish you all a safe and restful holiday.

*Mrs Kim Roffmann*

*Religious Education Coordinator*

# FATHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA

## FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2017







Welcome to

*The newest member to the*

*St John's Community*

Congratulations to Mrs Kristy McCarter and  
her husband Pat on the safe arrival of their  
beautiful baby boy

*Max Samuel*

born on Sunday 10th September

## 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*

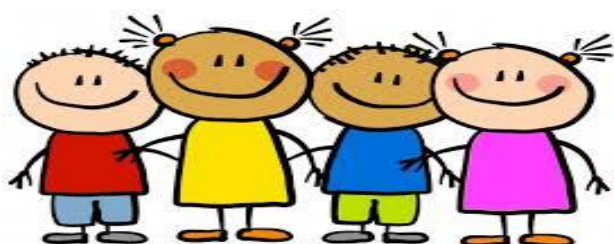


## ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL RULES

**Be a good learner**

**Be respectful**

**Be safe**



**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*

# WHAT'S COMING UP

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
11th October	Kindy 2018 Parent Information Evening 6.30pm
23rd October to 3rd November	Swimming Program WHOLE SCHOOL
8th - 10th November	LIFE EDUCATION Happy Harold
13th November	PRC Meeting 7pm
15th November	Kindy 2018 Transition Day 2pm
22nd November	Kindy 2017 Transition Day 2pm
23rd November	SWIMMING CARNIVAL

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%



Mersadiez Syme 9th September,

Pippa Wood 7th September,

Isabelle Hartz 2nd September,

Liam Mercieca 9th September,

Kaitlyn Bentley 2nd September,

Chanelle Xerri 6th September,

Eleanor Sharp 12th September.



# 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](http://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 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**



St John's School Fundraising Group are working hard organising the **St John's Fete** which will be held on **16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> of September.

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

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT***



# 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 27 September 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**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE COORDINATOR**

All enquiries to the parish office 9627 1176      Help appreciated!

Please fill in the permission note provided

NAME: .....PHONE:

ADDRESS: .....

SCHOOL:.....DOB.....

**My son/daughter has my permission to take part in the Soccer Round Robin  
On Wednesday 27 September 2017**

Name of Parent/Guardian .....Signature.....

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](http://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](mailto:riverstone@parra.catholic.edu.au)

[www.stjohnsriverstone.catholic.edu.au](http://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](mailto:stjohns10@bigpond)

**Parish Priest: Father Zakaria Gayed**

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday 6pm, Sunday 7am & 9am