



The Evangelist

The St John's Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 10th May 2017 Term 2 Week 3

Dear Parents / Carers

On Saturday, May 13th St John's will be participating in the **Riverstone Festival**. This is an opportunity for the children to march in the parade and perform in a combined choir. We will assemble for the march at 10.30am. (Please see the Festival arrangements sent home on Monday) The performance for the choir is directly following the parade; approximately 11.30am. The School Community Group is organising this year's famous cake stall and we are calling for parents / carers to bake 'goodies' for the stall. All donations to the cake stall are greatly appreciated. I encourage our School community to support the Riverstone Festival. I would like to express my appreciation to our SCG coordinator Adrienne Reid and Trish Talbot for coordinating St John's Cake Stall for the Riverstone Festival.

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students are sitting their **NAPLAN assessment** this week. This is an opportunity to take a 'snapshot' of each students learning. Teachers gain a significant amount of data from these assessments, which helps to plan and direct future teaching and learning.

Assessment Schedule: Tuesday 9th May: Language Conventions and Writing
 Wednesday 10th May: Reading
 Thursday 11th May: Numeracy

We wish all of our students the very best as they participate in these assessments.

Next week I will begin the **enrolment process** for Early Stage 1 for 2018. This is a wonderful opportunity for me to meet all our new families. If you have a little person ready for school next year, please call the office and Mrs Cremona will start the process for you. If you have neighbours or friends of school age children please invite them to contact the school and we can arrange a school tour and start the enrolment process.

I look forward to our **Mother's Day** celebrations on Friday. I hope you are able to come along and share this special occasion. We will begin with a Mother's Day liturgy at 1.50pm followed by afternoon tea in the hall commencing at 2.20pm. *Please note there will be no assembly this Friday.*

Once again the **Mother's Day Stall** will be available for our students. The stall will be open on Thursday 11th May between 11.30 am and 1.30pm. Children are invited to purchase a gift from the stall. I'm sure our wonderful fathers will organise some spending money with their children. On behalf of the school I extend a heartfelt 'thank you' to Jessica Stone and Pauline Boltjes for their hard work in purchasing and wrapping gifts for the children to purchase. I also thank the many parents/carers who have volunteered to serve on the stall. I wish all our mothers, grandmothers, carers, aunties and significant women in the lives of our children a very happy day on Sunday. *May God's blessings be upon you on Sunday and always.*

A Prayer for all Mothers on Mother's Day

*Thank you, Lord, that you fill a mother's heart with love,
That you have instilled in her very being the need to protect her children if at all possible,
Thank you for giving her the gift of nurturing her children, of teaching them, of comforting them,
for feeding them and making a safe place for them.
For guiding her to be all that God has created her to be.
Fill every mother with love, wisdom and endurance,
with strength and patience and joy.
Give her ability to forgive again and again.
Enable her to rely on You and call upon You, because You will give her all she needs.
In Your precious and all powerful name, Amen*

God Bless, Patricia



NO ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY 12TH MAY 2017

**DUE TO MOTHER'S
DAY LITURGY AND
AFTERNOON TEA**

every learner
every day 

School Name

School Attendance Level %

St Johns Primary Riverstone

 80.5%

Scholastic Year

Sch Yr Attendance Level %

K

 90.0%

01

 83.6%

02

 74.1%

03

 75.0%

04

 58.3%

05

 100.0%

06

 75.0%

WHAT'S COMING UP

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|----------------|---|
| 9th - 12th May | NAPLAN Year 3 & 5 |
| 11th May | Mother's Day Stall |
| 12th May | Mother's Day Liturgy 1.50pm (no assembly) |
| 13th May | Riverstone Festival |
| 18th May | St John's Fair Major Fundraiser Meeting 7pm |
| 29th May | PRC Meeting |
| 31st May | School Photo Day |
| 4th June | Bunnings BBQ (Year 6 Fundraiser) |
| 5th June | Athletics Carnival (Charlie Bali Reserve) |

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

Our School Literacy Goal for 2017 is around improving our Writing, looking at sentence fluency and building word consciousness.

As a staff we are participating in ongoing professional learning to enhance our knowledge and understanding of good teaching practice in these areas.

One of the strategies we are using to highlight vocabulary and spelling across the school is the St John's Literacy Alerts.



This term we will be focusing on each literacy alert for two weeks to allow the students to look more deeply at each alert as outlined on the table below:

| <i>Weeks</i> | <i>Spelling/Vocab Focus</i> |
|---------------------|--|
| 2/3 | Affixes: Suffixes and Prefixes and their meanings. E.G.: pre- before, tri-three, dis-reverse, ess- female name, ful- full of. |
| 4/5 | Compound words: two word joined together to make a new word. Football, makeup, snowflake |
| 6/7 | The 'fszl' (fizzle) rule When <i>f</i> , <i>s</i> , <i>z</i> and <i>l</i> follow a vowel at the end of a one-syllable word, they're usually doubled, as in stuff , grass , fuzz and shell . |
| 8/9 | Soft c hard c When the letter <i>c</i> is followed by the vowels <i>e</i> , <i>i</i> or <i>y</i> , it usually makes its soft sound. Examples of that are cent , circus and cycle . The letter <i>c</i> also makes a hard sound, as in cat and cocoa . Soft g hard g When the letter <i>g</i> is followed by the vowels <i>e</i> , <i>i</i> or <i>y</i> , it usually makes its soft sound. Examples of that are gel , giant and gym . The letter <i>g</i> also makes a hard sound, as in gas , gorilla and yogurt . |
| Revision | |

We encourage you to talk about the alerts with your children and discuss words with them. Some ways you can help to build your child's vocabulary include:

- Reading to your child and talking about the words the author has chosen
- Talking with your child
- Discussing the meaning of words
- Finding other words that are similar (synonyms) e.g. happy, joyful, cheerful, delighted
- Finding words that have the opposite meaning (antonyms)
- Word building e.g. big, bigger, biggest
- Play word games together

Pauline Berry
Literacy Leader



RIVERSTONE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 13TH MAY



ST JOHN'S CAKE STALL

ITS FESTIVAL TIME AGAIN IN OUR FAIR CITY

**ST JOHN'S WILL BE HOLDING ITS
FAMOUS CAKE STALL AND WE KNOW IT
WILL BE ANOTHER ROARING SUCCESS
DUE TO THE SKILLS AND TASTEBUDS OF
OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY**

A LETTER WAS SENT OUT WITH STUDENTS LAST WEEK ASKING FOR
SWEET DONATIONS TO BE SOLD AT THE STALL AND FOR
VOLUNTEERS TO RUN THE STALL DURING THE DAY. IF YOU HAVEN'T
RETURNED YOUR COMPLETED FORMS, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE

***THANK YOU TO THOSE VOLUNTEERS THAT HAVE ALREADY
RETURNED THEIR FORMS. (Please look for the roster coming
home with your child)***

**WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE
AFTERNOON AND CLEAN-UP TIME SLOTS,
WE DEPEND UPON YOU, OUR FAMILY AND
FRIENDS TO MAKE THIS EVENT A TRIUMPH**



RIVERSTONE FESTIVAL 2017 STREET PARADE INFORMATION SATURDAY 13th MAY

All students participating in the street parade are asked to please assemble inside the Mill Street Reserve by no later than 10.30am.


Gates to the marshalling area will open at 8am.

St John's Parade number will be 16, this will be displayed in the marshalling area and all St John's entrants must assemble at this point. The parade will commence at 11am SHARP.

All students need to wear their full winter uniform and hat.

Just a reminder that all students must be accompanied by a parent/carer at all times.

St John's students will leave the parade when they reach centre stage and will be performing at approximately 11.30am



2017 Diocesan Cross Country

On Tuesday 2nd May students from St John's Riverstone participated in the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country events at Eastern Creek.

The weather was great and all students represented the school admirably

U8/9 Girls

Alisha Xerri 29th

Stephanie Bugejia 67th

Charlotte McIntyre 80th

U 8/9 Boys

Jacob Camillieri 20th

Mirko Filupovic 32nd

Hayden Jones 61st

Hugo Adamsewisc 63rd

Chris Uildriks 137th

U/10 Boys

Dylan Albanis 56th

Rishi Krishnan 134th

U/10 Girls

Chanelle Xerri 20th

U11 Boys

Aaron Camillieri 38th

Darius Tran 50th

Vito Galati 75th

U/11 Girls

Page Williams 75th

Charlize Tran 1st

U/12/13 Boys

Noah Filipovic 28th

Shudarshan Krishnan 69th

U/12/13 Girls

Isabelle McIntyre 44th



MAJOR FUNDRAISER

ST JOHN'S FAIR

SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2017



The St John's School Fundraising Group are in the process of organising St John's Fair which will be held on the 16th September 2017.

In order for our fair 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 fair donate items / products in advance. These items then have a number assigned to them and are put on display. During our Fair people buy tickets, which if they match the number on an item, win that prize.

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

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|----------------------------|--|
| 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 fair is the 16th of September.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT

AWARDS Week 1 Term 2

Values Award

CARE & COMPASSION

Mersadiez Syme ES1, Angelia Bird Stage 1,
Ella Hodges Stage 2,
Page Williams Stage 3

Merit Award

Week 1

Chelsea Wilson ES1, Charles Blanks & Alex
Lopez Stage 1, Thomas Dennis & Chanelle
Xerri Stage 2, Ryan Park & Sarah Mansweto
Stage 3

Principal Award

Week 1

Sienna Maggio ES1, Jacob Beazley Stage 1,
Gurleen Kaur Stage 2,
Jenella Mendoza Stage 3

Week 2 Values Award

DOING YOUR BEST

Aleisha Rhad Knight ES1, Isabelle Hartz Stage
1, Marcella Galati Stage 2, Bronte Peter
Stage 3

Merit Award

Week 2

Giovanni Galati ES1, Zoey Dunn & Emilia
Keating Stage 1, Ella Hodges & Tyra Gray
Stage 2, Kaitlyn Bentley & Shudarshan
Krishnan Stage 3

Principal Award

Week 2

Austyn Murray ES1, Cooper Stone Stage 1,
Joseph Calleija Stage 2,
Benjamin Arrowsmith Stage 3



Charlotte Santos

7th May

Pheonix Baldock

11th May

Sienna Luppino

11th May

A HUGE THANK YOU TO

VICTOR SULTANA

Grandfather/Nunno of
Mersadiez ES1

For repairing the gate to
the staff parking area.
Victor went above &
beyond what was
requested.

*We thank you for your
generosity Victor*



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

ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY GROUP

Hello St John's Community!

My name is Adrienne Reid and I am this year's co-ordinator of the St John's Community Group. This group has replaced the Parents and Friends Group which was dissolved due to lack of interest and after consultation with the St John's community. The new Community Group will perform many of the same tasks as the P&F once did- raising funds, organising stalls, preparing social events. There is less formality to the new group in that we don't have formally elected positions or a regulating constitution. We meet, we talk, we throw ideas into the mix and we welcome any member of the community who is interested in joining in (or just having a look). Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 30th in the school hall. Our next event will be the cake stall at the Riverstone Festival on Saturday, May 13th and we hope to see many of you there either helping to run the stall or consuming the delicious offerings that will be available (or both). If you have any questions you can contact me at

adrienne.reid@uts.edu.au



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,
MULLETS 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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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