



The Evangelist

The St John's Primary School Newsletter
Wednesday 19th July 2017 Term 3 Week 1

Dear Parents / Carers

A very warm welcome to 'Term Three', 2017 and to the next steps in your child/children's learning journey. I trust that our students had an enjoyable holiday and are revitalised for the term ahead. We look forward to working with our families again this term as we provide the best possible education for the students in our care.

As previously communicated, this term we **welcome new staff members** to St John's:

Mrs Velona Noden (Creative and Practical

Arts); Mrs Noden will also provide release time for teachers on their planning days. Mrs Kim Roffmann has been appointed Religious Education Coordinator & Stage 3 teacher. We are awaiting Mrs Roffmann's release from her current school. Mrs Carol Spillane will be the second Stage 3 teacher until Mrs Roffmann takes up the position early in the term. Mrs Karen Abbott has accepted the position of library assistant and her hours as teacher aide support has been increased.



During the holidays the **refurbishment of Stage 3** started in earnest. The learning space has been painted, (the purple feature wall looks fantastic); student work benches removed and relocated to Stage 2 and new pin boards installed. We are awaiting the installation of new blinds. The next step in the refurbishment will be the purchase of new modular and purpose built furniture. Once we have obtained the required number of quotes we will be placing orders.

Our Kindergarten children are celebrating their **first 100 days of schooling** today, Wednesday 19th July. Miss Saliba planned a variety of learning experiences where the concept of '100' was the focus. Miss Saliba and the children of ES1 were very excited to be able to share the day with parents / carers. Thank you to those parents / carers who were able to visit the school and join ES1 in their celebration. St John's school community join in congratulating our kindergarten students as they celebrate their first 100 days at St John's.

St John's **Staff Development Day** (professional learning for teachers) on Monday focused on 'Assessment and Reporting.' Assessment is a key component in the teaching learning cycle. "The purpose of assessment is to improve learning, inform teaching, help students achieve the highest standards they can and provide meaningful reports on students' achievement." The SDD provided teachers the opportunity to clarify their understandings of the 'Principles' of assessment; to explore effective assessment tools; and to review and modify the St John's Assessment and Reporting Policy in light of deeper understanding and new learnings.

St John's **Spring Fair** is only a few months away and we need the support of all in our community. I am urging all our families to be involved in some way. The more helpers the better the day for all to enjoy. The **School Community Group** have been working tirelessly in the planning and coordinating of the stalls, sponsors, chocolate wheel prizes and various activities. Very soon, you will be asked by the SCG to support our school in this venture. Please be generous with your time and organisational skills. Remember the proceeds of this major fund raising event benefits your child / children. Join us at our next meeting being held tomorrow night (Thursday 20th July) at 7pm in the school hall. Everyone is most welcome.

The **term planner** will be going home today and is as accurate as our information to date. Please be flexible if there needs to be any changes – usually in the form of extra events or changes to routines.

It is with great sadness that I inform our school community of the sudden passing of Mrs Bonserio's mother. Franca Bonserio is a teacher educator in Religious Education. Mrs Bonserio has been supporting St John's in Formation Development this year. Please pray for Mrs Bonserio and her family in this distressing time.

God Bless, Patricia.



SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP

NEW TRADING HOURS FOR OUR
SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP ARE:

TUESDAY'S 8-9am and
THURSDAY'S 2.30-3.30pm

UNIFORM PRICE LIST

SCHOOL BAG	\$50
LIBRARY BAG	\$15
HAT	\$16
BOYS TIES	\$17
GIRLS TIES	\$7

AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE
BETWEEN 8.30AM - 3.30PM


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



Religious Education

Preparations for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will begin next week with a Parent Information Session. There will be two sessions; one will be on Monday 24th July at 4.00pm and the other will be on Wednesday 26th July at 7.00pm. Parents only need to attend one of those sessions. The enrolment mass will be on the weekend of 29th and 30th July and then the preparation sessions with the children commence from July 31st.

On Sunday July 30th at 9.00am and Stage 2 and Stage 3 will be leading the mass. The children will be participating in the Gospel Procession, the Prayers of the Faithful, Final Hymn and will be encouraged to sing together to lead the community. I hope to see many children from St John's School at Mass on Sunday. It is a part of our commitment to our children and to our faith to attend Mass on weekends and to celebrate with the parish community.

Last term St.John's celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart with a wonderful Mass and the Heart of Cans Ceremony. All cans were donated to St.Vincent de Paul. Thank you for all your very generous donations, this action has shown the *Face of Christ* to those who need it through our cold season.

Heart of Cans

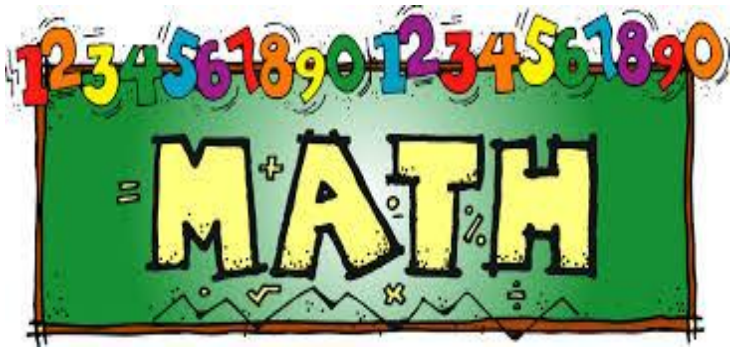


Miss Espiritu

Liturgies and Masses Coordinator

Growth Mindset

The beliefs children have about intelligence, effort, and struggle impact the choices they make about learning.



People tend to hold one of two different beliefs about intelligence:

Children with a **growth mindset** believe that intelligence can be developed. These students see school as a place to develop their abilities and think of challenges as opportunities to grow.

Children with a **fixed mindset** believe that intelligence is fixed at birth and doesn't change or changes very little with practice. These students see school as a place where their abilities are evaluated, they focus on looking smart over learning, and they interpret mistakes as a sign that they lack talent.

Come to the St John's Curriculum Evening next Tuesday July 25 and find out ways of developing a growth mindset in your child/children.

Assessment

On Monday while all the students were sleeping in, the teachers were hard at work developing a deeper understanding of Assessment. Assessments are not just tests. At St John's assessments are used to find out what students can do and what they need to learn next.

Assessment also involves feedback. Feedback to students allows the students to take part of the responsibility for their learning. It identifies what is being done well and the areas for improvement.

Numeracy

Welcome back to another great term of Numeracy at St John's. This year the Numeracy focus is developing reasoning strategies. Mathematical reasoning is an argument made, to justify one's process, procedure, or conjecture, to create strong conceptual foundations and connections, in order for students to be able to process new information.

One very effective way to develop reasoning strategies, is when you are working with your child/children at home, get your child/children to solve the problem in more than one way. This automatically develops a situation where your child/children need to think about what they are doing and why they are doing it that way. A discussion about efficiency of strategies has now been created because multiple strategies have been used.

Jason Fisher








Assistant Principal

WHAT'S COMING UP

20th July	Community Group Meeting 7pm
24th July	Stage 1 Excursion
25th July	Curriculum Evening Growth Mindset 6.30pm
26th July	Netball Gala Day
27th July	Pyjama Mufti Day Gold coin donation
30th July	Stage 2 & 3 Parish Mass 9am
2nd August	Stage 2 Boys/Girls Soccer Gala Day
11th August	Movie Night & BBQ Dinner 5.30pm
21st August	Book week commences (Theme: Escape to Everywhere)
21 August	PRC Meeting 7pm
25th August	Father's Day Stall 11.30-1.30
1st September	Father's Day Liturgy & Afternoon Tea 1.45pm
8th September	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

every learner
every day 

School Name	School Attendance Level %
St Johns Primary Riverstone	 87.2%

Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %
01	 83.3%
02	 83.9%
03	 90.0%
04	 68.0%
05	 93.3%
06	 86.7%
K	 100.0%

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

PLEASE MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

THE NEXT STAFF

DEVELOPMENT DAY WILL BE HELD ON

FRIDAY 8TH

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 due on the 21st August 2017

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.

ST JOHN'S FAMILY CURRICULUM EVENING Tuesday 25th July, 2017

DEVELOPING A GROWTH MINDSET

During the evening we will focus on ***developing a growth mindset***. The Evening is an opportunity for parents to come and experience how they can support their children in ***developing a growth mindset***.

There will be an opportunity for parents to join in activities, ask questions and learn about why we do what we do.

The meeting will commence at 6.30pm and conclude at 7.30pm

Please return the RSVP asap

We look forward to seeing you there!!!!!!

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 the 16th September 2017.

In order for our fete 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 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?"

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,
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 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 9 Values Award

CARE & COMPASSION

Nevaeh-Lee Ah-Kiau ES1, Alex Lopez Stage 1,
Aaron Sciberras Stage 2, Anthony Chiddo
Stage 3

Merit Award Week 9

Lucas Mitropoulos ES1, Amandeep Singh &
Madeleine Taylor Stage 1, Joseph Calleija &
Tallara Spence Stage 2, Jazmin Taylor &
Emily Mason Stage 3

Principal Award Week 9

Jamie Hartz ES1, Hugo Adamcewicz Stage 1,
Hope Gibson Stage 2, Aaron Camilleri Stage 3

Week 10 Values Award

DOING YOUR BEST

Jonathon Sinclair ES1, Ryan Camilleri Stage
1, Chanelle Xerri Stage 2,
Benjamin Arrowsmith Stage 3

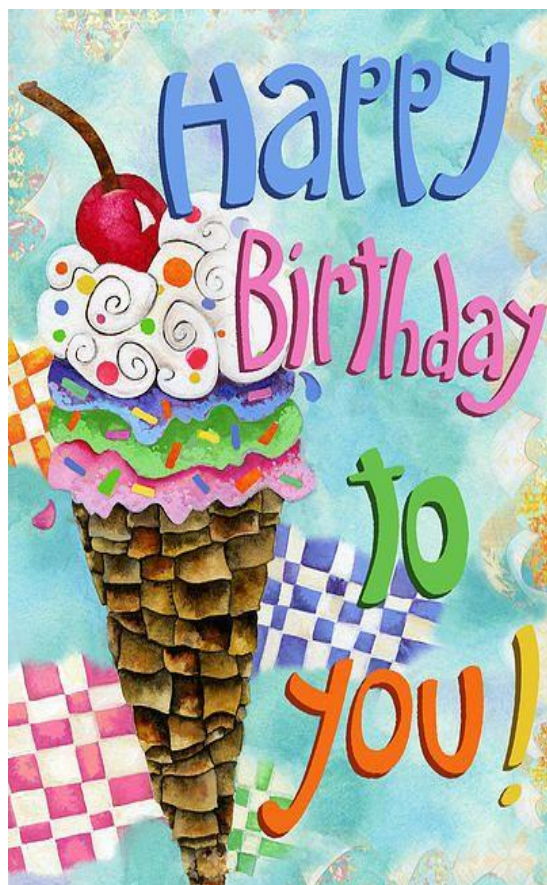
Merit Award Week 10

Lachlan Watson ES1, Isabella Hartz & Sofia
Maggio Stage 1, Stephanie Bugeja & Imogen
Talbot-Woodford Stage 2, John Jiang & Seth
Jackson-Parkhouse Stage 3

Principal Award Week 10

Elizabeth O'Neill ES1, Chelsea Peter Stage 1,
Gurleen Kaur Stage 2, Sophia Mae Aguado
Stage 3

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



Kristian Albanis 22nd June,

John Jiang 22nd June,

Emily Mason 23rd June,

Lyla Dickson 1st July,

Asthton Goodwin 5th July,

Shayla-Rose Baldock

7th July.

Tyra Gray 11th July,

Tallara Spence 12th July.

Jessica Spryn 15th July,

Dylan Albanis 19th July,

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 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 \$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